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Israelis, Palestinians Agree on Territories' Economic Development

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Although their motives differ, Israelis and Palestinians share a common interest in the economic development of the administered territories.

The need for an all-out effort to shore up the collapsing economic infrastructure is acknowledged both by hawks and doves in Israel and by Palestinian moderates and militants.

All realize that a lot of money will be needed. The nearly \$80 million in start-up funds promised by the Brussels-based European Community for development projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is just a drop in the bucket.

More outside investment must be attracted. But the main burden will rest with Israelis

and Palestinians.

The Israelis have sufficient reason to act. They are threatened by mounting unemployment while trying to absorb over a million Soviet Jewish immigrants in the next few years.

Arab terrorist attacks inside Israel are increasing.

Under these circumstances, the fewer Palestinians there are seeking work in Israel proper, the better. But to keep them close to home, jobs must be created in the territories.

The creation of one job in the territories is estimated to require an investment of \$20,000, compared to \$50,000 per job in Israel proper.

Creating jobs at home for the 90,000 Palestinians currently working in Israel would cost \$1.8 billion, an amount

Israel has no intention of spending on the territories.

But some Palestinians seem willing to share the burden. They understand that, political obstacles aside, an independent Palestinian state can never be achieved without the economic development of the territories.

"As long as we are so dependent on Israel economically, there will be no political independence," said Mohammed Jazji, owner of a 7-Up bottling plant in Gaza and chairman of the local manufacturers association.

But there are immediate, pressing problems.

The Persian Gulf War plunged Palestinians into a depression. One of the main channels of fund transfers into (continued on page 7)



Paul Segal

Jewish Singles Speak Out!

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Last Tuesday, July 30, at 7:30 the newly formed Simcha Singles got off to a talkative start at its home base, Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston. Nearly thirty divorced, widowed and/or never-been-married men and women joined to hear the Jewish Family Service's Executive Director, Paul Segal, speak on "Concerns of Jewish Singles in the 90's." This was the second meeting since the group formed.

After a fifteen minute informal speech on the pros and cons of being Jewish and single in today's society, Segal opened the floor to discussion.

Segal began by saying, "Who'd have thought that in the 90's we'd have dating services? Why? Are we going backwards to the days of shtetl when Jewish married women covered their heads in modesty?"

"It's much more difficult for many to settle down today. It's more difficult for those in the Jewish community who are committed Jews. About 50 percent of the people of this community are single."

The executive director pointed out how important it is to meet other people "in your situation. Some people sit at home and avoid the situation."

The first concern that an audience member mentioned was how to attract more people to the Simcha Singles group. She felt that she had more in common with other types of groups.

She said, "What do we have in common except that we're Jewish and single?"

Segal's response was that "we have to promote and orga-

nize more group activities that everyone appreciates."

In general, the group found that other problems that single Jews deal with today have to do with both sexes being afraid of getting to know the opposite gender. The audience basically agreed that both sexes should be able to ask out the opposite sex. Also, everyone nodded their heads in agreement when one woman said that it was difficult to attend community gatherings, especially when almost everyone else was paired off.

One gentleman mentioned that it was difficult adjusting to being single after he lost his wife.

Another woman quipped, "Most men I've dated think I want to run away and get married right then and there."

Still another college-age woman said, "Men don't know how to make commitments."

When asked why the group was formed, Publicity Chairperson Marcia Slobin said, "There's a very big need in this Jewish community (for a singles group), not just within this temple. Also, we want to let people know about the options available."

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Mama Loshen In The Classroom

by Sarah Baird

Herald Associate Editor

Approximately fifty enthusiastic students reported to summer school in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island last week. As in any group of students, there were jokers, scholars and rebels. Some of the students reverently listened to their teachers; others challenged and disagreed, prompting discussions with the teachers and among other students.

Over lunch and in between classes the students mingled, making friends and rediscovering old ties. The air was buzzing with excitement.

There was something different in this gathering of pupils. For one thing, during the breaks from classes, no one ran around the building playing tag or hide-and-go-seek. For another thing, the jokes that made the rounds during and after class were more mature than your typical school-yard quips. These were not your average summer school students, making up for failing grades.

They were, however, making up for lost time and relatives, while they learned, re-learned or practiced Yiddish, the language of their ancestors. As Alice Goldstein, President of the Bureau of Jewish Education reminded the audience in her lunchtime address on August 1, Yiddish is the language of connection. "It connects us with the previous generations...it is the language of families. We

appreciate the language more and more as we discover the linkages."

Together, these dedicated people took part in the sixth annual Yiddish Eldercamp from July 29- August 2, sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Jewish Community Center. The program offered classes in Yiddish language, literature and courses on the culture, art, and history of Eastern European Jewry. It was billed as a "week-long journey into the world of our fathers...and mothers." Indeed, the participants recalled touching stories of their par-

ents, boubies and others, as they brought alive the language of their loved ones.

For most of the students, Yiddish is the language of their childhoods. Their vocabularies, therefore, are frequently limited to "Kitchen Yiddish," the words a child learns in the kitchen rather than a more adult vocabulary. Sarah Shapiro, for instance, remembered speaking only Yiddish as a child.

"Until I was six years old, I couldn't even speak English! Here, once you start talking, the words just fall into place."

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(L-R) Bessie Soifer and Sarah Shapiro

**Due to the
observance
of the holiday on
Monday, next week's
Rhode Island
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will be delivered on
Friday.**

Your Community

A Scout Is Reverent

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

The drive west to Yawgoog along route 138 cruises you through Hope Valley with its pow-wow fairgrounds, its cornfields, its herb gardens. I had wound round to the scout retreat before. I had dived off the rocks at the physician's quarters when Dr. Mel Hoffman did July there. In the thirties and forties my uncle and my brother had tried it out. My mom sent postcards with semaphore code flag secret message sketches on them. In those days boyscouting fit right into a bar mitzvah's routine. You joined troop 20, off came the yarmulke, on went the chin-strapped trilby in the style leftover from the Spanish American War.

Yawgoog still clings to a strong sense of the past. Roll through a grand entrygate. Move along to the cobbled courtyard. A stand of pines has

shaded the meadow clearings through lonely winters and hectic summer weeks. The formal salutes of the scouts go way back too. Uniforms, badges, orange caps, lots of sirs and handshakes.

Ian Lilien from New York, a professional scout guide, looked after me. "I started scouting late, at 13. My first summer at a camp, my Jewish mother's package of letters and treats got lost or mislaid. A bear tramped through among the canvas tents. I never felt so alone, but I grew up." Ian, named for Israel, left me at the shore for a "free swim." Everyone is counted and accounted for, among the roped areas, in true military fashion. The life-guard told me an Indian chief had given the land to the scouts. His bones lie buried somewhere, says scout myth. I had to check out the nature cabin as well. Abandoned baby bunnies crouch in a neat grass-



An Eagle in Hope Valley

filled cage. Big bullfrogs croak away in another. A gaudy painted turtle shows off its stuff in a third. Ecological exhibits teach land values to the scout students.

Yawgoog feels much more like home in the last half decade, because Temple Ten Commandments takes its proud place right smack in the center of these things. The wood floor of shiny pine didn't come with the prefab lumber. They had to put it in with a special fund. Chaplain Rina

Wolfgang from Wakefield and URI Hillel in khaki drab leads the Friday night "reform-Conservative" service. She lit the candles and later blessed the wine and applejuice. She shared responsive reading with her son Jake, age 6.

The star of the show - who won a round of cheerful clapping - was Joel Kahn. His grandfather Mel of the Jewish War Veterans, along with Jerry Weiss, presented a special award in behalf of the local and national JWF organization. Joel has won his Eagle badge. His name will be installed on the Ner Tamid plaque at the western wall of the compact cabin. If you look out that window, you see the classic curving halfcircles of timber benches on logs, the legendary shape of campfire audiences.

Joel stood straight with quiet poise, loaded down by colorful patches, badges, insignia,

heaped with honors.

Chaplain Rina spoke of "the increasing recognition of Jewish presence in scouting. A religious weekend, not a spiritual Sunday alone. This is all to the good." Jules Cohen (sitting beside crutches from recent knee surgery) added a few good-natured notes. "Reverence is important to a scout. You have to respect your background." As chair of the Narragansett Council's Jewish Committee on Scouting, Jules made a message of easygoing courtesy.

Not that these Yawgoog youngsters differ from other teens. But the list of their ideal virtues — "A scout is thrifty, brave, courteous, reverent" along with the Ten Commandments, piled up the good words heard from the camper's edition of the printed service. Without screens, mosquitoes wafted in. Reb Rina blessed "all G-d's creatures." (Even so, on the handicapped ramp outside, there was talk of how to poison the powder-beetles and ants.)

When we left the lit temple for the dark night and the long trail winding home, my own 6 year old cut through my reverie. "That big boy told me I was lucky I didn't have to stay. It's too hard."

Speak Out On R.I. Politics

On Thursday, August 8, at 7:30 p.m., Common Cause of Rhode Island will host a grass roots meeting at the Woonsocket Public Library. Common Cause's Governing Board and Staff will comment on the R.I. General Assembly's record. Attendees will have the opportunity to express their concerns and find out what they can do in order to make a difference in Rhode Island politics.

New Transportation System For Seniors

Seniors in Kent and Washington Counties and Jamestown have a new transportation service for medical appointments, therapy, rehabilitation, elderly day care, and mealsites. The new system is called the RIDE Program and reservations may be made by calling 1-800-479-6902.

Under RIDE, door-to-door service will be available for residents 60 and older and handicapped persons receiving Medical Assistance (Medicaid). To register for RIDE, eligible persons must fill out a short application form and submit it to RIDE offices at:

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New London Square
1745 Main Street
Unit #4

West Warwick, R.I. 02893

Additional information can be obtained by calling 1-800-7433, 828-6902, or 828-3295.

RIDE will operate from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Seniors should call no later than 1 p.m., weekdays, to reserve a ride for the next day. For Monday appointments, arrangements should be

made by 1 p.m. the preceding Friday. Riders are urged to make their transportation reservations as far in advance as possible.

"We are making strides in insuring that transportation is accessible and responsive to our seniors' needs," remarked Maureen Maigret, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA). "With this new system, we will be using our available resources with maximum efficiency," she declared.

The RIDE program is a pilot project administered by the COMSIS Corporation of Pennsylvania. The program is funded through the DEA, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Mental Health, Retardation, and Hospitals.

Four agencies are working together to provide transportation under RIDE. These agencies include Northwest Transportation Service, Central Adult Day Care in Warwick, the Coventry Senior Center, and New Visions of Newport County.

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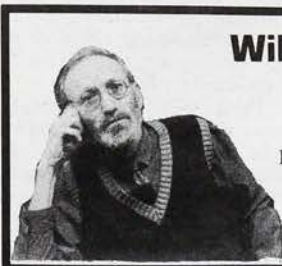
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Books in Review



Wild, Wondrous . . . And Wise

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

Sharon Kaplan grew up on Fourth Street, across from the Summit Avenue School Boy's Entrance. She played with my younger cousin at the corner of Creston and Summit. She even wrote a school story about his house, which had held several generations of his family gear and ghosts.

Sharon goes by the nom de plume Sasha now. She keeps house and her second husband Matt way off in Portland, Oregon, on the other coast of our continent. When an eastsider flies the coop, it's a major migration.

Some things don't budge though. Sasha has held fast to the ideals of her girlhood era. Twenty years ago the old standards had broken down. New ones hadn't quite yet taken form. You built them up day by day. That Kaplan Kid stooped shyly under the great mop of dark brown hair that hid her thoughtful face. She wrapped herself round in the hippie sarongs of far-east farout prints. She palled around with colorful fellows and gals. My favorite of her friends, wee Gloria, dressed her odd body in cottons she sewed, embroidered, patched together with her nimble fingers. Mutt and Jeff hitched on the state highways living out the lyrics to the tunes of the times. True daughters of Rhode Island, they made their way home to sleep in their childhood beds. The two close chums often popped by my bachelor quarters to check out my scene.

When Sharon, later Sasha, did move out on mom and dad, I jeoped out to Rehoboth to have a looksee at the commune she had joined and to find out how she was faring there. She had tucked herself up in a cubbyhole with candles on crates for light and furniture.

Sasha writes a darned good letter, newsy, bright, zesty, loyal. On politically correct recycled paper, of course. When in due time she brought Matt and the first baby Michael over to Creston Way, I was impressed and figured her folks

would be too. Matt smiled with devotion, a compact, calm, competent chap you had to like. I gave them a fallen Creston Way road sign.

But you never can tell about moms and dads and kids, I found that out over and over in life. The apple doesn't fall far though.

You can catch sight of the Kaplans everywhere in town where a Jewish film, lecture, meeting takes place. They walk to shul on Shabbat, along Summit and down Rochambeau, up or down. Like Sasha and Matt, they give off an air of caring for each other. It makes you feel good just to greet them cheerfully. So I wasn't caught off guard when Sasha, Matt and their second boy Haven showed up at the Barrington Library for my strange slide show on the Jews of Japan and the Hebrews of Hongkong.

Sasha just spoke right up when the lights came on and I spotted the Sharon of longago. Turned out she and Matt had biked across China not far back. Sasha said the Chinese were very polite. One guide passed along the word very properly till it reached Sasha. She wasn't dressed fully enough to suit those Puritans of Peking.

I treated us to tea — or rather, Newport Creamery coffee ice cream. They left the tip. Sasha also left me with a column about her that had hit newspapers across America. Joyce Maynard, a syndicated, travelling New Hampshire journalist, had headlined her account "Wise Woman Makes Space for Herself, Women Pals." She labelled Sasha "a caterer, health care worker, community activist, cookbook writer, yard sale treasure hunter, gardener, mother, wife and friend."

Funny, I wouldn't have said "wise," but rather "wild and wondrous." Sasha came from just around the corner but she has made the world her home. Nobody I know has lived more true to the code of the flower-folk.

Haffenreffer Museum Of Anthropology

By the end of the seventeenth century New England's peoples — both native and European — had been irrevocably changed by their encounter. The land, too, had been affected. "Changing Land, Changing Cultures" is the topic of the final session in the free reading and discussion series "Encounter in Norumbega: The Hidden Story of Early New England Maps." The discussion will be led by Ann McMullen of Brown University at the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology on August 8, from 7-9 p.m. For information, call 253-8388.

Readings for the series may be borrowed from the museum. As part of the program, an exhibit of early maps of our region is on display through September 15.

Children With a Star Jewish Youth in Nazi Europe

by Deborah Dwork
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by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor
Almost weekly, another history, analysis or memoir that documents the brutal realities of the Holocaust comes out in print. Although some critics believe that enough is certainly enough already about that terrible time, for every story told, thousands remain lost in the grim silence of annihilation. There is, in fact, everything to be gained and nothing to be lost by reading yet another reminder of the world's shameful past.

Deborah Dwork's insightful addition claims to be the only exhaustive study of a relatively unexplored subject, that of the effects of the Holocaust on children and the awful experience of being a child victim of the murderous madness.

Despite Dwork's obvious and at times insistent commitment to the topic at hand, *Children With a Star* has a tendency to bog the reader down in repetitive detail and overlapping histories. At times, the book is not only exhaustive but exhausting, as in the cumbersome introduction with its academic and inaccessible explanations and theories.

On a whole, however, *Children With a Star* is a well-re-

searched, interesting exploration of a silenced population. Because most of the countless children who were swallowed by the Nazi death machine never lived to tell their stories, the singular experience of being a child during the Holocaust is not well known. Those children who did survive the war did so in part because they were able to cease to live as children.

When "the young people entered the concentration camp world, their lives as children ended. As we have seen, only those old enough to pass as adults, or as bodies capable of adult labor, were allowed to live." In the first years of the war, children lost their friends, homes, playgrounds, schools. Later, they lost their parents, (continued on page 9)

Delicious Recipes

by Daniel Rogov

BEAN SALAD

2 cups dried lima beans
salt to taste
½ cup spring onions, chopped
coarsely
¼ cup onion, chopped finely
¼ cup olive oil
2 tbsp. each wine vinegar and
chopped parsley
pepper and tabasco sauce to
taste

Wash the beans under cold running water. Transfer to a large saucepan and cover with hot water. Let stand in the water 2-3 hours.

Bring the water to a boil and then simmer gently for two hours. Skim carefully, add salt to taste and let cook until the beans are tender (about 30 minutes longer). Drain the beans well and transfer to a salad bowl. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well. Let cool, cover and refrigerate. Serve well chilled.

MINTED SALAD

3 cups bulgur (cracked wheat)
9 cups parsley, chopped
6 large tomatoes, chopped
20 spring onions, chopped
1½ cups olive oil
juice of 8 lemons (or more to
taste)
6 tbsp. fresh mint leaves,
chopped
salt to taste
3 large tomatoes, cut in thin
wedges

Soak the bulgur in warm water for one hour. Drain and squeeze out as much of the water as possible and then combine with all of the remaining ingredients except the tomato wedges. Correct the seasoning with salt to taste.

Chill well and serve garnished with the remaining tomato.

ARAK COOKIES

2½ cups butter
1 cup confectioners' sugar
4 egg yolks
6 tbsp. arak (or ouzo or anisette)
5 cups flour
½ tsp. baking powder
1 cup blanched almonds,
ground finely

Let the butter soften at room temperature and then cream well with the sugar and egg yolk. Add the arak and cream well once again.

Into this mixture sift the flour and baking powder. Knead into a firm dough. Add the nuts and knead again. Form dough into 3" (7 cm) crescents and place these on an ungreased cookie tin. Bake in a medium oven for 20-25 minutes. Sprinkle the cookies with confectioners' sugar while still hot. May be served hot or cool.



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From Israel

Herald Staff

A thickly packed envelope arrived from Israel. It held notices about the science of creationism. A large poster with cartoon images of monkeys attacked the theory of evolution. Creationists place humanity at the highest point of the divine design. The modern mind questions this assumption.

Even so, their texts do not lack charm. "The fluttering of a butterfly's wings can change the weather." Everything, and everyone, matters in the vast universe.

Evolution is accepted as fact, not theory - like the roundness of the globe. The four corners of the land have gone with the wind. Darwin's reputation sits secure like the rocks of the Galapagos. We see in this challenge to his authority not the sign of a fear of difficult truth. Rather, we take it as a badge of courage and style out of the country of religious visions.

Brochures also came to us noting an exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago called "Degenerate Art." It shows works and cites comments by

the painters banned or exiled by Hitler. Max Beckmann hated collectivism. "Everywhere attempts are being made to lower happiness and the way of living to the level of termites."

Since so many of their generation came to our shores, Thomas Mann took it for granted that liberty and life for the creative soul lay here. He wrote: "I believe that for the duration of the present European dark age, the center of western culture will shift to America."

Beckman and Mann, a painter and a writer out of that time and that place, do not sigh with relief before the comforts and comfy corners of our culture. No, they came to seek a higher end, a quest for freedom and artistic truth.

Not all the letters and press releases that hit our desks are signed by an individual. But as we sort our daily mail, certain issues come up which we feel like sharing with our readers. They keep us abreast of the issues and messages that bring the Jewish community together in the morning post.

"Some Of Your Readers Will Agree With Me . . ."

by Hans L. Heimann

I was recently invited by Miss Beth Cohen of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island to speak about my experiences during World War II, at a luncheon given by the Brown Baggers Club.

My remarks, alas, were taken with hostility by the audience. I spoke about what I believe to have been the great help and assistance that was given by the Catholic churches and the Vatican itself to save Jewish lives during the Holocaust period. I mentioned how I experienced this myself, through my friendship that developed with many priests between 1939 and 1945. At a question and answer period I could feel the tension. My Jewishness was indeed questioned, some members of my audience were extremely sarcastic, even hostile. And at the end, not one of my listeners shook my hand, or even said so much as "thank you."

Miss Cohen saw how uncomfortable I was. She gave me a book, *The Italian Refuge, The Rescue Of Jews During The Holocaust*, by Ivo Herzer.

The book, of which I had no knowledge, confirmed what I

was saying all along. Here are a few quotes: "Word came from U.S. Army chaplains in Italy of the aid and protection given to save many Italian Jews by the Vatican and by priests and institutions of the Church during the Nazi occupation of the land." (A letter from the National Jewish Welfare Board)

"The Holy See and the Vatican hierarchy throughout Europe were solicited time and again for special assistance both as a channel of communication to the leaders of people of enemy territory and as a means of rendering direct aid to the suffering victims of Hitler. The Catholic clergy saved and protected many thousands and the Vatican rendered invaluable assistance to the Board and to the persecuted in Nazi hands." (From the War Refugee Board's director, John W. Pehle)

"I could express to the head of the Church the sentiments of profound gratitude and respectful admiration of my Israelite brethren of the French Expeditionary Forces for the immense good and incomparable charity that your Holiness extended generously to the

Jews of Italy and especially the children, women and elderly of the community of Rome. (The Jewish chaplain of the French Expeditionary Forces)

There were indeed, many more testimonials from people who seem to be better qualified than I. What I have described in my talk to the Jewish Community Center were my own experiences. I spoke of my close friendship with members of the Catholic clergy, who always showed sympathy to me and my coreligionaries who were interned by the Fascist government of Rome. It was that government of Rome, the one in Palazzo Venezia, who was seemingly influenced by the one emanating from St. Peter's Basilica. Once the puppet regime in the north was established, all that ended, the persecution and the deportation of Jews started.

To the members of the Brown Baggers Club, let me say this: "You are, of course, entitled to your opinion, that's why we live in a Democracy. I, on the other hand, am entitled to my rebuttal."

Considering what I have to say above, I trust that "some of your readers, will agree with me, some of the time." Pardon me, Mr. Lincoln, I was only trying to paraphrase, not to plagiarize. . .

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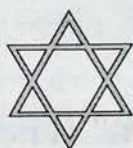
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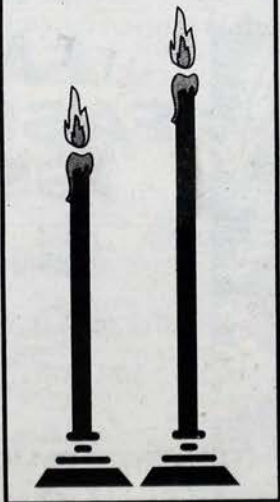
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Trends In Education

Accountability, whole language experiences, individualized guided instruction. Even though it's summertime, topics in education still find their way into the news, reminding us how important we consider education in this country.

Even if we don't have school-age children, we are often at least familiar with some of the trends in the field. Take, for instance, a teaching method that has been receiving praise, known as "peer tutoring." In peer tutoring, both students involved are expected, even required, to play an active role in their own education; one student teaches and the other student learns from him. In the end, both students benefit from this one-on-one arrangement.

A slightly different version of peer tutoring, appearing in the *Gemara*, credits its founder with keeping Judaism alive!

Rabbi Chiya succeeded in keeping Torah alive among the Jewish people. How did he accomplish this? He sowed and reaped flax, then spun the flax into threads which he wove into nets. With the nets he trapped deer, feeding orphans with its meat and preparing the skins into parchment. Onto the parchment, Rabbi Chiya wrote out the entire Torah. After all this was completed, he still was not finished. Rabbi Chiya himself, a great sage and scholar, went to a town that had no teachers and taught a different one of the five books of the Torah, and the six books of the Mishna to eleven different children. Then he said to them, "Until I return, teach each other the Torah and the Mishna."

Rabbi Chiya enjoined the children to teach each other even before they themselves had mastered all the other

parts of the Torah and Mishna. Each child's first obligation was to teach what he knew to his friends.

Today, we must be the Rabbi Chiyas and his students. There are many Jewish children without even a minimal Jewish education. By using Rabbi Chiya's methods, we can be instrumental, in our own way, in keeping Judaism and



Torah alive. If we know the alef-bet, or a bit of Jewish history, a brocha, or a Jewish law, we should find someone who doesn't have this knowledge, a child or even a peer, and "tutor" him. Then, we should feel free to study more ourselves.

Free Choice

The Torah portion of R'e'i opens with a foundation of the Jewish religion — free choice. G-d says to the Jewish people, "Look, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: the blessing, that you will hearken to G-d's commandments. . . and the curse, if you will not hearken to G-d's commandments. . . (Deuteronomy 11: 26-28).

Why did G-d create the world so as to necessitate blessings and curses? Why did G-d create something to stand in the way of good, to make it difficult for us to do what is appropriate and right?

Evil alternatives exist to allow for free choice. If there was only good in this world — no chance for a person to behave in a questionable manner — he couldn't freely choose to do good; he would be forced to do good for lack of alternatives, by default. In order to have options, there have to be at least two different routes. Then, a person can use the free choice to choose the correct path.

Freedom to choose one path of action over another is a fundamental principle of Judaism. It is at the very core of the advantages of a human over other created beings. Other creatures don't have this option of free choice; their actions are based on natural instincts and environmental training. Only man has such an advantage.

The concept of reward and punishment revolves around choice. If there is no choice, there is no room for reward and punishment. A person can receive a reward for his good deeds because he has free choice.

It is therefore understood that the existence of the opportunity to do "bad" is not to make a person evil, but the opposite. Wrong exists only to allow a person to choose right.

The opportunity to do bad, therefore, wasn't created to prevent a person from accomplishing what he needs to. In fact, it is to push the person toward the correct path, a path to be traveled on in the midst of freedom of choice and desire.

Knowing that "bad" exists only to encourage us toward the good, also gives us the ability and strength not to be intimidated or overwhelmed by the bad.

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

The Self-Inflicted Holocaust

by Morris Gastfreund

It is symbolic that on the week of Tisha B'Av - when Jews mourn the destruction of the first and second Temples as well as myriad other Jewish catastrophes falling on the same day - one can find in *Newsweek* an article titled "A gloomy study leads Jews to fear for their future" (July 22, 1991).

I was saddened and disturbed by the data compiled by the Council of Jewish Federation (CJF). Its study shows that the number of Americans who identify themselves as Jews has decreased to 4.3 million - 1.8 percent of the population. In 1964, the year the CJF began its tracking, the *World Book Encyclopedia* listed the number of Jews in the United States as five million. In a short span of 26 years, the Jewish community in America has lost 15 percent - through assimilation and interfaith marriages whose children are not being raised as Jews.

This is an alarming rate of decline. The study further shows that since 1985, 52 per-

cent of all marriages involving Jews have been interfaith. In 1964, only 9 percent were interfaith. The study also reveals that 75 percent of the children of interfaith marriages are not raised as Jews.

How can we describe this rapid decline of the American Jewish community, if not as a self-inflicted Holocaust? Through 19 centuries of wandering in the Diaspora, something like this did not occur. What the Crusaders, the inquisitions, expulsions and pogroms could not accomplish - namely the liquidation of the Jewish people - the affluence and freedom of the American Jew does. Throughout the Jews' wandering in the Diaspora and their persecution by all nations at one time or another, the world wondered: How can the Jewish people survive for such a long span of time without their own country, when many people with their own countries disappeared from the face of the earth?

The answer, I believe, is not at all complicated. The Jewish people survived the long jour-

ney because we lived by our religion, its rituals, customs and traditions. It was the glue that formed a protective shield which our enemies could not penetrate. Therefore, we survived.

The American Jews' newly won freedoms and affluence gave way to new interpretations of our religion, its rituals and customs. The liberal interpretations, in order to suit the American freedom and affluence, have removed the barriers which separated Jewish people from others. The new belief that each generation has the right to accept, reject or modify the tradition it has received from previous generations damages irreparably the shield that kept us together as a people.

It was not so long ago that Jewish parents sat "shiva," mourned the death of a child who married a Gentile. Now some rabbis officiate at interfaith marriages alongside priests, and call these ceremonies ecumenical weddings. I wonder if these rabbis even ask the prospective bride and

groom which religion they will practice, and which religion they will impart to their children.

Interfaith marriages should be welcome as long as the non-Jewish partner goes through the proper conversion to Judaism and assures that the children will be raised as Jews.

The survival of American Jewry depends primarily on sustaining Jewish thoughts, rituals, customs and traditions. To reverse the decline of American Jewry, we must see to it that our children get the proper Jewish education - not just for their bar or bat mitzvah ceremonies, but for the sake of knowing and understanding Judaism with its rituals and customs and why it is important to be identified as a Jew.

"You cannot expect continuity if Jews know little about what they wish to continue," *Newsweek* quotes Steven Bayme, director of Jewish communal affairs for the American Jewish Committee. When our children are on the verge of losing their Jewish identity, their parents cannot find the

words to tell their children why they should be Jewish. Then they ask themselves where they went wrong. "The answer often is: by sending their kids to Sunday school" to get a meager dose of Jewish education "while they went to the mall or to the beauty parlor," Rabbi Theodore Alexander of San Francisco tells *Newsweek*.

We urgently need educational programs to help adults become committed Jews. This will help them be secure in their own religious identity, comfortable and proud of their tradition and beliefs. Then they will be able to transmit the values of Judaism to their children, and maybe we will have a chance of stopping the self-inflicted Holocaust of the American Jewry.

Mr. Gastfreund is a Holocaust survivor and has lived in Rhode Island for about forty years. He is a frequent contributor to the Herald.

Reforming The Judiciary

by David R. Carlin
R.I. Senator - District 49

Every time I think we hit rock bottom in Rhode Island, we sink just a little deeper. The latest incident is the arrest of retired Superior Court Judge Antonio Almeida on charges of bribery.

(Dear Reader: I say "the latest incident." But of course a week or two will intervene between my writing these words and your reading them, and heaven only knows what new scandal(s) will have befallen us in the meantime. The state, I'm afraid, is living up to its old name of "Rogue's Island.")

We are told that the judge must be granted a presumption of innocence. This is a presumption he is entitled to only in a court of law, not in the court of public opinion. Yet even in the court of public opinion we should keep an open mind. He appears to have been caught red-handed. But who knows? Maybe he can explain all this. Maybe he will emerge clean as a whistle.

But let's imagine the trial is held and the judge found guilty as charged. What punishment

will he get? I don't know. But I do know one punishment he won't get. He will not forfeit his state pension of \$97,904 per year. There is no law on the books in this state that requires a judge to give up his pension upon conviction of a felony.

"What!" you will scream. "A judge may be convicted of a serious crime yet still receive a state pension of nearly \$100,000 per year! Outrageous!"

Yes, it is outrageous. And for the record let me point out that this is not the first time I have addressed this possible outrage. In 1990 and 1991 I introduced bills into the Senate that would have deprived judges of their pensions if convicted of a felony. Both years the bills were killed in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Which brings me to the subject of another of my bills that was killed in Senate Judiciary in both 1990 and 1991. This second bill would have required that judges go through a re-confirmation process every seven years.

Right now Rhode Island is the only state in the union to

give judges lifetime tenure. Only two other states come close to this degree of job security: Massachusetts and New Hampshire judges serve without re-confirmation to the age of 70. But in the 47 other states judges serve for terms ranging from 4 to 14 years, with the average term being about 7 years.

I say it is about time Rhode Island got in step with the rest of America. Most judges would sail through the re-confirmation process, since most are persons of great competence and integrity. But the process would give us a change of removing the bad apples, and it would give some of the borderline cases a powerful incentive to clean up their act.

At the moment Rhode Island is passing through one of the worst crisis in its long governmental history. All three branches of government have been rocked by scandals; all three have suffered a loss of legitimacy; all three need to take dramatic steps to set their houses in order.

But in a way the problems of the judiciary are worse than those of the executive and leg-

islative branches. Why? Because we expect more of judges. The other two branches are full of politicians, and we are never surprised (though we may be disappointed) to find that a certain percentage of politicians are rascals. But rascality has no place on the judicial bench. If judges are not men and women of integrity, then they are nothing.

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Slobin says that she plans to coordinate with the JCCRI Singles in publishing a guide. Both chairpersons from the JCC Singles were invited to listen to the Simcha Singles talk over the situation of being single and Jewish.

About four months ago, Rabbi David Rosen was approached by Sid Silverman with the suggestion of starting this Simcha group. Rosen appointed Silverman as chairperson. Other board members are Melanie Siegal, Program Chairperson and Marcia Slobin, Publicity Chairperson.

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World and National News

Yugoslav Rabbi Appeals For Peace

The Chief Rabbi of Yugoslavia has appealed to his countrymen "to be reasonable and of good will, and to try to solve the mutual disputes and misunderstandings in agreement and peace."

Rabbi Cadik Danon's appeal was carried by the major outlets of Yugoslavia's media recently, and was conveyed to the WJC by its national affiliate in the country, the Federation

of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia.

In his declaration, Rabbi Danon stated "We have allowed hatred to blind us so much that now, all misunderstandings look enormous, sometimes unsurmountable." He warned: "This hatred drives us to destroy everything that linked us before. Brother raises his hand against his brother, and who will stop it?"

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Jews Banned From Jury

Vichy. The law against Jews serving as jurors was applied for the first time in the French courts this week. The names of two jurors aroused the suspicions of the presiding judge, who immediately ordered them out of the jury box.

Ben Gurion in London

David Ben Gurion, white-haired tiny chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, will fly 17,000 miles in order to get to London, which is only 3,000 miles from Jerusalem. This means that the Zionist labor leader will soon cross the U.S. to reach Britain before decisions on Palestine become frozen.

Hungary Expels Foreigners

Twelve thousand Jews are affected by the new laws in Hungary, which have been in place for over two weeks. All Jews not holding Hungarian citizenship, including those Jews living in Hungary for over ten years, have been expelled, according to a government communique.

Israel Is Leaning To The Right

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A new poll shows increased polarization in Israeli politics, with the far right benefiting most.

The survey was conducted by PORI, the Public Opinion Research Institute of Israel, among a representative sampling of 1,200 voters throughout the country.

It showed that if elections were held now, the three small parties on the far right would make significant gains at the expense of Likud. The three small leftist parties would gain modestly at the expense of Labor.

On the right, the Tehiya, Tsomet and Moledet parties, which presently represent 10.9 percent of the electorate, would increase their collective strength by 4 percent in new elections.

On the left, the Citizens Rights Movement, Center-Shinui and Mapam would grow from their present 14.6 percent share to 15.1 percent.

The Likud would lose 2 percent, dropping in voter support from 31.1 to 29.1 percent. The Labor Party would slip back by 2.7 percent, from its current 30 percent to 27.3 percent, the poll showed.

The four religious parties would gain a half of 1 percent, increasing their share of the popular vote from 14.6 to 15.1 percent.

Arabs Blast Israel's Admission To U.N. Commission

by Tamar Levy

GENEVA (JTA) — The Arab bloc has complained bitterly about a decision by the U.N. Economic and Social Council, known as ECOSOC, to admit Israel to a regional commission of the United Nations.

Speaking at the close of the ECOSOC meeting, Libyan delegate Ibrahim Omar, speaking for the Arab states, said it was tantamount to rewarding that country's intransigence and belligerence.

ECOSOC voted overwhelmingly July 23 to give Israel full membership in its Economic Commission for Europe, one of five regional commissions.

Israel's U.N. ambassador, Yitzhak Lior, said that while Israel has long despaired of getting fair treatment from the international community, the new move held promise of change.

The General Assembly of ECOSOC also voted 48-1 to ask member states to increase their assistance to the Palestinians, in cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The United States cast the sole dissenting vote. U.S. Ambassador Morris Abram said the resolution implied Palestinian statehood and did not deal adequately with current problems.

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NEWS BRIEFS

National

Investigators for the United States Congress have found that U.S. companies that comply with the Arab boycott of Israel are getting off with light penalties from the Internal Revenue Service, the World Jewish Congress reported from Washington.

(JTA) - The first retrospective of Yiddish films will open at the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan on November 14, the National Center for Jewish Film announced. The series entitled, "Yiddish Between Two Worlds," will present 28 restored feature films from the Rutenberg and Everett Yiddish Film Collection. The films will be shown over several weeks.

International

(JTA) - Foreign Minister David Levy returned last week from his two-day visit to Cairo expressing confidence that Israel and Egypt share a "common concern for the promotion of the peace process." He described as "good and friendly" the one-hour meeting he held with President Hosni Mubarak prior to his departure.

(JTA) Labor Party Chairman Shimon Peres congratulated Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last week for giving a positive response to U.S. Secretary of State James Baker on the planned Middle East peace conference. Peres' move, a rare gesture in Israeli politics, bolstered Shamir's political strength and rendered less effective the threats from the Likud's far-right coalition partners to bolt the government if the conference takes place.

AJCongress Meets With Shamir



New York City Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman (center) with Will Maslow (left), editor of the American Jewish Congress's Boycott Report, meet with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir during a fact-finding mission on the Arab boycott of Israel. The mission was sponsored by AJCongress.

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the territories was cut off when hundreds of thousands of Palestinians employed in the Gulf emirates lost their jobs and could no longer support their families living under Israeli rule.

At the same time, the citrus export business, mainstay of Palestinian enterprise in the Gaza Strip, fell on hard times with the collapse of worldwide citrus prices.

In addition, since the Gulf war Israel has, for security reasons, adopted severe measures intended to limit the number of Palestinians entering Israel on a daily basis.

Those with jobs in Israel have to obtain special entry permits, a long, humiliating process.

That situation, along with the growing reluctance of security-conscious Israeli employers to hire Arabs from the territories, has reduced the number of Palestinian day laborers in Israel from 120,000 to 90,000.

The new economic policy in the territories concentrates for the time being on the Gaza Strip, where conditions are worst.

The Israeli civil administration is developing two industrial parks in Gaza to attract manufacturing plants. The administration recently handed out grants to build greenhouses to grow flowers for export. It is the first such enterprise in the territories.

At the same time, the approval of new plants and foreign investment is being expedited without restrictions, except for a ban on money originating with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

New plants will get a three-year tax exemption from the first day they start earning profits.

The Israeli authorities plan to introduce income tax reforms similar to those prevailing in Israel. The marginal tax rate will be cut from 55 percent to 48 percent.

These new measures have been welcomed by the Palestinians. But they are no less aware than the Israelis that they do not amount to much more than a declaration of good intent.

They will hardly solve most problems, and the situation will not change radically in the near future.

"We'll need tremendous international aid to create our own economy," said Gaza businessman Mansur a-Shawa, son of the late mayor of Gaza, Rashid a-Shawa.

"Just as Israel relied heavily on international aid to get on its feet," so will the Palestinians, he said.

A-Shawa warned that "an immediate, one-sided Israeli

Palestinian Women Tolerate Wife Beating

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The vast majority of Palestinian women seem to accept wife beating as a necessary evil.

Over 80 percent of Palestinian women believe it should be tolerated as a way of coping with family problems, a Hebrew University researcher reported on the basis of a survey.

Few Palestinian women feel abused wives should even seek help from friends or family, according to Nadira Shalhoub-Kevorkian, of the University's Institute of Criminology. She spoke at a session on spousal violence at the sixth European Conference of the International Society for Research on Aggression, held at the Hebrew University recently.

Although Palestinian society is in transition from a traditional to a modern way of life, it remains a patriarchal society where religion plays a dominant role, Shalhoub-Kevorkian said.

The tug of war between tradi-

withdrawal from the Gaza Strip would amount to an economic disaster for the local population. Such a process needs much time and much money."

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tional social norms and modern ways is reflected in the conflicting survey results, she said. For example, more than half of the respondents said they oppose wife beating in principle, yet 81 percent think of it as a "preferred" way to handle family problems.

Her findings were based on a questionnaire distributed last year to 175 Palestinian women from different neighborhoods and socio-economic backgrounds in East Jerusalem.

Neil Malamuth, of the communications studies department of the University of California, Los Angeles, said that a hostile home environment in which parental violence or child abuse occur may be an important factor leading to delinquency and to eventual coercive behavior against women.

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Sylvia Hassenfeld, center, President of The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), receives a copy of the first Amharic-Hebrew-English dictionary from authors Edna Lauden, left and Mati Elias, right. JDC and Tel Aviv University assisted in publishing the dictionary to bridge the language barrier for Ethiopian immigrants. It was specifically designed to provide definitions and at the same time teach about Israeli culture. (Photo by JDC)

Iraq Admits Having Superguns

by Gil Kezwer

TORONTO (JTA) — Iraq, responding to a gun-rattling United Nations-imposed deadline to declare its worth in nuclear arms, admitted recently that it was building superguns capable of firing chemical, biological or nuclear weapons a distance of 1,000 miles.

The guns, whose payloads would be able to reach Tel Aviv and Teheran, were designed by Canadian arms inventor and dealer Gerald Bull.

Bull was assassinated outside his Brussels home in March 1990, a time when giant pipes apparently destined to form parts of the guns were beginning to turn up in ports throughout Europe.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had contended all along that the pipes were meant to be used for Iraq's petrochemical industry.

The disclosure about the superguns, in a document delivered to U.N. officials July 18, is the latest admission by Baghdad of the existence of weapons it had earlier denied having.

But Iraq did not fully disclose its nuclear potential, and the U.N. allies have therefore not completely ruled out using force against Iraq to elicit that information, the British ambassador to the United Nations said there recently.

Under the terms of the April 3 Gulf War cease-fire agreement, Iraq was to disclose and destroy its weapons of mass destruction.

The most recent report, a copy of which was given to the Associated Press by a Western diplomat, reveals that Iraq had "tested" a 14-inch supergun with a 170-foot barrel at a site 108 miles north of Baghdad.

The report also admits that Iraq has steel tubes which were intended to form part of an even more massive 40-inch supergun. If completed, the cannon would have been the largest artillery piece in the world.

Other parts of the gun barrel, labeled "petroleum pipes," were impounded in an obscure English port by British Customs agents on April 11, 1990. The parts had been manufactured by Sheffield Forge-masters, a British firm report-

Bush Speaks At Babi Yar Memorial

by Trude B. Feldman

Less than 24 hours before the White House Rose Garden press conference, George Bush was in Kiev (Ukraine, USSR), where he spoke at the Babi Yar War Memorial.

"We come to Babi Yar to remember," Bush began. "We remember violence and valor, and prejudice and selflessness. In the vast quiet, something larger than life assails us — the shadows of past evil, the light of past virtue. The wind that shakes the leaves bears a special weight, as if whispering warnings and cautions, telling tales of victims and villains, cowards and heroes."

Bush noted that Babi Yar stands as a monument to many things; that it reminds us that history gives our lives meaning and continuity and that any nation which tries to repudiate history, tries to ignore the actors and events that shape it, only repudiates itself.

"For many years," Bush added, "the tragedy of Babi Yar went unacknowledged, but no more. You soon will place a plaque on this site that acknowledges the genocide against Jews, the slaughter of gypsies, the wanton murder of communists, Christians — of anyone who dared oppose the Nazi madman's fantasies."

"Babi Yar reminds us of the sheer stupidity of prejudice. Here, we think about people of great promise and talent — men and women who would have become doctors or physicists, athletes or artists, mothers, fathers. All died because a maniac in Berlin wanted to exterminate their kind."

Bush also said that the statue

at Babi Yar testifies to an important truth. And, that just as bricks and stones shape monuments, families shape nations.

"The love of parents, the trust of children, the blessings of life and learning — these things give life meaning. They give society its character, they give nations a sense of destiny and purpose," Bush remarked. "Here, at Babi Yar, Nazis set out to destroy families and faiths — set out to destroy the soul of a nation."

The president noted that it was 50 years ago (Sept. 29) when soldiers forced men, women and children to undergo a ritual of humiliation and death; and when, within 18 months, nearly 100,000 people perished.

(Some, among those who had escaped, were in the audience, and Bush called on them for recognition.)

The president choked up and was visibly moved as he ended his remarks.

"Today, we stand at Babi Yar and wrestle with awful truth. We marvel at the incredible extremes of human behavior. And we make solemn vows. We vow this sort of murder will never happen again. We vow never to let the forces of bigotry and hatred assert themselves without opposition. We vow to ensure a future dedicated to freedom and individual liberty rather than to mob violence and tyranny."

"We vow that whenever our devotion to principle wanes, we will think of this place. We will remember that evil flourishes when good men and women refuse to defend virtue."

Mr. Bush quoted the poet Yevtushenko, whose poem about Babi Yar helped restore remembrance of the place and of its history: "On Babi Yar weeds rustle; the tall trees, like judges, loom and threaten. All screams in silence; I take off my cap and feel that I am slowly turning gray. And I, too, have become a soundless cry over the thousands that lie buried here. I am each old man slaughtered, each child shot. None of me will forget."

George Bush concluded: "None of us will ever forget. The holocaust occurred because good men and women averted their eyes from unprecedented evil. And the Nazis fell when good men and women opened their eyes, summoned their courage and faith, and fought for democracy, liberty and justice and decency."

"This memorial proves that, eventually, the forces of good and of truth will rise in triumph. No matter how bleak our lives may seem, this fact should comfort us. It should inspire us to spare future generations from horrors like the one that claimed nearly 100,000 souls at Babi Yar."

Rabbi Yaakov Bleich, chief rabbi of the Ukraine, said that Bush's visit to the memorial is historic, and that it's only recently that the Ukrainian government has recognized that it is a place where Jews died in the war. He added that Bush's visit would give "a big boost" to the 50th anniversary on Sept. 29.

Rabbi Bleich, a native of Horo Park, in Brooklyn, New York, moved to the Ukraine two years ago. He said that anti-Semitism is "still a problem, and has always been; it's something we have to be wary of."

The rabbi noted that there are some 120,000 Jews in Kiev and 1.8 million in the Ukraine.

Feldman is a long-time White House correspondent for a number of Jewish publications.

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On August 11 at 7:30 p.m., Temple Shalom will be presenting "Yours Anne," a moving and emotional production based on the book, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The play presented in song will touch the hearts and souls of all those who are fortunate enough to see it.

Tickets are \$15 (\$18 at the door), \$8 children under 13 years.

Location: Temple Shalom, Valley Rd., Middletown, R.I.

For further information, please call 849-2080 or 849-2343.

National Journal Established For College Israel Activists

The inaugural edition of *The Campus Review*, a unique national journal specifically geared towards pro-Israel and Zionist student activists studying on American college campuses, was published recently. A project of the University Student Department of the American Zionist Youth Foundation (USD-Israel Action Center), *The Campus Review* will serve as a forum for American students to express opinions, successes, and ideas regarding Israel and pro-Israel activism.

The USD-Israel Action Center is a multi-ideological and nonpartisan organization that works with volunteer student activists in order to educate the campus community about Israel and Zionism; promote travel and study in Israel; and develop pro-Israel leadership. The hope is that *The Campus Review* will help the USD-

Israel Action Center's student activists achieve the above goals.

"Our students have always expressed an interest in a high quality journal that would give them a national perspective of pro-Israel activities on campus, and a chance to contribute essays and editorials," commented Eric Esses, National Director of the USD-Israel Action Center. Every issue of the journal will contain a comprehensive listing of recent pro-Israel campus events across the United States, news about upcoming events and activities, and essays and editorials written by student activists.

To help fund, subscribe to, or receive a complimentary issue of *The Campus Review*, contact the USD-Israel Action Center at 110 E. 59th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10022 or call, 1-800-27-ISRAEL(L).

Classroom

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It's wonderful, but the jokes are not translatable!" "No," concurs her friend with a shake of her head, "You can't translate them! But they all sound very funny in Yiddish."

"I find the sounds of Yiddish just delicious!" Said another student. "But this week is more than Yiddish; it's great fun!" Explained Edward Wasser. Moli Prebluda, the instructor for the beginners literature class, called Yiddish "a beautiful, physical language in which one uses one's hands and entire body when speaking."

According to many of the participants, the yearly Yiddish Eldercamp is the only real opportunity they have to use the language of their parents and grandparents. In some places, however, Yiddish is gaining in popularity and making a comeback from obscurity. Select colleges now offer academic courses in Yiddish language and literature. This year the Eldercamp attracted more young students than in years past.

"It's nice to know that this kind of learning is going on in other places. You really can find Yiddish in unexpected places." Charlie Swartz revealed to a rapt lunchtime crowd. "It is being integrated into the mainstream language. We hear words like klutz and

shlick and chutzpah!"

The week-long Yiddish odyssey was an enormous success thanks to the efforts of numerous hard working people. Ruth Page, the Adult Education Coordinator and Israel Coordinator at the Bureau of Jewish Education, and Oscar Baron, the Chairperson of the Adult Education Committee, oversaw the organization of the Eldercamp. The many talented and passionate teachers and students worked together to make this year's program fruitful and engaging for everyone.

(For those interested in keeping up with their Yiddish during the rest of the year, Bessie Soifer encourages them to attend the bi-monthly Yiddish Vinkle that meets at the JCCRI on Tuesdays from 2-3p.m.).

R.I. Youth Jazz Ensemble To Perform

The Music School's Rhode Island Youth Jazz Ensemble was formed this past year under the leadership of Artie Montanaro. The Ensemble has performed at the Berklee Jazz Festival, First Night and Cranston High School West. The group, comprised of 18 of Rhode Island's finest high school musicians, has been coached this past year by some of the area's best jazz musicians: Artie Cabral, Paul DelNero, Joe Giorgianni, Ed Tomassi, Duke Bellaire and Greg Abate.

The Ensemble will perform swing from the Count Basie era on August 11 at 7:30 at Cranston West High School. They will be joined by guest artists

John Allmark on the trumpet and John Anter on the drums. Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$2 for seniors and children under 12.

The Music School, which sponsors the Ensemble, was founded in 1987 to provide high quality music education to children and adults. Students are offered a wide range of classes to enhance instrumental and vocal abilities. The School offers instruction in more than thirty instruments and has more than thirty-five different music classes. Students of all ages and abilities are welcome.

Call The Music School at 272-9877 for more information.

Children

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siblings and eventually their worlds. Even in the face of such horrors, however, many victims assumed that life would simply return to normalcy after the Nazis were defeated. Not until the war was over did many of the survivors realize the extent of their personal tragedies.

One survivor, Maurits Cohen, explained the effect of such revelations. "The very impact of the consequences of the war I experienced after the war ended. My war began in 1945, and not in 1940. When I learned that my father and mother would not come back, and my brothers, then the war started. It took me years to get used to the idea, to find my own place, an only child, of course. We had a very big family, so as a child I had to carry the whole weight of survival."

After the war was over, children were, for the most part,

expected to forget and go on with their lives. Merely speaking about the war and its atrocities was forbidden in some cases. When children attempted to regain lost or stolen property, their claims frequently were not believed because as children they had no authority or influence. Their stories were recorded only much later, as they were refracted through a window of adulthood.

Dwork attempts to demystify the experiences of the children of the Nazi era and to reveal their psychological trials and triumphs. Her book is an academic introduction to an emotional and compelling subject, that of persecuted children. For those of us lucky enough to have enjoyed our own childhoods, *Children With a Star* reminds us of the violent effect of war on children. War does, in fact, rob children of their most valuable possessions, their childhoods.

Try-Outs For Musical Production At JCCRI

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, and the Jewish Home for the Aged are co-sponsoring a production of "Mixed Memories," a musical based on oral histories of primarily Jewish immigrants of the early twentieth century.

Seniors who enjoy singing in a chorus or speaking to a friendly and appreciative audience are invited to audition at the Center on Monday, August 12 at 2 p.m. Auditions for interested children 8-10 years old will be held on Tuesday, August 13, at 7 p.m. for two speaking roles, one male and one female.

Daytime rehearsals will begin on Monday, August 19, at 2 p.m. at the Center. The curtain will rise on October 3 at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Home for the Aged; and at JCCRI on October 5 at 7:30 p.m. and October 6 at 2 p.m. For further information, call Lisa Yanku at 861-8800.



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AROUND TOWN

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder

Guaranteed: Happy kids having a great time at Camp Jori!

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Jori campers sure inspired this big kid to do a Quantum Leap and get out the old camp trunk and duffle bag during a trek to the Clark Road site in Point Judith on Monday.

Visits to my own girls at camp are of more recent vintage, but there's nothing like recapturing the days of bunk yore.

Stay minutes or hours while at Camp Jori. How easy it is to bask in the upbeat atmosphere of contented

chatter and smiling faces!

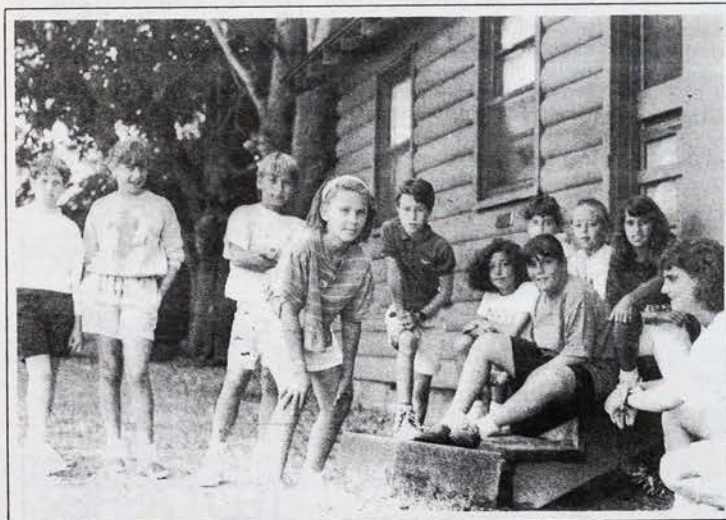
About the season so far, Marshall Gerstenblatt, Jori's popular director, said the first trip was great despite the heat wave. "The kids enjoyed being here rather than in the city."

The night before, the sky opened up and buckets of water drenched South County. The camp got through that just fine.

Marshall's own down-to-brass-tacks philosophy: "It doesn't take much to keep kids happy. Good food, activity, and counsellors who care about the kids!"



Counsellor David Wilson (from England) checks John Kay's arm after he slipped playing Tee Ball. No injuries reported, John was up and playing again.

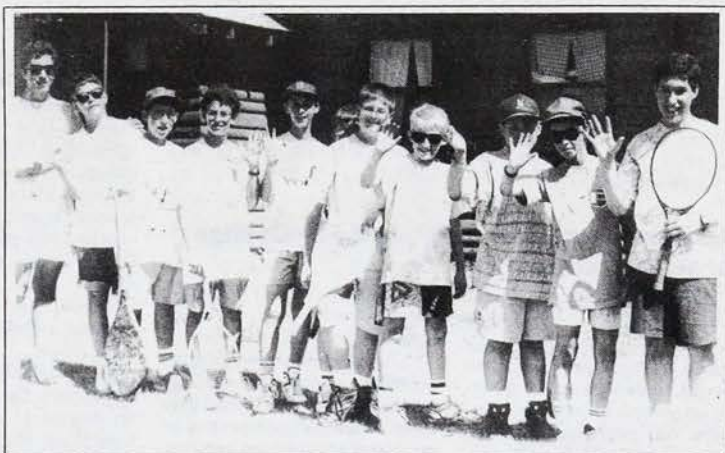


On your mark, get set, go! Lori Gerstenblatt times Shayna Kulik in a mini-triathlon. Waiting turns are: Rena Cornell, Marian Levchinsky, Anna Berin, Becky Hennigan. On top step are Meredith Fink, Debbie Mann, Jessica Stern. On bottom step, Ilana Kahn and Diana Bronstein.



Adam Berman hits ground during a football game.

What Camp's All About



On the way to tennis: From left are counsellor Adam Wasserman, Dave Dudek, Mark Trager, Dave Scheraga, Daniel Schuster, Howard Cardoza, Seth Corin, Jason Foreman, Eric Hochman, Josh Caplin, Neal Abrams.



Making waves are Noah Corin and Stephen Hackett.



How long has the tetherball been at Camp Jori, the kids ask Marshall Gerstenblatt. Wanting to know are Jeff Rakitt, Dave Gross, Solomon Gilmore, and Rob Cutler.



Under the flagpole at the stone wall are Jori's youngest set: Laney Sisun, Rachel Caplin, Melissa Cutler, Rachel Suls, Lana Feldman, Abigail Levine, from left.

Milestones



Malkins Announce Engagement

The engagement of Miss Andrea Susan Malkin and Dr. Richard Vernon Brenner is announced by their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Martin F. Malkin of Cranford, N.J., and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Brenner of 395 Woodland Road, Woonsocket, R.I.

Miss Malkin is a 1986 graduate of Westfield High School, Westfield, N.J., earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, with honors, from Brandeis University in 1990, and recently completed requirements for a master's degree from Boston College in higher education administration.

Dr. Brenner graduated with high honors from Woonsocket High School in 1984, earned a bachelor of arts degree in human biology from Brown University in 1988, and the degree of doctor of medicine with distinction from Brown University Medical School in 1991. He was in the seven-year medical education program and is a member of Sigma Xi, the honorary science fraternity. He is currently an intern in general surgery at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C.

An August 1992 wedding in New Jersey is planned.

Miss Malkin is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ida Nusbaum of Union, N.J., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fine of New Rochelle, N.Y. Dr. Brenner is the grandson of Mrs. Lillian Miller of Woonsocket and the late Dr. Julius M. Miller and Mrs. Sylvia Brenner of Woonsocket and the late Mr. Morris Brenner.



Velick Weds Mittleman

The wedding of Miss Lisa Hope Velick of Sherman Oaks, CA, and Mr. David Allen Mittleman of the same location took place on June 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the J. W. Marriott garden in Los Angeles, CA. Rabbi Wayne Franklin was the officiating clergy while Canter Doug Cotler stood in attendance. A reception was held at the same location. The Bride was given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Velick.

The bride walked down the aisle in a white raw silk gown with an illusion neckline, an imported alecon lace with beading and sequins adorning the bodice, and similar treatment along the sleeves. She wore a chapel length train.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Velick of Palos Verdes, CA. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mittleman of Providence, R.I.

The bride's sister, Cheryl Fellows, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids in attendance were: Nancy Fish, Barrie Katz, Melissa Wolf and Laura Strassner. The bride's attendants wore a white gown of satin bodice and flowing black chiffon skirts. The bridegroom's brother, Michael Mittleman, was best man. Ushers were the bride's brother, Douglas Velick, Steve Paul, Keven Rader, Sunil Paul and Nadeem Ahmad.

Following a wedding trip to Hong Kong and Bali, Indonesia, the couple will reside in Sherman Oaks, CA.

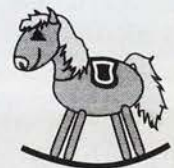
Getzes Announce Birth

On July 11, 1991, Ellyn Jeri was born to Ken and Debra Hassenfeld Getz. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 20½ inches long. Debra is the daughter of Barbara and Sidney Hassenfeld and the granddaughter of Mrs. Gertrude Hassenfeld and the late Jack Hassenfeld, and the late Gertrude and Max Treistman. Ken is the son of Ricki and Irwin Getz and the grandson of Mrs. Julia Adelson and the late Isadore Adelson, and Mrs. Lena Getz and the late Herman Getz.

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Preschool Openings At The JCCRI

Eva Silver, Director of the Preschool program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, reports that there are a few openings in the afternoon Preschool Program for three and four-year-olds as well as the kindergarten enrichment program. The Preschool is a fully accredited program that offers youngsters a safe, nurturing and exciting environment to grow and learn.

The Preschool strives to encourage children to develop confidence and a positive self-image, to make friendships and to develop physical skills through gym and swim programs. Children are taught on their developmental level, through materials and activities which are challenging, but within reach. And because it is a sectarian school, children develop an early understanding and appreciation of Jewish holidays, culture and traditions.

Class size is limited to a maximum of twenty children, with two teachers in classrooms of fifteen or more. Staff members are experienced early childhood educators who help create a positive first school experience.

Besides providing a quality educational experience, the Preschool also offers extended day care for children attending the program. There are options for children to stay until 5 or 5:30 p.m., especially helpful

for working parents. Exciting After School Classes give children the opportunity to explore art, science, nature and crafts with qualified educators. There is also a kindergarten enrichment program that includes weekly swim and gym, music, creative dramatics and a variety of other enrichment activities.

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Local News

Events At The JCCRI: Week Of August 9-15

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, will be holding activities and events of interest for people of all ages during the week of July, 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.

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 a.m. Exercise is scheduled

on weekdays at 11:15 a.m. A Women's Group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played Thursday from 12:45 until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins served at 10 a.m., followed by interesting programs. The schedule includes:

Friday, August 9 - VCR program, "Planet Earth - the Solar Sea," 11 a.m., Shabbat.

Sunday, August 11 - VCR program, "America - the Promise Fulfilled/Broken," 11 a.m.

Tuesday, August 13 - Women's Forum, 11 a.m./Bingo, 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Thursday, August 15 - Friend to Friend, 11 a.m. to noon/Bingo, 12:45-1:45 p.m.

Call Sandy Bass for more information.

Brown Bag Club Events

The "Conversios" - The word

"conversios" dates back to the days of the Spanish Inquisition. On Tuesday, August 13, at noon, Al Rubin will present information about this noteworthy segment of Jewish history and about the people who are the "Conversios."

Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage are provided. Donation: \$1. The Yiddish Vinkel will meet at 2 p.m. directly following the Brown Bag Club. For further information call Evy Rappoport.

Please note that the JCCRI will be closed from Sunday, August 18, through Friday, August 30, and there will be no Brown Bag Club or Yiddish Vinkel on Tuesday, August 27. Because Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot fall on Tuesdays, there will be no Brown Bag Club or Yiddish Vinkel meetings in September. Save October 8 for the Brown Bag Kick-off luncheon and program. Details will follow.

Touro Completes Torah Seed Program



Some of the regular participants in the summer Torah Seed Program, conducted at Touro Synagogue this year, under the auspices of Touro Synagogue, the New England Rabbinical College and Torah Umesorah.

Touro Synagogue of Newport completed a successful Torah Seed Program this summer. This program, which was jointly sponsored by the congregation, the New England Rabbinical College (Yeshiva Gedola) and the National Hebrew Day School Association (Torah Umesorah), featured Sunday morning and Wednesday evening sessions, mainly led by Rabbi Lipson, and Rabbi Moshe Feuer, of the Providence Yeshiva Gedola. A

core of adult students, from the congregation and the community, was supplemented by summer visitors to Newport and Touro Synagogue.

The program was conducted with free admission and was enthusiastically received by the participants. Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro expressed his appreciation for the devoted volunteer instructors, and the loyal, regular participants of the program, and he hopes to expand the program in the future.

Women & Infants Seeks Volunteers

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program.

Any civil rights complaints will be referred to the Office of Civil Rights in the Rhode Island Department of Education at 22 Hayes Street in Providence, R.I. 02908, (401) 277-2648, or to the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, in the New England Region at 10 Causeway St., Boston, Mass. 02222-1065, (617) 565-6430.

RIFOJO Meets At Sons Of Jacob

A meeting of RIFOJO will be held on Sunday, August 11, 1991, at 8:30 a.m. at the Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue, 24 Douglas Avenue, Providence, R.I. The following matters will be discussed:

1. Pollard litigation - report by Larry Dub.
2. Growth of observant Shomer Shabbos Jewish Community of Rhode Island.
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August/September

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SIMCHA SINGLES is open to all members of the Jewish Community. We welcome your input as well as your presence. Please express your interests and desires: cultural, social and religious. What type of programs would you like to attend? Would you be willing

to help with any program or function? How would you like to participate? Please include your name, address and phone. Send all replies to Simcha Singles, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, R.I. 02950 or call 751-1800.

JCCRI SINGLES

Tuesday, August 13 - **Game Night.** Shoot pool, play ping-pong or Trivial Pursuit, have some ice cream at the JCCRI. Keep cool - join us! Time: 7 p.m. Cost: \$2.

Sunday, August 25 - **Pawtucket Red Sox.** Watch the PawSox vs. Scranton Red Barons. Time leaving the JCCRI: Noon. Cost: \$3.

Sunday, September 8 - **JCCRI Brunch.** Don't miss this one - it's our favorite event! Guest speaker will be Ms. Cindy Gilman, ESP Consultant and WHJJ talk show hostess. Brunch starts at 11 a.m., Ms. Gilman will speak at 12:15 p.m. Cost: \$4 JCCRI members, \$6.50 nonmembers.

Sunday, September 29 - **Ponderosa Steak House.** (1170 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston) Meet some new people, eat some great food. Time leaving the

JCCRI: 12:30 p.m. Cost: varies.

For further information or to make reservations, call the JCCRI at 861-8800 or Laura at 941-7640 (5 p.m.-9 p.m. please).

Just a reminder: Transportation will be provided from the JCCRI to all events outside the JCCRI. If you need a ride or would like to be a designated driver, please call Laura. If you would rather meet us at the event, keep in mind the times listed are the times we will be leaving the JCCRI. Please bring an additional \$1 for your "designated driver."

The JCCRI Singles Group is going on a Sunday Newport Brunch Cruise on the Vista Jubilee November 3. (We leave the JCCRI at 9:15 a.m. sharp for the 10:15 a.m. boarding in Warren.) The cruise arrives Newport at 1 p.m., where we have 2 hours on shore for sight-seeing. Leaving Newport at 3 p.m., we return to Warren at 5 p.m. The cost is \$19.50 (include \$2 for your driver, if necessary). If you are interested, you MUST call Laura by October 1 to make a reservation and arrange payment.

Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

Friday, August 9 - Twenty-nine days in Av. Candlelighting is at 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, August 10 - Thirty days in Av, first day of Rosh Chodesh ELUL. The Torah reading is ELUL, RE'EI. Shacharis (morning services) - 8:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush, this week sponsored by Mr. George Labush, to usher in the High Holy Days.

Mincha service is at 7:45 p.m. followed by Se'udah Shlishis and Z'mirot (the third meal).

Ma'ariv service is at 8:40 p.m.

Shabbos ends at 8:39 p.m.

Havdalah service is at 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, August 11 - The second day of Rosh Chodesh ELUL. Morning services are at 7:30 a.m., promptly, please!

During the entire month of ELUL, the shofar is sounded after Shacharis (except on Shabbos and Erev Rosh Hashonah). Teki'ah, Shevrim-teruah, Teki'ah, followed with Le-David, Ad-noi, Ori (Psalm 27). The shofar is to rouse everyone for stock-taking and repentance (Maimonides).

Mincha for this week is at 7:45 p.m.

Morning services for the entire week is at 6:30 a.m.

The misconception of America giving dollars to Israel continues. The U.S. doesn't give money to Israel - it gives

loan guarantees, and, it is incumbent on the Jewish community to make this perfectly clear.

Greek-Israeli Ties Warm

Recently the Greek foreign minister, Andonios Samaras made a historic three-day trip to Israel. This was the first visit by a senior Greek official since Israel and Greece established full diplomatic relations this past spring.

Foreign minister Samaras stated in the *Jerusalem Post* (May 7) that Israel and Greece are likely to embark on joint military-industrial cooperation. Samaras said "we think there is possible synergy in this field, I think it could work out."

The Greek foreign minister also spoke about trade relations with Israel. He said Greece was "absolutely" in favor of Israel getting trade status in the European community next year. (G-d willing.) Additionally, foreign minister Samaras stressed the importance of improving cooperation in biotechnology, agriculture and joint Mediterranean tourism.

Dry Bones

After all the criticism of Israel, America is building settlements in the Mid-East? But these settlements are for Kurds who are outnumbered by their enemies - and isolated by the indifference of their "friends." Just like the Israelis!!

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by

Joyce Siegel

Snips and snails and puppy-dog tails, that's what little boys are made of. Sugar and spice and everything nice, that's what little girls are made of. As most of us have learned, one way or another, differences between men and women are not this simple nor eloquent. Furthermore, as we enter the 1990's many new issues cause concern for singles.

The staff here at the *Herald* has asked me to lend my expertise in the areas relating to and concerning singles via a question and answer forum, or sometimes just discussing a certain topic pertinent to you. That sounded like it would be great fun, so we have decided to give it a whirl!

My goal through this column, will be to shed some light and understanding on issues that currently concern single people. I spend a good deal of time each day interacting with single professionals. The questions my clients ask, and the answers they have been open enough to share with me have been very helpful when trying to understand the similarities and differences in how men and women think on singles issues. I will try to share some of this wisdom with you.

Dear Joyce:

I met a wonderful girl about three months ago. We liked each other instantly and our relationship began to bloom. We were with each other almost all the time and called on the phone when we were apart; we had even started to talk about a future together. It was wonderful... we were in love... so I thought.

Suddenly Maureen started to cool off - I could feel it at

once. I know men don't pick up on little subtleties, but as far as I could see nothing had happened to precipitate this change in her attitude. As she backed away, I naturally started to pursue her more actively, and the more I pursue, the more she backs away. Is our love affair over? What did I do wrong?

Robert

Dear Robert:

You didn't say so directly, but I suspect that you told Maureen of your serious intentions toward her. In the early, fragile stages of a relationship, declarations of love (or even strong affection) can spell c-o-m-m-i-t-m-e-n-t and frighten away a love interest. She may start to feel that your future happiness hinges on her, or perceive a sense of responsibility that she hasn't yet decided she wants, and her instinct tells her to get out before she gets in deeper.

It could also be a fear of entrapment on her part. Many women begin relationships for reasons other than those that lead to commitment: sexual satisfaction, ego boost, the pleasure of "the chase," and others. Once those needs have been satisfied, she senses that the relationship is getting deeper than she originally intended. She starts feeling that she's lost control, that things are going too fast. She is threatened with being accountable for her time and activities. She may not even be conscious of these anxieties.

Active pursuit on your part will just confirm her feelings and, as you've discovered, push her farther away. People need to follow their own timetables in matters of the heart. Although it is extremely difficult when you're feeling inse-

cure and vulnerable, I suggest you reverse your technique... don't be so available, make plans that don't include her, work more overtime. Cool off your hot pursuit and see what happens. Not only is it a natural phenomenon that we want what we can't have, but we become passionately possessive of what we have but are in danger of losing. Additionally, since people are inherently drawn to those who are aloof and independent, my guess is that she'll be confused about your sudden lack of interest and begin pursuing you. (P.S. It worked with you, didn't it?)

Joyce Siegel is owner of *Introductions*, an exclusive dating service for upscale business and professional singles in the Rhode Island and surrounding area. *Introductions* is located at 203 South Main Street in downtown Providence. For more information, please call 331-9855.

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Obituaries

ANNIE BELL

PROVIDENCE — Annie Bell, 99, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue, a charter member of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah and a member of Na'Amat, died Friday, August 2, 1991, at the home. She was the widow of Joshua Bell.

Born in Canada, she was the daughter of the late Antin and Pearl (Kritz) Burke. She lived in Providence for more than 90 years.

She was one of the first leaders of the Golden Agers at the Jewish Community Center and, with her husband, was one of the founders of the former Temple Beth Israel.

She leaves two sons, Bernard E. Bell and M. David Bell, both of Providence; a daughter, Miriam Smith of Bal Harbor, Fla.; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, August 4, at the Jewish

Home for the Aged. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ANNA MARSHAK

PROVIDENCE — Anna Marshak, 84, of 245 Morris Ave., died Wednesday, July 31, 1991, at the Elmhurst Extended Care Facility. She was the widow of Harry Marshak. She was also the widow of Max Namerow.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late David and Clara (Tischler) Golden, she lived in Providence most of her life.

Mrs. Marshak was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She leaves a daughter, Rona Nachbar of North Providence; two sons, Dr. Norman Namerow of Los Angeles, Calif., and Ernest M. Namerow of Cranston; a sister, Ethel Cort of

Narragansett; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Max Golden.

The funeral service was held Friday, August 2, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

VULF MILLER

PROVIDENCE — Vulf Miller, 81, of Charles Gate South, 20 Randall St., a shoe store manager in Riga, Latvia, for 35 years before retiring 20 years ago, died Thursday, August 1, 1991, at the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was the husband of Khaya (Lepate) Miller.

Born in Latvia, he was the son of the late Israel and Taube Miller. He lived in Providence for 11 years.

He was a survivor of the Holocaust in which he lost 70 relatives, including his wife, one daughter, mother, father, two brothers and four sisters.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

He leaves two sons, Anatoly

Miller of Providence and Samyan Miller of Israel, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Friday, August 2, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. The burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

JOHN RIKER

WARWICK — John Riker, 31, of 212 Sandy Lane, died Saturday, July 27, 1991, after an illness.

Born in Greenville, Mich., a son of Betty (Feinstein) Riker and the late Ernest Riker he had been a resident of Warwick for two years having previously lived in Cranston. He had been a truck driver for various trucking companies in the area.

Besides his mother of Jacksonville, Fla., he is survived by a son, Aaron John Riker and a daughter, Leah G. Riker both of Brattleboro, Vt., and a sister, Phyllis Dodge of Jacksonville, Fla.

Funeral services and interment were private. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BESSIE TALAN

CRANSTON — Bessie Talan, 91, of 175 Hoffman Ave., died at the Jane Brown Hospital Thursday, August 1, 1991 in the afternoon.

The wife of the late Morris Talan, she was born in Russia and was a daughter of the late Abraham and Fannie Botvin. She moved to Cranston from Providence 13 years ago.

She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael of Cranston, Hadassah and the Women's Associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves two daughters, Gladys Jacober of Narragansett and Evelyn Zimberg of Cranston; one son, Herbert Talan of Cranston; one sister Pauline Mandel of West Palm Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, August 4, at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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Ben & Jerry's Newport Folk Festival - Aug. 10 And 11

Some very exciting artists will appear for the first time at Ben & Jerry's Newport Folk Festival this year at Fort Adams State Park, Newport, R.I., from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 10 and again on Sunday, August 11.

Premiering on the famous annual festival's stage will be Suzanne Vega. Vega has evolved into one of the purest, most poetic voices of contemporary folk music. Her ethereal and introspective lyrics have created a new musical direction to fit the lives and tastes of the younger generation. Also new to the festival is important composer and performer Randy Newman, who has created a highly populated world

of characters over the course of his two decade career as he writes about the tragic and absurd sides of life. His own particular brand of black humor tempers his hard luck stories with a droll wit that is both refreshing and impactful. Another new artist this year is Boozoo Chavis, one of the founding fathers of zydeco from Lake Charles, La., who brings to the festival an unadulterated form of French blues and stomp-down zydeco. His 1954 hit, "Paper in My Shoe," was one of zydeco's first recordings. Voted "Top New Female Artist" by the Academy of Country Music this year, Mary-Chapin Carpenter also makes her festival

debut. A strong songwriter, Carpenter's lyrics are rooted in the folk tradition of language that is keenly insightful, without being too sharp, and poetic without being too sweet. Rhode Island's own Paul Geremia blends the rich tradition of early jazz and old-time country blues to create his own brand of acoustic music.

This year's festival warmly welcomes back festival veterans John Prine, The Indigo Girls, Bill Morrissey, and Kate and Anna McGarrigle on Saturday and Judy Collins, The Richard Thompson Band featuring Shawn Colvin, Nanci Griffith, John Hiatt, The Staple Singers, Luka Bloom and Cliff Eberhardt on Sunday.

Tickets for each day are \$22 in advance and \$24 at the gate; \$10 for children under 12 and are available at all TICKETMASTER locations, by calling (617) 931-2000 (MA), (401) 331-2211 (RI) or (203) 624-0033, at the Festival office at 670 Thames Street or at the Music Box, both in Newport. For information, call: (401) 847-3700.

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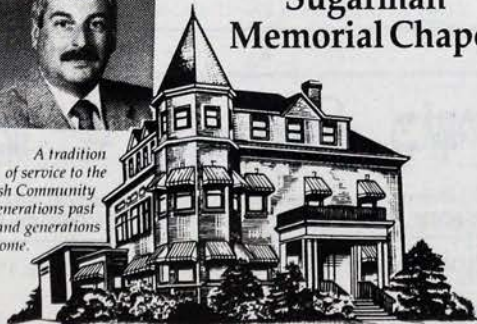
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In particular we would like to encourage members of the general public (the overburdened taxpayer), to join with us this night. It is a prime opportunity for them to join a group of concerned citizens from throughout the state who are concerned about where we are headed as a state and who are also concerned about the way government collects and spends our hard earned dollars.

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Volunteers Needed At Providence Library

Providence Public Library will be holding an orientation and training session for all those interested in volunteering at the library as library aides who do shelving and other clerical work.

The orientation will be held on September 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. Included in this

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orientation will be a tour of the library, its history and resources. The training will be held on September 25 and October 2 also from 10 a.m. to noon. Assignments as library aide volunteers will be made following the training. All those who wish to volunteer in the Central Library must attend the orientation and training sessions. Those wishing to help in their neighborhood branches are strongly encouraged to attend.

The library is also looking for people to help in the Family Library Program and to work with children in the branches.

To register for the Orientation and Training for Library Aide Volunteers, to apply to work in the Literacy Program or other special programs with children, or for more information, contact the Library's Volunteer Office at 455-8004.



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East Side Lawyer Will Always Be Remembered

by Kathy Cohen

Herald Associate Editor

The boy that grew up on the East Side has made quite an impressive mark in the demanding world of law in Rhode Island. The distinguished man finds that many of his cases take him across the United States. The wall behind his desk proves it. It's lined with certificates and degrees as well as his first "What Are My Rights?" question and answer column printed in the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* in May 1990.

He said he always knew he would make a good lawyer, "because I always had a mouth that worked. I always felt good taking on causes and the type of work that I do, I'm there to help people."

At the youthful age of 34 Louis M. Pulner, Esq. is an attorney and counsellor who specializes in family, personal injury and criminal law. Today, he's his own boss. That's the way he's always pictured himself.

"I don't like having to practice law to others' standards," says Pulner.

Yet, life hasn't always been this way. Pulner has put in ample time to get to where he's at, but he's always been a very directed person.

After going to Classical High School, he attended Provi-

dence College, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business, then took on Suffolk University Law School. Soon after becoming a member of the bar, the eager newcomer was sworn in as a Special Assistant Attorney General where he prosecuted for three-and-a-half years. He then moved over to the law firm of Lipsey and Skolnik Esquires Ltd., which is located across the street from Pulner's present office, where he stayed for about two years. After getting a taste for working for others he ventured out on his own, admittedly scared.

Another reason Pulner broke out on his own was his appreciation of a client's privacy. When a broken-hearted divorcee walks through a lawyer's door, the toughest thing they have to do is tell their side of the story, the next toughest thing is to have to retell it to a lawyer's partner.

"The practice of law is very personal. If you come to me to represent you for something; you want me to represent you. You don't want to find out that I'm with you today, Harry's with you tomorrow and Billie's with you Thursday in court."

When Pulner was an assistant attorney general he was considered "the states expert on alcohol related crimes." Because of his expertise, Pulner was invited to talk about Driv-

ing While Intoxicated (D.W.I.), or death resulting type of accidents due to the use of alcohol or drugs on several radio talk shows. The latest show he appeared on as a guest speaker was Mark Patinkin's Sunday morning television show called, "Interview." There again he spoke of alcohol related crimes.

Today as the lawyer's caseload leans more toward family law and less on criminal law, Pulner says this, "I never chose it [family law], it chose me. I had one or two divorce proceedings for some old friends and evidently I did a very fine job as far as they were concerned and then word of mouth just spread."

Within the realm of family law, Pulner manages divorce litigation of fraternity, custody, and support as well as adoptions, which he says is "one of the nicest areas of work that I do."

One of his favorite adoption stories is about a 14 year-old girl who was removed from her mother's care because the mother was a drug user. The teenager was then adopted by another family. Unhappy with her new surroundings, one day the adolescent ran away from her adopted mother to be with her real mother. While the child was in the custody of her adoptive parents, the natural mother had gone for help and weaned herself off of drugs. Now that she was drug-free, the mother wanted a second chance with her daughter and went to Pulner for help. As it turned out, she had to readopt her natural daughter. Pulner represented her and she won.

Representing another of his victorious adoption battles is an antique clock sitting in Pulner's office. Knowing that the lawyer appreciates antiques, a client sent the clock as a thank you with the following inscription: "Time passes by, but you will



Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

always be remembered."

Pulner's reply to the lovely gift is, "I'm a sucker for a happy ending."

Pulner's future goals are to appear in front of the United States Supreme Court presenting and eventually winning a major case.

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by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

Dear Attorney Pulner:

As a result of a nasty divorce proceeding which took place approximately two years ago, my wife was awarded the home that we had been living in. While I have come to terms with the fact that there is nothing that I can do about that, I am nonetheless still very perturbed over the fact that I cannot get my name off the financing paperwork. If she owns the house and I have absolutely nothing to do with it, why can't I have my name taken off the mortgage. As a result of my name still existing on that obligation, it is impossible for me to purchase another home. Why can't I remove my name from that mortgage?

— Frazzled in Fall River
Dear Frazzled:

If you loaned Donald Trump and me a million dollars and both "the Donald" and I per-

sonally guaranteed the repayment of that loan to you, would you allow Mr. Trump to assign his portion of the debt to me alone, or would you want to make sure that you were able to go after him and/or me if the loan was defaulted upon? I think you get my drift. When you signed the mortgage with

your ex-wife when you purchased the home, the bank was relying on the fact that they would be able to go after both your assets and/or hers to satisfy the obligations you entered into. There is absolutely no benefit to the bank in releasing you from the mortgage at this time. It may, in light of the favorable interest rates existing now, be a smart move for your ex-wife to consider refinancing the former marital domicile at a lower interest rate. Of course, her income would have to be able to support her refinancing this mortgage on her own, and further, she must be desirous of doing so. That's something you may want to suggest to her.

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