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Israelis Favor Giving Up Land For Peace

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A solid majority of Israelis now favor some sort of territorial compromise in exchange for peace with the Arabs, a new public opinion poll has determined.

But an even larger majority opposes a return to the 1967 borders, according to the poll, which was taken in May by the Gutmann Institute for Practical and Social Research.

The survey was conducted among a random sampling of 1,200 Jewish adults throughout the country, kibbutzniks excluded. It found that Israelis of both left-wing and right-wing persuasions are dissatisfied with the status quo in the administered territories and oppose a do-nothing policy.

About four-fifths of the respondents were amenable to giving up the Gaza Strip, and about 70 percent agreed it is possible to relinquish at least part of the West Bank in exchange for peace with Israel's Arab neighbors.

The Gutmann Institute's director, Eliahu Katz and Chana Levinson analyzed the results in a recent article in the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*.

They said the responses were remarkably uniform on abstract concepts, such as "territorial compromise" and "status quo," but became seriously fragmented when reduced to concrete choices.

For example, 7 percent of the respondents were prepared to return all of the West Bank; 12 percent would return most of the territory; 30 percent would give up a "certain portion" of it; and 20 percent a small part.

Thirty-one percent were not prepared to return anything, and 93 percent said Israel should not even discuss withdrawal from all of the West Bank.

The poll showed most Israelis, including two-thirds of Labor Party voters, oppose negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

More complex solutions won greater support. Forty-five percent supported a federation between Jordan and the territories, 57 percent backed annexation with some measure of autonomy for the Palestinians; and 57 percent supported withdrawal from portions of the territories heavily populated by Arabs.

Sinai Breaks New Ground!



by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Early Tuesday morning representatives (above photo) from Temple Sinai's congregation, Board of Trustees, major donors, and long range planning committee, gathered with the temple's Rabbi George J. Astrachan, Cantor Rennie J. Brown, and President Fred Berkowitz to officially dig the beginnings of a new temple addition.

At approximately 1,500 to 1,600 sq. ft., the building will provide extra capacity for worship services, youth services, a larger library, and meeting space.

According to Berkowitz, the officers and board members approved this project two years ago in hopes that the new building would offer congregants the assurance of a growing congregation. The addition will, at the same time, provide the "big donors" with concrete evidence that their contributions have been put to a good cause.

"We want to let them know that their money is being put to a worthy cause," explained Berkowitz.

The temple took out a loan of \$210,000 to pay for the new building and so far, says Berkowitz, about \$140,000 has been pledged from about 15 families. More is expected. He hopes to raise enough to help pay for the finance charges and to pay off the loan fairly quickly. The fact that this new loan comes just after the completion of the temple's mortgage payments has inspired the planners to pay off this new loan within four years.

The expansion of this 32-year-old temple is due to the continued growth of both the congregation and the Temple Sinai Religious School. In the last five years, the number of family members has increased by 70 families and Berkowitz says this year's projected number of religious school pupils has climbed from approximately 210 to about 265.

Following the ceremony, the construction company, Fairlawn Construction Corporation, of Pawtucket, and architectural company, Ekman Arp & Snider, of Warwick, began work on the already cleared and surveyed area.

The project is expected to be completed by the beginning of the new school year, Sunday, September 15.



GIFT OF LIFE: Rabbi Daniel Syme, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, left, presents a "Gift of Life" award to Leonard Kleinman, chief executive officer of the New York Yankees, for the team's role in a new national campaign to combat youth suicide. Professional sports teams and individual athletes will be involved in an effort to persuade youngsters of the futility of suicide. Materials will be circulated through churches, synagogues, schools and crisis intervention agencies to alert the public to signs of depression and suicidal tendencies and to suggest proper courses of action. The sports project is a nonsectarian outgrowth of the UAHC's "Hand of Hope" anti-suicide campaign, started in 1984. The Yankees and the New York Mets were among the first teams to join the campaign. Fifteen others, representing various sports, have also signed up as sponsors.

Woman's Bid To Run For Presidency Barred

by Aliza Marcus

NEW YORK (JTA) — A recent decision by the Council of Young Israel prohibiting a Detroit-area woman from running for the office of president in her suburban synagogue has not quelled the controversy surrounding the role of women in Orthodox synagogues.

Young Israel, which has some 332 affiliate synagogues across the world, issued a ruling in early June that Lea Luger, vice president of Young Israel of West Bloomfield, could not become president.

But according to Rabbi Herbert Bomzer, chairman of the council's Beth Din Commission, which deals with matters of Jewish law, the decision is only binding on that specific case.

"I don't know what will happen in the future," he said, adding that the decision does not necessarily preclude women from holding the office of president.

"Any law has two sides to it, and the basic idea is how you interpret these things," said Rabbi Ephraim Sturm, executive vice president of the National Council of Young Israel.

Conflicting opinions have already been expressed by some rabbis within the Young Israel movement in Detroit, with one saying he would never allow a woman to be president, and another arguing there is nothing in Jewish law that prohibits this, according to a report in *The Detroit Jewish News*.

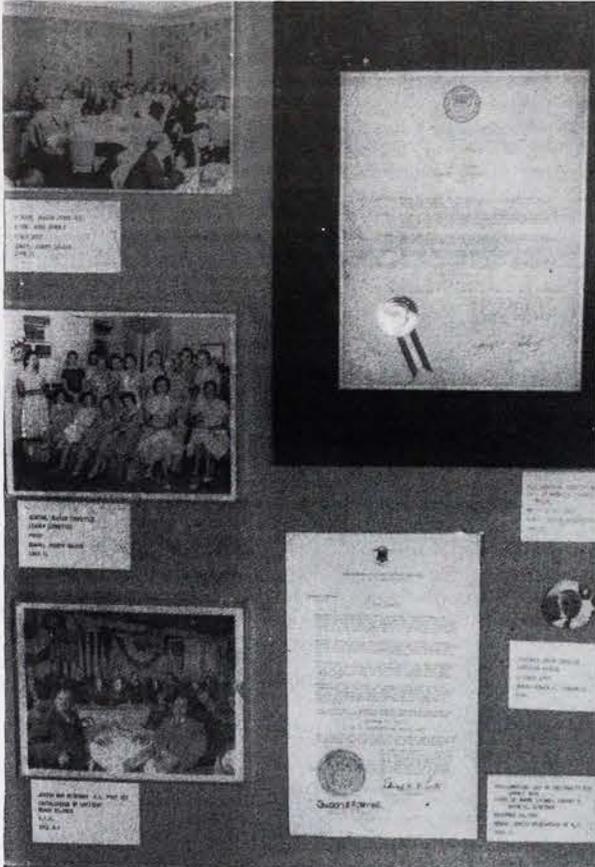
Luger, who unwittingly set (continued on page 14)



Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945 is on display through August 1 at Salve Regina University. The show is located on Ruggles Avenue, near the Breakers, in Cecilia Hall at Carey Mansion in Newport. For further information call 847-6650, extension 2296.

Inside the Ocean State

Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Exhibit



The Rhode Island Historical Society is sponsoring an exhibit by the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association in the Museum of Rhode Island History, Aldrich House, 110 Benevolent Street, Providence. The display is made up of recently acquired memorabilia relating to the Jews of Rhode

DEA Announces Card Schedule

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA) processes identification cards for persons 60 and older every Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 160 Pine Street in Providence.

Persons must present proof of age, such as a birth certificate, driver's license, or Blue Cross Plan 65 card. The DEA identification cards contain their owners' photograph, date of birth, Social Security number, address, and signature. DEA identification cards may NOT be used for free transportation on RIPTA buses. A \$2 donation per ID card is requested.

State law requires financial institutions to honor the DEA identification card as valid for the purpose of cashing federal, state, and municipal checks under \$750.

Senior housing units, senior centers, and other agencies interested in hosting the DEA mobile ID card unit at their site should contact Carmen Albert at 277-2880.

Island donated to the archives of the Association. The exhibit can be seen at the Aldrich House until August 31. It is open to the public.

Creator of this interesting exhibit is Robert A. Kotlen, former President of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

Events At The JCCRI: Week Of July 12-18

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 week of July 12-18, 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.

Collection for the 2nd Annual Kidstuff Sale

Throughout the summer, Preschool and ITC Departments will be collecting clothing from infants through children's size 14, toys, books and baby equipment for an upcoming Kidstuff Sale. Items must be clean, complete and in good condition (no stains or tears). Collection boxes will be located in the ITC, Preschool, game room or at the main desk in the lobby. To make arrangements for large items or large quantities to be collected, call Eva Silver. Donations are tax deductible. The Kidstuff Sale is held to raise money for the Preschool and ITC.

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 mealsite is open 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 by interesting programs. The schedule includes:

Friday, July 12 — VCR program, "Japan — The Island Empire," 11 a.m./Shabbat.

Sunday, July 14 — VCR program, "All That Jazz," 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 16 — Women's Forum, 11 a.m./Bingo, 12:45-2 p.m.

Thursday, July 18 — Friend to Friend, 11 a.m. to noon. Bingo, 12:45-2 p.m.

Call Sandy Bass for more information.

Volunteer Help Needed for the Mealsite

Kitchen volunteer help is needed for the JCCRI Kosher Mealsite. Help is needed for food preparation and service and Meals on Wheels. No cooking is required. To inquire, call Sandy Bass.

Attention Readers!

Dorothea Snyder's page, "Around Town," will resume the first week of August as the columnist is on vacation.

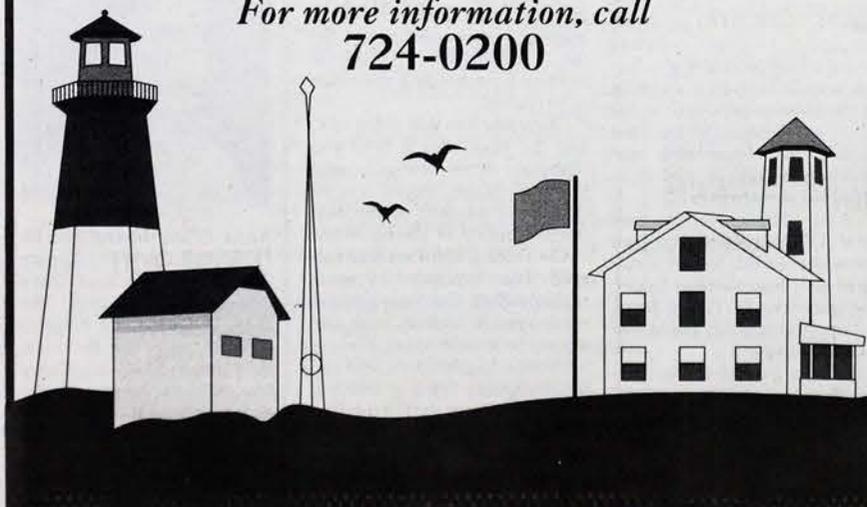
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Mucking About

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor



Drift back to other shores. After a light lunch it's time to loaf but also to sort — images of Julys and Augusts gone by.

After World War II I had reached the age of my middle kid now. The age to earn a few dollars — for poker or for pictures at the Lyric — by doing a bit of babysitting. I was proudest of the two dollar bill I got for painting the table and benches for neighbors across the way. They had set up a croquet game beside the shady picnic grove. I learned to play

chess at that white table. I always lost. I had no strategy. Except tit for tat, swap for swap. Clear the board and get down to basics.

Press forward to a later summer, still in the East Bay. Like my oldest at 15 I chomped at the bit to drive a car. You have to figure out the clutch. In Westerns you have to mount the horse. Through that summer of not driving I sat with my head in my hands in the shade of the back stoop, grounded by one year. I played

cribbage fifteen two fifteen four. Round the screen door the leaves of the violets of spring had spread to freaky giant breadth, as though the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki had sowed radioactive fertilizer over the whole world and everything and everybody in it, as well as the cars. Everything loomed bloated and twisted.

Merrier kids sunned and flirted at Barrington Beach. We waited down our muddy lane over in Hampden Meadows. In my corners away from a place in the sun I kept my tin of worked-for coins to take out for pennyanche with my grandparents on their Sunday night at our own white table in the center of our retreat. Sometimes aunts and uncles would join in and tell episodes of their lives like soap opera. "Mary Worth" and "Rex Morgan" were just coming out in the funnies.

After high school and col-

lege, a full adolescence later, I carved out a summer to write my first book, all about those relatives, neighbors and fancy faroff friends. We had left the eelgrass and the cove for the sandy stretches of South County. The first night under a crescent thin moon after a late lone movie in Narragansett, I couldn't find the turn to take me to the new empty house. I kept steering over the wrong route again and again. I also couldn't type beyond the first sentence of my book. I felt fixed like a bug. I found my way. Talking to fresh friends helped me write short stories.

I haven't got a lot of easy skills. I do a few things. My greatest feat was picking up a foreign language. French came to me *tout de suite*. One summer in the Peace Corps Period I taught a Corps going on to Tunisia. We met on the Brown campus. In those outspoken afternoons, I said too much

about my wartime boyhood patriotism and my pro-Israel loyalties. Kennedy had shouted, *Ich Bin ein Berliner* I wasn't. I didn't score a big hit that July.

Another hot spell I translated an English handbook of operations into French for Foster Family Plan. Bright beachcombers now walked from the Pier to the Dunes. I crouched over my hand typewriter and couldn't even change the ribbon. After copying, my instructions to staff must have blurred out to a whisper. I bet they've had to redo the whole enterprise. My French was literary. We live in an auto-age. I never did get the proper term for "computer." In each chapter of the manual I tried a different word. I settled on "ordinateur."

Summer makes a fine time to muck things up. All the same as Nat King Cole used to croon, "I wish that summer could always be here."

Returning To My Vienna

by Hans L. Heimann

Thomas Wolfe wrote "you can't go home again." I wanted to see if this was true.

After being in emigration for six years, I returned to my native Vienna in 1945. We did not recognize each other...

The town was ruined by Allied bombings, there was very little food available. Black-market dealers were on every street corner, and the few showcases of the stores that were not boarded up with plywood were empty.

The city itself, just like the entire state, was divided up in four zones, constantly patrolled by MPs in jeeps. They were the United States, British, French and Russian forces. No one wanted to live in the Russian zone, but, of course, they didn't have much of a choice. Everything looked grey and unwashed. The internationally famous Opera house was half bombed out. People on the streets had hungry expressions on their faces, no one looked at the other person. Did I feel satisfaction after all that was done to me and my family? I think not. I still pitied them. An example: When the train from Milan arrived at the Brenner pass, the border between Italy and my former homeland, the first Austrian person I met was the customs agent. I offered him an American cigarette, he took it, broke it in half, and told me he would save the other half for after supper. Tears welled up in my eyes. I gave him the whole pack. So much for feelings of revenge.

At the hotel (one of the few not requisitioned by occupying forces), I filled out a registration form. Name, country of origin, address, etc., posed no problem. But then there was the line: "Rasse" - Race. It was left over from the Third Reich. I first thought I would leave it blank, but then I said to myself why not? I put in *Menschen - Human*. The concierge looked at it but indeed he did not dare to make a remark and let it go by.

Of course, everybody you spoke to was "never a Nazi," they were all forced into it. Did they forget that the morning

after Hitler's triumphant goose stepping into Vienna, they all had swastika armbands, that from every house flew a German flag?

With very little to do, I walked the streets, looking up familiar sites, searching for friends of whom I knew only a few were left. There were perhaps only four or five "Kinos," moviehouses that were still standing; they showed Hollywood films. The opera was just re-opened, as the players worked behind plywood boarded scenery. The retreating German troops had even confiscated the famous iron curtains, probably to melt it into cannons.

There were only two newspapers left, the *Neue Freie Presse*, a renowned publication until their editorials were dictated by Goebbels, and *Das Kleine Blatt*, a tabloid. I read the *Rome Daily American*, a newspaper which, as the name stated, was published in Rome, in English.

Some of the people I knew when I was a schoolboy took me around. It was depressing. Yes, instead of being happy that those Nazi bastards had their comeuppance, I cried when I saw the giant ferris wheel, one of the landmarks of olden times.

Instead of the week I had planned to stay, I left after three days.

Tom Wolfe, you were absolutely right, Sir.

Hello and Goodbye

by Dori Adler

As I walked home from school, I saw the grass on my lawn was beginning to get greener. Suddenly, I realized that spring was here. I realized that my life was great. But one of my sister's friends dad died. Such a typical day for me and yet such a tragic day.

It's amazing how one minute life can get no better, and then you call up that friend and ask a simple question, "How's your dad feeling?" I just stood there stunned as my sister told me the four words her friend muttered as though they were her last, "My dad is dead!"

As children we all wish that we could get away from our parents. But for a parent to die! It's not fair for that to happen.

For some reason all I remember when I think of death is my great-grandmother Klara Lowy. She moved here from Israel to live with my grandparents. Since she didn't speak any English besides hello and goodbye, communication was tough. Yet, for some reason, we knew what each other was thinking. We became sort of close, well as close as I think we could get due to our handicap of communication.

I remember the day when I found out she had died. I was at camp and the director told me I was going home. That didn't surprise me because I thought I was going to see my dad before he went to Israel. With Chinese food on my mind, I went to see

my parents. The looks of their faces dampened my good mood and instantly I knew.

That day a few of us cried at the funeral, especially my grandmother. All my feelings seemed to just hide in my mind and my only thought was how I could help my family.

In Jewish tradition, we have an unveiling a year later to uncover the grave stone. Little did I know what I would realize and see that painful day. Well, a few months later a family friend passed away and I went to the funeral. It was at the same place, so I decided to go "visit" Momilie (her nickname).

I was standing there freezing, and then anger welled up inside me. She was buried in a place where trees are all around and the stone is on the ground so you can't see it and I realized that she wouldn't want to be

buried here. She'd want the noise of cars and people to visit her, not to be stuck all the way out here where people forget her.

As the tears started falling on my great-grandmother's place of rest, I started talking to her. Soon I was too emotional, because I realized she couldn't understand one word I was

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Dear Editors:

I am a resident in Rhode Island for over forty years. Before settling here, I was an inmate in several concentration camps in Europe.

In Belsen-Bergen, I met Sonia Warshowski who was also an inmate. She has been living in Kansas and is coming to visit me on July 10 for a week. We have not seen each other for forty-three years and are very much looking forward to seeing each other again.

I hope that you will print the story of this happy reunion and perhaps hear more of our unforgettable memories.

Rose Berger Cranston

Dear Editors:

New England Young Judea will be collecting toys, both new and used (in good condition) to send to Ethiopian immigrant children. These will be sent along with the nine recent high school graduates who are participating in Young Judea's Year Course in Israel. These

young people will be leaving at the end of August, and we hope to finish collecting all the toys by August 15. Looking at the recent dramatic events to airlift the remaining Jewish community out of Ethiopia, this is the least we can do to help in the absorption process for these children. They came to Israel with nothing, and by sending toys we will help to ease a hard process and bring joy to many families.

Please bring your toys to the Meeting House stage of Temple Emmanuel, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., July 15th-18th, and 8 a.m. to 12 noon, July 19th. For further information please call Judy Greenblatt at 351-6026.

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AN OBSERVANT EYE



AVI SHAFRAN

Smorgasbord Judaism

by Avi Shafra

In understandable desperation, Alexander Schindler, the president of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations is still trying to justify his movement's rejection of the halachic principle that a child is automatically Jewish only if his or her mother is.

In a recent article for the *Jerusalem Report*, Rabbi Schindler not only pats himself on the back for his movement's "creation," in one fell swoop, of thousands of (often unsuspecting and wholly unconcerned) "Jews," but prescribes the same sweet placebo to the state of Israel, to facilitate its absorption of intermarried Soviet immigrants.

Rabbi Schindler's hope that he might yet manage to convince more of his skeptical fellow clergymen — so many of whom were flabbergasted at the now-infamous "patrilineal decision" — is excusable, one supposes. His distortion of Jewish tradition and history, however, is not.

While admitting that Jewish law for the past several millen-

nia has unequivocally held only the mother's genealogy to determine her child's Jewish status, Schindler attempts to muddle the issue by announcing his discovery that Jewish law considers the *father's* status the element germane to his child's standing as a *cohein* or *levi*, a true, if irrelevant, fact. If fatherhood "works" there, the rabbi reasons in ersatz talmudic style, why should it not work for assigning the status of Jewishness itself? That, he argues, is precisely what our times require: a new "interpretation of (Jewish) law and custom."

Now, never mind the deep human truth our divine tradition is imparting with its insistence that only a woman can bestow automatic and essential Jewishness. What is infinitely more irksome about the rabbi's *pilpul* is the nonchalant, almost cynical, way he picks and chooses his pieces of Jewish tradition, like so many hors d'oeuvres. Whatever happens to serve his purposes, whatever "fits," is happily embraced and utilized; whatever makes him

uneasy, summarily discarded. Such "smorgasbord Judaism" is, unfortunately, all too common in the modern Jewish world, but no less tragic for the fact.

Rabbi Schindler then makes the old and specious argument that Jewish father *must* be quite enough to make a child Jewish because no lesser personages than Moses and Joseph themselves married "non-Jews" and their children were certainly Jewish — an argument that completely disregards the fact that the Jewish people qua people did not truly come into existence until the revelation at Sinai, so that Moses (until that event) and Joseph (throughout his life) were themselves "non-Jews" of a sort. Schindler ignores as well the ancient Jewish tradition that Tziporah and Osnat entered fully into the faith of their husbands with the pre-Sinaitic equivalent of halachic conversion.

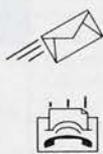
Does Rabbi Schindler really think that Moses, the greatest Jewish prophet in history, actually married "out of the faith"? Would the rabbi, even in the Judaism of his own imaginings, then think to justify intermarriage too, on the basis of what he perceives as Moses' example?

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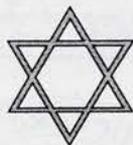
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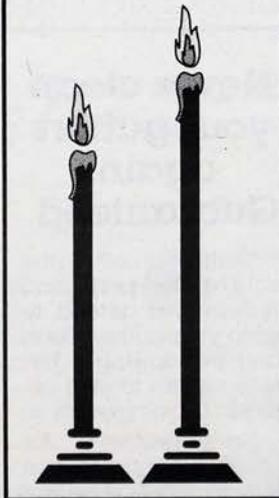
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Destroy To Rebuild

This week, we read two portions from the Torah, *Matot* and *Masei*. In the opening verses of *Matot*, we encounter the laws of making and annulling a vow. Whereas a person cannot release himself from his pledges, in certain cases, others can do it for him.

Masei begins with an account of the 42 journeys by which the Israelites left Egypt and came to the borders of the Chosen Land. The opening verse, however, suggests that all 42 of the journeys were an exodus from Egypt; whereas in fact only the first journey was, when the Jews literally left the land. To understand this seeming contradiction, we must recognize that Egypt is not only a place but also a state of mind. *Mitzrayim*, the Hebrew word for Egypt, also means 'confinement'; which is an obvious contrast with the land of Israel, which is called the "good and spacious land."

In fact, the entire time that the Israelites were not in their Land, they were in confinement; each journey was, in reality, leaving the "confinement" of Egypt. Yesterday's freedom can be confining today. A servant who is allowed to start work at 5 a.m. rather than 4 a.m. feels a sense of freedom. Tomorrow, however, or the next day, when he becomes used to the later hour, he will consider 5 a.m. to be early.

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The Torah portions of *Matot* and *Masei* are always read during the period of the three weeks between the 17th of Tamuz and the 9th of Av. They are set in this time of bitter confinement, between the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem (the 17th of Tamuz) and the Temple's destruction (the 9th of Av, 70 CE).

The significance of this timing, especially that of *Masei*, is that these portions convey to us, at a time when we most need reminding of it, the con-

cept of "destroying in order to rebuild." Destruction may be for the sake of replacing a building with a better and stronger one. The Baal Shem Tov taught that salvation is not something which simply follows trouble: it is an implicit component of it. Just as the portion of *Masei* combines two conflicting concepts; here, too, we find the fusion of two opposites — destroying and rebuilding, affliction and salvation — which comes only when we leave the confinements of human reasoning and journey towards the all-encompassing expanses of faith. At this level, everything is drawn into our faith.

Seen from the eyes of a son, punishment is an evil. In the eyes of his father, it is for his son's own good. Our goal is to see history through the eyes of G-d. And by so doing we are able to turn G-d's hidden mercy into open kindness, and change the darkness of exile into the light of the Time to Come.

From Torah Studies by Jonathan Sacks, adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Y. Laufer.

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

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U.S. Immigration Drop

Though between 200,000 and 300,000 aliens have applied for admission to the United States, the closing of U.S. Consulates in many foreign countries will affect the consideration of their cases. The American Embassies able to function in Europe are difficult to reach so that the number of prospective immigrants who might apply for visas will be greatly diminished.

Palestine Office Closed

The Palestine-Amt, the office through which tens of thousands of German Jews have passed to get their immigration papers for settlement in Palestine, has been ordered closed by the German Government. The office has served as a link between the government and the Jewish community.

Jews With "Aryan" Ancestors Favored

Jews who can boast a pure "Aryan" member in their family will be raised to the level of full-fledged citizens of the Fascist State of Italy, with all the dubious liberty this privilege entails. All other Jews are to be expelled from Italy over a certain period of time.

Survivors Discuss Experiences With Grandchildren

For many Jews who survived the Nazi Holocaust, telling their children about the suffering they endured proved too emotional a task. But they are finding it easier to speak with their grandchildren about their experiences, according to Dr. Yitzhak Arad, chairman of Yad Vashem, the chairman of the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem.

"Holocaust families have gone through an unusual metamorphosis," Dr. Arad said during a recent visit to New York. "Many survivors deliberately refrained from discussing their suffering in order to spare their children — and themselves — the pain of remembrance. In an effort to build new lives, survivors often buried themselves in their business or professional lives, leaving little time to dwell on the past."

"Today, with the passage of time and the softening of memory, survivors feel differently. They can never forget, but today more and more of them can talk about the terrible losses they knew. And they are telling their stories to their grandchildren, who are learning about the Holocaust in a way that the survivors' own children never did."

Worldwide Interest in History of the Holocaust

Moreover, said Dr. Arad — an historian who has spent 20 years as head of the Yad Vashem memorial — renewed interest in the Holocaust is not confined to the grandchildren of Holocaust families but appears to be worldwide. The 1.2 million visitors to Yad Vashem each year includes a growing proportion of young people from all countries, many of whom are not Jewish.

Germany, Dr. Arad said, is understandably one of the nations most involved in raising the consciousness of young people to the Nazi murder of Jews. He explained that the German government allows young people to do voluntary work in Israel as an alternative to military service through an organization called Zinen-Zeichen — "Mark of Sin" — as part of Germany's effort to repent for its crimes against the Jewish people.

There has also been increasing interest in recent years in

the role non-Jews played in saving Jews from the Nazis, he observed. Yad Vashem, which maintains an Avenue of the Righteous at the site of the memorial and museum to honor those who risked their own lives or freedom in behalf of Jewish friends or neighbors, now lists 8,000 Righteous Gentiles who hid or otherwise saved Jews from the Nazis.

On a per capita basis, Holland leads in the percentage of Christians who helped Jews. Yad Vashem lists 3,000 Righteous Gentiles from Holland. Poland, with a much larger Jewish and non-Jewish population, also has 3,000. The remaining 2,000 persons represent the total from all the other nations of Europe. Dr. Arad noted, however, that Righteous Gentiles in the U.S.S.R. are only now being discovered, because until recently the Soviet government maintained a tight lid on documentation of anti-Jewish atrocities.

'All Danish Non-Jews Were Righteous Gentiles'

The Yad Vashem chairman also observed that although Denmark managed to save almost all of its Jews, very few individual Danes are honored at Yad Vashem. "The Danish Jews were saved as a group through a nationwide effort, leaving little or no need for individual acts of heroism," he explained. "Virtually all Danish non-Jews were Righteous Gentiles."

During his visit to the U.S., Dr. Arad spoke at a reception in his honor given by the American and International Societies for Yad Vashem. The chairmen were Sam Halpern, Mark Palmer and Sam Skura. Eli Zborowski is president of the American and International Societies.

Mr. Zborowski reported that the Yad Vashem's historic Valley of the Destroyed Jewish Communities, adjoining the museum and memorial in Jerusalem, was now nearing completion and would be formally opened at solemn ceremonies next year. On huge stone pillars in the Valley, covering an area of six acres dug out among the hills surrounding Yad Vashem, will be engraved the names of some 5,000 European communities where Jews lived but which are no more.

A Fitting Reversal Of Fear

by Peter J. Corwin
Herald Contributing Reporter

With Iraq hiding its suspected nuclear weapons program from U.N. observers, the time is ripe for Israel to destroy the remnants of this capability. Israel's restraint during the Scud missile attacks should be used now as a vehicle for retaliation.

An airstrike would be justified on two fronts. First, any country has the right under international law to amend a wrong done to it. Second, U.N. Security Council Resolution 678 permits "all necessary means" to ensure that Iraq abides by its cease-fire pledges of dismantling any nuclear/chemical/biological weapons.

Not only would the world breathe easier — literally, in the case of the Kurds — but the destruction of Iraq's suspected stockpiles would produce long-term benefits as well. Syria, recently enriched with funds for its relatively minor role within the anti-Iraq Arab coalition, would be deterred from taking over as Israel's (and Lebanon's) next bully.

Second, the United States could avoid further military intervention. And with the U.S. military vastly reduced, no longer would "friendly fire" be a danger.

Third, the U.N. would gain increased legitimacy as an enforcer of cease-fire pledges and Security Council resolutions. Finally, other hostile

Arab countries which viewed Israel's restraint initially as weakness would know otherwise.

Two remaining questions: Does Israel know where Iraq is hiding its remaining stockpiles? And is Israel prepared for such a strike?

With satellite assistance from the United States, Israel should have little difficulty locating target sites. As to the second question, having Saddam fear the unknown of "when" and "how" represents a fitting reversal. The luxury of those decisions is in the hands of the Israeli government.

Said Prime Minister Shamir, "We shall choose the time, the place, and the manner." The

main difference is that it will be Saddam, and not innocent Iraqi citizens, who will be subjected to this fear.

Israel had been concerned about Iraq's nuclear potential long before the Persian Gulf War. In June 1981, it destroyed the Osirac nuclear reactor. Although publicly condemned for that assault at the time, Israel is no doubt being praised today — at least privately — in retrospect.

The same admiration would hold true today if Israel were to take the teeth from the leader who bites first and questions later. Israel, on the other hand, will have proved it can question first, and decide for itself the most judicious time to bite back.

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World and National News



SWEARING IN. At a White House ceremony, Vice President Dan Quayle (right) swears in Rabbi Arthur Schneier as chairman of the U.S. Commission for Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad. Rabbi Schneier, who was appointed to the post by President Bush, is the senior rabbi of Park East Synagogue in New York and president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. He took the oath of office on a Russian-Hebrew bible, published in Vilna in 1902, that was reprinted by the Appeal of Conscience for distribution to synagogues in the Soviet Union in 1986. Left, Mrs. Elisabeth Schneier. The Commission that Rabbi Schneier heads, established by an Act of Congress, was created to preserve and protect the monuments, historic buildings and cemeteries in foreign lands that are associated with the heritage of American citizens.

Israeli University Pays Tribute To Norwegians

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Tel Aviv University has paid tribute to 20,000 Norwegians who contributed over \$1 million to help absorb Soviet Jewish immigrants in Israel.

Some of the money went to the university's retraining pro-

gram, which prepares Soviet physicists to teach in Israeli high schools where qualified physics teachers are in short supply.

At present, 32 emigres are attending the course. All received master's degrees or doctorates in physics before leaving the Soviet Union and some attained national and international prominence, Professor Elite Olshtein, head of

Tel Aviv University's School of Education, pointed out.

They are learning Hebrew, Jewish history, Israeli teaching methods and the social and cultural backgrounds of their prospective pupils in order to qualify for teaching certificates.

According to Dr. Meir Meidav, head of the retraining program, the Soviet immigrants will raise the standards of physics teaching in Israel.

'Terminator' Honored By Simon Wiesenthal Center

by Rick Hellman

Kansas City Jewish Chronicle LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Arnold Schwarzenegger, star of the new science-fiction thriller, "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," has an image as the ultimate Teutonic tough guy. But in a recent interview here, Schwarzenegger revealed that he has a soft spot for a cause dear to Jews.

Schwarzenegger, a native of Ganz, Austria, was honored earlier this month with the National Leadership Award of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. Past honorees at the center have included Ronald Reagan, Nathan Sharansky, Chaim Herzog and Andrei Sakharov.

President Bush, whom Schwarzenegger has supported politically, also received an award and spoke at the presentation, attended by nearly 1,400 people.

Bush called Schwarzenegger "a wonderful choice" for the award, saying the actor "embodies the good, essential values of this world, values like caring and fairness and faith."

At a news conference earlier this week, Schwarzenegger said the award dinner was one of the greatest evenings of his

life. "For me it was important because I could participate and contribute," Schwarzenegger said. "It was also great to have President Bush come out and say those kind words about me and also about that cause."

"I feel very strongly, especially coming from the background — the country that I'm coming from, that it is very important that the new generation shows leadership in that area and comes out and speaks out against prejudice."

Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, have been involved with the center for eight years, donating more than \$250,000. The Museum of Tolerance, which will house multimedia exhibits designed to challenge visitors to confront bigotry, is scheduled to open in the spring of 1992.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center, said Schwarzenegger's fame in his native Austria "sends a positive message to the young people in that country at a time when we're making a serious effort to try to turn things around with regard to the neo-Nazi computer games there."

N.Y. Students In Soviet Summer Camps

NEW YORK (JTA) — While most New York-area college-age camp counselors are headed for the Catskills and Poconos, some are heading for Moscow, Leningrad, and Vilnius.

Under a student-organized project based at Yeshiva University, some 45 graduate and undergraduate students will serve as counselors and directors at summer camps in the Soviet Union.

The campers are Soviet Jewish children, who will attend cultural and religious programs developed by the students from Yeshiva, Columbia,

Harvard, Yale and other colleges across the United States.

"The Jewish community has stagnated over there for so long, that it needs a spark to revive it," said Kevin Taragin, a spokesman for the group. "We wanted to reach out to the community and live up the Jewish presence over there."

The Greater New York Coalition for Soviet Jewry serves as adviser to the student group.

The program is not affiliated with any religious organization, said Taragin.

"We're an open program. We just want to raise Jewish consciousness," he said.

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National

New York (JTA) - The first International Jewish Feminist Directory has been published by the American Jewish Congress, the group announced. It contains names, addresses and telephone numbers of Jewish feminists all over the world along with their occupations, interests and organizational affiliations. The directory was an outgrowth of the first International Jewish Feminist Conference held in Jerusalem in 1988. Its publication was intended to ensure continued close contacts and communications among the hundreds of women who participated in the conference.

New York (JTA) - An international array of government officials, diplomats, Jewish leaders and religious figures gathered in the Romanian capitol of Bucharest to pay tribute on a grand scale to the thousands of Jews who were tortured, deported or executed there beginning July 1, 50 years ago.

International

Jerusalem (JTA) - The Israeli economy, stalled when the Persian Gulf War broke in January, has begun to grow again. Its growth is now 5 percent higher than at the end of 1990, according to a new survey published by the Bank of Israel, the country's central bank. Both the construction industry, and the import of raw materials for manufacturing are most evident in growth.

Vienna - It was reported in the *Providence Journal* that the government formally acknowledged for the first time that many Austrians backed Adolf Hitler's Third Reich and were instrumental in its crimes. This declaration was a historic modification to the long-held state doctrine that Austria was Nazi Germany's first victim. Chancellor Franz Vranitzky apologized for atrocities committed by Austrians.

Israeli And U.S. Officials Hope To Repeal Zionism Measure

by Aliza Marcus

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Israeli and U.S. officials are in the process of drafting a resolution to repeal the infamous 1975 U.S. General Assembly resolution denigrating Zionism as a form of racism.

Israel's U.N. ambassador, Yoram Aridor, said a U.S.-prepared draft is being studied and there is hope that the resolution will finally be repealed in the upcoming General Assembly session.

The two countries are "working very closely" on preparing a draft that could be submitted this fall if its passage is assured by a "comfortable majority," Aridor said at a news conference here recently.

"When we have the final count, we will move forward," he said.

Although repeal of the resolution would "delete a shameful stain from the United Nations, it does not mean all the problems with the United Nations are solved," he warned.

Israel has long charged the United Nations with harboring an anti-Israel bias, and the Jewish state points specifically to Resolution 3379, which describes the Zionist movement as racist.

Many countries have called for the resolution's repeal. But until recently, few believed Israel could muster enough votes in the General Assembly to accomplish this.

With the collapse of Soviet domination over Eastern Europe two years ago, Israel was able to renew ties with a number of countries that originally supported the resolution. Eastern European leaders are now vocal supporters of the resolution's repeal, as are many South American countries.

Last year, there was hope the issue could have been brought up in the last General Assembly, but the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and a series of Security Council resolutions critical of Israel poisoned the atmosphere.

Aridor said that Israel, the United States and some other supporters are studying the situation carefully to decide when and if the repeal resolution should be brought up during the next General Assembly.

Supporters of the measure's repeal point out that timing is very important. It would be a terrible blow if the General Assembly voted against repeal, which would in effect reaffirm the resolution.

Attempt To Outlaw Kosher Slaughter

by Jeremy Jones

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) — The Jewish community here is squaring off against an animal rights group that is trying to outlaw the practice of kosher slaughter.

Australian Jews are outraged at the initiative and the group's suggestion that kosher slaughter — or shechita, as it is called in Hebrew — is inhumane.

The Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has proposed to the Australian Law Reform Commission that the laws relating to the slaughter of animals for human consumption be made more stringent and without "exemptions."

The Law Reform Commission is receiving verbal and written comments until Aug. 1 on matters arising from possible clashes between Australian law and the needs and beliefs of citizens of varied racial and religious backgrounds.

According to David Butcher, spokesman for the anti-cruelty society, the Jewish method of killing animals needs to be changed to lessen the pain.

Rabbi Moshe Gutnick of the New South Wales Kashrut Authority said the Jewish method is not only humane but less likely to prolong suffering than the standard Australian slaughter, which uses elec-

tronic stunning.

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry stated flatly that "shechita is not negotiable." It argued that "the right to practice shechita should be allowed to continue, not only as an acknowledgement that it is in accord with the requirements of humanness, but also as a manifestation of religious liberty."

Doron Ur, president of the Council of Western Australian Jewry, told its annual meeting in Perth that "Australian Jewry is preparing itself to combat a repeat performance of an assault on shechita."

"We have no concession to make even if not all of us practice our traditions," he said.

This issue repeats item for item a scenario that has been played in recent years in several European countries. Jews in Sweden, who lost their bid for kosher meat but won a battle to continue the practice of kosher slaughter of fowl, went to the mat with the support of Jewish groups in the United States and elsewhere in Europe.

In Britain, the practice shechita was retained after a drawn-out battle over the kind and position of pens in which animals are slaughtered under kosher laws.

Czech Official Urges Government To Restore Nazi-Plundered Judaica

by Josef Klansky

PRAGUE (JTA) — An aide to the prime minister of the Czech republic of Czechoslovakia has urged the state to restore Jewish religious and cultural artifacts plundered by the Nazis to the communities from which they were stolen or their heirs.

Petr Prihoda, a spokesman for Prime Minister Petr Pithard, observed in an article recently in the daily *Lidove Noviny* that nearly 200,000 items seized from Jewish households and synagogues are stored at the state-owned Jewish Museum in Prague, which was expropriated by the Communist authorities in the 1950s.

Most of these items were robbed from Jewish communities in Bohemia and Moravia, whose members died in the Holocaust. But a few survived and are still living in Czechoslovakia, Israel or some other country, said Prihoda.

According to the writer, the collection includes about 4,000 Torah mantles, 2,500 Torah curtains, 360 valences, 1,500 binders, 600 Torah shields, 200 silver crowns and 1,000 pointers. There are 175,000 items in

all, most originally from the 153 Czech Jewish communities annihilated by the Nazis, Prihoda wrote.

The problem of religious articles expropriated by the state under the former Communist regime is under consideration.

Prihoda recalled a session of the federal Parliament held in February at which two members, Klara Samkova and Rostislav Senjuk, objected to the return of religious relics to the Jewish community because of "the danger that moveable cultural treasures may be exported from the country."

Prihoda compared their attitude to that of a child who finds a toy shovel in the sand and refuses to return it to its owner. He differentiated between memorabilia of historic value that are property of the museum and religious objects looted by the Nazis.

An Israeli organization mean-

while has demanded that Jewish religious objects not presently in use in Czechoslovakia be handed over to Israel.



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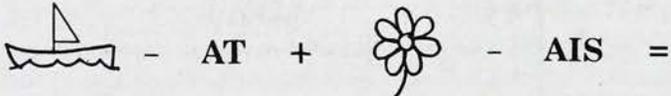
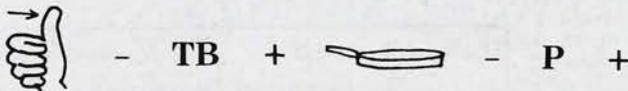
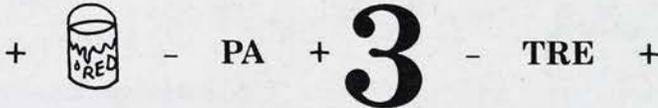
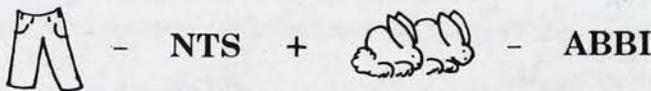
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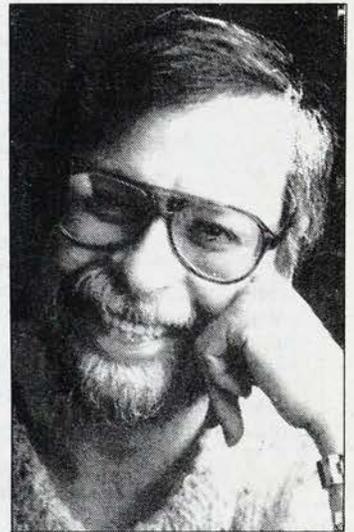
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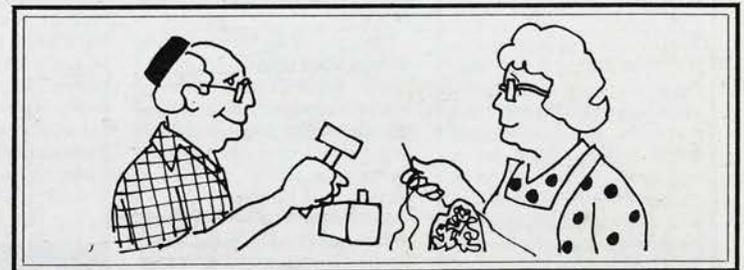
Meet A Mitzvah Maven

Danny Siegel is a mitzvah maven. A mitzvah is a commandment and a maven is an expert. Danny spends most of his time doing mitzvot (more than one mitzvah) and performing gemillut chasadim, good deeds or acts of lovingkindness.



About 16 years ago, Danny began his tzedakah work by accident! Tzedakah, the Hebrew word for justice, means doing what is right and fair. (Giving tzedakah usually means donating money.) Danny was going to Israel and friends had given him about \$1000.00 to give away wherever he saw a need. When he got to Israel, he bought shoes for needy children, refreshments for a baby naming, and flowers for soldiers and hospital patients. He also planted trees, gave money to a library for the blind, and gave money for food and clothing for poor people.

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Danny tells hundreds of stories about children and adults who perform mitzvot. For example, one child's tzedakah money bought more than a dozen flowers in Israel to make 12 patients' Shabbat nicer. Someone else gave hundreds of dollars to help Soviet Jews in Israel. Other money went to Life Line for the Old, a workplace where older Israelis make handicrafts which are later sold. Still more money even bought gym shoes for two young girls who otherwise wouldn't have been able to go to school.

Danny calls people who help others "mitzvah heroes." You can be a "mitzvah hero," too. For some ideas, read "Flex Your Mitzvah Muscles This Summer!"

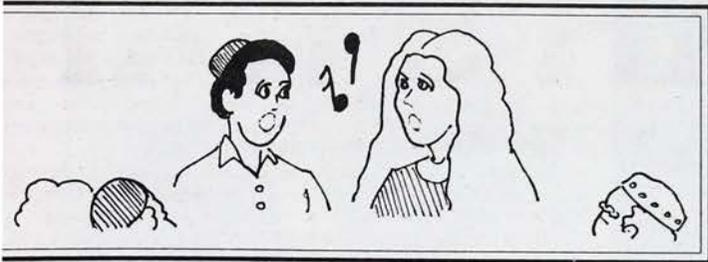
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- Visit a Home for the Elderly. Adopt a "grandparent" and visit each week.
- Get a group of friends together to sing, and put on a show at a Home for the Elderly.

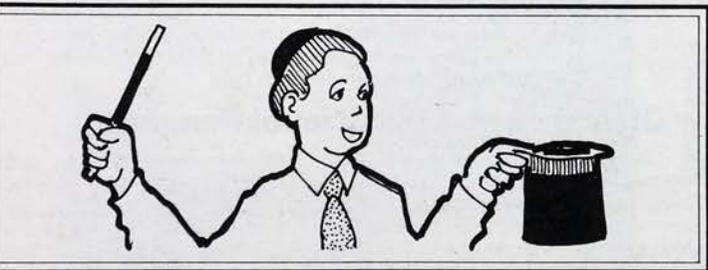
Raise money and then give it to any charity you choose. Be sure customers know why you are raising money. Here are some ways to raise money:

- Babysit.
- Have a car wash.
- Sell lemonade.
- Walk a neighbor's dog.
- Pull weeds.
- Water lawns.
- Have a bake sale.
- Sweep leaves off sidewalks and driveways.
- Ask neighbors if there are odd jobs you could do.
- Have a backyard carnival. Sell tickets and refreshments.



Go through your clothes and give away whatever doesn't fit anymore.

- Donate some of your toys to a hospital children's ward.
- Gather your leftover school supplies and take them to neighborhood centers in poorer sections of your town.
- Collect and donate books or magazines to a hospital or neighborhood center.
- Volunteer to work in a food pantry once a week or twice a month.



• Learn how to do magic tricks or make balloon animals, and perform at a hospital.

• If your synagogue doesn't already have a food barrel for the poor, ask your rabbi for permission to set up one. Get a large box and decorate it. Ask the rabbi to announce the food box in your synagogue's bulletin.

• If you are planning your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, call your local Federation to find out about twinning with a Soviet or Ethiopian child.

- 12. Get friends together and decorate tzedakah boxes. See if this project can be done with older adults at your Jewish Community Center or Home for the Elderly. Ask your rabbi for permission to set the boxes on a table in your synagogue, to be taken for free by your members. Use small recloseable boxes or metal band-aid boxes.
- 13. Ask your parents to buy an extra item of food for the needy whenever they go grocery shopping.
- 14. Make colorful cards, pictures, or banners and take them to children in hospitals. This is especially important for children from out of town.
- 15. Volunteer to stuff envelopes at your synagogue, Federation, or a hospital.

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

Jon is walking his sick friend's dog. Find at least 6 differences in the pictures below.



Answer To Rebus

Pants - nts + rabbits -
abbi + paint - pa + three
- tre + thumb - tb + pan
- p + boat - at + daisy -
ais = Parts in the human
body.



Answers To Differences

Kipah, leash, pants, and
shirt are different. One sky
has clouds. One dog has
spots.

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Arts and Entertainment



A scene from "Grease" on stage at Theatre-By-The-Sea in Matunuck through July 21.

"Grease" - Another Treasure From Theatre-By-The-Sea

by Dorothea Snyder

Overheard during intermission of "Grease" to artistic producer Richard Ericson: 'Looks like you've got another hit, Richard!'

The best critics, Theatre-By-The-Sea's audience, were obviously exhilarated by the shake-rattle-roll energy of this fabulous Fifties musical.

It was more like opening night of a shiny new show never performed than the recreation of a 1972 blockbuster!

"Grease's" main characters, Sandy Dumbrowski and Danny Zuko, part ways after a summer romance and discover they're in the same school at Rydell High School come September.

Farfetched as it may seem, that's the story's starting gate, an opening for those snappy song and dance numbers that

reflect director and choreographer Greg Ganakas's flawless attention to detail. It was a feat to stay in one's seat, listening to that bouncy beat of Theatre-By-The-Sea's top-notch orchestra directed by Patrick Vaccariello.

Rydell High's class of '59 goes off to school with Jeff Modereger's two-level set that easily shifts to out-of-school scenes.

The cast is great and full of contrasts. Joanne Bogart is a hot sketch as Rydell's principal, Miss Lynch. Debbye DeAngelis (Jan) is a promising comedienne. Versatile Dante Sciarra, who appears regularly on the Matunuck stage, debuts this time as nerd Eugene.

Pamela Klinger (Sandy Dumbrowski) and Kevin Neil McCready (Danny Zuko) are perfect in the roles created by Carole Demas and Barry Bostwic in the original stage production. Olivia Newton John and John Travolta performed the movie version leads.

Knock-out singing by Maggie LaMee as Betty Rizzo overshadows her Rizzo character. Outstanding musical numbers

are performed by Bill Kocis and Roger and David Hibbard as Doody. Andrea Cohen and Felice Cohen, twin sisters, raise a little of the roof during the second act as Cha-Cha Gregorio.

The Fifties illusion was fabricated by John Carver Sullivan's nifty costumes, especially those worn by the Pink Ladies in "Beauty School Dropout." Upstaging it all for the time it appeared was a surprise solo motorcade tabbed 'Greased Lightnin' designed by Jon Harrington.

Whether or not you've ever seen the stage version of "Grease," don't miss this oh-so-enjoyable show. If you see nothing else this summer, you must take in Theatre-By-The-Sea's delightful production at Matunuck through July 21.

"Grease" is another of Theatre-By-The-Sea's treasures by the sea. The Matunuck theatre is fast earning its reward to be one of the top summer theatres in New England. My guess is that it will be known farther away than the six-state region.

Summer Theater Features Music And Dance

Next month the Rhode Island College summer theater will present a full program of music and dance featuring talented College undergraduates and graduates behind the scenes and on stage.

Under the direction of Theater Professor Raymond L. Picozzi, the two musical revues, "A Night in Hollywood" and "A Night on Broadway" will open July 11, 12, and 13, and July 25, 26 and 27, respectively. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall auditorium.

"A Night in Hollywood" will offer the audience a panorama of Academy Award win-

ning songs, plus music from Disney cartoons, and much more," according to Picozzi. The second musical revue will include a series of songs from musical comedy hits and "songs from some of the newer Broadway shows."

Pianist and musical director is Tim Robertson of Cumberland, and scene designer is John Boomer of Newport. Susan Iacobellis of North Providence is choreographer, and all costumes are designed by Charlotte Burgess of Providence.

Tickets are \$10 per performance. For further information call 456-8066.

"The Snow Queen" Opens At The Zeiterion

Zeiterion Theatre's "Once Upon A Time," 1991 Summer Youth Festival, opens with "The Snow Queen" presented by the Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theatre on Wed., July 17, at 10:30 a.m. Shaw's Supermarkets returns as sponsor of the summer festival for the third year in a row.

In a faithful adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of fantasy and friendship, the Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theatre brings to life the story of "The Snow Queen" with exquisitely crafted hand, mask, mime, and 'bunraku' style puppets. The puppets tell the story of little Gerda's quest to find her friend, Kai, who has been taken to the far North by the Snow Queen. An original musical score adds to the charm and adventure of Gerda's search and the colorful characters she meets along the way including a magic flower woman, a talking crow, a prince and princess and a dangerous 'robber girl.'

Das Puppenspiel performs this whimsical and captivating tale with their usual flair. Founded in 1974, this New York company is one of only three puppet theatres in the United States to receive recognition and support from the Theatre Program of the National Endowment for the Arts. Das Puppenspiel has also re-

ceived a Citation of Excellence from the international puppetry organization UNIMA.

"Once Upon A Time" continues for the next four consecutive Wednesdays with the following shows - "The Gingerbread Boy" on July 24, "The Princess and the Frog" on July 31, "Rainbows, Rabbits and Riddles" on August 7 and "The Incredible Merlin Magic Show" on August 14.

Tickets are \$5 each, general admission. Subscriptions for all five shows in the series are \$20. Group rates are available. Tickets are now on sale at the Zeiterion Box Office at (508) 994-2900. Individual tickets are also available at all TICKETMASTER locations, or by calling TICKETMASTER at (617) 931-2000.

The Zeiterion Theatre is located at 684 Purchase Street in historic, downtown New Bedford. The theatre is wheelchair accessible.

The 1991 Summer Youth Festival is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as administered by the Acushnet and Mattapoisett Arts Lottery Councils. The Zeiterion is also funded in part by the Arts Lottery Councils of Freetown, New Bedford, and Wareham; The City of New Bedford; the New England Foundation for the Arts; and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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ter between Europeans and native New England peoples through maps dating as far back as 1548. Sponsored by the New England Foundation for the Humanities, the programs are free and open to the public. The museum urges people to register in advance. For more information, call (401) 253-8388.

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Milestones

Markses Announce Birth

Paul and Barbara Gold Marks of Brookline, Mass., joyfully announce the birth of their first child and son, Benjamin Louis, on April 4, 1991. Benjamin is named in loving memory of his paternal great-grandmother, the late Beatrice C. Lechtman. He is also named after his maternal great uncle, Louis Wilner. His maternal grandparents are Manny and Jean Gold of Brooklyn, N.Y. His paternal grandparents are Nison and Priscilla Marks of Pawtucket and Boca Raton, Florida. The late Abraham J. Lechtman was Benjamin's paternal great-grandfather. He is also the great-grandson of the late Aaron and Lottie Marks.

Millers Announce Engagement

Michael and Sybil Miller of Providence, R.I., formerly of Johannesburg, South Africa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa C. Miller of West Newton to Jonathan J. Bell of Providence, R.I., the son of Bernard E. and Claire Bell, of Providence, R.I., and the grandson of Annie Bell.

Miss Miller graduated from Boston University and Mr. Bell graduated from Brown University.

The wedding date has been set for October 13, 1991.

Woman Of The Year

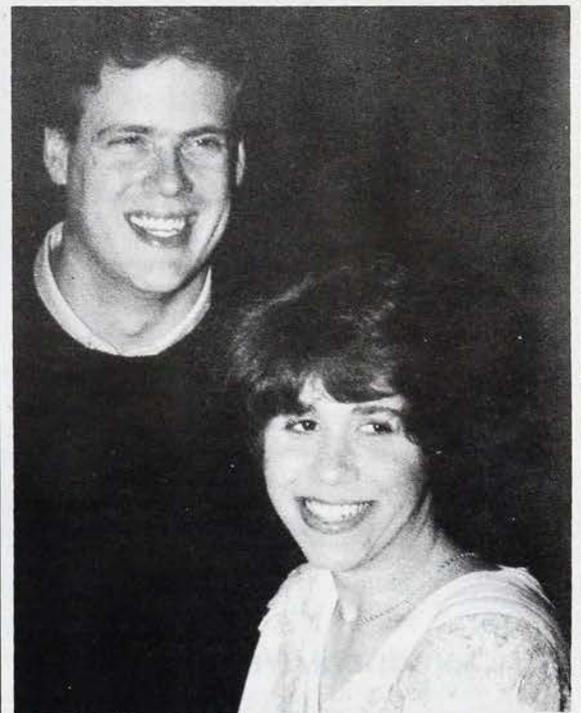
The Advisory Commission on Women is accepting nominations for the 1991 Woman of the Year. Organizations and individuals are invited to submit recommendations for Women of the Year, by August 1, to the Advisory Commission on Women, 67 Cedar Street, Suite 210, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. In making recommendations, please indicate why you feel this individual should be so honored.

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Hoffmans Announce Engagement

Rabbi and Mrs. Victor L. Hoffman of Jerusalem, Israel, announce the engagement of their daughter, Talya Lieba, to Mr. David Scott Kalender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kalender of Kansas City, Mo. Ms. Hoffman is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sternbach of West Warwick.

The bride-to-be served in the Israel Defense Forces and is due to receive her B.A. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in June. Mr. Kalender, a graduate of Columbia University and The List College of Jewish Studies is currently a third year rabbinical student at The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. The couple met in Israel and plan to be married in Jerusalem on August 20 of this year.



Stern Weds Webb

Tracy Robin Stern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stern of Pawtucket and Stephen Daniel Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Webb of East Northport, Long Island, N.Y., were married on June 9, 1991, at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence. The double ring ceremony was conducted by Judge Richard Israel.

Jodi Hurwitz was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Lisa Sullivan, sister of the groom, Kelly Carignan-Timothy, and Shawn Green.

Best man was Andrew Webb, brother of the groom, and ushers were Thomas D. Webb, brother of the groom, Evan J. Stern, brother of the bride, Eric Liebert, and P. Andrew Flaherty.

Both Tracy and Stephen are graduates of Northeastern University, Tracy from the school of nursing and Stephen from the school of engineering. She is employed at the Mass. General Hospital in Boston and he is employed at Thermal Tech. Inc. in Cambridge.

After a trip to St. Lucia, they will be living in Boston.



Fish Completes Training

Howard Fish, of Providence, recently completed training to become a member of the Senior Companion Program (SCP). Marilyn Sayles, SCP director, welcomes Fish.

Senior Companions are stipend volunteers, age 60 and older, who serve older clients with special needs in their homes, state hospitals, adult day care centers, and other community centers.

In Rhode Island, the Senior Companions are sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs and are funded by ACTION, the federal volunteer agency. In the 17-year history of the program, over 950,000 hours of service

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Local News



Samdperil Weds Garbow

The wedding of Beth Samdperil and Mitchell Garbow, both of Brooklyn, NY, took place May 26 at Temple Beth-El in Providence. Rabbi Leslie Gutterman officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride is the daughter of Alan and Sandy Samdperil of Providence. The bridegroom is the son of Harvey and Myrna Garbow of Somerset, NJ.

Gail Samdperil, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Judith Mann, also a sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The best man was Steven Mesulam.

After a wedding trip to England, the couple will make their home in Brooklyn, NY.

Cranston Senior Guild

Schedule of Summer Activities

There are still openings for "Annie Get Your Gun" on Wednesday, July 24, 1991, at the Northshore Music Theatre. Luncheon is at the King's Grant Inn. Call Janet Richman at 461-7108.

For a delightful fun day - Thursday, August 15, 1991, at White's of Westport - Food - Dancing - Entertainment. "Scallop Festival" - Estelle Abrams at 944-0539 is the one to call.

A new addition to our schedule... on Wednesday, August 21, at the Coachlight Dinner Theatre in East Windsor, Conn., "Nonsense," a truly delightful, light-hearted musical. This is with a buffet luncheon. (This replaced "Driving Miss Daisy," which has been cancelled.) Call Evelyn Wolff at 463-7715 for your reservation. Don't delay. Space is limited.

Don't forget to make your plans to visit Atlantic City, staying at the Bally Park Place, which is located in the heart of the Boardwalk on October 29, 30, 31. Call Leonard or Louise Lyons at 438-2634 to reserve a place for you.

Call now for reservations to these events and add enjoyment to your summer.



L'Chaim! And Happy Birthday, Mrs. Gornstein

Submitted by Mrs. Betty B. Curran

There is a very special lady, and what is special is not only her endearing personal qualities, but also that she had a birthday last Friday - her 92nd birthday.

Mrs. Gornstein, known affectionately as Mollie, lives on the East Side close to the Orthodox synagogue in which she takes an active interest. For many years she did professional dressmaking, and she is the adored matriarch of a large family which includes great-grandchildren. Anything that Mollie has made for you would be made with such care, it could be handed down to your great-grandchildren!

Famous for her generous seams and creative touches, she excels at her work. And nobody has a button drawer equal to Mollie's. Like a matchmaker's claims, she can find a match for you, or at least for your buttons!!

"How can I be of help to you?" she often asks friends and clients, and in turn, we feel we cannot do enough for her. The pressures and demands of professional dressmaking are greater than many people realize. Now at 92, Mollie's career has gracefully ended - she no longer sews, but she is remarkably alert, and is up to date in her outlook. She loves when friends stop by and she welcomes each, with sincerity and warmth.

We wish Mrs. Gornstein a good long life, the best of health and all continued blessings. She is, indeed, a very special lady.

Majestic Senior Guild

The Majestic Senior Guild has a number of very interesting and entertaining trips scheduled during the next few months. It is not too late to make reservations for the following events.

August 4 through August 11 - 7 nights and 8 days at The Pines Hotel in the Catskill Mountains. Activities daily, nightly entertainment with headliners featured on the weekend, dancing to 2 bands and always something to do. Balance must be paid by July 20.

October 21 - Bally's Grand on the Boardwalk in Atlantic

City. Includes 2 nights and 3 days, 2 dinners, 2 shows, \$20 in quarters and all gratuities. Reserve early.

October 26 - John Davidson at The North Shore Musical Theatre, Beverly, Mass. This dynamic and multi-talented artist starred in "Music Man" and "Oklahoma" and his electrifying concert is here for 1 week only. Book early, don't delay.

If interested in any of the above trips, contact Dorothy Dickens at 823-7687, Bertha Gershman at 944-8209, Dorothy Gordon at 738-3905 or Etta Swerling at 463-7166. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24. May all our members enjoy a healthy and pleasant summer.

Phantom of the Opera and sight-seeing to Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty and World Trade Center on September 25 is completely booked. If interested, you can put your name on standby.

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The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island and the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will hold their sixth annual Yiddish Eldercamp from July 29-August 2, at the JCC in Providence, 401 Elm Grove Ave. This week-long journey into the "world of our fathers... and mothers" offers classes in Yiddish language, literature (in 3 levels), and courses on the culture, art, and history of Eastern European Jewry.

The faculty for Yiddish Eldercamp includes: Lea Eliash, Dr. David Kaplan, Eva Gutman, Moli Prebluda, Dr. Joseph Katz, Penney Stein, Lillian Schwartz, Reva Stern, Geraldine Foster, and Sid Resnick.

Cost for the entire week of classes which includes photocopied materials, "coffee and..." daily, and a closing program featuring Bella Miller and Cecilia Rodi, is only \$42 per person. It's a *metsiyah!* Also, participants will receive a Yiddish Eldercamp cookbook created by campers, past and present.

For an application and/or more information, write the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, 130 Sessions Street, Providence, R.I. 02906 or call (401) 331-0956.

Chairman of the Adult Education Committee which coordinates this event is Oscar Baron.

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Saturday, July 13 - Two days in the new month of AV. The Parshas today is Maotzas'ei.

Shacharis Service is at 8:30 a.m. followed by our customary kiddush.

Mincha is at 8:10 p.m. with the Third Meal following immediately (Se'udah Shelshis and Z'mirot).

Ma'ariv is at 9:05 p.m. Shabbos ends at 9:11 p.m.

Havadaiah Service is at 9:12 p.m.

Sunday, July 14 - Morning service is at 7:45 a.m. Next Sunday is the Fast of Av. Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday are at 6:45 a.m.

Mincha for the entire week is at 8:15 p.m.

The Obstacle

"Settlements are negotiable," Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said recently in the latest example of Israeli flexibility. This statement has passed almost unnoticed in the American media. The press continues to portray Israel as being as much of an obstacle to peace as Syria. This is not a correct equation.

Reporters suggest that if only Israel were to accept a U.N. observer and a recurring conference, then peace would come to the Middle East. These in fact are Syria's demands, but why should they be automatically accepted as legitimate? What concessions have the Syrians made up to now? The answer is none. Israel has continued to offer concessions while the Arab world has not budged at all. How are the two positions compatible?

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Jori: A Magic Circle

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Editor

If you drive down the main road to Point Judith and ask a sidewalk stroller, "Hey, which street leads to Camp Jori?" they'll go, "Never heard of it." So claim Jori vets. They're proud of being so private.

This happy brand of merry summerfolk fit right into their tucked away corner of South County. Really, they're a lyrical elfground.

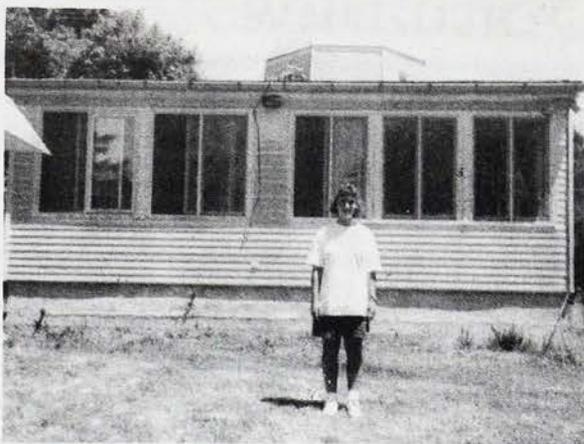
The camp nurse Naomi is like a good smurf, a Tinker-belle. She swings a hammock between a pair of red maples for an outdoor infirmary. The indoor one holds bunkbeds beside knotty pine walls in a whimsical windmill. A priest used to lodge in this rather grand domain. You look out to Scarborough Beach, to a ring of trees that protect the magic circle.

Naomi feeds the baby raccoons that come at dusk. At our bright luncheon she made an entrance in a black outfit. "I'm in mourning for the baby starting that fell out of its nest."

The grassy hike from Naomi's place to the director's passes by two fancy stone structures, a well, and the platform for the flagpole. They date to the thirties when Jori was new, but they too serve to add an almost mystical Medieval mood to the campus.

Marshall Gerstenblatt has directed Jori activities for twenty summers. He has kept the zest of a beginner. He's a fine looking fellow with a ready flashing smile. He looks over the land, the trees, the cabins, with comfort and pride.

"This isn't a business, it's a tradition we keep up. We teach the kids and the counselors how to get along and reach out a hand, an arm to each other. We have poor kids, rich kids, all kinds of kids. Our counselors come from all over the world." He introduces me to young men and women from New Zealand, Australia, Holland, Britain.



Lori Gerstenblatt stands by at the Old Windmill Retreat.

"I remember your daughter. You wrote to her all the time. You wanted us to set up a nature cabin."

"Jori was bought and built for orphans. Survivors came after the war. We still bring Russian Jewish kids, to get youngsters out of the city and its heat and cement."

We all cover our heads for the blessing over the bread. Marshall's daughter Lori presides at one table. Dominic Giusti sits at the head of another. "I've worked here three summers," he says. "I also work at the JCC." He puts in an order for vanilla or chocolate ice cream sandwiches for dessert — after the pizza has been cleared away.

"Kids, what about Dominic?" Hands go up. "I hate when he sings." "He pours out too much syrup at breakfast." One boy comes from Pakistan. He is a Muslim. Israelis sit next to Russians. The mixed group all try to get into camera range, but the battery is dying. The camera won't click. We have fun looking at each other though and telling where we're from. Huge flags and pennants hang from the high steeple telling where the counselors came from.

Nobody looked homesick on

this sparkling day. "Any founding animals come to the cabins?" "Skunks come under ours." "We see rabbits when we wake up." "I found a dead mole."

The green knoll struck this guest as a place of healing and of the pursuit of happiness.

B'nai Israel Installs New President



David C. Cohen,

Friday, June 21, at 8 p.m. immediately following a reception and Oneg Shabbat, Congregation B'nai Israel of Woonsocket honored Harris D. Harnick, D.D.S., president and inducted David C. Cohen, president-elect.

Other incoming officers inducted for the 1991-1992 term

were honorary presidents: Samuel J. Medoff and Joseph Shorr; honorary vice-president, Philip Macktaz; vice presidents, Richard Salzberg, George Woled, Donald F. Berger, Neal W. Rogol, D.M.D., and Carolyn G. Cohen; financial secretary, Marian K. Goldfine; treasurer, Beverly Schafer; and recording secretary, Alexander H. Hanna.

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Locals Attended Jewish Libraries Convention

Judith Greenblatt of Temple Sinai, Toby Rossner of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Lillian Schwartz of Temple Emanu-El and Reini Silverman of Temple Beth-El just returned from the exciting 26th annual Association of Jewish Libraries convention. One hundred thirty people from the United States, Canada, Australia and Israel convened at the Miami Beach Fontainebleau Hilton, June 23-26. They exchanged ideas and listened to authorities in such fields as library programming, cataloging, electronic databases, preservation and genealogy.

Toby Rossner and Lillian Schwartz presented "The History Mystery and Other Jewish Book Months Projects from The Rhode Island Chapter AJL." Toby Rossner presented "Library Skills with Pizazz: A Hands-On Workshop for Day School and Synagogue Librarians," and Judith Greenblatt chaired the school, synagogue and center division cataloging revision workshop.

The attendees will be sharing their newly gleaned insights within the local Jewish Library network.

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Obituaries

EDWIN ANTIN

CRANSTON — Edwin Antin, 71, of 28 East Bel Air Rd., plant manager and vice president of Crownmark Corp., Providence, for over 35 years before retiring two years ago, died Saturday, July 6, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Trude (Silver) Antin.

Born in the Bronx, New York City, a son of the late Louis and Fanny (Wolfe) Antin, he lived in Cranston for 37 years. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its men's club, and was a member of its board of directors. He also served as the Temple secretary for the past ten years, and was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Antin attended City College of New York and served in the Army Medical Corps in England in World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Norman B. Antin of Burke, Va., and Frank E. Antin and Lewis J. Antin, both of

Cranston; a daughter, Ellen Antin Golden of Cranston; a brother, Stanley Antin of Scarsdale, N.Y., and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday, July 9, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

WILLIAM ELBOIM

CRANSTON — William Elboim of 15 Carnation Dr., died Friday, July 5, 1991, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Georgette (Cohen) Elboim.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Samuel and Charna (Kuritz) Elboim, he was a Cranston resident for 23 years, having previously lived in Boston. He had been the operating manager of Crown Clothing of Westwood, Mass., retir-

ing three years ago. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific theater. He was a member of Temple Am-David of Warwick, and of the Knights of Pythias.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Dr. Charles M. Elboim of Sonoma, Calif.; two daughters, Hillary S. Elboim and Arlene L. Kalver, both of Cranston; two sisters, Elsie Elboim of Warwick and Alicia Wayne of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, July 7, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Pride of Lynn Cemetery, Lynn, Mass.

CARL PASSMAN

PAWTUCKET — Carl Passman, 77, of 36 Auburn St., owner of the former Durable Braided Rug Co. for 40 years before retiring eight years ago, died Tuesday, July 2, 1991, at the New York University Medical Center, New York. He was the husband of Ruth I. (Oberlander) Passman.

Born in Germany, a son of the late Levi and Ernestina Passman, he lived in the Pawtucket-Central Falls area for 52 years.

Mr. Passman was a past president and a past treasurer of Congregation Ohave Sholom, and chairman of its building committee. He was a past president of the Pawtucket Hebrew Free Loan Association, and a past vice president of the Henry Friedman Lodge of B'nai B'rith. He was a member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Jencks Lodge, 24, F & AM, the Palestine Shrine, and Vaad Hakashruth. He was a worthy Patron of Hope Link, order of the Golden Chain.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dr. Richard H. Passman of Shorewood, Wis., and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday, July 5, at Congregation Ohave Sholom, East Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

FLORENCE H. NORMAN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Florence H. Norman, 87, of 31 Arthur Ave., died Tuesday, July 2, 1991, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of Simon Norman.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Morris and Annie (Cohen) Newman, she moved from Providence to East Providence 20 years ago.

Mrs. Norman had been a past president of the Women's Auxiliary of B'nai B'rith. She was a member of Temple Emanuel, its Sisterhood, and a past president of its Garden Club.

She leaves a daughter, Hope Phillips of Washington, D.C.; a son, Howard M. Norman of East Providence; and two grandchildren. She was sister of the late William D. Newman.

The funeral service was held Friday, July 5, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery, Woonsocket.

MYER I. SILVERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Myer I. "Max" Silverman, 91, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a salesman for the former Ross Dry Goods Store and the Max Formal Dry Goods for 31 years before retiring in 1981, died Wednesday, July 3, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Fannie (Shulman) Silverman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Anna (Woolf) Silverman, he lived in Cranston for 30 years before returning to Providence in 1989.

Mr. Silverman was former founder and owner of an Army and Navy Store in Providence for 40 years until 1950. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association.

He leaves a daughter, Annette Pomerantz of Cranston; a son, Everett Silverman of Natick, Mass., and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Thursday, July 4, at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Presidency

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off the alarm, said in a telephone interview that she is nonetheless pleased that the issue of a woman's role has now been publicly raised.

"We at Young Israel have to face this issue," she said.

The controversy began in March when Luger, who had served as vice president of Young Israel of West Bloomfield for two years, was nominated for the office of president.

Because the congregation did not have a rabbi, and because some of the congregants were unsure about the propriety of a woman president, Luger decided to refer the matter to the national Young Israel movement.

Bomzer explained that his ruling emanated from an earlier decision by the highly regarded Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, Leib Merkin Distinguished Professor of Talmud and Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, who, according to Bomzer, once wrote that women could not serve as president.

Soloveitchik's decision stemmed from a question posed by the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox rabbinical group. Bomzer said he and others believed that a "policy enunciated by the RCA is good enough for us."

"This was a response to a specific question that was posed and to a specific place," said Bomzer, explaining why such issues still would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Policy relating to women holding high administrative offices in a synagogue has not been well spelled out, partly because few women in the past aspired to these posts.

"Generally speaking, our policy is that women can't be president of a synagogue," explained Rabbi Binyamin Wal-fish, RCA executive vice president.

But Wal-fish added that exceptions could be made "on the individual merits of the case."

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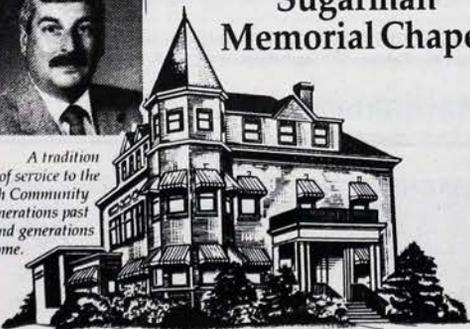
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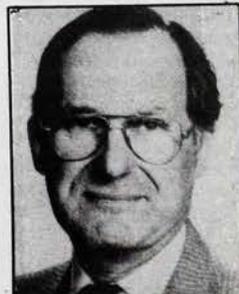
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Immigrant/Refugee Data By United Way

• The Asian population in R.I., believed to be predominantly Southeast Asian, was the state's fastest growing minority group on a percentage basis between the 1980 and 1990 census. They represent 1.8% of the population or 18,325 citizens.

• It is estimated that the refugee Southeast Asian population in R.I. accounts for about 14,000 citizens or approximately 2,300 Hmong, 4,300 Laotians, 700 Vietnamese, and about 6,800 Cambodians.

• R.I. led the nation in percentage increase (245.6%) of the Asian population between the 1980 and 1990 census.

• The increase in Eastern European/Soviet arrivals to R.I. has escalated 229% since 1989, with an expected 20% increase for 1991 according to the State Office of Refugee Resettlement. This percentage ranks among the highest in the country along with Texas, New York and California.

• Jewish Family Service, a United Way agency, reported that at the end of the first quarter, 1991, the agency was working with 49 Soviet refugee families and 160 individual Soviet refugees in R.I.

• The Hispanic population has grown five times as fast as the rest of the U.S. population since 1980, vaulting 40% to nearly 23 million today.

• In R.I. according to the

1990 census the Hispanic population grew by 132.2% to 45,752 since 1980. R.I. led the nation in percentage increase in the Hispanic population since the 1980 census was taken.

• Nearly 2,400 immigrants from 135 countries arrived legally in R.I. in 1988.

• The Providence School Department estimates that of its 20,000 student population 76 different languages are spoken within the home environment.

• Providence has drawn the largest and most diverse number of newcomers. In the city's public schools, 6,800 Hispanics account for one-third of the school population and are primarily from the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. Nearly, 3,000 Southeast Asian students, primarily Cambodian, Laotian, and Hmong make up another 15%.

Hungarian). On that day I realized that I truly loved her, not only as my great-grandmother, but as an important person in my life.

A year later at the unveiling, my grandfather gave a speech about her and this stupid bumble bee kept on bothering me. But I remembered that when I was younger, I called her "Bumble Bee." She was there! And I knew that somehow everyone else was thinking the same thing.

Well, then I realized that my grandpa stopped talking. Minutes passed and he went to open his mouth and then he cried. I'd never seen him cry, or even my dad cry and I just stood there stunned.

I can't explain that time or what I was thinking but I do know one thing. Klara Lowy was an inspiration in all our lives and our lives would not be complete without her spirit in our heart. If you're listening, Bumble Bee, I love you and always will. *Sarbus!*

Love, Your great-granddaughter Dori Adler

(Dori K. Adler, age 15, is entering 10th grade at Cranston West High School. She wrote this portrait of her great-grandmother for an English class at Western Hills Jr. High. The 9th grade assignment was to describe a person who has influenced your life. She is the daughter of Ethan and Wendy Adler, and the granddaughter of Edward O. and Gertrude Adler.)

Goodbye

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saying and I thought I should have learned to talk to her. I should have shown her that she was important to me. So to say good-bye I said the only thing we had a total understanding of with each other and it is "sarbus" (good-bye in

Sons of Jacob

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Not only is Hafez Assad intransigent, but he is doing everything in his power to prevent anyone else from going to the negotiating table. Some years ago, Assad subverted a Lebanon-Israel peace treaty. He is now using his control of Lebanon to create a new threat to Israel's northern border. But the rest of the world doesn't seem to care that in effect, Lebanon is a Syrian colony.

The United States attends to Assad's influence on King Hussein which is considered a more serious concern. Now

that the hope of bringing Syria and the Gulf States to the negotiating table has all but evaporated, attention is focused on the king.

The American notion is that Hussein will join peace talks, making Assad feel isolated. This supposedly is expected to induce Syria to join a regional conference.

However, the man who invented Hama rules has a different idea. As he has repeatedly done in the past, Assad has sent the king a clear message: negotiate without me at your own risk. Hussein knows what happened to the people of Hama, Lebanese President

Bashir Gemayel and others who have tried to cross Assad. Hussein also understands that Assad considers Jordan as much a part of Syria as Lebanon.

Americans don't play by Hama rules. We are, however, a superpower that has just won a great victory. We do not have to let Assad sabotage a peace process.

Then what's to be done? Join the synagogue with our continuing correspondence to the President and Congress - better yet - write to our representatives yourselves!

Smorgasbord

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splitting ourselves asunder and can only salvage our unity if we reaffirm, not dismantle, the laws of our Written and Oral Tradition, the Torah that alone has allowed us to persevere through Crusade and expulsion, ghetto and pogrom, Holocaust and boundless hatred.

And if there are, sadly, Jews among us who somehow feel that the means to our Jewish destiny lies in the jettisoning of our religious heritage, in the denial of Jewish law and the Jewish mission, let them just say so, clearly and decisively, and not attempt to mask their agenda in the guise of "interpreting tradition."

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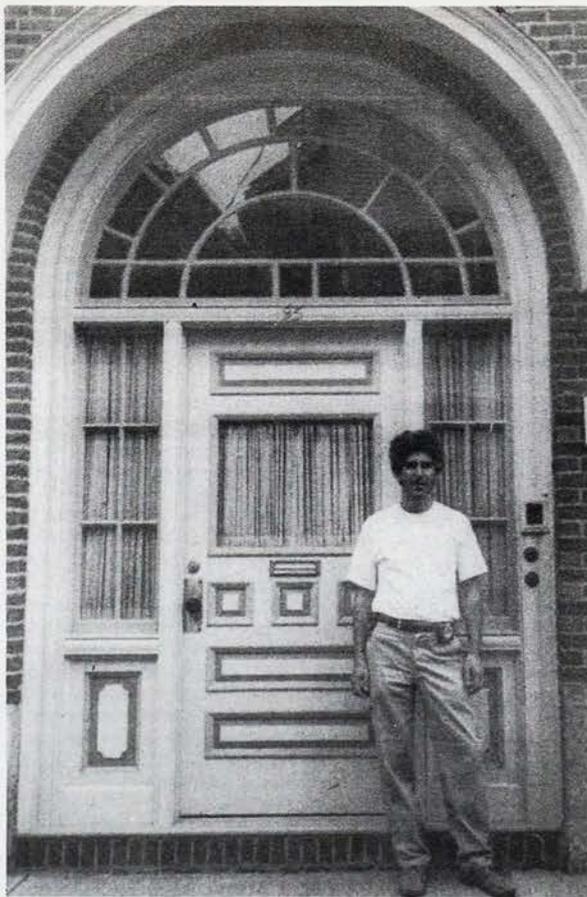
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A native of Fall River, Neal grew up in a victorian gingerbread house, where he learned to love historic homes. Years later, he restored the exterior of the Historical Society in Fall River. Today, Neal owns his own successful business and employs four full-time professionals.

Neal worked for contractors, carpenters, painters and other tradespeople from his high school days right through college and graduate school. Although Neal's academic and artistic expertise is in sculpture, upon completion of his studies, he translated his talents into something practical; in 1985 he began neal estate.

"I really started out doing historic renovations. It all started when I purchased my own house, a victorian, which at that time was boarded up. It was quite a project. It had to be totally rehabilitated to make it inhabitable." Now, it is a handsome, red brick carriage house, which houses Neal's office and work space. It is located at 95 Holden Street in Providence, where a plaque documents its historic character.

Neal is something of a renovating visionary. "You need a certain amount of vision to undertake the big projects. You have to be able to have a sense



Neal Kaplan at the entrance to the Victorian carriage house that he restored.

of taking a pile of lumber and turning it into something. That is the beauty of it for me. Of course, I do have a pretty serious art and design background. That training helps me to see through lots of disorder. "I happen to own four other buildings that are all historic properties, all plaque houses. I'm interested in historic renovations because of the quality of work that was done back then." Neal enjoys working for

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by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

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will have to leave and find another place to live. While his children have not said this to me, I am afraid that that is what this is leading up to. Is there anything that I can do?

— Worried, in Warwick

Dear Worried:

Don't be. While it may be true that your property was purchased in the name of your late husband only, that does not mean that you will have to move out. Under Rhode Island law, you are his widow and, therefore, are entitled to a life estate in that property. This means that you will be able to live there for as long as you live and then, and only then, will the property belong to

your late husband's children. What you have not told me in your letter is whether or not any of your monies were used to purchase the condominium. Was the condominium purchased with the express intent that it was to belong to the two of you? Depending on your answer to these questions and others, you may be able to forge a significant legal argument as to whether or not you have any ownership interest in that property aside from the life estate I have already mentioned. You should consult with a lawyer regarding this matter at your earliest convenience.

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

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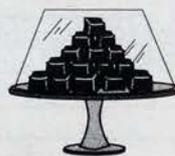
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