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## Westward Ho!

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The shift of Jews from Eastern to Western United States is creating the first Diaspora community whose survival depends entirely on the voluntary allegiance of its members. Whether the result will be heightened Jewish consciousness or assimilation is an open question.

The issue was discussed recently by Gary Rubin, national affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, addressing the group's Western regional conference in La Jolla, Calif.

Rubin noted that the Jewish population of Los Angeles is greater than those of Philadelphia and Chicago combined. More Jews live in San Francisco than in Washington or Baltimore. More Jews call Phoenix home than Pittsburgh. There are as many Jews in San Diego as Detroit.

When Marshall Sklare published his pioneering sociological studies 40 years ago, most American Jews lived in the Eastern metropolitan corridor and the industrial Midwest. They were socially segregated, held together in part by pervasive anti-Semitism. Jews might work alongside gentiles, but

they socialized exclusively with Jews.

Also, Jews shared certain attitudes and behavior patterns. Compared to gentiles, they drank less, divorced less, had fewer children, intermarried less, were more educated and more upwardly mobile, earned more, were less prejudiced, and were more inclined to vote Democratic.

None of those differences stands out today.

Anti-Semitism "has been reduced to the point where it no longer bottles Jews up in their own community," Rubin said. Jews enjoy close personal friendships with non-Jews and live comfortably in mixed neighborhoods.

Jews retain certain cultural and social patterns, but they are less distinctive. Inter-marriage is up, particularly in Western cities. Other ethnic groups match Jews in income, low birthrates and high levels of education.

According to Rubin, Jews will retain their communal identity only "if the principles for which our people stand are so attractive that we freely choose to affirm them."

Jewish organizations will re-

cruit members "by scaring people into being Jewish." Rather, the tie that binds, said Rubin, will be the Jews' traditional concern for social justice.

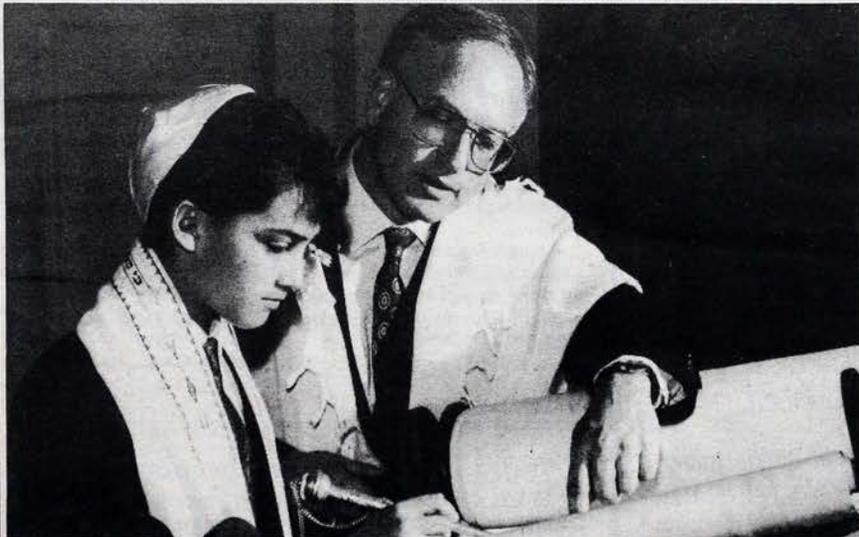
That statement is not as banal as it sounds, the AJCommittee official said. Already, long-held verities are being subjected to often bitter dispute.

On the domestic scene, challenges are mounted to the traditional Jewish support for such causes as the civil rights movement, easing of restrictions on immigration, and separation of church and state.

With respect to Israel, Rubin observed, many Jews, especially the younger ones, will turn away from communal institutions "which too reflexively support a hard-line government without giving due consideration to the domestic debate being heard in Israel or the claims being made by Israeli human rights groups," Rubin said.

While the Western Diaspora is uniquely suited to wrestle with such issues, Rubin noted, it has not yet developed the intellectual leadership and institutional clout commensurate with its demographic size and influence.

## Nurses Studio Receives Kodak Award



For the second consecutive year, The Nurses Photography Studio in Canton, Mass., has been the recipient of Kodak's Gallery Award for photographic excellence.

This year, Rick Nourse was honored with the prestigious award for his photograph titled, "Lessons Learned."

His photograph in color portraying Bar Mitzvah David Salmonson reading the Torah, with Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El in Providence, R.I., by his side, was judged outstanding in the print competition held at the Professional Photographers' Association of Massachusetts' convention last month.

In 1990, his mother, Jenny Nourse, received her award for a portrait of a child with his rocking horse — a white-on-white, high-key portrait, a style of photography for which she is well-known.

The Nurses of Canton continue their family tradition of producing award-winning photographs.

## Project For Peace



Hiro Yamagata, artist of international renown, recently visited the Simon Wiesenthal Center and toured the scale model of its new Beit Hashoah - Museum of Tolerance. The new museum will deal not only with the Holocaust, but will devote a large portion of its innovative, technologically advanced exhibitry to exploring the roots of racism and prejudice. After learning about the project, Yamagata announced a major gift to the museum, and agreed to create the inaugural artwork for the Museum of Tolerance opening in the summer of 1991. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity of joining with Rabbi Marvin Hier, Simon Wiesenthal, and the Museum of Tolerance staff, being involved with a project that will help inspire a world of peace and tolerance," he said.

## Children Make Pre-Mitzvah N.Y.C. Trip

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Editor

Penney Stein takes charge. She sent word to the pre bar and bat mitzvah kids and their moms and dads, "Take an umbrella and change of shoes." The gang showed up to fill the bus. They passed along baskets and bowls of grapes, strawberries and rolls along the crowded aisles.

We stopped first at a new Manhattan attraction called the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. In straw hat, blouse and long black skirt, its hostess puts on a Yiddish accent and with slides tells the tale of a family that once lived here, at the start of our waning century.

Crammed into narrow spaces, without light or air, they coped and hoped. She got me to laugh and think. I could see why my dad was so proud of having his own house, with two toilets yet. He spent his boyhood in just such a tenement.

We lunched at Ratner's. Jonathan Hodgson, Rebecca Schwartz, Lily Fink and a few others picked the spaghetti, of all things. I dug into a piece of cheesecake and a couple of cups of coffee. That's what I came for.

Eric Parness got a bag of pickles and gave them out.

Our next rendezvous was the Bialystok synagogue, converted from a church. The Ashkenazi brought over its details piece by piece, smuggled out of Poland. They created their own place, not

Sephardic like the first Jews in New York, not Reform like the second wave, but Eastern. It boasts murals and sculptures. A big lobster decorates the ceiling, a sign of the Zodiac. Gilded eagles and lions stand for our regal Torah. Giant chandeliers multiply the light.

We cruised over through the torrent to Emanuel, the reform temple on Fifth at 65th. Gothic columns and Moorish arches mix East and West. The proud establishment was put up in 1929, on the eve of the crash, just in time. Penney murmured, "It speaks of the values of the German Jews. They loved being American. They liked the Protestant sense of property." My Manhattan aunt had taken me here in 1948 on an open doubledecker bus. She took me to Gluckstern's kosher restaurant for dinner. I was my Lily's age. But even Easter and Christmas carried Irving Berlin melodies. Secular America had absorbed the tenor of New York Jewish life. My aunt has passed away. For me, in some ways "New York's a ghost town."

Mr. McGee our driver wound his own way among the traffic and got us home by 10:00. What was the best part of the day? Rebecca Schwartz offered her answer. "I liked the ride home." I think she meant, the kids had all made friends. They scurried around cleaning up their spaces. Moms and dads, too, got to know each other like the pilgrims we were.

# Focus

## Woonsocket — The Few, The Forgotten, The Proud

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

(Part III of III)

*Woonsocket is a depressed city that has long been in the process of helping itself. This article is the last of a three-part series on how the people of Woonsocket are coping with their battle towards survival. The first article was about the city's fairly new support program called WSCAP (Woonsocket Shelter Community Action Program) and how it helps people in need to pick up the pieces of their disrupted lives. It painted an overall picture of the troubling situation in Woonsocket. The second was a more in-depth account of the problems in Woonsocket. This article shows how one family made it their livelihood to assist the unfortunate people of the city.*

Woonsocket is a town where the residents work as a family. The Christians work with the Jews, etc. Rabbi Joel D. Chernikoff of B'nai Israel and clergy of other religions are more concerned with the well-being of their city than with almost anything else. It is through the help of these dynamic clergy and the lay people of Woonsocket that organizations, such as the one this article talks about, are able to exist. The previous articles focused

on Chernikoff's support of the city and the following is a non-Jewish side of the story.

When this reporter walked into the office of Paul Dempster, director of *because HE lives ministries*, a soup kitchen located in the basement of The First Baptist Church in Woonsocket, the first thing I noticed was the unorganized way everything — supplies and odds and ends — was laid about. Yet, on the director's desk sat a computer. It didn't seem to fit the decor of the office. There was everything from blankets, to toothpaste to diapers lining a bookshelf, a second-hand couch, and two desks and everywhere else. Posters were sitting on the couch, waiting to be hung.

"It was donated by IBM," explains Dempster of the computer. "We use it for financial statements. We have to be very up-front with the money that comes in and we do correspondence on it."

But who cares why they use the computer? Because with all the giving this soup kitchen does without any city, state, or federal government funding, it deserves the computer and much more. Utilities are the only thing the kitchen pays.

Room and board in the basement is donated by The First

Baptist Church. Approximately \$90,000 is donated from various private and commercial enterprises. The church built a kitchen free of charge in the basement and has given much of the second-hand furniture.



Although Dempster does buy some food and different supplies, a lot is donated.

Last year, Dempster, his wife, Patricia, and several volunteers in the kitchen served about 94,000 meals to an average of 310 people a day. In 1990, the soup kitchen spent \$6,000 on emergency shelter for people desperate for a place to sleep. That money might have covered anywhere from a week's to a month's rent "just to keep

people in those locations." Some money goes toward bus fares, prescriptions for people with no medical coverage, emergency clothing, furniture, supplies, etc.

Located at 298 Blackstone Street, the kitchen is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. It serves more than soup and coffee, although Dempster says, "Coffee's one thing we survive on." It also offers AA and NA (Narcotics Anonymous) group meetings once a week, and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes twice weekly. If necessary, Dempster will refer people to other "agencies" like a shelter, literacy — whatever is available and accessible.

What motivated Dempster to dedicate his life to helping the needy?

He says, "I was directed by prayer" and children are an important incentive.

From 1965 to 1984 Dempster's career was sales and marketing for numerous companies. He's originally from Lincoln and Patricia is from Providence. From 1965 to 1984 Dempster's career as a salesman took him all over the country. He relocated to Chicago, then to Minneapolis. In 1977 they moved to Providence and then in 1982 back to

Minneapolis. 1985 found them back in their home state visiting family and they've been here ever since.

Even though they work about 14 hours a day at \$4.25 an hour (up to 40 hours), the Dempsters are helping two other soup kitchens in Providence.

"I've always been lead to believe that this type of operation should be offered by people to people," and not paid for by government, said Dempster.

Gil Perez, Treasurer of The Baptist Church, donated the church's basement to Dempster, who in turn opened the kitchen's doors on May 15, 1986.

"I was giving testimony at a Full Gospel Businessman Fellowship International meeting. Mr. Perez was in the audience and announced an occupancy at the church."

With the recession, the closing of Woonsocket's Marquette Credit Union and a non-existent industrial market, the soup kitchen has been serving more people, 36% more this January than January of 1990. In February it was 13% and in March it was 12% Dempster says.

As for the future, Dempster hopes to open another soup kitchen in a yet to be determined location.

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### From Amsterdam To Rhode Island At JCCRI

**Anne Frank Exhibit  
to be held April 28-May 12**

A community exhibit commemorating Anne Frank will be held in the lobby of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, on April 28 through May 12. The two-part exhibit originates from the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and is brought to this area by the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. Part I uses photographs and supportive materials to present a chronology of Anne's life in occupied Europe from infancy to deportation to the concentration camps. Part II depicts the resurgence and activity of neo-Nazi and Neo-fascist groups in the United States and Europe, illustrating that racism and anti-Semitism did not end with the war.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Sunday, April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. The film, "Just a Diary," will be screened at 3 p.m.

**Righteous Gentile  
Marion Pritchard  
to speak Monday, May 6**

Marion Pritchard, a rescuer who was involved in the Dutch underground, will be the featured speaker on Monday, May 6, at 3 p.m. A non-Jew living in Amsterdam during the occupation, she risked her life by personally hiding four Jews and by finding homes and hiding places for numerous Jewish babies. She is the recipient of the Righteous Gentile Award, given by Yad Veshem for her courage and heroism. She was also honored by the Anti-Defamation League, received the "Myrtle Wreath" from Hadassah and several other awards from religious and secular organizations. Marion Philippina van Binsbergen Pritchard, a grandmother of eleven, tells a story that should be heard.

The exhibit, opening and presentation by Marion Pritchard are open and free to all. Those wishing to arrange group tours are asked to call Beth Cohen at 861-8800.

### Correction/Clarification

In last week's *Herald* the article "Generations Remember Together," incorrectly reported the guest speaker. It was Heinz Sandelowski. The *Herald* regrets the error.

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## It's Spring, And The Flowers Bloom For Free

by Ann S. Waterman

Nothing but junk mail today. I note with a sigh of relief, watching a free sample of something-or-other fall to the ground. Some things are still free. And I get another day's reprieve.

I know that The Letter will come — that last rejection letter from that last company of that last round of third and fourth job interviews. I won't get that job because they want someone with experience in Field A, and mine is in Field A/B — very similar, but not The Match. They'll definitely find The Match; right now there are so many people out of work that if they wanted someone who is 5'7", owns three pairs of blue shoes, and has four freckles on her left arm, they could find her. My freckles are on my right arm, and The Letter will come. But it didn't come today.

I hear the phone, and I drop the free sample again as I run to answer. The call could be about a job.

It isn't. It's another laid-off employee inviting me to what she calls a "commiseration" dinner. About 20 of "us" will be there. I laugh. "It sounds great," I tell her, "but it's Passover, and I can't eat out."

"Huh?"  
I repeat what I just told her. "Oh," she says apologetically, as she exacts a promise from me to attend "the next one." I wish her well.

One doesn't think about Jews standing in the unemployment lines. At least I never did, until now. I recognized several others when I was there last week.

I sit down to type out a few more fifth-round cover letters. "I would very much like to work at M\_\_\_ Corporation," I write to one company. That's true. I leave out the usual line about how much I'd like the

type of job they're advertising, because I've done similar work before and hated it. But it's a job opening, of which there are few — and time's running out.

A couple of weeks pass: more junk mail, plus a late birthday card and a few bills. I'm not upset about the bills; after all, they're not The Letter. I smile at the birthday card; it's from an old high-school friend who lives in Louisville, and she writes that she has a brand new baby boy. I won't write back and tell her I've been out of work since January.

A phone call, and I dash for it — my ex-boss. She wants to tell me a couple of new jokes she heard at work, and she asks if I've heard from G\_\_\_ Company. I tell her I had another interview there, but it doesn't look like The Match. She sighs, sounding important.

"We made a real gaffer here," she then says, changing the subject. "We scheduled a management dinner right in the middle of Passover. B\_\_\_ C\_\_\_ chewed me out about it."

"A lot of people scheduled dinner functions then," I answer. She interprets that as the absolute she was seeking. We say goodbye.

More weeks pass, the trees begin to bud, and the ducks and geese return to the little brook that flows past my house. It's a beautiful day, and I'm glad I'm home to see it, but when the weather isn't good the days seem interminable.

I crunch on an apple as I open the new bills. They're a few small ones left over from my daughter's Bat Mitzvah last month. My parents took care of the large ones; if they hadn't, S\_\_\_ wouldn't have had the reception she did. As a single parent, even when I was employed I couldn't have given her the kind of gala that some of her friends were going to have, which she understood

and accepted without even a sigh. But when my job of ten years fell through after her reception was planned, I owed it to her to bring it off, regardless of how I feel about my parents paying for things.

The phone rings. I notice I'm not rushing as much to answer it lately.

It's my mom, telling me she received a package I sent her. Tactfully, she doesn't ask about the job hunt; she knows by my silence that I've received neither The Match nor The Letter. She asks me what I did over the weekend.

"Well, I got invited to a couple of Layoffs Anonymous dinners," I say. She laughs. "Then I planted the garden."

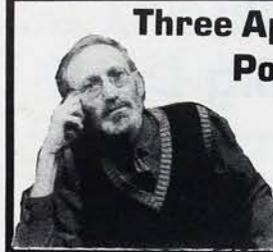
"Do you need some money for that?"

"Mom, for heaven's sake, flowers only cost a few dollars!" I'm instantly sorry for the exasperation in my voice, but I know she'll understand.

"Yes. And they bloom for free."

I smile.  
We chat a bit, laugh a lot, and then hang up. I decide to thumb through the photos of the Bat Mitzvah reception before sitting down to type out another round of job letters. Then, later on, I'll take a walk through the garden.

Waterman, the former editor of Raytheon Company's Soundings newsletter and a resident of Seekonk, has been a follower of the Herald for many years.



## Three April Films At Avon Poetry And Politics Mix

By Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Editor

You can make two kinds of movies about political subjects. You can choose sides and preach. Pick your propaganda, left wing or right wing. Or you can choose both sides, neither side, and create a difficult choice for the viewer to make. This kind of filmmaking comes closer to the truth about human affairs, the mix of good and evil that exists in all societies. Real tragedy, and true comedy, make it tough on the moviegoer, because they deal in dilemmas, which make us a bit uncomfortable. You know where to turn to find anti-Israel images. You can also find anti-Arab images. The best art and entertainment avoid such easy pictures of the great political world.

In March, for example, the Avon cinema showed two quite different films about Ireland. "The Field," set in the thirties, recounts the tragic tale of a man who loves the soil which he works but does not own.

His mother died in the field. His brothers quit Ireland. His first son commits suicide. The

last son, a fellow somehow damaged but also in some way decent, leaves the land for a tinker's daughter. A stylish Irish American wants to buy, and pave, the sod. An upright priest tries to keep moral order. But he, too, strikes us as imperfect. Priests ate while their parishioners starved in the still recent famine.

The painful story offers no heroes or villains. The Lear-like old man loves his field too much. Director Jim Sheridan puts his picture together with that quality which Alfred Hitchcock called the "rarest of civilized virtues — irony." It never panders to the public or inflicts an easy opinion or snap judgment.

"Hidden Agenda" doesn't hide its message. Ken Loach comes right out and makes it clear that the Brits are brutes in uniform, and liars to boot. The Irish sing out the vices of the English and the sacrifices of the patriots. An Irish American couple of civil libertarians are set up as the noble innocents abroad who tell it like it is.

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## When Louis Milender moves into Orchard Cove Lifecare Community in Canton, he'll keep playing golf while someone else takes care of the rest of the day.



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## Caution Needed In Post-War Policy

by Joel Kortick

At the conclusion of WWI, allied forces implemented the Treaty of Versailles, making war-damaged Germany unable to cope with post-war turmoil. Rules were made, such as giving up recently claimed territory and not being allowed to have a standing army, and the allies left. An "isolationist" policy was implemented, and Germany was left to deal with the rules alone.

We all know what the result of this was: the coming to power of one of the most evil dictators of modern times, and the systematic death of six-million Jews as well as four million others in Nazi death camps.



Today we are at a similar situation as that of post WWI Europe. WWI was caused by, among other things, Germany seizing what it considered German territory, though officially it was not. The Gulf War, similarly, was caused by Iraq seizing what it claimed to be Iraqi territory, though officially it is not. While action must be taken against Iraq, as it was towards Germany, we must not let another Treaty of

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# Editorial

## Mikvah-Shmikvah... What's the Big Deal?

by Sarah Baird  
Herald Associate Editor

There I was, twenty minutes early, waiting on a street corner in Manhattan. The weather that day was questionable. A dark, troubled sky interrupted peaceful stretches of blue. I was wondering what I was doing!

For months, years even, I had been over and over my questions, doubts and convictions. Friends, relatives, strangers confronted me, challenging my choice. A few people understood and accepted my decision to convert. Most just shook their heads.

"Why? What is it? Do you want to suffer?" asked one Jewish friend.

"Don't you like Christmas?" wondered a classmate.

"Your decision seems so foreign," sighed a relative.

Indeed, as I waited for the

three rabbis who were to sit on my *bet din*, I tried in vain to establish the motivation for my conversion. Reasons came and went; but no monumental, all-important one totally impressed me. I started hoping that no rabbi would show up at the mikvah.

Remarkably, my burdensome anxieties dissolved as soon as I realized that I wasn't alone. In fact, as I had been plunging into philosophical self-scrutiny, a young couple had reached the mikvah door and was waiting for admittance.

"Excuse me..." I said politely. "Oh! Are you first?" asked the young man. "Please, go right ahead," the woman said sweetly.

All of a sudden, there I was, head of the line and proud of it!  
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## Three Pillars

Imagine, if you will, standing on a three-legged stool. You're reaching into a high cabinet to get something out when all of a sudden one of the legs breaks and... oops... oh well, the stool is only sturdy when all three legs are attached.

Shimon the Righteous, who lived during the times of Mordechai (of Purim fame) used to say: "The world stands on three things - on (the study of) Torah, the service (of G-d), and deeds of kindness." (Ethics of the Fathers, 1:3)

Let's see how "sturdy" our individual worlds are.

"Deeds of kindness - yes, I've helped at least one little old lady across the street this week and I gave some coins to that man on the Bowery. I even carried a neighbor's groceries in from the car. One sturdy pillar coming up.

"The service of G-d - Hmm, I say the 'Shema' before going to bed. Never miss a night, in fact. It's short and to the point. And it doesn't interrupt any part of my day.

"Now, for that third pillar, Torah study. Well, actually, I'm quite busy. Also, I can never seem to find the right level class on the right night in the

## Letters to the EDITOR



Dear Editors:

In its April 11, 1991, edition, *The Providence Visitor*, the official newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Providence, printed an editorial titled "Towards Reconciliation."

In it, the writer recommends strongly the improvement of relations between Catholicism and Judaism, thus rejecting the age-old misconception that Jews are "Christ Killers" and recommending the views of the Second Vatican Council, titled "In Our Time" or the Latin title of "Nostra Aetate." It laments the fact that over the centuries no fewer than 106 popes and 92 church councils issued laws and regulations against Jews, as well the fact

that throughout the Middle Ages, the Church ran endless successions of exiles, confiscations, enforced baptisms and sermons, humiliating customs, ghettoizations and mass murders. Jewish life then was described as a "vale of tears."

It is, I believe, high time for this get-together and, if you will, "reapprochement" as the controversial Henry Kissinger described the years of when we started to reject the idea of Russia being the "evil empire."

The famous priest and humanitarian Father Edward P. Flannery of the Diocese of Providence lamented the Christian rejection of Judaism in his book *The Anguish of the Jews* which came out, I believe, in the late 1950s.

We, the Jews of the nineties, should try everything in our power to speed up this reconciliation between the two creeds. If I recall correctly, a line in our prayers on the Sab-

bath says, "aren't we all created by the same God?"

The last paragraph of the above mentioned editorial says that the Catholic-Jewish Conference sponsored by the Providence Diocese, The Jewish Federation and Providence College to be held this week, provides an excellent opportunity to participate in this important Christian endeavor.

The editorial also states that too much anti-Jewish feeling still exists. I, for one, dare to say, that among us Jews there is still some bigoted feeling against Christians.

We live in the last decade of the Millennium. It is, therefore, high time, that all of us Christians and Jews embrace one another if we want humankind to survive.

I would greatly appreciate to participate in a dialogue between the religions.

Hans L. Heimann

right place. And then there's parking to deal with, if I do go to the class, even if it's in the wrong location. Anyway, people might think I'm just there to try and meet someone; I wouldn't want anyone to think I have ulterior motives for studying Torah. Besides, I never really liked Hebrew school so I don't even know the Hebrew alphabet. I just don't see how Torah relates to me, a modern, high-tech, uninhibited, upwardly mobile Jew."

Torah study is nothing to be afraid of. You don't have to have any special background or credentials to participate. And it carries special meaning for every Jew. Only through studying the Torah and all its beauty will you come to understand not just how much it applies to you; but also how much more sturdy and stable your world can be.

Find out today what classes are available to you. If nothing meets your fancy, start an informal study group of your own with a small group of friends. Buy or borrow one of the many informative and/or inspirational Jewish books in the stores and start reading. Make sure that third pillar is strong. And, whatever you do, don't keep using that wobbly stool if you're trying to reach up high.

### "Love Your Fellow Like Yourself"

The two Torah portions for this week are *Acharei* and *Kedoshim*. *Acharei* begins by mentioning the death of

Aaron's sons, and continues with a discussion of the sacrifices. Finally, it ends with a list of prohibited sexual relations. The portion of *Kedoshim* is a summary of many of the essential principles of the Torah. Included among them is the famous dictum, "Love your neighbor as (you would love) yourself." (Leviticus 19:18).

To the average person, this commandment seems utterly detached from reality. How can one possibly be expected to love another person as much as he loves himself?

Chassid teachings suggest that one view all Jews as if they were a complete person. Some Jews correspond to the head, others the body, and still others, the feet.

If you've ever had a headache, you'll readily admit that the pain affects not just your head, but your entire body. And an ingrown toenail can cause an inability to think or concentrate. The body, with all its organs and limbs, is a totally integrated system.

The Jewish people are an integrated body. Every Jew has a part of himself within his fellow Jew. In loving another Jew, he is actually showing love for himself.

A Chassid, Rabbi Shlomo Bay'ever, once related a story that the Baal Shem Tov said:

I call as my witness heaven and earth that when the Heavenly Court was judging a case involving a man having against him a serious charge, a man who was so simple that he only knew how to pray and recite Psalms, yet was exceptional in

his love of fellow Jew with all the faculties of his soul; in thought — always thinking thoughts of love of fellow Jews; in speech — speaking of love of fellow Jew; in deed — bene-



fitting everyone to the best of his ability; sharing the sorrow of every Jew, man or woman, and rejoicing in their joy, that the verdict handed down by the Heavenly Court was that he is to have a place among the righteous scholars whom our Sages said were lovers of Israel."

The sigh of a Jew over the suffering of another Jew breaks all barriers, and the joy with which one rejoices in another's happiness, is as acceptable by G-d as the prayer of the High Priest in the Holy of Holies.

A beautiful custom and practical way to foster love of a fellow Jew is to say each morning: I take upon myself the positive commandment of "Love your fellow like yourself." What a way to start the day!

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

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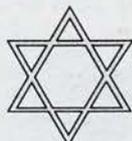
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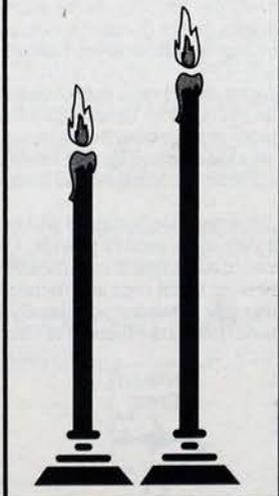
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## Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

April 25, 1941

**600,000 Now in Ghetto**  
Warsaw. The population of the Warsaw ghetto has already reached 600,000. Additional thousands are constantly coming in. The Nazi authorities decreed that all persons of mixed marriages and their children must move into the ghetto.

### Vichy Threatens New Penalties

Vichy. France hopes to arrange an international agreement to repatriate some of the Jews of foreign origin now in France. Forty-five more Jewish-owned shops in Paris were reported to have been placed under non-Jewish administration, bringing the total to 2,273.

### Emanuel Observes Bat-Mitzvahs

At regular morning services at Temple Emanuel the Bat-Mitzvahs of the following girls will be celebrated: Miss Barbara Bromberg; Miss Naomi Freedman; Miss Eleanor Rakatansky; Miss Sandra Waldman. Dr. Israel M. Goldman will preach on the subject, "The Lost Soul."

## On The 50th Anniversary Of A "Low Point" In The History Of Mankind

by Ray Eichenbaum

As the Year 1991 rolls on we should remember that it marks the 50th Anniversary of a very uncommon happening. This year not only marks the half century since the infamy of Pearl Harbor and America's entry into World War II, but also the most brutal genocide that was ever unleashed upon us, the Jews of Europe.

Starting with the onset of the Russo-German War in June of that memorable year, 1941, the Nazis embarked on their heinous action of murder en masse.

If scholars of this period of history will look for causes for this violent outrage, they will come across the acronym "Judische Bolschewisten" - translated Jewish Bolshevicks. This label gave the Nazis' propaganda machine "the opening" to justify the murder and annihilation of millions of innocent human beings.

For by giving the masses of Russian Jews this label, the murderous Einsatz Kommandos gained the license to commit genocide. It also added another dimension to their favored scapegoat - the Jew whom they pictured as not only a religious enemy but a political antagonist as well.

This label was applied in spite of the fact that Russian Jews as a group had few Communist party card-carrying members since most of them were quite religious, and Judaism and politics do not mix very well. But the lie "stood"



and it served the Nazis purpose well.

I want to remind you that all this was happening before the "Final Solution" decision was made during the Wannsee Conference in 1942. It is a fact that before the Germans captured the Ukraine in 1941, the Nazis were brutalizing the Jews; but they were not murdering them en masse as yet. The Einsatz-Kommandos, the brain child of Reinhard Heydrich, was a group of volunteers, right-wing fanatics, perverts and other misfits, whose number initially did not exceed 3,000 men.

But soon their membership swelled by the addition of anti-Semitic elements from the captured nations as well. We have all heard of their work in places like Babi Yav and elsewhere. In those places, countless innocent souls were just "done away with," as if by a whim.

By giving the murderers license to search for "Judische

Bolschewisten," the mass murder of human beings thus began. The creation of many extermination camps with gassing and cremations soon followed thereafter.

As a survivor I think that we can all learn something by remembering these happenings which took place in 1941. This, in my humble opinion, was the year when humanity reached its lowest point. Much can be learned from our recent past.

Giving "labels" to groups of people has dangerous connotations. In this case a nation possessing great culture and civility embarked upon genocide. And 50 years later, this "blood guilt" is still very difficult to wash out. Human beings everywhere can learn much from the past.

We, the survivors of these massacres, hope and pray that humanity has learned something from the happening of that year - 1941.

For, if it be true that we have become a better species of homosapiens through the martyrdom of these countless innocent human beings killed in the years 1941, then the loss of these beautiful lives will not have been in vain.

Ray Eichenbaum, a local resident and a survivor of the Holocaust, is the author of Romek's Odyssey, a moving "tale of woes" about his life. From time to time the Herald will publish excerpts from Romek's Odyssey. The Herald thanks Mr. Eichenbaum for his invaluable contributions.

united.

Traditions serve to connect us to others but also to set apart our hallowed moments from the mundane. At the time of my conversion, the ritual immersion was only a part of the larger process. Today, however, that morning at the mikvah is the symbol of the process itself.

In a few weeks I begin another journey with another ritual, the wedding ceremony. As I plan my wedding, I think about all of the phone calls, visits and decisions I have already made in preparation for this day. Do I really feel like making another call, another appointment? Another "mikvah lady," more prayers?

The beautiful symbolism of the ritual immersion, the totality of the distinction between what came before and what is to come after, does appeal to me. I recall the warmth of the flowing waters and the touch of the cool, damp tiles beneath me feet. That morning in New York at the mikvah stands outside of time, marking an important passage.

Mikvah — Shmikvah...what a big deal!

### Caution

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Versailles be implemented. That is, we must not severely punish Iraq, and let a new government take over as the world does nothing.

## The Route To Freedom

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Editor

A youngest son bends down at the beach or at the root of a tree and finds a bottle with a genie, or a *jinn*, locked inside. He uncorks the jar. The little prisoner swells up to an enraged giant. The rage fades. The spirit gives three wishes to the youthful hero, whose luck mixes boyish good will and cleverness.

Where does the magic glass or lantern come from? According to my ancient atlas, Kurdistan. Legend says the mysterious figure stands for the Kurdish people exiled from their realm. King Solomon banished his Jinns. They flew off to Europe and mixed their genes with northern blond tribes.

Kurds turned into a wandering group driven off good land, forced into mountain retreat. They took on the strength of the hardy, rocky soil where they stayed firm for millennia. I dug out from the stacks of

the Rochambeau Library a forgotten ten-year-old volume titled *Children of the Jinn: In Search of the Kurds and Their Country*, by Margaret Kahn. The author went and lived among their tents.

My wife and I went to the Castle to catch the last night of the film *Not Without My Daughter*. One other person sat through and watched the harrowing final footage of the trek of mother and child over the dry and windy mountain pass of the terrain known as Kurdistan. They learn complete confidence in their Kurd rescuers and guides, who never cheat them or take any reward. The young woman who stood later before the marquee in a state of reverie told us she was a resident at a nearby hospital.

Her name is Maryam. She was born in Iran. Her Jewish parents had got out through Kurdistan by just this route.

The Kurds helped her family out of their prison. Now it's up to us to help the Kurds get out.

We must be sure that the poor economic and social conditions of Iraq do not lead another evil dictator to take power as a depressed nation searches for a "new hope." This "new hope" is what the depressed German nation found in Hitler. To prevent this from happening we must look at history and learn.

The similarities between the two situations continue to appear. For example, it was reported in *The New York Times* on April 4 that "Hundreds of thousands of Kurds continued to flee through Iraq's northern mountains toward the Turkish and Iranian borders." At least 250,000 had crossed the Iranian border, while 200,000 crossed the Turkish border. Similarly, thousands of Jews fled Germany after WWI. The only difference is that the Kurds are well aware of the fact that if they stay in Iraq there is great chance that they will be gassed, the Jews of Germany, however, had no idea that this would be their fate. As the

Nazi government rose to power, the world did nothing.

Apparently, this may be what is happening today. The oppressed Kurds in the north, the Shiites in the south, and those loyal to Saddam are all struggling for power, as the country continues to deteriorate through economic sanctions. Bush has no intention of getting involved in the internal struggles of Iraq. He is quoted in the *New York Times* (April 4) as saying "We've done the heavy lifting," and it is now time for the Iraqis to handle

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## Mikvah

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I had never expected there to be anybody else in line. Never. Then, I remembered! I would have to recite some Hebrew prayers in front of this vibrant, happy couple. They probably speak fluent Hebrew and come here all the time. I thought.

As I nervously reviewed my prayers, Rabbis Jacobs and Shapiro rounded the street corner. Soon, Rabbi Cowan followed. I stepped out of line to greet them.

Almost immediately, I knew why I was there. I still couldn't pare all my feelings and convictions down to one sentence or paragraph. But I knew that mine was a responsible, committed decision.

Rabbi Shapiro took control, setting me at ease, ringing the bell, talking into the intercom, greeting the "mikvah lady."

I was worried about surprises, about being set off guard by the unexpected. I was hoping that the "mikvah lady" would hardly make an impression — nothing flashy, no wild, teased hair. Mrs. Silverstein was perfect. She eased me through a complicated morning and became an unforgettable part of my personal Jewish history. After the ritual was completed, her voice rang out above those of the rabbis. "Mazel Tov!"

On the way out of the mikvah, I passed the young couple who waited nervously in the hall. I was happy to see them again. They knew two of the rabbis. We smiled, feeling

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# World and National News

## Kennedy Speaks To AJCongress



Senator Edward Kennedy delivered the keynote address at the conclusion of AJCongress' 1991 Leadership Campaign on April 15 at AJCongress headquarters in New York. Left to right: Robert K. Lifton, president of AJCongress, Senator Kennedy, and Henry Siegman, executive director of AJCongress.

## Story Of Israeli Spy Revealed

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Jerusalem District Court has finally lifted the veil of secrecy that for 35 years surrounded the case of Ze'ev Avni, a rising young diplomat in Israel's foreign service who was convicted in August 1956 of spying for the Soviet Union.

The revelations were immediately splashed across the front page of the afternoon tabloid *Yediot Achronot*, which was instrumental in getting the court to declassify the case.

Avni's story had been only hinted at in previous publications, including the diary of the late Moshe Sharet, Israel's first foreign minister.

Avni served 10 years of a 14-year prison sentence and has since led an uneventful life practicing psychology.

The revelations allowed Issar Harel, retired chief of the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad, who first confronted the spy, to comment on the case. According to Harel, Avni acted not for monetary gain but out of ideological convictions.

"Basically he was an honest man, a real gentleman," Harel said. "He changed his attitude and did not ask to receive privileges in prison. He had become a real Israeli patriot."

Avni was born in Riga, Latvia, and during World War II joined a Soviet spy ring aimed at the Nazis.

After the war, the Soviets planted him in Israel as a "mole," the term for a spy who is a member of the organization he is spying on.

Avni joined the foreign service and rose rapidly, serving as economic attache at the Israeli embassies in Brussels, Athens and Belgrade.

As a high-ranking diplomat, he "had access to the most sensitive secrets, which he gave the Russians," Harel said.

In Brussels, Avni had entree to the embassy cipher room and was able to provide his Soviet handlers with Israeli codes with which they could decipher top-secret communications with Jerusalem.

He acted not out of greed but from the conviction of a "de-

voted Communist," Harel said. "I don't think he meant to harm Israel. He had the absurd Communist perception that he was serving some noble doctrines he thought right, morally and historically."

Avni's downfall came after four years. Harel and Amos Manor, then head of the Shin Bet internal security agency, told him they knew he was a Soviet spy. After an initial denial, he confessed all and cooperated.

According to Harel, Avni was supplied with newspapers and periodicals while in prison and gradually became disillusioned with communism.

"He slowly realized how wrong he was. He tried to repair some of the damage he had caused," the former Mossad chief said.

The daily *Ma'ariv* reported that after Avni left prison, the Defense Ministry employed him as a psychologist to counsel settlers forced to evacuate Ophira, in southern Sinai, when the peninsula was handed back to Egypt.

## Romanian Legislation To Outlaw Anti-Semitism

The Prime Minister of Romania says he is actively seeking public support for legislation in the Romanian parliament outlawing anti-Semitism and other forms of racism.

At a meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Prime Minister Petre Roman also said that relations with the 22,000-member Jewish community are "excellent" and that his government is actively working "to promote the fundamental values of freedom," including "humanitarian feelings, respect for religious belief and remembrance of tragedies past."

In introducing Mr. Roman, Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of the Presidents Conference, who presided at the meeting, praised the Romanian Prime Minister for his "commitment to democratic values and for the friendship he has shown to Israel and to his country's Jewish community."

In that connection, Prime Minister Roman said, his government has initiated talks with a number of states to repeal what he called the "shameful" 1975 General Assembly resolution, sponsored by the Soviet and Arab blocs, that defined Zionism as a form of racism.

During the discussion that followed his opening remarks, Prime Minister Roman was urged by a number of the Conference members present to create an active role for the government in the forthcoming commemoration marking the 50th anniversary of the slaughter of tens of thousands of Jews in Iassy, Romania, on July 1, 1941 by the pro-Nazi Romanian Iron Guard.

Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Romania is heading an international committee of Jewish leaders that will mark the observance of the event.

"It is not enough for the Jewish community to remember the tragedy," Conference Chairman Cardin said, adding: "This terrible event is one that must be known, and remembered, by all the Romanian people, and especially by the youth, most of whom have probably never even heard of the tragedy. This requires participation by the government to make the commemoration of a public event and to encourage the media and the schools to publicize the commemoration."

## City Of Aachen Invites Former Jewish Citizens

The City Council of Aachen (Federal Republic of Germany), invites all former Jewish citizens who lived in that city prior to the Holocaust, to visit their old home town. The Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Aachen has been entrusted with the planning and implementation of this initiative.

Even though a large number of persons have been contacted, the City of Aachen does not have all the addresses of its former Jewish fellow citizens.

Since the City of Aachen is interested in reestablishing

and to teach what happened there, and why it must not happen again."

The Prime Minister responded positively, saying that he supports the 50th anniversary memorial as a national rather than a purely Jewish concern. He replied affirmatively as well to requests that the Romanian government preserve the country's Jewish cemeteries.

### Will Antonescu Be Rehabilitated?

Concern was expressed by several Presidents Conference members at reports of current efforts by anti-democratic forces in Romania to rehabilitate Ion Antonescu, the country's pro-Nazi and violently anti-Semitic dictator during World War II who was later tried, convicted and executed for war crimes. Mr. Roman said that any official rehabilitation of Antonescu was "out of the question," as was any possibility of rehabilitating former Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, who was killed during the anti-Communist revolution in December 1989.

"I cannot imagine any successful effort in favor of Antonescu," Prime Minister Roman said. "Our country's historians, our academicians, our intellectuals — and any government of which I am part — will never agree to restore Antonescu to public approval."

The Prime Minister said he was "proud" that Bucharest is serving as a major transit point for Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel, adding that he hoped to make even closer his country's ties with the Jewish state. The Romanian leader disclosed that his country is now building "several thousand" prefabricated homes to be used to house Soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel, and that he hoped to strengthen his country's relations with Israel in the area of agricultural cooperation.

Romania's ambassador to the United Nations, Aurel Dragulescu, told the Presidents Conference his country wants "a strong Jewish community at home even while permitting aliyah." He added: "We want to encourage Jewish education and the Jewish religion. Romania needs Jews," he said, "not merely people of Jewish background but Jews conscious of and committed to their faith and culture."

## Kurdish Refugee Relief From Mazon

NEW YORK — Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger announced an emergency grant of \$100,000 for Kurdish refugee relief.

The grant — Mazon's largest single allocation since it was founded in 1986 — will go toward the purchase of food supplements and vitamins, antibiotics to stem the outbreaks of pneumonia and measles, water purification tablets, oral rehydration packets to combat the dehydration and diarrhea that are the largest causes of death among the refugees and other essential items, according to Lee H. Javitch, chairman of Mazon.

Mr. Javitch said the \$100,000 grant would be translated into as much as \$1 million worth of relief materials, thanks to special purchases of food supplements, pharmaceuticals and other supplies by Operation USA, a past Mazon beneficiary, which will receive the

Mazon grant.

### Support from Synagogues and Individuals Sought

To meet the cost of this emergency allocation, Mazon has asked its 660 "congregation-partners" — synagogues that support the work of Mazon — to call on their members for special gifts to support the Kurdish relief program, according to Irving Cramer, executive director.

Individuals wishing to participate in the effort may make contributions directly to the Mazon/Kurdish Relief Fund, 2940 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90064.

The emergency relief supplies will be distributed to Kurdish refugees in clinics and encampments now under construction near the Turkish border, Mr. Cramer said. The camps, which will provide food, shelter and medical attention to tens of thousands of Kurdish refugees who have

sought haven in mountainous areas near Turkey, are expected to be in operation around May 1.

The distribution effort will be coordinated by Operation USA and the United Nations Disaster Relief Agency, which is regarded as one of the UN's most effective and respected operating branches.

Mazon — the Hebrew word for sustenance — was founded in 1986 by Leonard Fein. Its allocations to hunger-fighting agencies have grown from \$20,000 in its first year to \$1.1 million in 1990. Now one of the largest privately supported grantmaking agencies in alleviating hunger, Mazon gives funds to emergency food assistance programs, food banks, advocacy groups for the poor, international hunger relief projects and multi-service organizations that provide food, shelter and counseling.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### National

In reaction to the Bush Administration's Education Plan, Henry Siegan, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, stated that the plan undermines the separation of church and state. "...the Administration is essentially coercing all citizens to pay for the religious education desired by only a few."

Four Republican lawmakers told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations this week that Congressional support for Israel has remained potent since the end of the Gulf War and that Israel enjoys what one called "tremendous strength" in the Senate and House among Republicans as well as Democrats.

(JTA) A federal judge has decided to allow the B. Manischewitz Co. to plead no contest to charges that it conspired with other firms to set wholesale prices of Passover matzah products. Under strict legal definition, a no-contest plea in a criminal case is equivalent to an admission of guilt in that case only.

(JTA) North American Jewish federations overwhelmingly gave their support last week to a plan to provide \$900 million in loans, which the federations would guarantee, to Soviet immigrants in Israel.

### International

B'nai B'rith International President Kent E. Schiner met last week with President Carlos Saul Menem of Argentina in Buenos Aires. President Menem reiterated Argentina's warm feelings of friendship for Israel. He also pledged to continue his efforts to win freer emigration for Syrian Jews.

(JTA) A Kibbutz worker was killed and three others were wounded last week by an armed infiltrator from Jordan. The gunman was killed shortly afterward in a brief exchange of gunfire with an Israeli Defense Force unit.

Israel announced that it will continue to create more settlements in the West Bank. This intention was made public on the eve of Secretary Baker's return visit to Israel.

## Behind The Headlines: Jews Have Place In New South Africa

by David Friedman  
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jews have a future in the new South Africa, in which blacks will have majority rule, Harry Schwarz, South Africa's new ambassador to the United States, believes.

"Some Jews will leave," Schwarz conceded at a luncheon here recently sponsored by the American Jewish Committee. But he added, "The majority, I think, will stay."

Schwarz, a 66-year-old Johannesburg lawyer, has been active in the Jewish community on the national executive of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. He has also been one of South Africa's most vigorous opponents of apartheid.

It is his belief that the steps to end apartheid taken by President F.W. de Klerk and his governing National Party are irreversible that led Schwarz to resign from Parliament to become Pretoria's ambassador in Washington. For 16 years, he served in Parliament in the opposition Democratic Party and its predecessor, the Progressive Federal Party.

Unlike the previous ambassador, Schwarz makes a point of saying that he is representing all 37 million people in South Africa, not just the 5 mil-

lion whites.

He believes that Jews, like other whites, will find life in the new South Africa different. It "will not be as easy," he said. But he does not believe that whites will be treated in the harsh manner that they treated blacks.

"We Jews are part of the white community; we have not been part of the oppressed," Schwarz said. But South African Jews have provided "more than a fair share of people who have stood up for the rights of underprivileged people," he added.

In every election since 1948, when the National Party came to power and began introducing apartheid, no supporters of apartheid have been elected in areas where Jews dominate the vote, Schwarz said.

"You don't have to be ashamed of us when it comes to our record," he told the AJCommittee leaders, though he added, "It doesn't mean we could not have done more."

Schwarz has done his share in opposing apartheid. He was brought to South Africa as a child from Nazi Germany after his father was unable to get a visa to enter the United States. "It is somewhat ironic that I come back to the United States as an ambassador when my

father couldn't get a visa," he observed.

Because South Africa gave him a home, "I consider myself as owing a great debt to that country," Schwarz said. "It is a debt which I can never repay fully. Perhaps that is why I went into politics."

But he added, "I would never have gone into politics if I would not have had a background of being a victim of racial discrimination."

Schwarz, who served as a bomber navigator in the British Royal Air Force and the South African Air Force during World War II, returned home from the service to find that the Afrikaner-dominated National Party had come to power and had begun to introduce discriminatory laws.

He helped organize the Torch Commando, a group of World War II veterans who demonstrated against the apartheid laws, which had just been enacted. He continued in this struggle, which brought him into Parliament in 1974.

Schwarz said he agreed to leave Parliament in February and come to Washington because he wants to help lay down the foundation of the new South Africa.

For President de Klerk, it

was an opportunity to send someone to Washington with anti-apartheid credentials, to convince Americans that the change in South Africa is real.

But some feel Schwarz's actual task is to convince the U.S. Congress to lift the economic sanctions against South Africa. Schwarz said that South Africa will meet all the conditions for lifting the sanctions by the end of June.

Like many other South African white liberals, Schwarz maintains that sanctions have hurt the oppressed more than the oppressors.

He also argues that de Klerk has moved to abandon apartheid, not because of the sanctions, but because he realizes that South Africa cannot maintain minority rule.

He said the leadership of the National Party realizes it must negotiate with black groups, such as the African National Congress, "now, when they still have power to talk about the constitution and the economy." If they wait another 10 years, they will have no bargaining power.

"Apartheid is yesterday's debate; today's debate is a question of negotiations; tomorrow's debate is that of reconstruction for South Africa and making South Africa a better place," he said.

## B'nai B'rith, Facing Large Deficit

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen  
NEW YORK (JTA) — The latest American Jewish Organization to fall victim to the economic pressures that have forced several national Jewish groups to retrench is B'nai B'rith International.

B'nai B'rith, which bills itself as the largest Jewish organization in the world, is facing a \$2 million deficit this fiscal year, which ends June 30, and a \$2 million cut from next year's budget. The organization is laying off 28 staff people, closing three regional offices of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and cutting 10 percent across the board from the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation budget.

Looking ahead to next year, B'nai B'rith officials predict no increase in income from fundraising, which has been flat for the last three years, and an increase in expenses because of inflation.

Based on these forecasts, the amount needed to maintain the size and strength of B'nai B'rith's staff and programs for the 1991-92 fiscal year would have been \$16 million.

But since the organization's fiscal management committee

foresees another \$2 million deficit, it has proposed a budget cutback of that amount, which requires staff layoffs, regional office closings and program cutbacks.

The proposed budget will be considered by B'nai B'rith's 104-member Board of Governors at its next semi-annual meeting in Washington on May 4 to 6.

At least 28 employees, both professional and clerical staff, are being laid off as of July 1. They are being taken from B'nai B'rith and BBYO offices across the country.

One of B'nai B'rith's three Latin American affairs professionals is being cut from the public affairs section of the organization. Three of the six staffers from B'nai B'rith's commissions on Israel, Continuing Jewish Education, and Community and Volunteer Services are being let go.

And three regional BBYO offices, in the Pacific Northwest, Central New York state and Illinois, will close, as well. BBYO runs programs for high school students.

Fully half of B'nai B'rith's yearly budget goes toward funding BBYO and the B'nai

B'rith Hillel Foundation. The impact of the youth-program cuts is that "there will be a void in BBYO and Hillel programs," admits former B'nai B'rith President Reich, who remains a member of the Board of Governors and is a member of the financial management committee.

Hillel has chapters on 105 campuses that are led by professionals and receive funding from B'nai B'rith. There are also student-led affiliates on 300 campuses, which do not receive funding. The cutbacks (continued on page 19)

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## AROUND TOWN

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder

Picture your castle's walls displaying artworks not your own ... the living room, dining room and basement incredibly converted into a beautifully lit area of marvelous mixed media, rich with paintings, watercolors and sculptures.

This describes Nicole Saul Kogut's castle at 15 Paris Street in Pawtucket, where twice yearly, the art dealer exhibits shows of artists she represents. Nicole takes her own pictures down for the ones she hangs up. "I leave my plates on the wall," she says about those in her dining room. "That makes one see things in context. A gallery's space can be cold. When a painting is bought, it hangs in one's home."

Nicole and her husband Richard came to Rhode Island from Paris seven years ago this June because of Richard's association with the computer science department at Brown. They have two daughters, Deborah, 6, and Danielle, 4.

When time would allow, Nicole visited art galleries. Impressed so much by the work of local artists, she became an avid art collector. Three and a half years ago, an idea made an impact upon her.

"When I started buying for myself, I got to know Rhode Island artists and became concerned about their lot. They were busy in their studios and isolated so much of the time. Their works weren't being marketed so I became an artists' representative."

Nicole found the works of local artists just as impressive as those of her native Paris. She feels it's because of Rhode Island School of Design and Brown University. "I represent former undergraduate students, former graduate students, former professors and full-time professors. One of my artists is Leslie Bostram, an associate professor at Brown, and a wonderful printmaker.

"My clients are more collectors than just people who want to put something over the sofa. I've been to New York quite a lot and have seen art not as good as Larry Heyman," she says about the artist she represents. "The light is magnificent in his work. I'd like to have them all."

A lovely portrait of Nicole's daughters painted by Larry Heyman two years ago hangs above the piano in the living room. The artist entered a slide of the painting along with one of his own family into a portrait artists' competition in San Francisco two summers ago. Out of 10,000 entrants, he was selected as one of 100 finalists.

"I cried when I saw the finished painting," Nicole says. "The love that goes through this ..."

Nicole escorted me down the flight to her basement. I was floored by what I saw.

"This is my gallery," says Nicole proudly. There in Nicole's basement was a beautiful art gallery displaying mixed media, weavings, sculpture, watercolors, mono-types, all mounted magnificently by Nicole. The word basement became obsolete at 15 Paris Street."

Nicole doesn't profess to be an artist. After the Koguts' wedding in Paris, they honeymooned in Greece where the scenery inspired her to paint some watercolors. When Nicole first came to Rhode Island, she took classes at RISD.

"I don't consider myself an artist, but I have the eye and the love for art. I'm more of a musician than a painter. I studied piano in Paris for many years and now study voice, which is more my feeling of self-expression.

Art and music weren't always Nicole's vocational fields. She majored in Linguistics and became a free-lance translator/interpreter. "I

was a glamorous job but I got burned out from the pressure of having to stand by someone for hours and translate immediately. If you made a mistake, you blew it. A few years down the line I taught translation and interpretation and had a great time."

"Art and music are my soul," she says wistfully. "When I look at a Larry Heyman painting, I hear music, people talking at Paris cafes. I hear the noises all around. That's why Larry's work is so appealing and moves me so much. I do miss Paris."

Nicole's art show featuring 40 artists opened this past weekend and will be on view until the end of May when a permanent gallery display will be exhibited. It can be seen by calling her at 728-1961.

She likes to be home for her young children, but does outside consulting and brings slides to prospective clients at their offices.

Nicole observes a problem unique to this area. "Some people will go to New York to buy, but won't buy the equivalent here because it's Providence. I think it's a shame. We must have those artists stay here. We must support the art community. That's the basic philosophy of my business. I make money here. I will

## Art And Music Are My Soul

buy Rhode Island artists. I won't go to New York to buy anything.

"We have all the talent here. Why go to another place where things cost 30% to 50% more. Why go there? We have everything here!"

"That's how I started ... by buying artworks myself. It evolved into a business. I went to galleries here and saw a lot of different shows and thought my goodness, this is wonderful!"

"Look at these marvelous works," she exclaims. "I'm very proud of the whole thing. I'm happy to have the trust of these artists. I have a couple of artists who wouldn't exhibit anywhere else. They love the space. They love my attitude and know I won't hang posters. I specialize in fine art, not decorative art."

"Look at these beautiful sculptures. Diana Tocco and Arnold Prince are my sculptors. The thought that goes into these works ... Diana's lioness with her cub in rose Spanish marble ... a little mermaid in alabaster ... Arnold's steatite dancing figure."

"We have a wonderful art community here. Thousands of artists are in Rhode Island. It's amazing. We should support them!"



Nicole with paintings by Larry Heyman, who with 39 other artists, is being shown by Nicole at an exhibit this month.



Nicole Kogut, artist representative, stands by a sculpture by Diana Tocco. In the background can be seen a weaving by Christine LoFaso and glass by Dan Read.



A Kogut family treasure ... a portrait of Danielle and Deborah painted by Larry Heyman.

# Books in Review

## A Book For All Ages

by Eleanor F. Horvitz  
R.I. Jewish Historical  
Association

*Memoirs of My Life in a Polish Village - 1930-1949. (Paintings, drawings and text by Toby Knobel Fluek. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1990. \$19.95)*

My first impression of this handsome volume was that it might be categorized as "Young Adult." The author is both the artist and narrator of the 94 full color paintings and drawings. Each page is an entity unto itself - an exquisite drawing or painting, with a descriptive passage beneath it. For example, on the first page there is a drawing entitled, "Our Farm." Beneath it is the name of the rural village Czernica, in Eastern Poland, and the fact that Toby's father's family had been there for many generations. There were only ten Jewish families in the village, and the total population of the village 250 families, Polish and Ukranian. There were no synagogues or Hebrew Schools in the village.



Services on the Sabbath and for the holidays were held in the author's home.

Through these illustrations and text we learn about the family, the village, the good relations between the Jews and Catholics as well as the holiday observances. We can assume that this might have been similar to the life of our ancestors who might have lived in a Polish village.

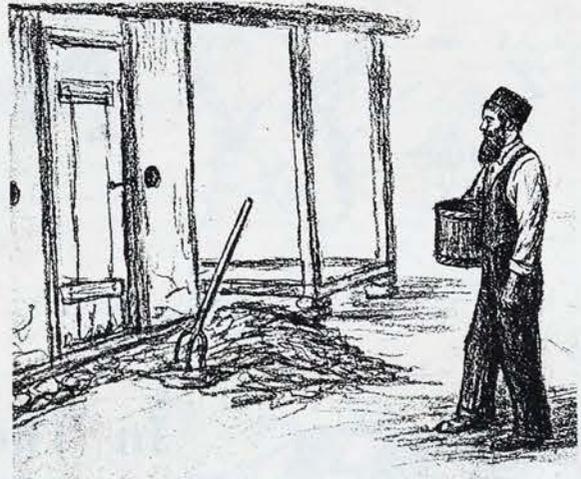
The tranquil and slow-paced life of Toby and her family was shattered by the Russian invasion of the village in September, 1939. Eventually they grew accustomed to the way of life imposed upon them by the Communist Russians. Soon even this life was devastated

by the German invasion of 1942. The subsequent narration and text describe the life of this Jewish family as they were rounded up into a ghetto and suffered many atrocities. Toby vividly describes the period in which she and her sister hide out in the woods. These horrors are described in the same spare prose and art. The reader supplies the detail.

Out of this loving and warm Jewish family of six, mother, father, sisters, Surcie and Lajcie and brother Aron, Toby tells us that only she and her mother survived. After spending four years in a Displaced Persons Camp, during which time Toby marries, she reached the United States in December, 1949.

This is an important memoir for young adults, but it is much more than that. It is a powerful commentary by one who survived the devastation of her world. It is a book for all ages.

## My Father



"Father was a born farmer, and knew little else, although he did a little *hundling*, which means peddling. Mother was the businesswoman in the family. Father worked all day in the fields with the hired help. He tied the bundles of cut wheat and placed them in special stacks to be dried in the sun. Later he threshed the wheat with primitive tools similar to those used in biblical times. My mother and sister helped Father shred straw to feed the animals." Drawing and text by Toby Knobel Fluek.

## April Films

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These victims have no inner life. The only character who has to deal with the bother of a difficult dilemma is the British investigator of the murder of the American lawyer. And he "cops out" in the final frame. Thus, you can root root root for the home team. Even fancy academic types are not immune from the temptation to hiss the well-groomed hypocrites on the other side. Outside the lobby of the Avon, a pamphleteer distributes further material against the British. Will the day ever dawn when somebody will protest a film for being artistically misguided? University theoreticians no longer teach poetic dialectic. They preach their own "hidden agenda." Jim Sheridan "says" the same thing as Ken Loach but with craft and beauty, not propaganda.

Remember the joke about the first generation Jewish kid in New York who runs home to tell Dad: "Guess what? The Yankees beat the Red Sox." Dad: "Is this good or bad for the Jews?" Does the story make fun of the dad or the lad?

Just so, is a political message like "Hidden Agenda" good or bad for the Jews? If you draw a line from this movie, does it touch upon sentimental support for the Palestinians? You could equally well argue that it could reach out to do the opposite. In the Dublin of the depression, the swastika was a common motif. Germany and Ireland shared a common foe over the cliffs of Dover. Yet a handful of Irish soldiers fought for Israel in its War of Independence. Israel fights for its people and its homes. But few think about that connection. Jewish rights are easy to cross out. That act of cancelling Zion unifies diverse factions. It has always been so. For now, the best point of view for the silver screen is the dramatic demand for good art.

Like "Silence of the Lambs," "The Vanishing" tells an unpleasant tale with artistry.

The heroine, full of life with her white jeans, blond mop of hair, and hearty voice, harbors a private nightmare. She dreads being enclosed like a golden egg in outer space. From the first frame you feel the threat among the smart cars moving smoothly along European roads against their backdrop of lovely landscape.

Do we foresee our doom as it comes along to meet us?

The villain chooses his crime to challenge fate. His blonde daughter admires him. He stays faithful to his wife. He picks his victim arbitrarily. She just happened along into her destiny.

"The Vanishing" doesn't give you a Hollywood closing. It leaves you in the lurch with the old postwar European questions. Does evil lurk in our hearts, under the soil, at formal tables? Does someone scream through the groomed trees?

## Auditioning For Youth Jazz Ensemble

The Music School is pleased to announce that it will sponsor a Youth Jazz Ensemble to play at the Newport Jazz Festival this summer. The school, which has an ongoing ensemble throughout the year, will be holding special auditions for this event with the goal of creating a small ensemble of between 5 and 7 players.

The Music School is a non-profit community-based school offering a comprehensive program of musical study.

## "The Stick Wife" At Trinity Rep

The final production of Trinity Repertory Company's 1990-1991 downstairs series will be Darrah Cloud's "The Stick Wife," beginning April 26 and playing through June 2. Cloud was inspired to write "The Stick Wife" by newspaper reports of the FBI investigation of the 1963 bombing of a black Birmingham church. It was not the Klansmen suspected of the crime who caught her attention, however, but their wives. First seen in Los Angeles in 1987, the play has been purchased by Universal Studios with Ms. Cloud writing

the screenplay and Jessica Lange in the starring role.

Trinity Repertory Company, Rhode Island's renowned professional theatre company, is located at 201 Washington Street in Providence. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Sundays, and 2 p.m. selected Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. For ticket information and the exact schedule, please call the box office at (401) 351-4242. VISA and MasterCard holders may also reserve by phone.

## "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof"

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces production of the critically acclaimed play by Tennessee Williams "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." It runs all Friday and Saturday evenings May 3 through May 25, with a Thursday performance - May 16. Sunday matinee performances will run on May 5, May 19, May 26 with an early dinner show on Sunday, May 19, at 6 p.m.

Reservations are also being taken for "Fiddler on the Roof" which runs June 6 through June 30. Tickets to City Nights are by reservation only. For reservations or information for parties of all sizes, including group rates, call the Box Office at 723-6060.

## Brass Quintet Concert Rescheduled

The Ocean State Brass Quintet free family concert at the Providence Public Library/Rochambeau, 708 Hope Street has been rescheduled for Monday, May 20, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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**IRAQ**  
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Since last August, people have learned a lot about Iraq. They study maps of the Middle East, to find exactly where Iraq is located.



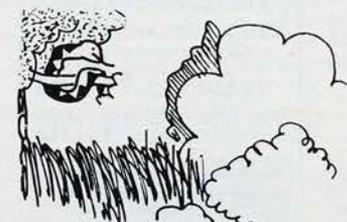
Archeologists are scientists who dig up old cities to study the life and culture of ancient people. Thousands of areas in Iraq should be studied, because human life goes back there as far as 100,000 years. Iraq is where many of the stories of the Bible took place!



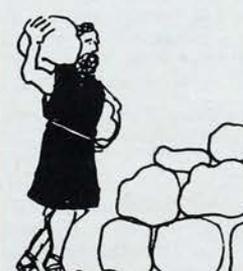
Now people are worried that some of these areas have been damaged because of the war. For example, Ninevah, the place where God sent Jonah, was located close to an Iraqi air base and weapons factory. Sitting on top of the ruins of Ninevah is an oil storage tank.



During the time of the Bible, Iraq was part of an area which was called Mesopotamia. This is where the Tower of Babel was built, where the story of Abraham began, and where Jonah was supposed to go before he was swallowed by the whale!



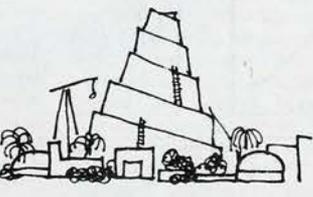
In the beginning of the Bible, it says that "God planted a garden eastward, in Eden . . ." This garden was probably in the area between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, which run through Iraq.



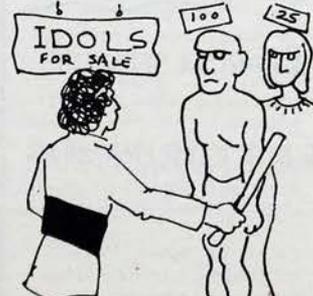
After Adam and Eve left the garden, they had a son named Cain. The Bible says that Cain's son, Enoch, built the first city.



The next story is about Noah and the Great Flood. After the Flood, the Bible lists many cities which were built including Uruk, Accad, and Babel, which is also known as Babylon.



In the Bible, we can read the story of the Tower of Babel, which took place in Babylon. Today, in that same place, parts of a large pyramid-shaped temple remain. Some people say that was the Tower of Babel.

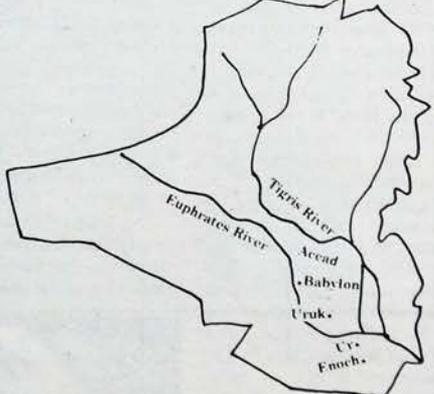


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The city of Ur is also in the southern part of Iraq, near the Persian Gulf. This is where Abraham was born.



Much later in Jewish history, after the Temple was destroyed, the Hebrews were taken as prisoners to Babylon. Great Jewish communities grew there. However, today only about 120 Jews, mostly old people, still live in Iraq.



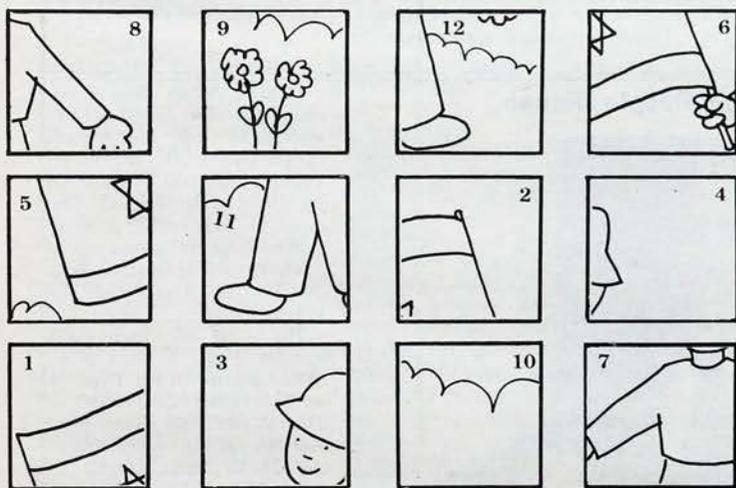
Here is a map of Iraq, when it was known as Mesopotamia. Find the ancient cities of the Bible: Enoch, Uruk, Accad, Babylon, and Ur. Also, find the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.



### Be An Artist!



It's time to celebrate Israel's 43rd birthday! To draw an Independence Day picture, copy each drawing into the empty box with the same number.



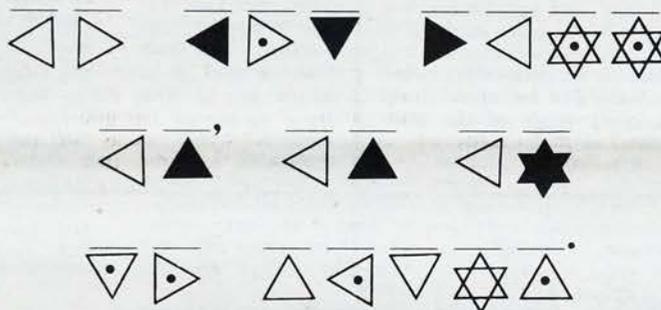
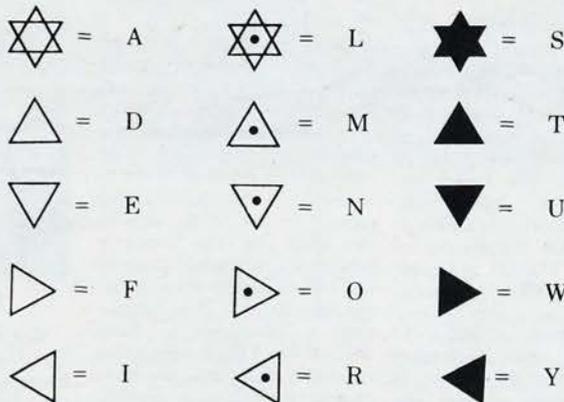
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### (Ha-Code Ha-mees-toe-ree)—Mystery Code

Theodor Herzl had one great goal: to find a homeland for the Jewish people. He wanted the Jews to know that they would always be helpless unless they created a Jewish state. What did he tell the Jewish people?

To find the answer, match the symbols to the letters, and write the letters in the blanks.



### Tongue Twister

“Shalom!” said Shoshana, showing the shiny ship to Shamy, as she shoed Shuly to the sandy shore.

Two fathers and two sons moved to Israel. Each brought one suitcase. There were three suitcases in all. Why?

There were only three newcomers: a man, his son, and his grandson.

### Answer To Mystery Code

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# Milestones

## Miriam Women's Recognition Award To Lil Zarum



**Lillian Zarum**

Lillian Zarum of Providence, R.I., will receive The Miriam Hospital Women's Association's 1991 Recognition Award in honor of her many years of dedication and service to the organization. The award will be presented during The Women's Association's Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers on May 23 at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass.

Mrs. Zarum, a native of Providence, has genuinely made her state her home. A renowned party planner and coordinator, she is to this day an active volunteer. It was nearly forty years ago that Lil and a few other women established what is now known as the Miriam Hospital Coffee Shop. They filled a void providing services which are today taken for granted. In order to make this start-up venture successful, these women staffed the shop from morning until closing at eight o'clock in the evening. Lil and other vol-

unteers continued to run the coffee shop for the next twenty years.

A new task lay ahead for Lillian; she became the hospital's volunteer occupational therapist. Lil established her own department, filling an important niche in health care services the hospital could not then afford to offer. It was not uncommon to see Lil pushing her red cart through the corridors of the hospital visiting stroke victims, victims of industrial accidents and the infirm, whose disease crippled their hands.

Not only was Lil a dedicated volunteer, she soon developed a career for which she was dubbed the "pearlmeister of Rhode Island." Regardless of a difficult schedule, she was incapable of refusing offers to assist the hospital, caring mostly for the needy. It is in this spirit that The Women's Association is proud to honor her with its eighth Annual Recognition Award. Our community is privileged to have women like Lillian who share their time, their skills and their hearts. Her voluntary services to numerous organizations and boards have carried over to her two daughters, Dee Dee Witman and Sue Weingeroff. They too have learned well from their mother the need to be active and helpful to their community.

"The desire of power in excess caused angels to fall; the desire of knowledge in excess caused man to fall; but in charity there is no excess, neither can man nor angels come into danger by it." We salute Lil Zarum!

Reservations for the noon luncheon may be made by calling the Miriam Hospital Women's Association office at 331-8500 Extension 2520.

### Lag B'omer Celebration

Join the celebration of Lag B'omer on Thursday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. at Hope High School Field. Feast on a barbecue buffet. There will be plenty of fun, food, music, and entertainment. There will also be a special program for children. Please, bring a blanket. Rain site is the Chabad House, 360 Hope Street. For more information, call 331-3971 or 273-7238. Sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Rhode Island.



## Cohen Weds Swerdlick

Risa Anne Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen of Framingham and Mashpee, recently became the bride of Marc Evan Swerdlick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swerdlick of Lexington and New Seabury.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rabbi Richard Yellin at the Congregation Mishkah Tefila in Newton, MA.

The bride graduated from Syracuse University, School of Management in 1987, and is presently employed by Chiswick Trading in Sudbury, as a market research analyst.

The groom graduated from Syracuse University, School of Visual and Performing Arts in 1987, and is self-employed as a commercial photographer and video/film producer.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rubin and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cohen, both of Framingham. Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Ruth Pabian and the late Harvey Pabian of Providence and the late Gloria and Morris Swerdlick of Malden.

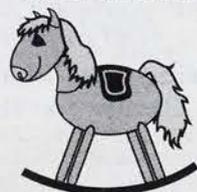
After honeymooning in Hawaii, the couple now resides in Natick.

## From Touro to Touro

A delegation of senior students and alumni of Touro College of New York City will spend a special "Shabbatone" (festive weekend) at historic Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I., during the weekend of April 26 through 28, announced Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader. These young men and women will participate in a special program sponsored by the congregation for the weekend, featuring guest lecturer Dr. Lisa Aiken. Dr. Aiken will deliver four lectures over the course of the weekend (Friday evening Oneg Shabbat at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday breakfast at 9:30 a.m.), and two Sabbath afternoon lectures in the synagogue.

Rabbi Shapiro will also present a special synagogue tour for the Touro College visitors and a walking tour of the Historic Hill area of Newport. The visitors will also have an opportunity to visit some attractions of Newport including the Preservation Society mansions, the Tennis Hall of Fame, the Narragansett Bay Tourist area and enjoy a Newport Harbor boat tour as well. Members of the synagogue will serve as hosts for some of the guests and they will be having their Shabbat meals in the Touro Community Center. Area college students may join the guests in their programs. If interested they must contact the Touro Synagogue office before April 23 at (401) 847-4794. Miss Miriam Ratner of Queens, N.Y., a senior student at Touro, is coordinator of this project.

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## Miriam People Dinner



Jonathan and Ruth Fain, co-chairs of Miriam Hospital's People Dinner.

Miriam People Dinner co-chairs, Jonathan and Ruth Fain, announced that the Miriam People Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Providence Marriott. The event is held each year to acknowledge the generosity of a select group of benefactors at the hospital known as the Miriam People.

The event will feature guest speaker Paul D. Thompson, M.D., director of the Division of Preventive Cardiology at The Miriam. Dr. Thompson will talk on his experiences at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

The Miriam People Dinner is held under the leadership of The Miriam Hospital Foundation, the hospital's fund-raising arm. The Foundation is chaired by Edwin A. Jaffe with additional guidance from the Foundation's Development Committee, including: Jane S. Nelson, Chairman; Joseph L. Dowling, M.D.; Sidney F. Greenwald; Stanley Grossman; Arthur Hurvitz; Benjamin Paster; and Arthur Robbins.

## Women's Association Of The Jewish Home For The Aged

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold a board meeting on Wednesday, May 1, in the Martin Chase Auditorium. Coffee will be served at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m. Anita Norman and Esther Shore are in charge of hospitality. Co-presidents are Edith Bernstein and Tilda Kessler.

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## Lending A Hand At Home

by Sarah Baird  
Herald Associate Editor

For years and years the Soviet Jewry movement in America marched, sang, pleaded and bribed Soviet leaders to part the Iron Curtain and release their Jewish citizens. From time to time the path to emigration and freedom was partially cleared, allowing varied numbers of lucky Soviets to flee to Israel and the West.

The dedicated members of social and political action committees achieved some remarkable successes. The efficacy of their protests and demands, however, was and remains a function of the will of the Soviet leaders.

In the past two decades, many Soviet Jews have been allowed to leave their homes and start anew in America, land of promises. They have waited in endless lines for papers, passes, forms and permissions. Needless to say, in response to the enormous sacrifices endured in their efforts to emigrate, they often created pictures of their future homeland quite out of line with the realities. The mundane gave way to the sublime, as the emigrees-to-be envisioned a land with no worries and plenty of freedom.

In fact, when new Americans arrive in their adopted home, they are confronted with unemployment, language barriers, and a system of bureaucracy almost as intimidating as their native system. Thanks to many agencies and individuals, these anxieties often are nothing more than frightening ideas. Resettlement personnel actively engage the New Americans, getting them plugged into "the system" and lending both financial and social support. The period of transition, however, is often fraught with many anticipated and unforeseen difficulties.

One of the most important current responsibilities of the entire American Jewish community is to help support our newest members. The marchers and petitioners still have some important work to do; but they also are learning to translate their political skills into effective social and community support skills. Many of the former prisoners of conscience are entering our midst. Now is the time to help our new neighbors!

The Social Action Committee at Temple Sinai has found a meaningful way to demonstrate the synagogue's dedica-

tion to the community at large. Through Jewish Family Services, Temple Sinai has coordinated a program of support for a family of emigrees. The program includes provisions for a furnished, rented apartment with heat, hot water, electricity, appliances, a telephone, and spending money.

Last fall the Social Action Committee at Sinai initiated the project when they decided to host a "free family," one with no sponsoring relatives. On Erev Pesach, just a few weeks ago, Mark Ross, Chairperson of the committee, met a family of six Soviet emigrees at T. F. Green Airport. Temple Sinai has now become the "Anchor Family" for Boris and Faina Yerukhimovich, their two sons, Arkady and Ilya, their aunt Raisa Kerdman, and Boris' mother, Musya Eventova. Sinai is committed to aiding them for the next four months, until they get acclimated and find jobs.

Kerdman, Eventova and the Yerukhimovichs are all from Kharkov, a city in the Ukraine. They have been waiting for approximately one year to leave the Soviet Union. It will take time to grow accustomed to America and the different customs here.

In the meantime, members of the Social Action committee at Sinai are volunteering time to accompany them to appointments, laundromats, grocery stores. According to Ross, "It's a wonderful experience. It really is! The word is that over two hundred more people will be coming in during the next few months. The goal is for the Jewish community in Rhode Island to assume responsibility for these people."

Rabbi George Astrachan notes that "As far as I know, we're the only temple that is sponsoring a family."

The members of the Social Action Committee who have helped to organize and implement this program of settlement aid are: Rabbi Astrachan, Mark Ross, Richard BenSusan, Henry Priest, Sukey Denniss, Bruce Astrachan, Larry Steingold, Susan Adler, Judy Oraslan, Baila Bender, Julie Galkin, Lorraine Waldman and special thanks also to Olga Tverskoy.

The Providence community is honored to welcome the newest members of our Rhode Island family. As they will learn from us, so, too, we will learn from them.



(L-R) Raisa Kerdman, Faina Yerukhimovich, Boris Yerukhimovich, Musya Eventova. (Front) Ilya and Arkady Yerukhimovich.

### JFS and Temple Sinai Move the Clock

*"This year some are still enslaved; next year may everyone enjoy freedom."*

— Passover Haggadah

While Jews throughout Rhode Island began their seders, celebrating their ancestors' freedom from the bondage of slavery, a Jewish Soviet family was landing at T.F. Green airport. The Yerukhimovich family, grandmother, aunt, parents and children, completed their personal exodus from the Ukrainian city of Kharkov to America on *erev Pesach*. They arrived in time to celebrate their new lives in America at a community seder, poignantly marking the essence of the holiday...freedom.

This family's arrival was the result of an ongoing process involving two concerned and committed community institutions, Jewish Family Service and Temple Sinai. Jewish Family Service's Resettlement Coordinator, Ellen Steingold, believes in bringing resettlement efforts to the community. Last summer, she met with the board of Temple Sinai to discuss how they could be involved. As a result of that meeting, a social action committee was organized to meet the challenge of preparing to be an "anchor" for an emigrating Soviet family. Chaired by Mark Ross, the committee mobilized the congregation, raising funds and collecting household items to furnish an apartment. And then they waited.

In mid-March, Ellen Steingold received a telephone call from Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) about a "free case," that is, a family with no anchors or family in the United States. She accepted them, knowing that Temple Sinai was ready to provide financial and community support for an intergenerational family.

With less than a week's notice, members of Temple Sinai's social action committee located and secured an apartment. They purchased food and moved in furniture. They arranged drivers to transport this family to their various appointments. And on Friday,

March 29, the night of the first seder and their arrival, the Yerukhimovich family had a place to call home.

Temple Sinai will continue to provide financial support for this family for four months, while offering them a community to call upon for friendship and help. Jewish Family Service will continue to offer its resettlement services; connecting the family with physicians, schools and ESL classes, scheduling required appointments for local and state agencies, and helping to find employment. Together, they turned "next year" into today for six New Americans.

### Open House At Weeden Manor

Weeden Manor, a retirement home for seniors, located at 11 Walnut Street in Pawtucket, will hold an Open House for the public on Sunday, April 28, between 3 and 5 p.m. Guests

will have an opportunity to tour the home, and Board members will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

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### Am David Luncheon

The Sisterhood of Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, announces the celebration of its 37th Annual Donors' Luncheon, to be held on Sunday, April 28, at 12:30 p.m. in the Temple Social Hall. The luncheon will feature delicious food, fun, AND a Fashion Show by B. Dazzled Fashions. All members - Past - Present - or Future are cordially invited to attend.

For reservations or further information, please call the temple office: 463-7944 or 463-7820.

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## Joseph Teverow Memorial Lecture At Emanu-El

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island invites the community to attend a lecture by Dr. Benjamin Braude in memory of Joseph Teverow, on Sunday evening, April 28, at 8 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Joseph Teverow, a past president of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, was deeply involved with many aspects of Jewish community life in Rhode Island. Through this lecture series, his family and friends hope to keep alive his love for his Jewish heritage, his devotion to Israel, and his commitment to Adult Jewish Education.

Benjamin Braude is associate Professor of History and Director of the Committee on Middle Eastern Studies at Boston College and currently Visiting Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and Esther Levi Sosland Scholar in Residence at Smith College. He has twice been Visiting Professor of History at Harvard University. For 1991-1992 he has been appointed a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where he will participate in an international research group to mark the five hundredth anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

He is a graduate of the Providence Hebrew Day School, Classical High School, and received his D.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in History from Harvard University.

Dr. Braude has written extensively in the fields of Jewish and Middle Eastern History. His most notable publication is the two-volume *Christians and Jews in the Ottoman Empire, the Functioning of a Plural Society*, to which he contributed and which he co-edited. He has lectured at over forty universities and international conferences

in Europe, North America, and Israel.

Dr. Braude's lecture on the 28th of April is entitled: "Jewish Emancipation, Apostasy, Espionage, and the Idea of Arab Nationalism."

This lecture will demonstrate the connection between the social and psychological tensions brought on by Jewish emancipation in nineteenth-century Europe, the consequent search for new Jewish identities, and the role of Jews in formulating various collective identities among Muslim peoples. Although largely forgotten today, Jews have played a part in the development of nationalism among the Muslim peoples of the Middle East. They were among the pioneers (Arthur Lumley Davids, David Leon Cahun, Moise Kohan — Tekinalp) in the popularization of the notion of Turkish nationalism and a Jewish journalist and playwright (Yaqub Sanua) was instrumental in the development of nationalism in nineteenth century Egypt. Completely unknown is the role of an Englishman of Jewish background in the early formulation of Arab nationalism. Through the best-selling account of his path-braking voyage to the capital of the Saudi realm in Arabia, William Giffort Palgrave also known as Father Michel-Xavier Cohen, S.J., introduced the idea of Arab self-determination to Europe.

The Bureau of Jewish Education is delighted to welcome Ben Braude back to Rhode Island for what promises to be a fascinating evening. Dr. Braude is the son of the late Rabbi William Braude, rabbi of Temple Beth-El from 1932-72, and rabbi emeritus from 1972 until his death in 1988, and Mrs. Braude of Providence.

Refreshments will be served following the lecture.

## Events At The JCCRI: April 26-30

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

### Young Judea Meetings

Students in grades 4-7 are invited to join the fun during the next Young Judea meeting, Sunday, April 28, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call Evy Rappoport for details.

### 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 26-30 includes:

FRIDAY, APRIL 26  
VCR Program, 11 a.m. to noon  
Isaac Singer's, "Weapons of the Spirit"

SUNDAY, APRIL 28  
VCR movie, 10:30 a.m.  
"My Fair Lady"

Call Sandy Bass for details.

### 3rd Annual Flea Market

The 3rd Annual Flea Market will be held on Sunday, June 2, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (rain or shine). Items to choose from include toys and games, household items, small appliances, children's books, sports equipment, craft items and supplies, jewelry and accessories.

Bring any donations to the JCCRI from now until Friday, May 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (no clothing, please). Call Sandy Bass or Paula Waldman for any questions.

## PC Catholic/Jewish Conference

by Peter J. Corwin  
Herald Contributing Reporter  
(Part I of II)

The Diocese of Providence, Providence College, and the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island sponsored a Catholic-Jewish conference on April 16. Entitled "Conscience of the Community," the PC conference sought to promote an increased interfaith dialogue among some 120 rabbis, priests and lay people.

Dr. Eugene Fisher and Rabbi James Rudin were the keynote speakers. Fisher is director for Catholic-Jewish relations with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Rudin is the national interreligious affairs director with the American Jewish Committee.

A master of ceremony and former chairman of the Jewish Federation's CRC, Norman Orodener addressed a varied assortment of judges, lawyers, educators and clergy. The Rev. Thomas Peterson, Seton Hall chancellor and former PC president, was the other master of ceremony. Orodener said the 1965 *Nostra Aetate* Declaration (No. 4) had strengthened the Catholic-Jewish community more than any other historical document. This Catholic writ claims an integral link exists between Catholics and Jews. For Orodener, the goal of the conference was therefore to implement the writ's message by determining how and why one community feels the way it

does about the other. "We are here to understand each other," said Orodener. "There is no substitute for understanding."

Fisher, who holds a doctorate in Hebrew Culture, was the only American appointed by Pope John Paul II to serve as the Vatican's public relations advisor to Israel. He pointed out how the pope's interest in Jewish affairs reflected the "spiritual bond between the Church and the Jewish people." Fisher noted how both Jews and Catholics faced discrimination early in America's history. "We fought side-by-side," he said, describing differences in immigration as quantitative, not qualitative.

Fisher said the increase of formal dialogues since 1970 has shown that both religions share similar family values and voting patterns.

He closed by noting that potential difficulties lay more in the realm of perceptions and misperceptions. For example, he cited Catholic reaction to Jewish anger in 1987 over the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz. He also cited Jewish reaction to Catholic criticism of Israel's domestic policies. In each case, there have been misperceptions on both sides over the other's intentions. Fisher stressed the need to avoid historical misperceptions as well; citing the recent rejection to beatify Queen Isabella I because of her despotic role during the Spanish Inquisition.

Rudin, who holds a doctorate in Divinities, described the Catholic-Jewish relationship as having experienced more positive interaction in the past 25 years than in nearly the last 2000. Like Fisher, Rudin also referred to shared immigration experiences by paralleling the arrival of Polish Catholics with the 70 percent of American Jews who trace their ancestry back to Poland.

Rudin believed the remaining scars between the two religions stem from the "ethnic succession" of the 1930s whereby one group attained success at the other's expense. However, he said the end of the Second Vatican Council in 1963 ushered in a period of cooperation.

Rudin expressed deep appreciation for Catholic sensitivity toward Jews as reflected in last January's Polish Bishops' Pastoral Letter. This Letter addressed Catholic-Jewish relations, the Holocaust, and the need to combat anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe.

On the Persian Gulf war, Rudin said Catholic bishops had thoughtfully presented their concerns, and thereby avoided being "caught by the fevers of public passion." Rudin believed biomedical ethics will be the next major challenge for the Catholics and Jews who represent "the moral custodians of a great set of traditions."

(To Be Continued Next Week)

## National Federation Of Temple Brotherhoods Executive Board Meets In Providence

The National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods (NFTB), a coalition of 300 Reform Jewish Men's Clubs in North America, is currently holding a meeting of its executive board at the Marriott Hotel in Providence, April 23-28.

NFTB is an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the parent body of the Reform Movement. NFTB's 40,000 members, organized into 13 regions across the United States and Canada, are actively involved in education, social action, youth activities and other programs which contribute to temple and community life. NFTB also sponsors the Jewish Chautauqua Society, an interfaith educational organization dedicated to promoting "Understanding Through Education"

by teaching non-Jews about Judaism at educational institutions throughout the United States and Canada.

"This meeting is a crucial component of our agenda," said Alvin R. Corwin of Sands Point, N.Y., president of NFTB. "Our leadership designed an intensive two-year program plan at our biennial in November. This meeting will allow us to develop a course to implement the goals of this program."

According to Lewis Eisenberg, executive director of NFTB, the meeting will "take the biennial theme of 'TIKKUN OLAM, Repairing the World Through Brotherhood' and translate it into a day-to-day reality."

The meeting will be addressed by Governor Bruce Sundlun, who will offer greet-

ings to the assembled on Saturday. Rabbi Paul Menitoff, director of the UAHC Northeast Council, will speak with the delegates during lunch on Friday. Some of the workshops offered are Soviet Jewry, preparing fund-raising events and building membership.

On Friday evening, the national board will attend services at Temple Beth-El in Providence. The sermon will be presented by Mr. Corwin and the services will be led by Beth-El's senior rabbi, Leslie Y. Gutterman.

Local arrangements for the meeting are being coordinated by Elliot Slack, national board member of NFTB and member of Temple Beth-El's Brotherhood, and Stuart Aaronson, president of Temple Beth-El's Brotherhood and national board member of NFTB.

## Temple Shalom Starts Adult Education

The Adult Education Program of Temple Shalom will begin the spring semester on Thursday evening, April 25 and run through May 16. The following courses will be offered:

7:15-8:00 - Beginner's Hebrew II taught by Barbara Jagolinzer. Building upon the alphabet, those students enrolled will begin to read words and sentences.

The Bible Confronts Contemporary Topics will be addressed by Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer. Looking at the Torah, this offering will study various topics such as: The Torah and G-d; G-d and Man in the Torah; Women in the

Torah; The Birth of the Covenant; The Chosen People and The Ten Commandments.

At 8 p.m. there will be a break for all students to enjoy a cup of coffee and some informal conversation.

8:15-9 p.m. On April 25, Rabbi Jagolinzer will present a program entitled, "An Evening of Nostalgia and Remembering."

May 2 will feature Larry Zimmerman who will present a program of Jewish music.

On May 9, Gerald W. Seigel, Vice President of Shearson Lehman will present a program entitled, "Long Term Health Care Insurance." With the rising costs of health care today,

how can we insure our future? Concluding the semester will be a program on May 16 presented by Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer devoted to the creating and writing of a Torah. How is it written, by whom?

Registration for all courses is \$10 for Temple members and \$15 for nonmembers. Individual sessions may be attended by members for \$2.50 and \$4 for nonmembers.

For further information, please contact the Temple Office at 846-9002. Registrations will be accepted in advance or on the first night of class.

## Russian . . . Hebrew . . . English

by Peter J. Corwin  
**Herald Contributing Reporter**  
 April 21. First she said it in Russian. Then Hebrew. And finally English. "Good evening, my dear friends," burst out Soviet emigre Irena Matt. The audience of students, Soviet Jews, and friends at the Samuel and Reika Rapaport Hillel House applauded warmly. They were just as eager for the early evening musical program as the pianist and community choral director addressing them.

Kol B'yachad, the Brown University's Hebrew singing group, and Kol Simcha, the Jewish Community Center Choir, were the other musical attractions.

Before playing, Matt's ready smile faded for a few moments. In her staccato English, she dedicated the evening to fellow Jews trapped in the Soviet Union. She has been in the United States just one year, and her parents have remained behind. Matt appreciates the opportunities in this country. "I've learned to be more open here," she said, the smile fully returned.

She selected Slavic melodies for her opening piece to reminisce about home, relatives, and friends. The piano notes dipped, then soared; summing up struggles and triumphs.

The eight-member Kol B'yachad performed next, singing a cappella in English and Hebrew. Their voices wove a mosaic of contrasts, delighting

the audience with its intricate highs and lows.

Matt again took center stage to play a jazzed-up "American potpourri" of such tunes as "Dixie" and "Hello Dolly." She then stood up and said: "To be a Jew is to be offered a gift. Music gives me an energy booster, and Jewish songs are my favorite." With a beaming face, Matt again sat before the piano and played a variety of Hebrew melodies, including "Aveinu Shalom" and "Hatikvah."

The ten-member Kol Simcha stepped up next, as Matt provided musical accompaniment. With a great deal of daring, Kol Simcha tackled songs in Hebrew, English, and Yiddish. They even sang part of a Russian song called "Katusha." Their pieces were Biblically inspired, with one member reading passages from Micah and Isaiah between songs. At Kol Simcha's conclusion, Kol B'yachad re-grouped, and the audience was urged to join the vast musical ensemble for one last Hebrew song.

Nina Spiegel and Linda Tuch, co-chairwomen of the Brown Committee on World Jewry, presented Matt with flowers amidst the clapping. Campus Jewish Appeal and Brown-RISD Hillel had also sponsored the event. And the maestro herself? She blended into the crowd, eager to share yet another dimension of herself with the Jewish community she considers family.

## Americans Avoid Israel

by Kathy Cohen  
**Herald Associate Editor**

Now that the Persian Gulf war is over and the damaged areas are being reconstructed, one might think that Americans, especially Jews, would be flocking to a safer Israel. But they're not.

Israel's travel industry, once a flourishing industry, has come to a virtual standstill. Israel desperately needs new income not only to support the war-devastated areas but also to help with the huge task of absorbing over a million immigrants, expected to enter the country in the coming years.

Americans should resume their travels to Israel. This is the message that the New England United Synagogue Youth (USY) representative and member Ari Newman is spreading today. He's been talking to people over the phone and in meetings with area synagogues and their organization since his recent return from a 9-day trip through Israel.

Newman reports that on his flight to Israel the only American travelers on the plane were the 17 members of "Operation Nachshon" (meaning "to take the first step"), a fact-finding mission consisting mostly of

representatives from 13 USY regions, plus Jules Gutin, the current assistant director of USY International. The others aboard the 747 flight were Israelis.

Upon entering the country, the USYers, at first, thought the motels and hotels were filled with foreign tourists. On the contrary, they were informed, the hotels were busy with Israelis en route for the Pesach holidays. And, to their amazement, no Americans were to be found anywhere.

"The problem was that the numbers for Pilgrimage (the USY summer program in Israel) this summer were and continue to be low," says Newman. "People were not applying at the same rate as they were last year. So, the purpose of Operation Nachshon was to go, come back to the states and tell people that it's safe and that they should go to Israel, so that our numbers for Pilgrimage this summer would go up."

"When we got to Israel we discovered and were told by people like the American Minister of Tourism, a voting member of the Israeli cabinet, that the cities and hotels were empty and that we had a much larger responsibility when we

got back to the United States," said Newman.

Hence, the purpose of the USY trip changed. Today Newman and the 17 other USYers are trying to reach anyone they can to convince them that Israel is a safe place to visit. He's already given this message to about 250 people at his hometown temple — Emanu-El, to a temple in Randolph, MA and to Temple Emunah members in Lexington, MA. Newman's next talk will be on April 27th in the "Swampscott/Marblehead area at a Temple convention."

Also, a USY caller may telephone other USYers who have inquired about applications and were sent applications, but have not sent them in to "go Pilgrimage."

According to Newman, "Parents who are concerned about security can receive a call from a USY parent committee member." Then, if money is a concern (and a trip to Israel costs about \$3,000), the USYer may look for alternative means of funding. For instance, the USY International Tikun Olam Fund provides scholarships for qualified applicants.

For further information, contact your local community USY chapter.

## Annual Meeting Of The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, R.I. The twenty-first annual David Charak Adelman lecture will be delivered by Robert G. Weisbord, Ph.D., Professor of History at the University of Rhode Island. His talk is entitled, "Inquiries into Jewish History."

Professor Weisbord received a B.A. from New York University in 1955 and was awarded a Ph.D. in History by the New York University Graduate School in 1966.

He has been a visiting professor at the University of Haifa in Israel teaching on the subject of the Holocaust.

The author of six books, Professor Weisbord has written on subjects concerned with Black relations as well as Jewish oriented subjects, and the interac-

tion between Jews and Afro-Americans.

Historical Association honors its founder and first president, David Charak Adelman, in this the 40th year since its founding, by continuing to present distinguished speakers at its annual meetings.

An exhibit at the meeting will be items selected from the Archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

The public is invited to the meeting and to the social hour which will follow.

## Providence Public Library/Rochambeau Book Sale

Back by popular demand at the Providence Public Library/Rochambeau Branch will be the Second Annual Friends Book Sale on May 4 and 5 at the Branch on 708 Hope Street.

The sale will run on Saturday, May 4 from 12-5 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 from 1-4 p.m. The Friends are now accepting donations of books, preferably in cartons, for easy storage and in good condition, excepting textbooks and general maga-

zines. Cookbooks, children's books and art magazines are especially welcomed.

It is requested that books be brought to the Rochambeau Branch during regular library hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-8; Thursday, 12-8; Friday 12-5:30; Saturday, 10-5:30; and Sunday, 1-5. All donations are appreciated and any questions can be directed to the branch library at 455-8110.

## A Chabad Passover For New Americans



Don't Pass Over Passover was theme at this year's Passover Party for newly arrived Russian immigrant children held at the Chabad House.

## Morality, Modernity and Mesorah: Issues of Contemporary Concern Through Judaism's Eyes

Beginning April 28 and continuing on successive Sunday evenings, Rabbi Shafan's study group will be exploring traditional Jewish attitudes regarding abortion, homosexuality and euthanasia, three issues that were as timely and trenchant in Talmudic times as they are in our own.

The Sunday night study group, which meets at 9 p.m. for 45 minutes, will discuss the conceptual underpinnings of the Jewish stance on each of the issues under study, examine the pertinent sources, and trace their development through the process of halachic — Jewish legal — evolution.

Familiarity with Hebrew is an advantage but in no way prerequisite to participation in the study group. Jewish religious affiliation, or the lack of it, is of no import at all. There

is no fee for attending, no commitment for future classes required, and no credit offered — at least from Brown. But there is much of a more sublime nature to be gained: knowledge and

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## Providence Social Worker Wins Award

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

Social workers historically have done and are able to do a wide range of activities in the field according to social worker Susan Norman, an East Side native. Although as a student she received her master's degree and trained in gerontology, she has since been active in various clinical capacities for about fourteen years. Her current achievements are about to be recognized.

On June 7th, at the Rhode Island chapter's National Association of Social Workers (NASW) annual dinner awards ceremony, Norman will be honored with the award of "Social Worker of the Year."

Her focus has been on people with substance abuse problems. She is currently and primarily working at Butler Hospital, offering drug and alcohol treatment services. She handles two different services: one is admission evaluations and the other is out-patient counseling.

At Butler, Norman runs several prevention/recovery group sessions; a men's, a women's and a mixed — most of the patients are adults. Individual and couples can also receive counseling from Norman.

In addition to her work at Butler, Norman has a private practice at her East Avenue office and holds a contract with the Pawtucket school department. Norman has worked with young children from alcoholic families, adult children from alcoholic families, and



substance abusers themselves. What Norman believes she's being recognized for is her most recent work. In the past year, Norman has been chairperson of the Rhode Island chapter NASW chemical dependency committee, one of the subgroups of NASW that strives to educate social workers about substance abuse issues.

Since Norman has chaired the committee, it has organized a "huge training" conference in February (100 people attended). A colleague assistance program was established as a free resource and referral service for social workers who have substance abuse problems themselves or are concerned about a colleague or a friend with a substance abuse problem.

"That's a service that profes-

sionals needed," said Norman. "Social workers are finally taking care of themselves. I'm really proud of the committee for doing it this year."

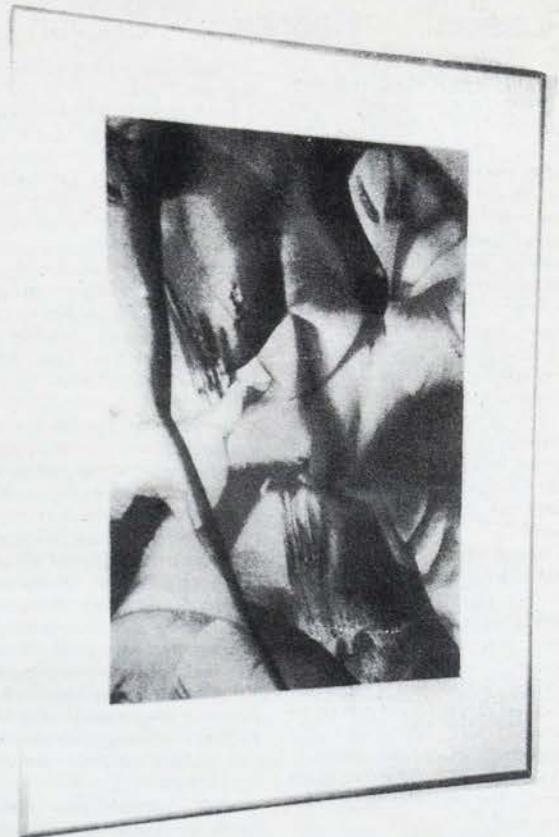
When asked how the budget cuts, announced by Governor Sundlun a couple of weeks ago, will affect her field, she said that they will drastically effect Managed Care, a new mode of Health benefits. A cut in Managed Care funding will limit the amount of substance abuse service people normally use.

Norman says that historically the Pawtucket school system has provided excellent services for children who have special educational needs. Sundlun's budget cuts in education will also seriously affect the counseling services that students receive.

"I've been prepared for (budget cuts), but I don't know if the families will be prepared for the inevitable," says Norman.

In 1973, Norman received her undergraduate degree from Boston University where she stayed on to specialize in gerontology and to receive her master's. From 1977 until today, she's worked at the Jewish Home for the Aged, B'nai B'rith, Pawtucket Mental Health (now a community counseling center), several private practices and has been with Butler for four years.

Norman, while she is very happy to receive this well-deserved award, has put as much into being a part of the Jewish community as she has toward her career.



An exhibit of photographs by Arthur Swoger is currently on display in Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence. Mr. Swoger, who teaches a course in natural history photography at the Rhode Island School of Design, has works in several permanent collections. The exhibit is free and open to the public through May 17. Call Ruby Shalansky for more information at 861-8800.

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The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association of the Providence Hebrew Day School welcomes the public to the Twelfth Annual "Torah Freedom Run" road race to be held on Sunday, May 5, at 450 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, R.I. The 3 mile and 5 mile road races begin at 9 a.m. The 1 mile race begins at 9:15 a.m. Proceeds from the event benefit the expanding athletic program of the Day School. Valuable merchandise prizes will be awarded in each of the three races.

The Torah Freedom Run is an annual Springtime road race primarily along Blackstone Boulevard which attracts beginners, experts, walkers, Rabbis, tots and kibitzers from throughout New England. The sponsors, INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS, INC. and NORTHEAST FITNESS & SPORTS SUPERSTORES, urge people of all ages to participate.

The Torah Freedom Run is unique in that it combines a flat, fast course favored by Mini Mile (for children under age five.) Coca Cola and oranges are made available

free of charge to all runners.

The three and five mile courses have been carefully measured to meet official standards for the event. Entrants are asked to register no later than May 1 and to include the \$6 registration fee with their applications. The fee is \$8 on the day of the race. The first 100 entrants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, and all participants will receive refreshments and become eligible for merchandise prizes donated by local merchants. Pre-registration is recommended to assure entry in the races.

For further details and entry forms, please contact the Providence Hebrew Day School at 450 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, R.I. or call (401) 331-5327.

#### Starting Times

- 9 a.m.: Both 5 Mile and 3 Mile races.
- 9:05 a.m.: Mini-Mile (Age 5 and under)
- 9:15 a.m.: 1 Mile open road race.

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Wednesday, May 1  
Video. "Incidence of Catastrophe" by Gary Hill. Noon. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

Lecture and Demonstration. Pino Signronetto offers some hot tips in the Hot Shop. Sponsored by the Glass Department. Lecture, 1:30 p.m. Room 212, Design Center, 30 North Main Street. Demo, 3 p.m. Room 411, Metcalf Building, 7-41 North Main Street.

Lecture. Sculptor Mark Lere delivers a talk on his work. 4:30 p.m. Room 412, College Building, 2 College Street.

### Thursday, May 2

Artists Speak. Meet R.I. painter Roberta Holland Cis-soko (RISD '77) during this informal discussion about her work. 6:30 p.m. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

## Women In Midlife

"Health and Maturity: Women in Midlife" is the subject of an upcoming lecture presented by the Women & Infants Hospital Auxiliary, the third in a series on women's health. The lecture, featuring consultant in health promotion Mary Olenn, R.N., M.Ed., will be held in the hospital auditorium at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

Experts advise that selecting the proper lifestyle as we age can help to insure a long, productive future. Olenn will explore some of the myths and facts which may affect women in midlife including menopause, hysterectomy, osteoporosis, estrogen use and sexuality.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$3. For more information, contact the Auxiliary Office at 274-1100, ext. 8456.

## Congregation Sons Of Jacob

**Friday, April 26** - (22 days to Kabolos Hatorah) Candle-lighting is at 7:18 p.m., 12 days in IYAR.

**Saturday, April 27** - (21 days to Kabolos Hatorah) 13 days in IYAR. The Torah reading today is Parshas Acharei/Kedoshim.

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

Mincha - 7:25 p.m. followed by (the Third Meal) Se'udah Shelishis.

Ma'ariv - 8:15 p.m.

Shabbos ends - 8:24 p.m.

Havdalah service - 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 28** - (20 days to Kabolos Hatorah) 15 days in IYAR. The period for blessing

the creator of the moon ends this evening.

**Sunday, April 28** - (20 days to Kabolos Hatorah) 14 days in IYAR. PESACH SHENI when the Holy Temple was functioning, those who could not bring their Paschal sacrifice on NISAN 14, would bring a substitute lamb on Pesach Sheni, Iyar 14 (B'midbar 9:9-12).

**Thursday, May 2** - IYAR 18 Lag B'omer (16 days to Kabolos Hatorah)

Mincha for the entire week is at 7:40 p.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.

## Dr. Reimer Discusses Intermarried Families And The Temple At Levy Oration

Recent studies have revealed a trend in Jewish demographics that is impacting synagogues across the country. Since 1984, one half of all new marriages involving Jews are marriages between Jew and non-Jew (National Population Study of Jews in the U.S., 1990). Movements in Judaism and their temples are trying to respond to this dramatic shift by establishing outreach programs for interfaith couples. But what about the children of intermarriage? According to figures from the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Boston, by the year 2000 half the children in Jewish religious schools will come from families where one parent was not born Jewish. How do religious school educators, who currently have from one-fifth to one-half of their students from interfaith families, respond to the special issues that emerge? How do the children deal with



Dr. Joseph Reimer

the gap that exists between the home life as lived and the home life as represented at temple? How can Jewish education programs define their curriculum for a changing student body?

Dr. Joseph Reimer will address the important topic, "When Intermarried Families Join the Temple" when he delivers the Arthur and Harriet Levy Memorial Oration on Tuesday, April 30, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. A professor in the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University, Dr. Reimer teaches and writes about Jewish education and the Jewish family. He has co-authored several books and articles in the field of moral development and education.

The community is invited to attend this thought-provoking talk, chaired by Robert Fine, and the reception that follows.

The Arthur and Harriet Levy Memorial Oration was established in the memory of the founder and first president of Jewish Family Service, Arthur Levy and his wife, Harriet.

## Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood Installation And Brunch

The Sisterhood's Annual Installation and Brunch is the kickoff for another exciting year of activities planned by the officers and board members.

The installation will be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 10 a.m. in the Alperin Meeting House. A delicious buffet brunch is planned. An enchanting musical program will be presented by the Alperin Schechter Day School third and fourth grade Choral Group. Cantor Brian J. Mayer will install Barbara Lavine for her second term as President, along with the entire slate of officers and board members.

Chairperson for the event is

Rosalind Bolusky and co-chairperson is Baye Temkin. Publicity by Audrey Licht and decorations by Dora Diamond.

Officers of Sisterhood are: President, Barbara Lavine; Vice Presidents, Liz Goldberg, Audrey Licht, Linda Mittleman, Lynn Markoff; Recording Secretary, Susan Odessa; Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Gereboff; Financial Secretary, Maybeth Candee. New Board Members are: Marsha Barmak, Judy Bergel, Ruth Blustein, Florette Brill, Maybeth Candee, Susan Froelich, Hope Hirsch, Gladys Kapstein, Elaine Krull, Deana Litwin, Rita Millen, Karen Resnick, Lillian Schwartz and Hinda Semonoff.

## Cranston Senior Guild

The next meeting of the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, at 12:30 p.m.

A short business meeting will be followed with entertainment by the R.S.V.P. band - 28 retired professional musicians to play for your pleasure. Refreshments and social hour will follow. 1991-1992 dues must be paid by June 1 in order to be eligible for any of our forthcoming activities. Make check payable to Cranston Senior Guild. Send dues to:

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- June 5 - Installation/paid-up membership luncheon to be held at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Mass. Delightful lunch, raffle prizes, and outstanding entertainment by comedian Paul O'Donnell.

Chairperson Beverly Jacobson, 274-9586.

- June 16-21 - "Last Call" for our annual "Kick-off to Summer" vacation. 6 days, 5 nights at the Nevele Country Club. Leonard and Louise Lyons will accept your reservation - 438-2634.

- July 14 - Newport Sunday Brunch Cruise aboard the Vista Jubilee.

- July 24 - Northshore Music Theatre, "Annie Get Your Gun." Sit-down lunch at King's Grant Inn.

- August 8 - Matunuck Theatre-By-The-Sea, "Music Man." Lunch at 108 House.

- August 15 - White's of Westport, "Scallop Festival," food, dancing and entertainment.

- September 3 - Matunuck Theatre-By-The-Sea, "Driving Miss Daisy," lunch at 108 House.

- October 6 to 10 - "Fall Foliage Spectacular," vacation - 5 days, 4 nights at Kutsher's

Country Club. This is an exclusive Cranston Senior Guild engagement. Chairperson, Beverly Jacobson, 274-9586.

- October 29-31 - A return to Atlantic City staying at Bally's Park Place, right in the heart of the Boardwalk. 3 days, 2 nights, R.I. bus, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 1 show, tips, taxes and \$20 in coin. Len and Louise Lyons, 438-2634.

- November 14 - Northshore Music Theatre, "Stars of Lawrence Welk," with buffet lunch at Augustine's.

All chairpersons and rates will be announced at this meeting.

Also at the meeting, election of officers and board for 1991-1992. Don't miss this informative, delightful and entertainment meeting.

Also, remember your payment to any of these activities, is your confirmed reservation.

## "Israel: What's Really Going On"

B'nai Brith Hope Unit invites you to meet Mr. Zvika Pollack, Young Judea emissary from Israel for New England and Upstate New York. The topic will be "Israel: What's Really Going On." Mr. Pollack's presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. We hope you will join us for an informative, lively, and important evening. The event will take place on Sunday evening, May 5, at

7:30 p.m. at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, R.I.

So that we can better plan for the evening, please RSVP by calling Ethan Adler (946-2604). Of course... refreshments will be served! Even if you forget to RSVP come anyway!!!

Note: The annual banquet and installation of officers is scheduled for Sunday evening, June 9.

## Temple Beth-El Brotherhood Hosts NFTB

The Temple Beth-El Brotherhood will host the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods Board Meeting this week at the Providence Marriott and Temple Beth-El. Meeting for the first time in recent years in a "small-city" location, some 60 Brotherhood delegates and their spouses will attend.

Wednesday evening kicks off with a series of business meetings followed on Thursday and Friday with additional meetings and plenary sessions. Thursday evening will feature

a comedy night and Friday evening a delegation will gather at the Temple for a Shabbat Dinner and Service. "This is a very special time for our Brotherhood," says Stuart Aaronson, president of the Temple's Brotherhood. "We not only will be showing off our beautiful Temple and charming city to delegates from all over the country, but we will be discussing and deciding many important agenda items."

Some of the highlights in-

clude the presentation by the Temple's Brotherhood of a book grant to Mt. St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket. The dozen Jewish titles given by the Brotherhood have been purchased in honor of a long-time friend of Temple Beth-El, Father Edward St. Godard of Holy Family Church in Woonsocket.

For more information on the Temple's Brotherhood, call 331-6070.

## Congregation Ohawe Shalom

This Friday evening services will be at 7:25 p.m. at the Young Israel of Pawtucket. Shabbat morning a kiddush will follow services which begin at 9 a.m. Saturday evening Rabbi Jacobs will give a class in "Ethics of the Fathers" at 6:30 p.m. Mincha will be at 7:20 p.m. followed by the Third Sabbath Meal. Ma'ariv will be at 8:20 p.m. Havdalah will be at 8:30 p.m.

Our synagogue will hold a Shavuot luncheon this year Sunday, May 19, the first day of Shavuot, immediately following services. Please make

reservations as soon as possible. Call 725-3886 or 723-2669 for information.

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# Obituaries

## LOUIS S. BERGER

PROVIDENCE — Louis S. Berger, 84, of 16 Irving Ave., died Monday, April 15, 1991, at home. He was the husband of the late Frances (Russell) Berger.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Simon and Jennie (Gamsu) Berger.

He leaves a daughter, Jennifer Collins of North Billerica, Mass.; two sons, David Berger of Washington, D.C., and Russell Berger of Gaithersburg, Md.; a brother, David Berger of East Providence; and a granddaughter.

The funeral arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.

## BESSIE BROMSON

CRANSTON — Bessie Bromson, 85, of 32 Kearsarge Drive died Thursday, April 18, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Aaron Bromson.

Born in Woonsocket, a daughter of the late Louis and Sarah (Rosenblatt) Darman, she was a Cranston resident 34 years, previously residing in Providence.

She was a bookkeeper for the former S.H. Wintman Distributing Co., and a bookkeeper at the Jewish Home for the Aged for the past 13 years.

She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, a past president of its Sisterhood, and a member of its Board of Directors. She was a lifelong member of the Jewish Historical Society and the Jewish Home for the Aged; a member of the Providence chapter of Hadassah, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of Jewish War Veterans Post No. 23.

She leaves two sons, Burton N. Bromson of Tarrytown, N.Y., and Bruce J. Bromson of Irvine, Calif.; a daughter, Barbara B. Rosenfeld of Alexandria, Va.; and a sister, Ida D. Anthony of Massachusetts;

and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, April 21, at the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## MIRIAM FAIN

PROVIDENCE — Miriam Fain, 87, of 30 Blackstone Blvd., died Wednesday, April 17, 1991, at home. She was the widow of Irving Fain.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Sarah Grossman.

Mrs. Fain was a volunteer driver for the American Red Cross during and after World War II. She also was a volunteer driver for the blind for many years. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, and a president of its Sisterhood. She was a member of Hadassah, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for Aged, and Miriam Hospital. She was a trustee of Insight.

She leaves a daughter, Judith L. Kanter of Moraga, Calif.; a son, Barnett Fain of Barrington, and four grandchildren.

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

## NATALIE E. JACOBSON

PAWTUCKET — Natalie E. Jacobson, 87, of 49 Lowden St., a bookkeeper for the former Grayson's Store, Providence, from 1931 to 1941, died Tuesday, April 9, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Samuel Jacobson.

Born in Lithuania, a daughter of the late Eli and Dora (Kurgan) Harrison, she lived in Pawtucket for 49 years. She previously lived in Providence.

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

She leaves a son, Sidney Jacobson of Warwick; a daughter, Edith Lensky of North Miami Beach, Fla., and five

grandchildren, Andrew, Rena, Mitchel, Deborah and Marcia and several nieces and nephews. She was mother of the late Yvette Dubnick, Freda Yosinoff, Betty Painter and Irving Jacobson.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, April 10, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## DAVID L. KAHNOVSKY

PROVIDENCE — David L. Kahnovsky, 69, died Friday, April 19, 1991, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave.

Born in Providence, a son of the late William and Esther Levinson Kahnovsky, he had been a lifelong resident of this city. He was a messenger for many jewelry companies for many years until retirement eight years ago.

Besides a brother, Melvin Kahn of Cranston, he leaves several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements by the Sugarman-Smith Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## ANNE P. MUSEN

WORCESTER, Mass. — Anne P. (Pass) Musen, 91, formerly of 12 South Flagg St., died Tuesday, April 9, 1991, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., Providence, R.I. Her husband, Samuel R. Musen, died in 1961.

She was born in Russia, a daughter of Zalman and Fanny (Savran) Pass, and lived 51 years in Providence before moving to Worcester in 1961. She returned to Providence in 1986.

Mrs. Musen worked as a bridal consultant for The Sorority Shop in Providence more than 15 years, retiring in 1961.

She was a member of Temple Sinai, Worcester and Temple Beth-El in Providence. She was past president of Post 23, Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary in Providence, where she was active for many years.

She leaves a son, Dr. Frederick N. Musen of Cran-

ston, R.I.; a daughter, Rhoda J. Dickman of Worcester, Mass.; a brother, Nathan Pass of Riverside, R.I.; a sister, Sara Andelman of New Windsor, N.Y.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at Perlman Funeral Home, 1026 Main St., Worcester, Mass. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906.

## HARRY STAIRMAN

PROVIDENCE — Harry Stairman, 86, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a self-employed dry goods salesman for many years before retiring 25 years ago, died Friday, April 19, 1991, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of the late Clara (Halpern) Stairman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Abraham and Bessie (Belcher) Stairman, he lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Providence a month ago.

Mr. Stairman was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, its Men's Club and the Majestic Senior Guild.

He leaves two sons, Arnold Stairman of Canton, Mass., and Melvin Stairman of Swampscott, Mass.; a daughter, Shirley Marder of Peabody, Mass.; a brother, Nathan Stairman of West Warwick; a sister, Fannie Einbinder of Portland, Maine; and eight grandchildren.

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

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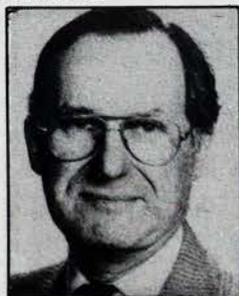
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"In the end," he said, "all we have is our young people."

a lot of fat to trim from the budgets," said Richard Joel, international director of Hillel. "We will not do across-the-board cuts again. We are not a salami," he said. "We felt right now the system would bear this cut."

While Hillel and BBYO receive half of B'nai B'rith's annual budget, they are being spared, to some extent, the budget paring that the rest of the B'nai B'rith organization is facing. One-third of the cuts will affect the youth groups, and two-thirds will impact other B'nai B'rith programs.

Saving BBYO and Hillel from the harshest cuts is part of B'nai B'rith's emphasis on its youth programs, which, while not new, may become an increasingly important focus for B'nai B'rith as the organization struggles to bring its structure

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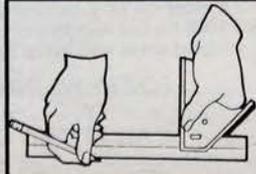
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## The Foot Doctor

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

Hate going to doctors? Your fear of doctors may disappear once you've met Dr. David M. Greenberg, DPM. His manner, while very relaxed and personable, blends well with his experience in foot care, resulting in enjoyable office visits. He specializes in the practice of podiatric medicine, surgery and sports medicine.

Typical of most doctors, he was running late for his scheduled interview with this reporter. Very apologetic for his lateness, Greenberg explained that one patient needed an unexpected specialized treatment earlier that morning.

His bright, newly decorated waiting room includes a light humorous drawing entitled "Toe Tune Up" by Combz. It's

of a foot with people working on it who are equipped with a pulley, car jack, reflex hammer, etc. The image proves the doctor's lightheartedness. It's good to have a doctor who can make those patients uneasy about doctors feel more comfortable.

As it turns out, the whole office is new. Dr. Greenberg helped renovate the three-story house in December and opened his doors the first week in January.

Dr. Greenberg received his undergraduate degree at Springfield University in 1983. His podiatric training occurred between 1983 and 1987 at the Cleveland, Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, where he was consistently on the dean list.

In 1987 Greenberg joined the surgical residency program at Cranston General Hospital.

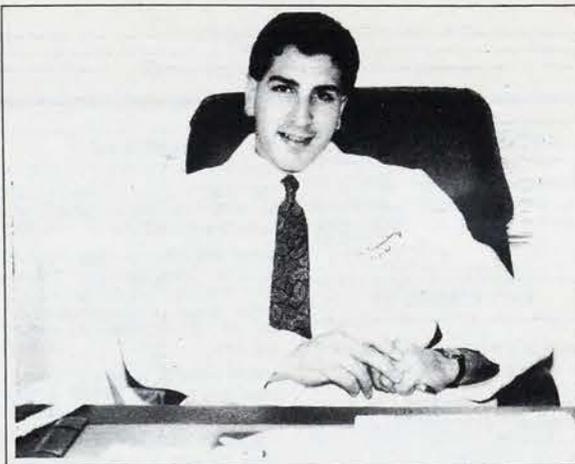
Two years later he joined his first private co-practice at the Wellsley Medical Building on Smith Street in North Providence.

The doctor explained that once he seriously considered opening a practice in San Diego, since he's equipped with a California state medical license. But, his inevitable return to his hometown was just something he knew would happen, because he enjoys being surrounded by family and friends.

Greenberg was an associate for Dr. Bruce Werber in Cranston for two years and today he continues to be an associate with Dr. Richard Reuter at the Cumberland Medical Treatment Center one day a week.

He is presently on staff at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Notre Dame Hospital, Miriam Hospital, and is also associated with the orthopedic department at Cranston General Hospital.

This April is National Foot Health Month according to Greenberg, who believes in promoting podiatry for the good of the public. His most noted attempt, in conjunction with National Foot Health Month, has been his recent talk show on WALE. From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Thursday, people listen to an interesting talk between Greenberg and one of



his weekly guest speakers. All questions are more than welcome.

Also, knowing the importance of spreading preventative podiatric medical information to people most prone to injuries, Greenberg lectures at several fitness centers.

Podiatry was "right up my alley," says Dr. Greenberg when asked how he became interested in the field. He played on the Jewish Community Center's men's league and was an all-state athlete during his school days. As an athletic person, Greenberg took an interest in his and his teammates experiences with sports-related injuries and turned it into a full-

time career goal. Greenberg's father, also a podiatrist in Olneyville, Providence, had a major influence in his son's career choice.

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## WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

Dear Attorney Pulner:

Within the next few weeks, my nine-year-old daughter will be visiting me from the State of Florida. She lives down there with my ex-husband which had been agreed upon when we got divorced approximately two years ago. I talk with my daughter at least two to three times per week by telephone and she is always telling me, that she is being left alone at night without a babysitter, that her father is never around to cook her supper, and that he is spending most of his evenings just getting drunk, after which he becomes loud and often physically abusive. When my daughter comes for visitation, I plan on keeping her here and preventing her from returning to the State of Florida. My circumstances are now much better than they were when I agreed to let my daughter live with my ex-husband. I am in a much better position to be able to provide my daughter with a good lifestyle that is not only stable, but healthy. Can I be arrested or face jail if I carry out this plan? I'm not sure I will care what your answer is, because I will not let her go back to that environment. I still am concerned as to what awaits me if I carry out this course of action.

— Scared, but certain  
Dear Scared:

Be certain that if your daughter is truly facing and enduring a lifestyle that you have briefly described, there is an avenue for you to travel down to protect both you and

your young daughter. The Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act is the source of your relief in this matter, and with the assistance of a skilled family law attorney, it is likely that you will succeed in keeping your daughter with you. In order to achieve that success, however, you're going to have to satisfy the court that your daughter's circumstances in Florida are dire and that in order to adequately protect your child, it is in her best interest to remain in the State of Rhode Island. The court will also have to be satisfied that your daughter has either been subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse or is otherwise neglected or dependent. Unless you are able to offer into evidence the testimony of others who have firsthand knowledge of the neglect or abuse you describe, you should be forewarned that your daughter may very well have to testify under oath. This testimony may or may not be

allowed to be given in closed chambers without either you or your ex-husband present. That determination will be made by the judge and only then, if the judge is satisfied that the emotional strain on your daughter would be too severe if she were required to testify in open court in the presence of both you and your ex-husband. If the court is satisfied after all the evidence is taken that your daughter does face the circumstances you allege, it is likely that the court will exercise its jurisdiction and allow your daughter to remain with you in the State of Rhode Island. The Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act has, as one of its many purposes, the goal of honoring other states' custody decisions. It is rare circumstances as you have suggested herein that would allow our R.I. Family Court to step in and grant you the relief you seek.

I wish you the very best of luck, and once again, I suggest you contact skilled legal counsel immediately.

*The answers provided above are based upon general legal principles, and therefore will vary from case to case.*

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