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The Rose And The Star

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

Call them Marranos, Judeos, New Christians, Conversos, Cryptos. To study the fate of the Sephardic Iberian Inquisition survivors, the Aristides de Sousa Mendes Society was formed this year in Newport. The group took the name of a Portuguese Righteous Gentile whose children now live on our west coast.

In New Mexico a similar society just came into being at a conference on crypto-Judaism held on a campus in Taos. The refugees from the pursuing Purge made their way to America five centuries ago. They went into hiding, taking cover behind a variety of disguises. Here in the northeast they speak Portuguese. In the southwest they have become Hispanics. Reports began appearing in newspapers and on the radio in the last few seasons about the return of some of them into open Jewish life, practices, society. They make their own "Kol Nidre." On that evening Jews pray for release from all the vows they had to make to forswear their true faith. For the secret Jews in the U.S. any day can become Kol Nidre.

The following report is taken from notes, images and impressions of the New Mexico conference. It only started in motion a progress whose direction may lead to a new chapter in Jewish and in American history.

A magpie bit a wire. The campground went black. In

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Hurricane Bob Topples Tremendous Tree

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

Until Hurricane Gloria slammed into New England, the fallen tree pictured above was the second oldest tree in its Pawtucket plat. During that legendary storm the very oldest tree succumbed to the powerful winds. For the past few years, therefore, this towering oak behind Joe and Cathy Mann's home at 52 Roberta Avenue has been a local landmark, the most ancient tree around. Some people claim it must be at least two hundred years old!

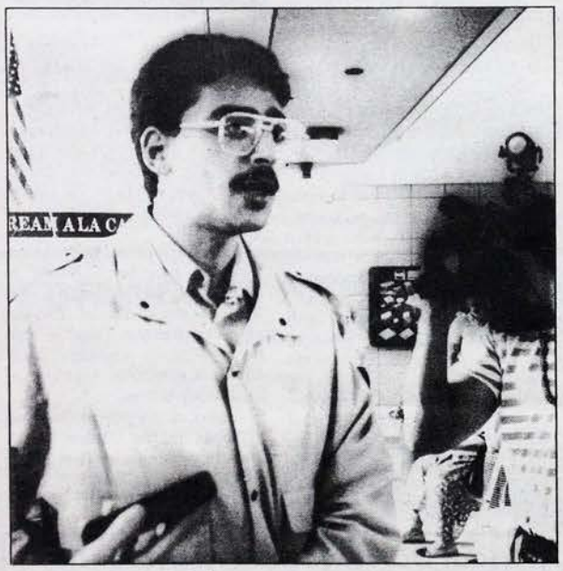
Today it no longer is the oldest tree but rather one of the biggest trees downed by the recent tempest. Less than two weeks ago, Hurricane Bob, the big wind with the little name, tore the eighty-foot tree up by its mammoth roots and toppled it onto neighbor Susanne Zucker's garage, crushing two cars within it.

"It was like King Kong was walking through Pawtucket," says Cathy Mann with a shake of her head. "These types of things hopefully bring people closer together, but what a shame. The first day after something like this happens, you laugh. On the second day you realize that this is truly a disaster."

Zucker, who has lived at 223 Raleigh Avenue since 1949, heard the oak fall onto her garage. "I was sitting in the living room when it happened. There was an indescribable sound and down it came." Zucker saw the damage from a window and called her neighbors to make sure that they were all right. Luckily, no one was hurt when the tree crashed from the heavens.

For nearly two days the Manns and some of their neighbors were without electricity. But in the early morning hours last Wednesday the power came on, bringing light back into their lives. The fallen tree and the monstrous hole bared by the upturned roots, however, remained constant reminders of the incredible forces of nature that had touched their lives.

New American Jew Brings Word From Moscow



by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

When Ilya Vekhter ended his long journey from Moscow to Providence last week, he was greeted by a flood of reporters and television camera people hungry for news from the Soviet Union. As the first refugee to arrive in Rhode Island from Moscow after the brief but monumental coup, Vekhter promised to have firsthand information about the volatile situation in the Soviet Union and more specifically in the tense capital, Moscow.

Vekhter, 22, who had been waiting to emigrate for nearly a year, looked somewhat shocked to find himself the object of such intense media coverage. With fluent English and a ready smile, however, Vekhter spoke with reporters about his feelings, expectations and goals. He seemed eager to communicate his varied emotions in regard to reaching his American destination.

After one television reporter remarked that Vekhter seemed extremely upbeat considering his recent journey and the tensions in Moscow, Vekhter

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Women In The Rabbinate: Meeting The Needs Of Their Families May Come At Expense Of Their Careers

(Part 2 Of A Series)
by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

(JTA) — Many women in the rabbinate are having to make difficult choices between meeting the needs of their families and advancing their professional careers.

Rabbi Beverly Magidson, for instance, has reached a point in her career where she is ready to leave the 150-member congregation she has served for eight years and move on to a synagogue in a larger community.

But leading a larger congregation would mean "more Sundays where I'm not home at all and more nights out, and I'm not willing to make that tradeoff," she said.

In order to spend more time with her two children, Magidson is leaving the pulpit for two part-time jobs, as a hospital chaplain and a day-school teacher. She hopes to return to the pulpit within a few years.

Magidson is not alone. More and more women rabbis are choosing positions as chap-

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

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Inside the Ocean State

Providence Challenges Your Taste Buds

Keep Providence Beautiful is pleased to announce its Eighth Annual Pasta Challenge on Saturday, Sept. 7, where you will find 25 restaurants challenging you to try their best pasta recipes.

The Pasta Challenge is the largest pasta competition in the country with more than 50 unique sauces vying for the prestigious Silver Fork Award. Competing restaurants present their sauces to a distinguished panel of 16 culinary professionals and local celebrities who judge the sauces on the basis of taste, composition, creativity and presentation. In addition, the public is challenged to pick their favorites in several categories.

For only $7 for adults and $3 for children, the public can sample pasta from as many restaurants as they choose. Live music and special children's activities will also be a part of the festivity. The event takes place from noon to 4:30 p.m. on the grounds of Narragansett Electric Co. at 496 Eddy Street (near the Point Street Bridge). The rain date is September 8.

All proceeds from the event benefit Keep Providence Beautiful, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating litter and promoting beautification in Providence through education. Major sponsors of the event in addition to Narragansett Electric are: M. DeRobbio & Sons/DelVerde Pasta, Johnson & Wales University, Duffy and Shanley, and Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of N.E. For more information call 351-6440.

Boston U. Freshmen To Rebuild Providence

All this week fourteen Boston University freshmen are voluntarily spending the last week of their summer vacation helping to build homes with low-income families in Providence, R.I.

Their efforts this week are made possible through a joint venture between the Boston University Community Service Center and the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity (HFH), an international volunteer organization that builds affordable housing.

Through the Center's First-Year Student Outreach Program (FYSOP), the students are working in Providence, where they are assisting HFH volunteers with such activities as roofing, siding and partitioning.

The Community Service Center was founded in 1986 by a group of Boston University students who realized that many of their classmates wanted to become active in community work but did not know how to contact appropriate volunteer agencies. Nearly 120 students are participating in different FYSOP activities this week. Other programs, which begin in September when close to 28,000 students return to campus, will address such problems as illiteracy, homelessness and AIDS.

R.I. Blood Center Needs Donors

The Rhode Island Blood Center is experiencing seriously declining inventories due to Blood Drive cancellations associated with Hurricane Bob.

The Rhode Island Blood Center was forced to cancel blood drives and close the donor center on Monday, Aug. 19, and additional drives were cancelled throughout the week due to power loss and damge cleanups. Many regularly scheduled donors are also calling to postpone their donations.

The blood supply is currently at 75 percent of normal levels and is expected to continue to decline over the next few days due to these canellations. All blood types are in need.

Individuals who are regularly scheduled to give blood are urged to keep their appointments if possible. Others who are eligible to donate are encouraged to do so to help restore the blood supply to safe and adequate levels.

For more information call the Rhode Island Blood Center at 863-8360.

YMCA 5K Road Race & 1 Mile Kid's Race

On Thursday, October 5, the East Side • Mt Hope YMCA 5K Road Race will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 Mile Kid's Race will be held at 9 a.m. at the corners of Orchard St. and Butler Ave. (Sign in at the Lincoln School). 5K - preregistration fee is $8. On the day of the race it will be $10 (t-shirts to the first 200 entries). Kid's Race pre-registration is $2, day of race $4 (painter's cape to the first 50 entries). Write to ROAD RACE, East Side • Mt Hope YMCA, 438 Hope St., Providence, R.I. 02906 or call 521-0155.

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Moscow

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laughed. "Life in the Soviet Union teaches all of us to have a sense of humor."

Vekhter explained that other family members are scheduled to follow him to the United States in a matter of weeks. Whereas Ilya will settle into an academic routine in the Physics department at Brown University, where he was accepted for graduate studies prior to emigrating, his family will continue on to Buffalo, N.Y., where other family members wait to act as their American sponsors. In the interim before matriculating at Brown, Vekhter will rely on Jewish Family Services to help meet his immediate needs.

Vekhter expressed some concern about adjusting to his new surroundings but expects to have many more employment opportunities here in the United States than in his native Moldavia. "I think I don't know any side of life here. I must live and learn here. I will be a graduate teaching assistant in English. That I worry about, all in English."

Vekhter is considered a refugee due to his official national status as a Jew. "I was afraid of national persecution in Moldavia. Only Moldavians can get a job there. I was hanging in the air. What was the future? I was afraid of the future, of not finding a job because I am Jewish."

For the past five years, Vekhter has been living in Moscow and attending the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. Prior to that he grew up in Kishinev, Moldavia, a southern republic in the Soviet Union.

"Many of my friends wanted to study in the United States and they were sure that if the coup were a success they

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Feature

Feldman's Foibles: Hostage Talks And Peace Talks

by Tj Feldman

Prime Minister Shamir must have one of the ten highest job-stress levels these days. In recent weeks he has brought Israel as close to its Arab neighbors as it has ever been, by agreeing to participate in peace talks tentatively scheduled for this fall. This is truly a step that may result in a historic accord being reached and maybe an end to the years of strife between Israel and the Arabs. The Prime Minister himself stated that to pass up such an opportunity would be a mistake, but at the same time he is still trying not to compromise on the building of settlements or keeping control of the Occupied Territories.

However, all of the discussions about peace talks, the Territories, and Palestinian Representation have been put on the back burner as the release of Western hostages, and the possibility for the release of more has thrust Israel into another role. Israel holds many Arab hostages including Sheik Obeid, its chief bargaining chip. All of Israel is watching these negotiations and waiting for word of 7 servicemen who disappeared in Lebanon. Israel will not strike any deal without word of whether those 7 servicemen are living or dead.

The United States policy of not negotiating for the release of hostages means that the faith of those U.S. families of hostages still being held rests largely with Israel. As Israel's chief negotiator tries to create an agreement in Geneva, hostage families are hoping that their loved ones will finally be set free.

Unfortunately, there is one hostage who will not return from the Middle East. Lt. Col. Higgins is believed to be dead, after his captors showed the world a tape of him hanging from a rope. While his body has not been released, most believe that he is not alive. In a recent interview on the "Today Show," his widow, Maj. Robin Higgins, said she feels her husband has been forgotten in the eyes of most Americans, but not in the eyes of the Bush Administration, and that as long as President Bush is in office her husband will be remembered.

As the world awaits the outcome of the hostage crisis, and as Prime Minister Shamir tries to bring about peace as well as an end to the hostage crisis, the question remains about where all this will lead Israel.

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Promise And Perhaps Pain

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Editor

I sat through kindergarten with Herbie O. His family lived in a bungalow on Cold Spring near the park with the statue of Constance the windblown poet. Herb took the bus to Classical. I hiked over to Hope. He must have joined the service when I went away to college. We met again on Benefit Street when I came to RISD.

We had grown into opposite types. Herb stood straight, solid and strong, not tall, with a cigar clenched in his teeth. I swayed like a sapling and smoked a cigarette or so from time to time. We differed in mind as well as build. I wove words into moods. He fit together insights and judgments. Maybe it was our backgrounds that set us apart. He came from Russian stock - though distinguished dentists drilled and great violinists drew their bows. My Rumanian folk like gypsies lightened up a little on their strings. I craved a little good cheer, not deep stuff.

At his coldwater flat on Benefit he brooded over his Brown courses, a touch aloof. He showed me nothing but kindness and courtesy. He put out a cold can of Narragansett

"Free to Go."

to boot. Herb had been a brilliant boy. The Brown professors paid attention to his papers.

In the polio scare of the late fifties, he took me by the wrist to get me my vaccine at a Hope clinic. He didn't want any harm to come to me.

Herb married a stately girl from the Point who converted to Judaism. They named their son Adam. It wasn't a usual Jewish name at that time. Adam struck me as a very nice, serious, slim lad.

Over the years Herb kept up a real effort to hold onto our comradeship. He taught film classes at Boston College and asked me to join in. When I took my first RISD sabbatical, I returned the gesture. He filled in for me. His tastes in movies ran counter to mine. I liked my Hollywood at its glamorous best, for the truths and beauties it crafted for me. Herb filtered out social meanings from its westerns and melodramas. He started a film journal, printed my reviews, and paid for them. He also taught public school in our area. Kids in his English and Social Studies classes were crazy about him. From varied backgrounds, they found him helpful and liberating. Like a *luftmensch*, he smoked pipe-dreams up in the air. I lost track of where he went and what he did when Providence let him go.

Benefit Street plays host to fancy sorts with high style these days. Herb's profile captures another Providence, of promise, pride, and perhaps some pain. At the equinox of back to school and new year, I salute him and bid him the best. Just for old time's sake.

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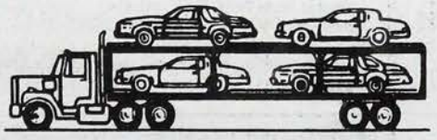

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Opinions

Six Hundred And Thirteen Commandments!

by Lillian Kline

This morning in my constant reading, I learned that for the pious Jew there are 613 commandments to his faith. I never professed to being a pious Jew but at least considered myself a good Jew. Or should I say a good person of the Jewish faith. The basic commandment I tried to follow was "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." I always believed that was enough or all G-d commanded of me. I was also familiar with the ten commandments, plus my favorite, the one attributed to Jeremiah, "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your G-d."

Will only 12 commandments out of 613 be enough to get me into heaven? Or should I begin to worry that trying to squeeze through that celestial gate, the first question asked will be "What about the other 601? Only those who practice all the 613 are allowed to enter here." What a frightening thought!

Tomorrow I must get in touch with my rabbi and ask him to teach me or at least show me where I can find all those 613 commandments. Neither must I waste time. At 91 years of age, time is fleeting. My time could be called tomorrow and what a predicament that would present. I've always been good with excuses, but could I say to G-d, "G-d please forgive me. Only the other day in the *New York Times* Book Review Section, I learned that you demand 613 commandments. I only know 12 of what I believed were the basic ones which I have tried to practice all my life. Believe me, 91 years flew by so fast, even I can't convince myself that I'm really 91.

"Yes, Father, I should have known that there were 613 commandments but they were never brought to my attention by anyone I ever knew. Sometimes our rabbi preached on a particular commandment. Often he preached on current events. In one current events sermon he mentioned Ivan Boesky and Donald Trump and tried to convince us that they were both evil men.

"But honestly, G-d, secretly I wished that Mr. Trump would somewhere learn what a clever girl I was and that he would invite me on his yacht. When I visited the Trump Tower in New York, I was so impressed by the place, I never thought of

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The Vatican's Action Or Inaction During The Holocaust

by Morris Gastfreund

In his article, "Some Of Your Readers Will Agree With Me . . ." (Aug. 8, 1991), Hans L. Heimann seems upset with the response he received after speaking to the Brown Baggers Club, when he portrayed the great assistance given by Catholic churches and the Vatican during the Holocaust. I have no doubts in Mr. Heimann's sincerity that he developed a friendship with many priests who were helpful in saving Jews during the Holocaust. But to generalize this as the official policy of the Vatican during the tragic years between 1939 and 1945 is akin to the many Holocaust revisionists' attempts to rewrite history and to read that the Holocaust didn't take place.

It seems to me that all the evidence - and there is a lot available - puts the Vatican and Pope Pius XII in not such a favorable light during the years when the Nazis murdered six million Jews. No wonder Mr. Heimann got a hostile response from his listeners. Intelligent people are familiar with the true facts of the Vatican's role during the Holocaust through books, articles, research papers, archives, and even a play, "The Deputy," written by Rolf Hochhut - and they are contrary to Mr. Heimann's assertions.

It is true that in some Western countries some bishops and priests - on their own initiative, without consulting Rome - endangered their own lives by rescuing some Jews. But it also is true that many Catholic priests in Poland, Hungary, Rumania and other Eastern European countries urged their parishioners to collaborate with the Nazis in murdering the Jews, because they perceived the murder of the Jews as God's punishment for the Jews' rejection of Christ.

Arthur D. Morse, the distinguished writer and researcher and winner of the Robert E. Sherwood and Foster Peabody awards, brings to light the apathy of Pope Pius XII in his book, *While Six Million Died* (1967, Random House). The apathy became the subject of numerous dispatches to Washington from Myron Taylor, the

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A New Year's Tune-Up

Throughout the year we make a point of having various "tune-ups." Before a long automobile trip we must check at least the water, air pressure, and oil. As winter approaches, homeowners in cold-weather climates make sure the heating system is running properly. And every six months a reminder to have your teeth cleaned and checked comes from the dentist.

The month of Elul, in which we now find ourselves, is customarily the time for a mezuza and tefilin tune-up. During these weeks preceding the holy days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Succot and Simchat Torah, we try our best to increase and strengthen our observance of mitzvot. It is our hope that, through doing this, we will tip the "scales" of justice to our side. Having our mezuzot and tefilin checked is one of the many ways to help tip the scales.

Today, many beautiful covers can be bought for the mezuza scroll. Silver, glass, lucite, wood, metal, handcrafted ceramic, even Wedgewood and Lenox make mezuza covers. But it is the parchment inside that is of the greatest importance. Just imagine that car you want to tune up for the long trip. Maybe it's a BMW or Porsche. If the body is in perfect condition, that's great. But if the motor isn't working, what good is it?

A beautiful mezuza cover should have a working mezuza inside. Make sure when you purchase your mezuzot (or tefilin) that they come from a reputable store or scribe. Then have them checked for wear and tear each Fall, or at least twice in every seven years, as the law requires.

The mezuza is not a charm or amulet and should not be considered as one. Yet it does offer protection. As explained in the Kabala, the mezuza provides G-d's protection from the time we leave the house until the time we return home.

Wouldn't it be interesting if the all-American Jewish dream was expanded to two cars in every garage and a proper mezuza on every door?

All For One . . .

The Torah portion, *Tavo*, contains a description of the ceremony of offering the first-fruits of the Land of Israel, and gives the prayer that was to be recited by each person as he made his offering in the Sanctuary. The portion begins by stating: "When you come to the land that G-d your L-rd is giving you as a heritage, occupying and settling it, you shall take of the first fruit . . ."

The commentator, Rashi, explains that this verse teaches us that the Jewish people were not obligated to bring the first fruits until they conquered and divided the entire land, not just part of it.

Offering the first fruits served as a gesture of thanks to G-d for leading the Jewish people into the Land of Israel and allowing them to enjoy its bounty.

As the land was being conquered and divided, bit by bit, the various tribes and families began receiving their allotted portions. Why weren't these people obligated to bring their offerings of the first fruits from their land? Wouldn't these offerings be an indication of gratitude for receiving their portion?

Bringing the first fruits was an active appreciation of G-d's *complete* goodness. These fruits, therefore, could not be offered until Israel as a whole was conquered and divided among the Jewish people.

All Jews are connected with one another. As long as there remained a Jew who did not yet have his portion in the land, there was a diminished sense of joy among *all* the Jews, even those who had already received their portions.

This is a deeper reason why the Jewish people were not obligated to bring first fruits until they conquered and divided the entire land. The empathy which each Jew felt for the next is an indication of the true and absolute love and unity that existed among the Jewish people. Love of one's fellow Jew was so great that a person could not be truly happy as long as there were Jews who did not yet have their portion in the land.

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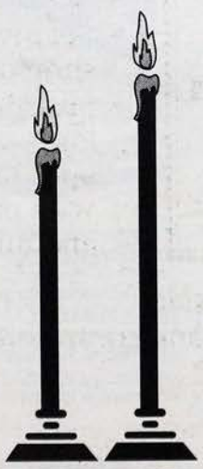

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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The *Jewish Herald*

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Immigration to Palestine Continues

Indicative of the immigration to Palestine which continues despite wartime obstacles, the government in Jerusalem announced that 850 new certificates would be issued. More than 35,000 Jewish refugees from the lands under Nazi domination have been settled since the outbreak of the war.

Jews Employed In Vatican

A large number of Jewish scholars and scientists in Italy ousted by Mussolini have been given jobs in Vatican City. Many of them are now engaged in important research activities in the laboratories and libraries of the Vatican through appointment by the Pope.

Norwegian Jews Placed in Camps

A large number of Norwegian Jews have been confined in a concentration camp in the north of Norway. Meanwhile all Jewish businesses have been taken over by the Norwegian administrators.

No Green Card For Assad, Yet

by Moti Zaken and Sam Schwartz

A Middle Eastern proverb says, "Whatever your mouth speaks, let your ears hear." In other words, practice what you preach and put your money where your mouth is. This dictum should apply to Syria's behavior in the multi-national attempt to free Western hostages. If and when the current process will prove fruitful, Syria will no doubt receive warm Western appreciation for its share in the efforts. The sight of the hostages' first tastes of freedom on television screens across the world will serve to create the image of a new Western ally, Syria. In fact, diplomatic rehabilitation and the renewal of ties with the West are primary motives for Syria's involvement in the hostage negotiations.

By now, Syria has taken credit for the three hostages' freedom. Any credit given to Syria, in the case of a successful resolution to the hostage crisis, therefore, will to some measure be deserved.

However, this will do a great injustice to the cause of the hostages which Syria itself holds, its Jewish community. The human rights of Syria's approximately 4,500 Jewish citizens are severely curtailed and Syrian Jews are kept as virtual captives within their own country. Syria cannot expect to turn any new pages in its relations with the West, until it allows its Jewish citizens who wish to emigrate their natural right to do so.

In the course of the past year, Syria has dedicated a majority of its political efforts to renewing its ties to the West. It has achieved some rapid success, in great part due to Syria's extremely autocratic form of government. Syria, perhaps even more than its neighboring dictatorship, Iraq, is a one man band.

President Hafez Assad dictates all domestic and foreign policies from the top. With his decision to improve relations with Europe and America, the entire Syrian political machinery was immediately devoted to this purpose. His distancing from the Soviet Union, his siding with the United States in the Gulf War and his most recent efforts to gain the release of Western hostages are all examples of this new thinking.

(Indeed, few people recall Syria only knocked on the door of the United States after being abandoned by the Soviet Union and sided with the allied coalition against Iraq primarily because of Assad's perennial hatred of Saddam Hussein's rival Ba'ath party.)

However, these overtures say nothing about a change in the nature of Syria's government and only confirm Assad's entrenched autocratic nature. These movements are more tactical than strategic. If one carefully analyzes the posturing of Syria, there is no real indication of any significant change. Statements have been made by Syria, but not always followed up by action. As everyone in the Middle East knows, you don't pay a tax on words." This common aphorism places the judgement on acts not merely words which can be easily uttered. According to this logic, one must assume that Hafez Assad's regime remains ruthless and untrustworthy.

At the same time though, Assad himself is a practical man, as he has shown throughout his career. Therefore, the West must play to Assad's practicality, and push him past the limits of his cosmetic policy changes. The resolution of the plight of Syrian Jewry is a key issue where Assad can prove that his new policy represents a genuine change and is not just an artificial ploy to gain Western favor.

Syrian Jewry today faces a great deal of civil and political discrimination. The mark of the religion is indelibly stamped on the internal passports of the Jews. They are restricted from certain professions and educational opportunities and are frequently victims of unjust arrest and incarceration. Two Jewish brothers, Elie and Salim Swed, were arrested in 1987, and held for 4 years without being charged. It is reported that they have recently been sentenced to long jail terms in secret proceedings.

As a rule, Jews are not allowed to legally emigrate, and all those who are lucky enough to travel abroad must leave their relatives and an exorbitant financial desposit behind. Those adult men who are able to, flee the country illegally. The families of those who escape are often severely punished. This phenomenon has also created another problem. The pool of marriageable Jewish men is reduced to next to nothing, and Syrian Jewish women are forced to choose between marrying non-Jews and thus abandoning their religion, or remaining unwed their entire lives.

The majority of Syrian Jews live in Damascus, the site where British captive, John McCarthy was released on August 8. The fact that he and the American Edward Austin were handed over in Damascus symbolizes Syria's influence on the hostage takers. Syria has always had the power to help effect a comprehensive solution. Only now, Hafez Assad is more eager than ever to say yes to the West's requests for cooperation in international affairs. However, his record is still marred by a long list of atrocities.

If changes are indeed taking place in Damascus, and Assad's latest moves are not just posturing, then Syria's Jewish community should no longer be held as bargaining chips and must be set free. Until Syria affords its Jews at least minimal human rights and allows them to leave, Syria cannot be granted diplomatic rehabilitation and given a green card to enter into the family of nations.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editors:

With a devastating hurricane ruining most of this state, and with earth-shaking events in the Soviet Union (shall comment on them later in this coming month), another news item was buried by the press on page 11, or by the electronic media after the sixth commercial. I am writing about the clashes in Brooklyn, N.Y., between Hassidic Jews and blacks.

Suppressed and hidden, or not so suppressed and not so hidden hatreds emerged, and developed into physical violences.

Why? Pray tell. We Jews, as well as the blacks should know only too well (from our own experiences) what it means to be discriminated against, and should, therefore, strive to understand one another and to promote tolerance and brotherly love. We live, after all, less than ten years from the turn of the century. Haven't we all suffered enough from genocides during the Holocaust in Germany and from senseless bigotry in South Africa?

It is high time that we think of Schiller's *Ode to Joy*, set to music by Beethoven in his fifth symphony, namely "Let all mankind become brothers . . ."

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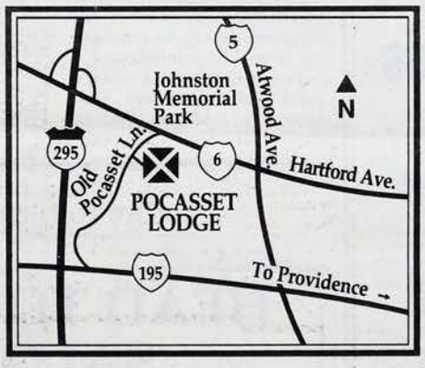

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World and National News

Israel and Albania To Establish Diplomatic Ties

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and Albania agreed last week to establish diplomatic relations for the first time.

A hard-line Marxist state when Israel was founded in 1948, Albania did not follow the Soviet Union and other Communist bloc countries in recognizing Israel.

A protocol to establish ties was signed in Jerusalem by Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and his visiting Albanian counterpart, Muhamet Kapllani.

The two countries plan to exchange ambassadors, although it is unlikely that Israel will open an embassy in Tirana, the Albanian capital. Instead, Israel's ambassador to neighboring Italy will probably serve as ambassador to Albania.

Albania, Europe's poorest country, is reeling from years of isolation and tight government control. Thousands of Albanians who tried to flee to Italy were returned there forcibly last week.

Kapllani said the protocol signed with Israel is more than symbolic. It is a step of historic significance, marking "economic, cultural, technical and scientific cooperation," he said.

Albania has a population of about 3.2 million, smaller than Israel's and mostly Moslem, a holdover from centuries of Turkish rule in the Balkans. The Albanians have only recently been permitted to worship openly in a country that has been avowedly atheistic.

In April, as the Marxist dictatorship in Tirana crumbled, more than 300 Albanian Jews were brought to Israel by airlift, virtually the entire Jewish population of Albania.

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Soviet Jews Overjoyed By Coup's End But Say They Can 'Never Feel Secure'

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Moscow citizens in general and Jews in particular were jubilant at the news that the so-called "emergency committee" that seized control of the Soviet government had been pushed out of power.

"I've lived in Moscow for 20 years, and I never saw this situation - people kissing each other in the metro, people crying," Alexander Schmukler, president of B'nai B'rith in the Soviet Union, said in a telephone interview from Moscow.

"It's a national celebration of the great victory," he said. "The army has left Moscow. There are no tanks, no military trucks, no soldiers. It looks like a holiday."

The Soviet Jewish community had overwhelmingly backed the pro-democracy forces, led by Russian republic President Boris Yeltsin, that resisted the hard-line coup.

Schmukler said the community had presented a statement in support of Yeltsin to members of the Russian republic's parliament.

That was just one hour before military forces began firing on the Russian parliament building, known popularly as "the White House," initiating violence that left three people dead.

The statement of support, signed by the presidium of the Vaad, the Soviet Union's confederation of Jewish organizations, was also released to a Munich radio station and broadcast all over Europe. A few minutes after the statement was broadcast, the Vaad began receiving "tens of calls from different Jewish organizations" outside the Soviet Union endorsing the group's stance.

The statement condemned the hard-line junta's "blatant violation of democratic norms," Schmukler said, and appealed to leaders of other national movements to cooperate in the struggle "against the fascist putsch."

"We were the first national organization to openly support the Russian government and president during very dangerous times," he pointed out.

That may become a valuable claim, Schmukler said, since Moscow's Mayor Gavriil Popov has already prohibited activity by local chapters of two organizations that supported the "emergency committee": the Association of Veterans and the Liberal Democracy Party. Popov has also sent a letter to Yeltsin, asking him to prohibit the publication of newspapers - mostly Communist - that supported the coup.

Jews in the Soviet Union feel elated about Gorbachev's return to power, and while they feel more secure than they did two days ago, "we can never feel secure here," Schmukler said. "The situation is not stabilized, and we don't know when it will be."

"Thousands and thousands" of Soviet Jews who had put off their emigration because of the absorption difficulties their friends and family members are having in Israel will now flock to the Jewish state as quickly as possible.

As Schmukler put it, "Troops in Moscow's streets are a worse problem than Israel's absorption."

While the Israeli Consulate in Moscow has not been crowded since the coup began, Schmukler attributed that to the curfew imposed on Moscow last week and the fact that there was no way to get into the city from other locations. Lines of Soviet Jews who want to leave will form around the downtown building in the next few days, he promised.

Schmukler confirmed reports that OVIR, the Soviet agency responsible for issuing exit visas, has offices around the country open and working.

Anti-Semitic organizations, such as Pamyat, were not heard from during the three days of hard-line rule, Schmukler said, probably because they "did not have the opportunities or the time" since the takeover began.

Schmukler voiced relief that the "emergency committee" had not organized or provoked anti-Jewish pogroms to try to destabilize their political opposition. It is a card they could have played, he said.

Still, "we are not feeling safe," he said. "Of course we are excited if Gorbachev comes back and constitutional law starts to work, but we do not know what will happen tomorrow."

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National

In an ongoing battle between Black and Hasidic Brooklynites, a Brooklyn grand jury indicted a black youth in the fatal stabbing of a Hasidic Jew in Crown Heights. At the same time, another grand jury is at odds about whether to charge the Hasidic driver of a car that killed a black boy last week, an event that triggered several days of violence, during which the Jewish man was stabbed.

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The Council of Jewish Federations has published the first comprehensive annotated bibliography of materials on the resettlement of Soviet Jews in the United States, Canada and Israel. Its purpose is to help Federations and their service agencies resettle the growing numbers of Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union.

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International

(JTA) - Jerusalem - A move by Jewish settlers to set up living quarters for Yeshiva students in the heart of Hebron has enraged Arabs in the West Bank town. Some vented their anger last week by hurling a gasoline bomb at an Israeli vehicle in Hebron. The bomb missed its target, causing neither casualties or damage. The trailers will serve as dormitories for 120 students of Shavei Hebron yeshiva.

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(JTA) - Zagreb, Yugoslavia - The leaders of Yugoslavia's Croatian republic, including the president and Cabinet ministers, expressed sympathy and solidarity with the badly shaken Jewish community last week. Officials of all ranks condemned the two bombings early one morning last week that severly damaged the Jewish community center of Zagreb and the Jewish section of the municipal cemetary. There were no casualties.

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(JTA) - Jerusalem - With Mikhail Gobachev back in control of the Soviet government, Israeli officials and Palestinian leaders alike scrambled last week to seek improved relations with Moscow. Foreign Minister David Levy expressed hope that Israel and the Soviet Union would soon resume talks aimed at re-establishing full diplomatic relations, which Moscow severed in 1967. The two countries currently have relations at the consular level.

Gideon Taylor, special assistant to JDC's executive vice president, and Manlio Dell'Ariccia, JDC country director for Ethiopia, recently traveled to Ethiopia and brought with them a delegation that included officials of the Jewish Agency and other Jewish groups. It was the first Jewish delegation to visit Gondar, in the north of Ethiopia, since Operation Solomon.

The delegates visited the deserted village of Ambober in Northern Ethiopia. The above photo shows members of the delegation in front of a deserted Jewish home. (Photograph by Gideon Taylor)

Women

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lains, Hillel rabbis, educators and administrators, rather than take on the arduous responsibility of running a synagogue.

Rabbi Amy Eilberg, the first woman ordained by the Conservative movement and now a chaplain at Stanford University Hospital, worked at a synagogue for a year when she started her career in the rabbinate.

"Chaplaincy is particularly attractive to rabbis who are mothers, because it wreaks less havoc with your personal life than the pulpit," she explained.

'The Parent Who Was Always Leaving'

Her 5-year-old daughter is one of the reasons she prefers the chaplaincy. When her daughter's first sentence was "Bye bye, Eema - shul," it struck a chord, Eilberg recalled. "My daughter's expectation was that I was the parent who was always leaving. And that was untenable to me as a mother."

But, like Magidson, most women rabbis who have left the pulpit hope to return someday.

"Re-entry will be a big issue" for the rabbinical organizations in a few years, as increasing numbers of women come back to congregational life after a hiatus, said Rabbi Jody Cohen, a solo pulpit rabbi in South Windsor, Conn., and co-ordinator of the Women's Rabbinic Network.

Benefits are an important consideration for women rabbis, especially those who are parents.

They are often willing to trade time for money, according to Rabbi Margaret Wenig of Beth Am, the People's Temple, a 200-member Reform congregation in New York.

"We are often interested in negotiating more vacation time than substantial salary increases," she said.

Maternity leave has been a contentious issue for women rabbis in both the Reform and Conservative movements.

The Reform movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis suggests to its rabbis that they include two months of maternity leave in their contracts, but congregations are not bound by the CCAR's guidelines.

The Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly is in the process of codifying its placement policies, which will for the first time include maternity leave.

At present, some women rabbis do not have maternity leave written into their contracts and are in the uncomfortable position of having to negotiate it when they become pregnant.

Others have had congregations limit their maternity leave to shorter periods, and some have even been asked to pay for the cost of hiring replacements if they give birth at an inopportune time, like just before the High Holy Days.

Day Care A Consideration

Another consideration for women in the rabbinate who are also parents is the availability of good day care for children. This is sometimes as important as the dollar amount of the salary, said Rabbi Arnold Sher, director of placement for the Reform movement.

A handful of women rabbis have developed a solution to the day care quandary by starting their own programs.

Cohen of the Women's Rabbinic Network, who has a 7-year-old son, began one at her first congregation, a 1,400-family synagogue where she served for five years as assistant and then associate rabbi.

She found that the program had an "incredibly positive" effect on the whole congregation. It brought many young families to the synagogue and Hebrew school enrollment swelled by 100 children.

But strangely, "very few congregations have followed suit," Cohen said. "It's been slow to catch on. It's considered a women's issue."

Now that Reform women rabbis have been working for nearly two decades, more than 100 are eligible for the largest size congregations, which are classified by letter, with "A" being the smallest and "E" the largest.

But only four women rabbis hold positions in the medium-size "C" congregations, which have up to 600 members.

In the Conservative movement, women only serve in "A"-level congregations, with two or three exceptions in "B"-size congregations of up to 500 families, which require two years of experience. No women are in "C"-level congregations of up to 750 families, which require at least five years of experience.

Alternatives To Career Ladder

Is it because "women really believe we can go so far and no further?" Cohen asked. "Is it the perception that congregations are not ready for a woman in this position of authority, and we don't want to put ourselves in the position of being the 'korbana,' the sacrifice?

"Or does it have more to do with the fact that many of the women in the rabbinate are in their child-bearing years, and some are working part-time, which is absolutely appropriate?"

Creative alternatives to the traditional rabbinic career ladder, such as job-sharing and taking frequent sabbaticals, are of great interest to many of the women in the rabbinate rearing families. But they have found that few congregations are interested in working out schedules that deviate from the norm.

Paradoxically, women may have a difficult time transforming the nature of the rabbinate precisely because they are not climbing the long-established ladder of success to qualify for leadership positions in the Reform and Conservative movements' rabbinical and congregational organizations.

Reunion Planned By Holocaust Kindertransport Survivors

The Kindertransport Association (KTA), a nonprofit group, announced that it will hold a reunion on Sunday, October 27, at the Marriott Financial Center, 85 West Street, New York City.

KTA is an association of individuals who, as very young Jewish children, fled the Holocaust in Europe, without parents, and, after an arduous journey across Europe, ended up being saved in England.

The evacuation of the children from Nazi occupied Europe in 1938-39 was made possible as a result of an agreement between England and Germany which permitted 10,000 children up to the age of 18 to leave Europe upon payment of 50 pounds Sterling per child. Actually, 9,740 children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia escaped under this program; it is believed that about 25% eventually found their way to the U.S. and Canada.

Last year saw the first North American KTA Reunion in the Catskills which was attended by 500 "Kinder" and their families.

All former "Kinder" and their families are invited to attend the 1991 reunion but space is severely limited so it is important to register early.

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Arts and Entertainment

No Bumpy Roads In "Driving Miss Daisy"

by Dorothea Snyder

After a dashing, smashing season of musicals at Theatre-By-The-Sea, Fourquest chose to close with a stirring production of Alfred Uhry's "Driving Miss Daisy."

True, "Driving Miss Daisy" has been around a lot in the past two years . . . Broadway, Boston and Providence. And of course, there's the film version which won an Oscar for Jessica Tandy.

Theatre-By-The-Sea's "Driving Miss Daisy" is my third time seeing the cantankerous Daisy Werthan and endearing Hoke Coleburn work their way into a meeting of the mind and soul.

"Driving Miss Daisy," has become a dramatic classic. For those who've never seen this Pulitzer prize winning play performed on stage, Matunuck's presentation is a honey and should be seen. This wonderful cast's interpretation makes a repeat performance of the play well worth seeing!

The story is an account of playwright Alfred Uhry's grandmother, an Atlanta Jewish matron, whose disastrous driving forces her son to employ a chauffeur. Much to her chagrin and protestations, Hoke Coleburn, a black chauffeur, is hired.

"Daisy" runs a span of 25 years from 1948-1973 in which the two become soulmates. "You are my best friend," Daisy says to Hoke at the sunset of her life.

Fiona Hale's characterization of the former school teacher Daisy Werthan, as rigid, stubborn, terse, softening, at times tender, draws from within and surfaces beautifully at the right moments. Ms. Hale is Daisy Werthan without doubt.

Roger Robinson's Hoke is humble, loyal, sensible, sensitive and kind. When the moment demands standing up to Miss Daisy, every facial and body muscle twitches. Both actors skillfully portray the aging process through voice and body movements that never put us at a loss as to where Daisy and Hoke are in time.

Daisy's son, Boolie, well played by Daniel Ahearn, is a scissor-sharp contrast to the central two characters. He weaves importantly in and out of scenes, adding a humorous touch.

Jeff Modereger has created a warm set blended by Tom Sturge's liquid lighting, fading one scene into the next scene. Lucy Gentry costumes Miss Daisy in dowdy, matronly clothes typical of the period.

In "Driving Miss Daisy's" program notes, director Judith Swift refers to signposts that blazed trails for the Civil Rights Acts.

She writes, "Hoke and Daisy's journey is not about political or judicial decisions. It is a journey of the heart. To take this journey with them is to watch two people discover friendship and family, love and loyalty in a world of true humanity where the soul has no color. It is a journey we are all too rarely privileged to take."

Judith Swift's words capture what "Driving Miss Daisy" is all about.

(Performances run through September 7th at Theatre-By-The-Sea. 782-TKTS)

A scene from "Driving Miss Daisy" with Fiona Hale (Daisy Werthan) and Roger Robinson (Hoke Coleburn) at Theatre-By-The-Sea through September 7. (782-TKTS)

Bransfield To Exhibit Paintings At Providence College

Artist Michael Bransfield of Jersey City, N.J., will open the fall 1991 season of exhibits at Providence College's Hunt-Cavanagh Art Gallery. Bransfield will exhibit a collection of his abstract paintings entitled "What the Light Is Like" from September 1-26.

A special opening reception for Bransfield's exhibit will be held on Wednesday, September 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the art gallery. Admission to both the exhibit and the opening reception is free. The public is invited to attend.

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Step into the Days of Glory at the Beachcomber

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

The first thing one notices upon approaching the **Beachcomber** restaurant in the Oakland Beach section of Warwick is the beauty of its surroundings. After some years of decline, Oakland Beach has rallied to its former splendor and even the recent Hurricane Bob didn't seem to do much to this salty community. White picket fences still stand and most glass is intact.

And the Beachcomber itself is a jewel on the waterfront's impressive land and seascape. It is elegant in its simple beauty and large, open and airy way. The back of the restaurant sports a large outdoor patio and bar for eating, drinking and sea-gazing.

Opened five years ago by Rhode Islander Southern Jirouix, the former "Gus's Restaurant" has gained momentum ever since. With the influence of new partner, Don Sills, a Southern California native whose path in life brought him to New England years ago, the Beachcomber offers live entertainment in the evening and books private functions for up to 150 people.

Although Mr. Sills stressed that he likes to think of the Beachcomber as a place where you can have fun in the evening, one can't help but assume that much of the clientele turns up to enjoy the excellent dinners prepared by chef Mike Roccio. The pleasant and modest Roccio, who is the son of Rhode Island cooking legend Jimmy Roach, is a former restauranteur himself and prepares his food with artistry and pride.

Naturally the menu is heavy on seafood dishes, but very interesting seafood dishes. Most notable is the Baked Scrod Mediterranean, a large portion of scrod topped with broccoli, olives, artichokes and tomatoes. But the Beachcomber also caters to landlubber tastes — a roasted half chicken, served with pasta, rolls and butter is a steal at $6.95. Roccio likes to have fun with steak, too. Besides the Broiled New York Sirloin, Roccio also serves up "Steak au Poivre," a 12 oz. sirloin cooked with peppercorns and topped with sour cream and dijon mustard sauce. The menu features a sandwich selection (tuna, chicken salad, burger and steak) and pasta with red or white sauce. The portions are large (when you order a $1.50 "cup" of soup, a bowl comes; $2.00 gets you a bowl the size of a Ford hubcap). Every night there's a different list of dinner specials and their service is at your fingertips.

On the night we dropped by, a cool clean sea air was blowing in from the ocean and the sound system was playing upbeat and breezy swing tunes from the big band era. The atmosphere recalled Rhode Island's glory days, when people lived, worked and played amidst the fruitful bounty of the ocean's harvest and the sound of music and laughter echoed on its waters. The Beachcomber is that kind of place.

Open seven days a week, the restaurant serves from 10 am to 1 pm weekdays, 11 am to 1 pm on weekends. Fall and Winter reservations are now being accepted.

Inside the Beachcomber restaurant.

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FALL FASHION 1991

The Key To Looking Good In The 90s — Cool, Casual And Comfortable

The 90s may have just started, but as the fast-paced, high-tech world of the 80s comes to a close, men's fashion is also steering in a new direction. Gone are the banker-striped shirts, yellow ties and well-tailored looks of yesterday. The fashion mainstream is moving toward clothes that not only look great, but feel great too.

The key to looking good in the 90s is the three Cs — cool, casual and comfortable. Jackets are broader across the chest, trousers pleated and fuller and shoes combine comfort with style. Everywhere we look materials are softer, colors subtler and silhouettes more relaxed. Consumers are looking for fashionable clothing that functions for both workday and weekend.

According to some experts, the woven-look in soft leather slip-ons, lace-ups and sandals will lead the way this spring adding rustic charm to a masculine everyday look. On the work front, comfortable dress shoes — classic American styles with cushioned soles and flexible unit bottoms — will come out on top. The familiar deck shoe will trail close behind in new canvas and leather styles with updated lacing and hand-sewn outsoles.

Color highlights for spring continue in an earthy mood. Shoes will be accented with deep terracottas, chocolates and forest green. These earth tones take on a new light in the coming months as the "new man of the 90's" finds himself in casual khakis, neutrals and blue jeans accented by spicy Navajo and Caribbean shades.

Another fashion focus this season will be performance comfort. From mud puddles to mountain tops, customers will be looking for footwear that performs in the great outdoors as well as the city streets. New lightweight hikers will feature comfortable cushioned insoles, tough lug outsoles and sturdy leather uppers. They will be available in a variety of up-to-date looks including new earth tone colors and textures, heavy-weight nylons and suedes.

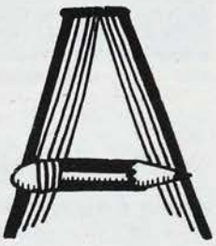
Many stores offer fashion at a price with quality and comfort that meets consumers' lifestyles. This season's collection is sizzling with creativity and fashion-right looks . . . reflective of the New-Age spirit now emerging from fashion footwear chains.

How To Choose An Excellent Child Care/Nursery School Center

by Eugene D. Ruth, Jr., Ed.D.
Owner/President, Educare, Inc.
The Children's Centers of Pawtucket

When you are looking for the appropriate child care center or nursery school for your child, you should consider these questions:

(1) What kind of teacher/caregiver is best for my child? A good teacher should be well-trained as well as warm and loving towards children. Whatever the age of your child, you need a teacher who can encourage interests, provide appropriate structure, and motivate your child to take risks, explore new ideas and concepts, and develop special talents and potentials.



(2) Are the facility and setting conducive to safe and healthy growth? A good center should be clean, well-lighted, and provide plenty of sunlight. Equipment and materials should be in good repair and appropriate. The rooms should be attractively designed, well-maintained, and colorful. Also, there should be a variety of materials for your child to use.

(3) Is the learning program designed so that it will encourage healthy growth and optimal development for my child? A good curriculum should be professionally designed, incorporating a reasonable balance between structured activities and open-ended ones. There should be an integration among the various curriculum areas, and the teaching/learning activities should have a variety of large and small group situations so that your child can receive individual attention when appropriate and necessary.

(4) What will the cost of program be? A well-equipped center with appropriate materials and equipment, a professional staff, and excellent sanitary conditions costs a lot of money to operate. High-quality child care/nursery school programs are not cheap. However, if you want the best for your child, then you have to be willing to pay a little more. Actual costs will vary according to the type of care or educational program you want, the times you need the care, the part of the country in which you live, and other factors. You should investigate the costs of the different programs in your area. You may also wish to find out if your family qualifies for local, state, or federal assistance. Paying for child care could also result

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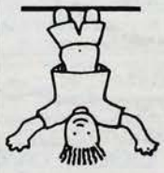

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BACK to SCHOOL

Selecting The Right College For Your Child

"The most important consideration when selecting the right college for a student is comfort - academic comfort, social comfort and economic comfort. If a student has chosen a good fit, then his chances for success are optimum," said Janet Ronkin, founder and president of The Ronkin Educational Group, the nation's largest educational counseling and test prep organization.

"When a student is academically comfortable, he is much more likely to meet and often exceed his potential. A student who "just barely made admission standards by the skin of his teeth," has a long way to go to stay even with the remainder of his classmates. He will be under much greater stress than his fellow classmates, and if he plans to go to graduate school, the pressure to achieve good grades is intensified. He will have to work continually to compete with those who are

academically comfortable. His social life will suffer, which will increase his stress level.

Social comfort is also an important component of college success. A student should select a school that offers activities, sports, and social organizations that interest her. The atmosphere in which the college is set (urban, suburban, or rural) should be appealing. Students should be able to participate in collegiate life as much or as little as they wish. For example, a student who does not wish to join a sorority or fraternity would be very unhappy on a campus which is dominated by "Greeks."

To make sure there is economic comfort, it is important that parents be honest with their child as to how much they can comfortably afford to send him to college. Continually thinking that his parents are sacrificing a great deal so that he can succeed and be happy is way too much pressure for most students to handle. Honest, realistic discussions about finances between family members can eliminate this problem.

Other factors that a student should consider during her evaluation of colleges are the size of the college, whether it is a private or public school, the costs involved in attending, the median SAT (or ACT) scores of the previous freshman class, whether or not the school offers the specific major in which the student is interested, and the activities and special programs which the school offers.

The first thing a student and his parents do is arrange a conference with the student's high school guidance counselor. Guidance counselors are usually dedicated, caring, though overworked individuals who appreciate parents' concern and cooperation. And even if a student protests they are secretly grateful and proud of their parents' support and concern. This is also the time to map out a strategy of the courses a student needs to take in high school, to evaluate his study habits to see whether some changes need to be made and to plan how a student can improve his performance and his academic profile.

What counts most to selective colleges? Success in a demanding college preparatory program is the first priority for a selective college.

However, it is the combination of courses, GPA and class rank, standardized test scores on the SAT or ACT, extracurricular activities, recommendations from high school guidance conselors, principals, headmasters, and teachers, and the essay(s) on his application that determines a students' preparedness for admission to a selective college.

Students can take test preparation courses to improve their SAT scores, frequently by 100-400 points. Look for a test preparation service that offers small classes, individualized attention, as well as educational counseling to help your family through this confusing and often stressful time.

PHDS/NEAT Enters The New School Year

The 1991-1992/5751-5752 academic year for the Providence Hebrew Day School began on August 29 as a full day of classes for grades 1 through 8. The children of the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten had a "half-day get acquainted" program for students, parents and teachers. In addition, the New England Academy of Torah High School started its program on August 26 with faculty and student orientation.

New staff members at the elementary/junior high division are, for the Judaic studies program: Michal Donowitz (kindergarten), Shaindle Blitzstein (Grades 1 and 2), Tsvi Kahn (Grade 7), and Ben-Zion Taube (Hebrew Language). General studies faculty have

also been added to the school's list of personnel. They are Patricia McNaught (Grade 2), Judith Dlugos (Grade 3) and Mary Ellen Coleman (Grades 6 and 7). Rabbi Abraham Jakubowicz serves as the Judaic Studies Coordinator for the elementary school and Mrs. Maureen Sheehan is General Studies Coordinator. Due to the increased enrollment for grades K, 1, and 2, the school was required to form double sections for each of these grades.

Also, the New England Academy of Torah has new staff joining its program which include Andrew Duperron (Math), Eithan Holtzman (Science and Hebrew Language), Rabbi Nissel (Math), Priscilla Read (English/French), Kathy Shafto (Science), and Barbara Szenes (English). Administrators at the High School are Rabbi Avi Shafran - Religious Studies Director (Boys' Division), Maureen Sheehan - General Studies Coordinator, and Rabbi Menachem Feinsod, Judaic Studies Curriculum Resource Coordinator. Rabbi Sholom Strajcher will coordinate the religious studies program for the Girls' Division.

The Providence Hebrew Day School is in its 45th year of service to the Rhode Island Jewish community. The New England Academy of Torah is celebrating its 23rd year. Dr. Alex Mandel is lay president of PHDS/NEAT and Rabbi Sholom Strajcher is its Dean.

How To Choose

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in a tax deduction, so you should check into this to see if you are eligible. But, do not be afraid to spend several dollars more each week if you are convinced that your child will thrive and grow at a particular center.

(5) Are parents free to visit at anytime? When you are visiting a center, inquire as to whether or not you will be encouraged to visit and observe your child. A good director of an excellent center will always welcome parents to visit. If you find you would not be welcomed or if you feel your visits would be an intrusion, then cross that center off your list.

Remember, what you are looking for is a center offering security and stimulation and where your child will be happy and will learn and develop to the best of his/her ability.

Understand that excellent child care/nursery school centers require three elements:

* Teacher/caregivers who are professionally trained and who can provide your child with supervised guidance, loving care, and warmth.
* A professionally designed facililty that can keep your child safe and healthy.
* A professionally designed curriculum which can provide your child with a variety of activities encouraging learning at all stages of development: intellectual, physical, personal, social, and emotional.

Do not be afraid to invest the time and energy to seek out the best.

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

From the Boardroom To the Beach

"Some people search all their lives for a job or vocation or an experience they'll enjoy doing the rest of their lives. I'm lucky I found mine early on," says fashion entrepreneur Larry Rubin.

Larry and Alan Rouleau co-own Alan Lawrence Clothiers, specializing in custom clothing and accessories for men, located at Faneuil Market in Boston.

Earlier this summer, they branched out to Nantucket.

Despite a poor telephone connection the morning Larry and I spoke, his enthusiasm electrified the lines and kept the syncopating syllables audible.

Describing Nantucket's boutique, Larry paints a picture of spaciousness enriched by beautiful antiques. The clothing is displayed on a 1790 pantry cupboard. A restored painting of the same period is another treasure.

Once used as a bed for stagecoach drivers, a versatile deacon's bench is now a delightful display for clothing. Ties cascade down a five-tiered jelly shelf.

"Just for fun, we have a six-foot llama in the window, wearing a denim jacket and necktie, something like a throwback to the Hobbitt," Larry muses.

"The store is a little bit of a mix with old antiques and a contemporary feeling with glass cases to give an updated look."

Alan Rouleau and Larry Rubin are unique newcomers to the fashion world. They were never design majors or graduates from textile or fashion institutes.

Their diverse backgrounds were rooted in the hospitality industry, making their fashion plunge even more interesting and their talents most enviable.

Larry owned a restaurant and inn on Cape Cod; Alan owned a health club in Gardner, Massachusetts.

"When we decided to go into the menswear business four years ago, we developed a concept of custom clothing and accessories new to the Boston area," Larry says. "We put our proposal together and presented it to Faneuil Hall."

Impressed by their idea, the powers-who-be considered it "worth a shot!"

Larry and Alan didn't want to just offer designer clothing, but rather to specialize in fitted and hand-finished custom garments that include suits, shirts and other accessories. The Boston store features women's custom apparel. The versatility found at Alan Lawrence Clothiers has been expressed as "everything you need to travel from the beach to the boardroom."

Nantucket's store came about when a Boston landlord approached them to expand to the island. "The rental agent came to our store. By coincidence, two of the partners in the business shop our Boston store."

Allan and Larry bring separate expertise to their business.

"I'm more focused on the design of casual wear, neckwear, accessories and sweaters and putting that all together," Larry relates. "I've always had an insight into clothing ... What's hot and what's not!"

Alan's expertise is working with suit design. "His ability is coordinating the making of shirts and suits, how customers want it to look, and the colors to be emphasized."

Each customer has a profile composed. "We ask the gentleman to bring in his favorite suit and pictures of favorite suits. We work with the customer to develop that look.

"Together we decide on the suiting, ask how the customer likes the lapels, the gorge, the width of the lapels, single-breasted or double-breasted, two-on-two button or two-on-three button, preference for the trousers, like pleats, forward pleats, reverse pleats, box pleats?

"We go through this, but we don't want to make it complicated and scare our customers. It's a fun decision time and we want them to enjoy the clothes-making process with us."

"We can create any pattern. It's phenomenal what we're doing with custom-wear! The fabrications we have and the individual attention we strive for make a complete package."

As far as customers deviating from their profiles, Larry says, "Some people are creatures of habit and will always get that shirt made in a certain way. By and large, our clientele likes to have some variety, similar suits but different fabrications."

When the word "fabrications" pops up, translation runs a tremendous range: Sea Island Broadcloth, Egyptian cotton, Swiss Royal Oxford, lines from Switzerland and Ireland. Suitings are made from the finest wools and wool blends of silk, cashmere or mink, in tropical to winter weights, from renowned fabric houses such as Dormeuil of England and France; Scabal of England; Carlos Barbera and Ermengildo Zegna, both of Italy; Loro Piama of Spain.

The Nantucket store is one of five store entrances onto Centre Street sited in an old Meeting Hall called Sherborn Hall. Way back, it was known as a mecca managed by women, Petticoat Row.

The unique merchandise featured in Nantucket includes custom-made neckties, cummerbunds, suspenders, hand-loomed sweaters, signature cologne, a wide variety of one-of-a-kind cufflinks inset with antique stamps or vintage cloisonne.

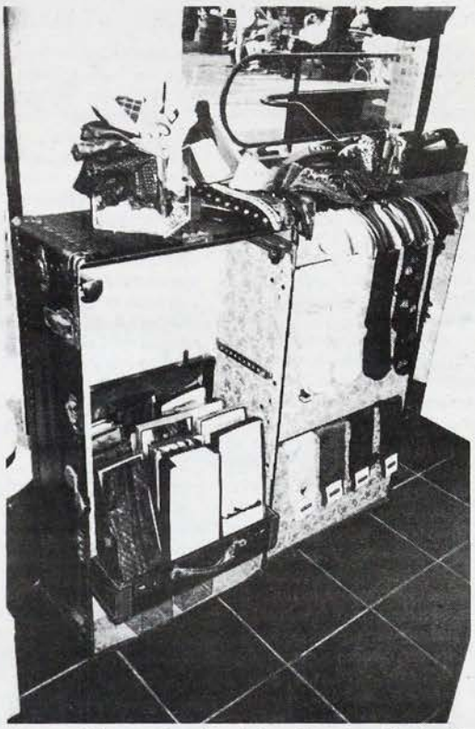
Co-owner Alan Rouleau speaks of the Nantucket location as "carrying on the traditions set in Boston of creating men's custom-tailored clothing, from suits and shirts, to our full line of classic sportswear.

"Our specialty items adds a touch of humor and whimsy, each having a sense of style and elegance."

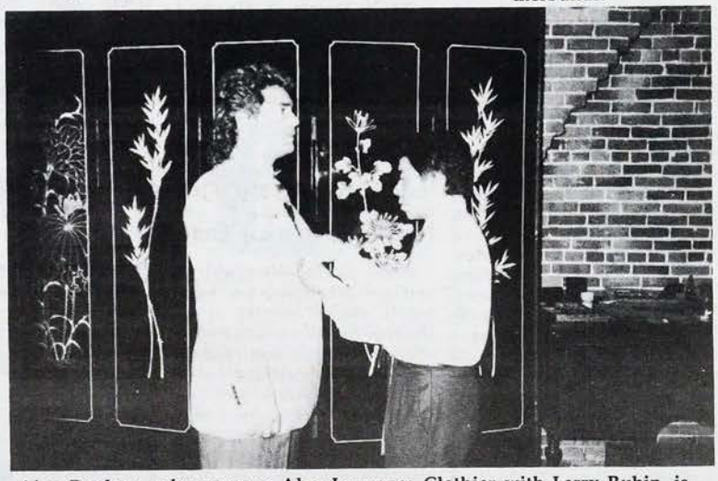
Stories of those who have changed careers successfully along the way are always inspirational and encouraging for those who have the urge to do so.

Obviously, it's not always so simple, but the need to fulfill one's dreams provides the drive to make the change.

An early 1900 antique pine stand is used as a tie catchall in the Nantucket boutique.



A turn-of-the-century trunk is a charming display for accessories ... socks, pocket squares, and cummerbunds.



Alan Rouleau, who co-owns Alan Lawrence Clothier with Larry Rubin, is measured by Antonio Riras in Boston's fourth-floor custom showroom.

Photos: Alan Lawrence Clothier

The front window of the Alan Lawrence Shop for Men at One South Market in Faneuil Hall.

Milestones

Temple Beth-El's Daily Minyan leaders.

Temple Beth-El's Daily Minyan Celebrates Anniversary

On November 7, 1955, the first Daily Minyan Services at Temple Beth-El were held in the Bennett Chapel. The idea of the establishment of the Daily Minyan was first raised at a Brotherhood meeting months earlier. The minyan has met ever since, without interruption except for one evening during the great blizzard of 1978, and this November will celebrate its 36th anniversary.

Members of the community are always welcome to attend services which are still held at 5:45 p.m. in the Bennett Chapel. Members of the current Minyan leaders include: front row (left to right), Lenore Leach, Joanne Summer, Herbert Wagner, Samuel J. Stepak, Samuel Granoff, and Ida Millman. Back row (left to right), Dr. Joe Berger, Alan Samdperil, Dr. Abe Schwartz, Dr. Isadore Gershman, Charles Fox, Abraham Adelman, Jay Isenberg, Morris Weintraub, Herbert Rothschild and David Tarsky.

VIA Awarded Grant

Volunteers in Action (VIA) has been awarded a $5000 grant from the Volunteer Center Development Project to develop a newsletter for volunteers, nonprofit agencies, corporations, schools, and other groups interested in volunteerism.

According to VIA President Bonnie Ryvicker, the grant will enable VIA to link national and local discussions, programs, and opportunities in and about the voluntary sector. It also will serve as a resource for community leaders and as a vehicle to teach the importance of good management of volunteer programs. The first issue will be published in late summer.

Volunteeers in Action, Rhode Island's statewide volunteer center, delivers services through a network of four regional offices in Newport, Providence, Wakefield, and Woonsocket. VIA recruits and refers more than 2000 volunteers each year to assignments of choice, provides consultation and technical assistance to hundreds of agencies, and serves as the state's training and information center on volunteerism.

A United Way-partner agency, VIA also receives funding from the R.I. Department of Elderly Affairs to work with governmental agencies and from foundations for special projects.

For more information, contact Betsy Aldrich Garland, Executive Director of VIA, at 421-6547.

Brown Called To The Torah

Andrew Scott Brown, son of Neal and Ellen-Sue (Sonkin) Brown of Potomac, Maryland, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on August 31 at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Washington, D.C.

Sharing in the simcha are his brother Mark, grandparents Leo and Libby Sonkin of Lake Worth, Florida (formerly of Providence), and Isaac and Lucille Brown of Sherman Oaks, California (formerly of Pawtucket).

Rosenbergs Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Rosenberg of 11 Peters Lane, Franklin, Mass., announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Samantha Paige, on August 8, 1991. Samantha weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Perry and Nina Mermelstein of Cranston, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rosenberg of Barrington, R.I. Great-grandparents are Sadye Rosenberg of Barrington, R.I.

Local Collegiate Interns At AIPAC In Washington, D.C.

Joram Borenstein, son of Bruno and Celia Borenstein of Providence, R.I., was an intern this summer for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in Washington, D.C. Joram, a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, was one of 26 college students who participated in the program at AIPAC this summer.

The interns in Washington participate in a series of special briefings and seminars that teach college students about different facets of the political arena. Students also help to coordinate AIPAC's Summer Seminar Series for Washington interns and the annual National Political Leadership Training Seminar. The Summer Seminar Series provides college students with the opportunity to meet Members of Congress and the Administration, and to be briefed on current developments in the Middle East. The National Political Leadership Training Seminar teaches students how to be effective political activists on campus.

According to Rachel Weinberg, AIPAC's Campus Leadership Director, "The internship program is designed to train the pro-Israel community's student leadership in political activism."

Upon returning to campus this fall, AIPAC interns will be involved in many new projects. AIPAC, in conjunction with B'nai B'rith Hillel, will be launching a voter registration drive on college campuses nationwide. As a former intern, Joram will be leading the campaign to register University of Pennsylvania students to vote.

Joram also will be responsible for generating a massive letter writing campaign to secure refugee absorption loan guarantees for Israel this fall. "I know that student action will be critical to secure the loan guarantees," Bornstein said.

AIPAC offers year-round, semester and summer internships in the nation's capital and in its regional offices in Los Angeles; San Francisco; Austin, Texas; New York City; Atlanta, Georgia; and Deerfield Beach, Florida.

College students interested in applying for an internship with AIPAC should contact Julie Benjamin at (202) 639-5200. Applications for fall internships must be submitted by September 15.

Touro Synagogue Reached Out (With Ice Cream)

Touro Synagogue held a "Get-Acquainted Ice Cream Social" on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 7:00 p.m. "This was a unique attempt to reach out to the local community," said Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro. "We hoped to provide general information and to encourage new synagogue members by giving them a closer view of our programs and activities."

The emphasis of Wednesday night's social was new people in the community, especially those with young children, who would like to know more about the resources offered by America's oldest, but 20th century oriented, synagogue: the religious school program, and other educational, social and religious activities of the congregation.

Dr. Alan Feinberg, Chairman of the Touro United Hebrew School Board of Education, and Seymour Davis and Morton Kosch, Co-Presidents of the Congregation, joined with Rabbi Dr. Shapiro in answering questions about the active Touro programs.

The Ice Cream Social took place in the Touro Community Center Social Hall, on Touro Street.

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Local News

Honeymooners - Chabad Style!

Party Tip: Hold hands and you won't fall down.

Mrs. Innbar and Rabbi Nosson Bloomis.

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Mazel Tov to the lucky newlyweds, Rabbi Nosson and Innbar Bloomis! After the two were wed in New York last week, the assistant rabbi to Rhode Island's Chabad Lubavitch House and his new wife returned to Providence last Sunday to start their Sheva Beroches (the Seven Benedictions) amongst their congregants and friends.

After the wedding ceremony and dinner, the bride and groom recite the Seven Benedictions over wine. These can also be read at meals during the seven days following the wedding, when ten men are present at the meal and when at least one of the participants is a new guest. Sheva Beroches also helps to introduce a young couple to their home community.

Mrs. Blommis, originally from Israel, has been in the United States for two years. The couple has been acquainted for several months.

Rabbi Y. Laufer said in a congratulatory speech to the newlyweds, "Tonight's dancing and simchoh is because these two are king and queen."

"It's the job of the Jew to be the light of the world, because we are G-d's people."

The evening began with dinner followed by klezmer-style music by local musician Mike Bressler, a toast, the reading of the Benedictions and plenty of dancing.

Rabbi Bloomis enjoys a little lift after his dinner. Rabbi Laufer gives a hand with hoisting.

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Cranston Senior Guild

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Wednesday, September 4, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston at 12:30 p.m.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom, Middletown, will be our guest speaker.

With our successful and delightful summer behind us, we set our sights on our plans for fall and winter. These include:

• **October 6-10** - "Fall Foliage Spectacular Vacation" at Kutsher's Country Club. 5 days 4 nights. Call Beverly Jacobson at 274-9586. (Call or write your table arrangements.)

• **October 29-31** - Atlantic City. 3 days 2 nights at Bally's Park Place in the heart of the boardwalk. Breakfasts, dinners, 1 show, $20 in coins. Call Louise Lyons at 438-2634.

• **November 14** - Northshore Music Theatre. "Stars of Lawrence Welk" featuring: Myron Florian, Guy & Ralna, Bobby Burgess and his dancing partner and Joanne Castle. Buffet lunch at Augustine's. For reservations, call Norma Friedman at 732-1221.

• **December 4** - Our annual Chanukah party at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Mass. Delightful lunch, gifts to all, prizes, outstanding entertainment. Helen Forman at 521-0455 will chair this outstanding day!!

• **January 21, 1992** - Group departure for our winter holiday vacation at the Marco Polo hotel in sunny Florida. It's never too early to plan!! You've tried the rest - now go with the best!! Call Hy Jacobson at 274-9586.

We will also discuss plans for our annual trek to the Nevele Country Club. Circle the dates - June 28 to July 3, 1992. Leonard and Louise Lyons will once again chair this delightful trip. Call them at 438-2634.

Refreshments and social hour will follow this meeting. Be sure to attend this and all our other meetings. A good time and place to meet old friends and make new ones.

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Women's Assoc. Of The Jewish Home

The opening meeting of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home will take place on Wednesday, September 4, in the Martin Chase Auditorium. Dessert will be at 12:30 p.m.; the program at 1 p.m.

Geraldine Foster will present a "Story for Rosh Hashanah." Mrs. Foster, a teacher and a writer by profession, has served the community in many positions of responsibility. She has been president of the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation, campaign chairperson for the Women's Division, president of the Bureau of Jewish Education, president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society, president of the Devorah Chapter of Na'Amat, and board member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home.

Geraldine Foster

Program is in the charge of Rosalind Bolusky; hospitality, Celia Katz and Eve Zucker; the president, Faye Temkin, will preside.

Jewish Federation Of R.I. - Women's Divisions

Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's women will launch their 1992 campaign with "Home Sweet Home." This is an annual event for board members, who are asked to lead the way for others by making their own commitments prior to the general fund-raising drive. Co-sponsored by Women's Division and Business and Professional Women's Affiliate, the daylong affair will be held at the Providence home of Sue Kahn. In order to accommodate as many women as possible, participants may select one of three different sessions - breakfast at 9:30 a.m., lunch at noon, or supper at 6 p.m.

"Home Sweet Home" guest speaker will be Carole Solomon of Philadelphia. Over the years Mrs. Solomon has assumed a variety of top leadership roles in her own community's Federation, serving both the general and Women's Divisions. While currently fulfilling her duties as an officer of the Philadelphia Federation, she serves on the executive committee of the National UJA Women's Division board and is a member of the board of trustees of the United Israel Appeal and the CJF National Women's Division. Mrs. Solomon knows Israel intimately and has led two national and seven community missions to the Jewish state. She also has visited Jewish communities in Morocco, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

"Home Sweet Home" chairpersons are Elaine Odessa and Gladys Kapstein, Women's Division, and Sandra Messing, Business and Professional Women's Affiliate. Included in the planning are Campaign Chairpersons, Glenda Labush, Women's Division, and Gloria Feibish, Business and Professional Women's Affiliate; Associate Campaign Chairpersons, Dee Dee Witman, Women's Division, and Judy Mann, Business and Professional Women's Affiliate; and May-Ronny Zeidman, Women's Division Director. Also included are Presidents, Doris Feinberg, Women's Division, and Selma Stanzler, Business and Professional Women's Affiliate.

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R.I. Hillels Have a Connection

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

This year all the Rhode Island Hillel organizations will have an umbrella organization which will serve as an outreach task force. The Rhode Island Hillel Council has hired a new coordinator, Randi Abrams, of Florida, to find ways that R.I. Hillel groups can enhance a Jewish college student's skills, campus life, and Jewishness.

Although the R.I. Council is as old as the Brown/RISD Hillel, it hasn't had the structure or funds to reach out to all the state's Hillel groups. Through Project Kesher (meaning to connect), the council's research committee and its supervisor Rabbi Alan Flam, Executive Director of Brown/RISD Hillel, put together a proposal and submitted it to the R.I. Jewish Federation. In return, the Federation allotted a two-year endowment to start the project and to connect all the Hillel groups of this state. Because the Brown/RISD Hillel in Providence is such a large and well organized group, Providence was chosen as the central headquarters.

Although each school with a Hillel organization has a faculty advisor, usually these supervisors are instructors who give their extra time because of their common interests with Hillel. For these educators to be anything more than an advisor would prove too time consuming and take them away from their careers.

However, the Hillels in this state were growing and needed more guidance. Knowing that, Rabbi Alan Flam, Executive Director of Brown/RISD Hillel along with faculty advisors from each school and some members of the Jewish community started a research committee at the Brown/RISD Hillel office.

Randi Abrams

The committee found that since the Brown/RISD Hillel was such a large and thriving community that other Hillel communities should reap the benefits.

Eventually Project Kesher was started.

Rhode Island was in need of a full-time coordinator that could visit each Hillel, get to know their needs and goals and help them to find an end to their means. The schools with Hillel groups are Bryant College, Roger Williams College, Johnson and Wales University, Providence College, Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island.

Abrams, however, has more goals in mind to help the Hillels become self-reliant. On her visits to these campuses her plans are to "find Jewish students, evaluate their needs, get a sense of the community on each campus, develop a United Jewish Appeal (UJA) on each campus, get students involved in social action and community volunteer work and raise money for all or any Jewish organization."

For more information, contact Randi Abrams at the Brown/RISD Hillel at 863-2805 or contact your campus Hillel faculty advisor.

Peace Talks

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Clearly, the peace table is the first answer that comes to mind, but once all the hostages have been returned safely home, Israel will have to face the question that blocks the way to the peace table: Who will represent the Palestinians? That question is one which Prime Minister Shamir will have to handle with the utmost care. In my next article it is a question I will deal with.

The Mideast Peace Question is one that may take years to resolve, but maybe the wheels are beginning to finally turn in the right direction. The signs are certainly encouraging.

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Providence Group Hadassah Meeting

Eunice Greenfield

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Now that summer is coming to its end, last Monday morning the Providence Group Hadassah gathered at Highland Court in Providence for the season's first meeting. It was a time to discuss summer vacations, to meet new members, and to associate with new officers.

The meeting of executive members began when new president Eunice Greenfield broke up conversations with a call to order.

Very excited about her first trip through Israel, the president recalled that it was, "The most exhilarating experience. I felt like I had given birth to Eunice Greenfield."

Photo albums with pictures of Eunice at an Ethiopian compound — where "children are already speaking bits of Hebrew" — were passed around the room. She spoke of visiting the impressive Hadassah hospital and the spots where all the Scud missiles landed.

She noted the message Prime Minister Shamir gave during a conference that Hadassah should spread the word that help is needed with the influx of Ethiopians. Hadassah organizations in Israel have been busy with giving land for new living quarters for the Jews from Africa and supporting the building of those quarters.

Their medical center orchestrates an active research program in neonatal work. For Ethiopian children there's a "pavilion" where all the youngsters are medically cared for, educated, trained and housed.

Following the talk of Eunice's trip the meeting continued back onto regular Hadassah business, each member looking forward to a new year of fundraising and other activities.

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Events At The JCCRI: Week Of Sept. 1-5

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 Sept. 1-5, 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.

Fall Class Registration

Fall classes begin September 11, 1991. New classes this year are "Terrific Twos" (2½-3 years), MicroSoccer (4-7 years), Kitchen Capers (Grades K-1), Catering Club (Grades 2-4), Discover the Arts Together (Grades K-1), Folk Dancing Workshops (Grades 2-3), A Mixture of Media (Grades 2-4), Delicious Delectables (Grades 4-7), Survival Cooking for Teens (Grades 5-8) and Computer courses (Adult). Available for adult fitness are Early Bird Aerobics, 9 a.m. Fitness Class, Total Body Workout, Aerobics, Step Aerobics, Swimnastics, Water Workout, Men's Basketball League, Karate, Swim Instruction and CPR. Preschoolers and their parents can enjoy Gymnastics, Swim and Gym, Swim Instruction, Pee Wee Tennis, MicroSoccer and Parent/Tot Swim and Gym.

To pre-register by mail, complete the registration form found in the Fall Brochure. Registration will be held in the main lobby on Wednesday, September 4, from noon to 6 p.m. for full members and on Thursday, September 5, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. for supporting members. Non-members may register after those dates for any class with a NM price.

Details on registration and a complete listing of course offerings is available in the Fall Brochure. For information, call Assistant Executive Director Vivian Weisman.

Attention Seniors!

Enjoy a hot kosher meal, sponsored by Project Hope, and a chance to socialize at the JCCRI Kosher Mealsite, Sunday through Friday at noon. Weekdays, come at 11 a.m. for the day's activities, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. to the Social Hall, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence. Enjoy warm fellowship and conversation with old and new friends in the lobby from 10-11 a.m. This will be followed by exercise at 11:15, unless another activity is scheduled. Our Sunday get together starts off with hot muffins, tea and coffee at 10 a.m. followed by interesting programs.

September Calendar Of Events:

- Sunday, Sept. 1 — VCR program, A World Away, "Jamaica - Land of Wood and Water."
- Monday, Sept. 2 — Labor Day, JCCRI closed.
- Tuesday, Sept. 3 — Women's Forum, 11 a.m.; Bingo, 12:45 to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 5 — Friend to Friend, 11 a.m. to noon; GAC Board Meeting, 1 p.m.; Bingo, 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Labor And Ethnic Heritage Festival

On Sunday, September 1, from noon to 6 p.m. there will be a free festival featuring ethnic bands, children's performers, poetry and more at the Slater Mill Historic Site, Pawtucket. The events will take place rain or shine!

The performers include: Len Cabral, a children's storyteller; Voices of the Folk, African-American Folk Music; Katzberg & Snyder, songs of social satire; the Klezmer Hot Shots, Jewish roots music; and many more performers.

For more information call 725-8638. The Labor and Ethnic Heritage Festival is handicapped accessible and signed for the hearing impaired. Major funding by: Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, Institute for Labor Studies and Research, Rhode Island AFL-CIO, Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Rhode Island Labor History Society, Rhode Island Arts and Tourism Commission, New England Foundation for the Arts with additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, August 30 - Twenty days in ELUL. Candlelighting is at 7:03 p.m.

Saturday, August 31 - Twenty-one days in ELUL. The Torah reading is PARSHAS KI SOVO (Motzo'ei Shabbos, Slichos, ELUL 22)

Shacharis is at 8:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush.

First Slichos - after midnight, preceded by a Melava Malka, which will be at 11:15 p.m. Slichos prayers daily at 6 a.m.

Shabbos ends at 8:04 p.m.

Havdalah is at 8:05 p.m.

Sunday, September 1 - morning services are at 7:45 a.m.

Morning services for Monday through Friday at 6:30 a.m.

"Palestine" Phone Listings

If one needs to call Israel and doesn't know the city code or the charges for different times, one place to find the information is in the Arabic Business Directory. Oh, there is one problem. The information isn't listed under Israel. Remember, the Jewish State doesn't exist in the Arab world of business. However, if you look under "Palestine," you will find that standard rates apply between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., discounts from midnight to 8 a.m. and economy from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Or, if you would prefer not to support the Virginia-based Arabian advertising company that publishes the Israeli-less directory, here are the city codes you might need in Israel and the territories: Beer Sheva 57, Bethlehem 3, Gaza 51, Golan 69, Haifa 4, Hebron 2, Jericho 2, Jerusalem 2, Shechem (Nablus) 53, Nazareth 65, Ramallah 2, Tel Aviv 3, Tiberias 67.

Temple Torat Yisrael To Hold Selichoth Service

Temple Torat Yisrael will hold a Selichoth Service on Saturday, August 31, at 11 p.m.

This service includes the opening service of the High Holiday Services with dedication of new memorial plaques and gifts, and the torah mantle covers being changed.

Preceding the service at 10 p.m., there will be a collation and film, *Gelfite Fish*, with a discussion following led by Rabbi David Rosen.

The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I.

For further information contact the temple at 785-1800.

Trip To Ellis Island Planned

The Plantations/Roger Williams Unit of B'nai B'rith announces its upcoming trip to New York City. The group will visit Ellis Island and the Lower East Side. The trip is planned for Sunday, October 6. The group will leave from the Temple Emanu-El parking lot on Taft Avenue at 7 a.m. Please, be advised to bring a lunch and a beverage.

The group will have dinner at the International Deli in Westport, Conn., on the return trip. The buses will return around 10 p.m. and the total cost is $43.00. The cost of the trip includes round-trip bus fare, a Continental breakfast en route, tickets for the ferry boat and Ellis Island admission, and a professional guide.

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The Rose

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shadows we told each other who we were and why we'd come here to the high sierra at Fort Burgwin, N.M. We stared into candlelight, each with concerns to share. The lights went on as if by magic once we'd spoken our words. English teachers, playwrights, historians, rabbis, community activists came to study. Crypto-Jews chose to bear witness to their search for roots.

Spanish refugees denying their false vows (Kol Nidre) made the first Jews in New England. They were also the first to venture into New Spain. Like the Negev, like the Judean hills, like lost Toledo, the vastness of the southwest looms rocky and sere. But this mid-August the sagebrush-covered terrain with its bubbles of cactus burst forth with fields of yellow wildflowers, thanks to mists and showers at twilight. The lonely landscape is haunted by a darkly recalled dream of the American Inquisition.

Forced to take cover among these slopes, the cryptos kept their marrano memories and flickering faith through five centuries. Just now, like the sunny blossoms, they are returning, in a season of opening church and culture. They start a surge that may spread throughout the region. For this academic retreat at the Southern Methodist campus, film producers and broadcasters like Ben Shapiro (who first told the news on a National Public Radio show) along with a group of conversos who have

Carlos Hidalgo, whose family had converted to Presbyterianism.

researched graveyards and genealogical vaults to dig to their own roots, sat together to form the Society for the Study of Crypto-Jews.

I flew across the continent with two items on my agenda. Does our R.I. Hispanic community whisper any ghostly hint of a Jewish presence? You see the women wearing gold stars of David as earrings or necklaces. Some among them come from Central American and Caribbean ports with crypto origins. A city in Costa Rica is named Carthage - because Carthage was the enemy of Rome.

I also brought the question, did any Jews in flight from pursuing priests take refuge among Indians? Roger Williams took the Narragansetts for a Lost Tribe. Mormons made the same claim. It fit the mindset of settlers. It fortified their faith, to make America an Israel of the Great Spirit.

Frances Hernandez, who has taught English from Malaysia to Mexico, plays tennis with the son of a Jew whose father was chief of a pueblo. You could see Sabbath candles shine in the adobe window. He had married into the tribe. Whether or not Jews and Navajo share any common start, they are wed to a common fate.

Wearing a Jewish American War Vet camp, Emilio (who did not want his surname used or portrait snapped) showed slides of his rubbings in New Mexico cemeteries. Privately owned Catholic gardens contain secret Jewish graves. Jews from Spain chose the rose as their emblem. They marked their stones with a six-petalled bloom instead of a cross. Emilio found a synagogue in Colorado that mixes in six and five point stars. Also to avoid the cross they might put in hands, wings, sheafs of wheat, lambs. Emilio ended the carousel with the inscription of an angel. Over the head you could clearly make out a star of David, tilted to the side in the Sephardic style. Emilio had blacked out names to protect from reprisals or invasions of privacy. "If my words and signs be false, then I myself am a fantasy."

Carlos Hidalgo came from a family that chose Presbyterian protestantism to get away from the church. Mona and Gloria were Hispanic sisters who chose to declare their newfound belief. "We have a right to know and to state who we are and were."

Mona wrote a paper investigating her marrano forebears. She charges Inquisition clergy with an ambush attack upon a group of them, hundreds of years ago. Mona dug up evidence that suggests to her that the Comanche raid in which they were killed was sponsored by that holy office. Yet at the same time Jesuit priests sometimes were themselves hidden Jews. A marrano might choose the priesthood just to get near sacred texts, or to protect others. A converso might tell only one son his truth. The heir must guard his lonely secret, and then pass it on.

If word is out, the result can brighten or darken that day. It depends what your priest has said about the chosen people.

At Fort Burgwin tempers flared like the desert sun. Ray Padilla, a Chicano organizer, asked if the descendants of forced converts form the Mexican-American community. They may never seek to return to their roots. Chavez is a Jewish name, but Cesar stays devout as a Catholic. Perhaps their values, their quest for just rights, speak of Hebrew ethics. But Mona objects to what she perceived as a bias against those who do "go home" to where they belong - the house of study.

Rabbi Joshua Stampfer of Portland, Oregon, has travelled over the globe in quest of what he calls "Jewish island cultures." He welcomes Jews without making ritual demands. He noted that the priest who came upon the lost Jews of Kaifeng, China, was himself a crypto-Jew. Rabbi Isaac Celnik teaches solitary cryptos who show up silently at his services.

Sephardic Leo Esses, a playwright

In an Indian shop that sells jewelry and pottery, a white-haired woman in charge sold some stars of David in silver and turquoise. She was a holocaust survivor. Her only son died in Israel in the 1948 war. The holocaust makes some cryptos come out, others fear the future.

Then, back at Fort Burgwin, we would stroll back to our cabin, by way of a little bridge over a sparkling stream. The water ran, but it did not seem troubled. Deer came by at night. Beaver gnaw down a few trees. We could not picture the violent storms occurring at home and abroad. The Hispanic human hurricanes had become invisible to the eye, known only in the heart.

Here at home at a South County yard sale I found a Spanish-style chair proudly labeled "Saint Torquemada's." It made me realize how casually, even comically, non-Jews think of the long-ago Inquisition. But because of the conference, I sensed that a change in church policy is blowin' in the wind. There may be more changes in the relationships of Jews and Catholics, Hispanics and both the Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities than are dreamed of in our philosophy. Maybe Touro will come back to life in more ways than we can imagine.

The Vatican

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U.S. representative to the Vatican, and his deputy, Harold Tittmann, who urged the Pope to speak out about the proven atrocities committed by the Nazis.

In one of the dispatches to Washington, Tittmann wrote: "The silence of the Pope looks very much like abdication of his leadership as the moral authority of the Catholic church, especially in the face of one notorious atrocity after another has alarmed even loyal Catholics and let them question the reason for the Pope's silence."

In a second dispatch, Tittmann wrote: "The Holy Father appears to be occupying himself exclusively with spiritual matters, charitable acts and rhetoric while adopting an ostrich-like policy toward these notorious atrocities . . . a long term policy of appeasement based on the conviction that the Axis is destined to win the war is regarded by many as one of the chief reasons for refusal to speak out."

Taylor, who tried in vain to persuade Pope Pius XII to condemn the Nazi atrocities, resigned his post. One shining light in the Catholic hierarchy at that critical time was the Apostolic Delegate to Turkey, Angelo Roncalli, later Pope John XXIII. On his own initiative, and without consulting Rome, he saved thousands of Jews. He even tried - unsuccessfully - to arrange a meeting between the chief rabbi of Palestine, Isaac Halevi Herzog, whom he had met, and the Pope to plead for intervention on behalf of the European Jews. Everyone knows the tremendous impact a proclamation by the Pope read in the churches would have made - especially in Eastern Europe, where the slaughter took place. He could have urged the Catholics not to cooperate with the Nazis in the murder of Jews, but rather to hide and aid the Jews wherever possible. Such a proclamation could have saved hundreds of thousands, or even millions of Jews, but it never came.

Instead, according to *The Jerusalem Post*, at the height of the Jewish exterminations, Pope Pius XII responded in the following manner to an "Observatore Romano" reporter wanting to know whether he would protest the murder of Jews: "Dear friend, do not forget that millions of Catholics are serving the German armies. Shall I put them in conflict with their conscience?"

Mr. Heimann, considering the above mentioned revelations - and there are many more - are you still surprised by the hostile response you received after trying to portray the Vatican as the savior of the Jews during the Holocaust? May I remind you also that in your native country, Austria, when Hitler triumphantly marched into Vienna on Austria's Anshluss to the Third Reich, he was greeted with the following statement by Cardinal Innitzer, head of the Catholic clergy: "This is the greatest day in my life."

No wonder when the Third Reich collapsed, most of the notorious war criminals sought and received a safe haven in the Vatican. It provided them with new identities and documents so they could start a new life in the Latin American countries and not pay for the crimes they committed.

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Obituaries

TOBY BOMES

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Toby Bomes, 79, of 10174 Mangrove Drive, died Monday, August 19, 1991, at the Boca Raton Community Hospital. She was the wife of Julius "Judd" Bomes.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Charles and Molly Samdperil, she lived in Florida for seven years.

Mrs. Bomes was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Marcia Lisser of Toronto, Canada; a son, Harvey J. Bomes of Baltimore, Md.; a sister, Ida Glantz of East Providence; a brother, Gabriel Samdperil of Providence; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late George and Isadore Samdperil, and Edith Granoff.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, August 21, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

BESSIE GOLDMAN

WARWICK — Bessie Goldman, 84, of 777 Cowesett Rd. died Wednesday, August 21, 1991, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of Daniel Goldman.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Samuel and Libby (Shore) Dress, she lived in Providence for 30 years. She lived in Miami, Fla., before moving to Warwick 10 years ago.

Mrs. Goldman was associated with her husband who owned the Goldman Trucking Co. She was a member of Temple Am David and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Warwick Seniors and the Sparrow Point Association.

She leaves a son, Harvey Goldman of Warwick; a brother, Al Dress of Miami, and four grandchildren. She was sister of the late Etta Kessler, Fanny Blank, and Joe Dress, Harry Dress, Louis Dress, David Dress and Jack Dress.

The funeral service was held August 23 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

NORMA GOLDMAN

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Norma Goldman, 76, of 2480 Presidential Way, a schoolteacher before retiring, died Thursday, August 22, 1991, in Miriam Hospital, Providence. She was the widow of Leonard Yale Goldman.

Born in Boston, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Jennie (Holiver) Gouse. Mrs. Goldman had lived in Florida for the last five years, previously living in Pawtucket.

Mrs. Goldman was a Sunday School teacher at Temple Emanu-El of Providence and was a math teacher in Providence for many years.

Mrs. Goldman was a 1936 graduate of Rhode Island College. She had also attended Brown University graduate school.

She was a member of the choir of Temple Emanu-El and was past president of its Sisterhood and Garden Club. She was past president of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah and of the Rotary Women.

Mrs. Goldman was an officer of the Ladies Association, Jewish Home for the Aged of Providence and Miriam Hospital Women's Association. Mrs. Goldman was a member of and book reviewer for Brandeis University Women's Association.

She was a member of Providence Council, Jewish Women and the Jewish Federation. She was a lecturer at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum and the Providence Preservation Society. Mrs. Goldman was also a Girl Scout and Brownie leader.

She leaves a son, Stephan Goldman of Warwick; two daughters, Judy Goldman of Houston, Texas, and Meryl Bornstein of Radford, Va.; a brother, Nathaniel Gouse of Providence; and six grandchildren. Mrs. Goldman was also a sister of the late Rosalind Brier.

The funeral service was held Friday, August 23, at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Arrangements were by Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

CELIA IZEMAN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Celia Izeman, 93, of 33 Church St., the owner of a dress shop in Providence for 20 years before retiring 30 years ago, died Tuesday, August 20, 1991, at the Jewish Home for Aged. She was the wife of the late Nathan Izeman.

Born in New York, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Yetta Silverman. She lived in East Providence for 20 years and previously in Providence for over 60 years.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for Aged and the Miriam Hospital, Hadassah and Pioneer Women.

She leaves one son, Dr. Henry Izeman of Barrington; two sisters, Marian Lisker of Miami, Fla., and Jane Silverman of N.Y.; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held August 21 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. The burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MAX POLLACK

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Max Pollack, 82, of 3800 Hillcrest Drive died Monday, August 19, 1991, at the Hollywood Medical Center. He was the husband of Ida (Rubin) Pollack. He was the son of the late Louis and Bessie Pollack. He was a prominent businessman and was the founder of Max Pollack & Company, Professional Auctioneers and Office Furniture Dealers.

He was a member of Hillcrest Country Club, B'nai B'rith, United Jewish Appeal of Hollywood. He was a life member of the Jewish Home for the Aged in R.I., Providence Touro Fraternal Association and the National Auctioneers Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Lewis Pollack of Bowie, Maryland, and two grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Bernie Pollack and a sister, Sara Levy both of Delray Beach.

Funeral services were held August 22 at Star of David Memorial Chapel in Hollywood, Fla.

BURTON D. WEINBAUM

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Burton D. Weinbaum, 59, passed away in West Palm Beach on Sunday, August 25, 1991.

He was born in Providence, attended Brown University and graduated from Boston University School of Law and was elected to the Law Review.

He was a corporate lawyer for the Federal government and retired in 1982 as the assistant director of policy making for the U.S. Civil Service Commission. He also worked for the U.S. Social Security Administration and while there received the Social Security Administration's highest honor award, the Commissioner's Citation, for major contributions toward completing the study requested by President Johnson "of ways of making the social security benefits more adequate." He was also instrumental in developing legislation for Congress in this regard.

He was a lover of the ocean and will be remembered most for his consideration and kindness to all those who touched his life and for his optimistic attitude while living with a degenerative illness for many years.

He is survived by his devoted children Paula Weinbaum and Shari Jones of Maryland, Captain Diane Weinbaum of Tennessee and Chet Weinbaum of Florida. He is also survived by his mother, Sara Levy of Florida and R.I. and his sisters, Lois Levy of Maine and Irma Katz of Ohio.

The funeral took place in Florida and there will be a memorial service for his friends and relatives on Sunday, September 1, at the chapel at Shalom Apartments, Warwick.

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Commandments!

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the person for whom it was named and who was its guiding light as an evil man."

Our rabbi has always emphasized that G-d is a forgiving Being, just and kind even to sinners. At other times, depending upon the occasion and the attendance, our rabbi has warned us that G-d is stern and can see everything we do - good and otherwise. Well, like most humans, I'd prefer that G-d wasn't watching some of the things I've done. It's true I've never committed a murder, although at times I've felt like committing one. I've never deliberately told a big lie - I've told my share of little white lies. Also I've never demeaned anyone I'm with or built myself up at their expense. To destroy one's ego is a cruel thing to do.

Even when one of my friends meet me in an outfit I wouldn't put on my dog (assuming I had a dog) I always say, "What a nice outfit - or you look lovely." So it's a lie, but does it hurt anyone?

Enough about outfits. I could go on and on. To be on the safe side, as soon as I can, I'll look up all those 613 commandments and start following everyone of them. I'm not taking any chances especially with G-d.

Lillian Kline, a poet and writer, has been a contributor to the Herald *for many years.*

Moscow

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wouldn't be able to come here. They were guarding the Parliament for several days with the others.

"If the coup had not failed, I would have been worried about the Soviet Jews. The pilot on the plane told us it had failed, and almost all the passengers applauded. Half of the plane was filled with refugees. Almost everyone left some relatives in the Soviet Union. I feel happy to be here.

"I have always said that the main difference between life in the Soviet Union and here is that in the Soviet Union there are problems that cannot be resolved no matter what. And in the United States, if problems exist, the number is less and they can be, yes, resolvable."

Asked about his present knowledge of Judaism and his heritage as a Jew, Vekhter replied: "I am afraid I know not very much about Judaism. All I know is from my grandfather, he is 91. He knows much more. He remembers. My main aim is Physics, but let me see..."

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Mother and Newborn Homecare — A Welcome Relief, A Meaningful Gift

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

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According to Caroline Naughton, Administrator of Mother and Newborn Homecare, the model of the program is one of the Nurse/Mother. "The nurse, in other words, is a mother herself and has experience in breastfeeding." These professionals are equipped to provide a postpartum assessment of the newborn and mother and to offer medical advice regarding recovery.

Fully trained nannies and qualified mother's helpers are also available to help in any way necessary to allow the mother to have ample time to rest and recuperate. For many relatives and working friends, a gift certificate from Mother and Newborn Homecare is the next best thing to being there themselves to help out around the house.

Lisa Medeiros, Coordinator of Mother and Newborn Homecare, joined the company when it was purchased by Cathleen Naughton Associates, a well respected home health care and private nursing company located on the East Side. She has a background in social work and sales and is herself a mother. Medeiros gains satisfaction from matching up mothers with the services that they require.

Caroline Naughton and Lisa Medeiros

According to Medeiros, the mothers serviced by Mother and Newborn Homecare fall into two general categories. One group includes those mothers who have Ocean State coverage and wish to leave the hospital on the early discharge program and are eligible for the services. Oftentimes these mothers have other children and want to get home to them.

"There are also first-time mothers who don't have experience with newborns and feel like they need to take the child care classes that they received one step further. We're finding the breast-feeding portion of our program has been a big help, because most women who breast-feed today do not have extended families who have breast-fed. It seems to be a trend that is coming back. Everybody is encouraged to do it but not how to do it.

"The nice thing about the service is that you are in your home, the baby is there, and the nurse comes in for some one-on-one. With the way things are today, you don't have a lot of time to learn anything in the hospital. This way you get some hands-on experience at home."

Mother and Newborn Homecare is also a rental and sales station for breast-feeding products. "That is a great resource!" exclaims Medeiros. "Once a mother leaves the hospital, she has needs for products but does not necessarily know where to find and purchase them."

Naughton finds that the new company has opened up multiple windows of possibility for the future. "We are finding that every day something different pops up. There is an awful lot connected with newborn care. I think that between Mother and Newborn Homecare and Cathleen Naughton Associates, we can accomplish quite a lot."

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WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

Dear Mr. Pulner:

I have been a casual user of Cocaine for several years now, that is, until approximately 3 weeks ago. At about 11 p.m. the Providence Police raided my apartment, ransacked the place, and then charged me with possession of Cocaine with intent to deliver. I do not understand why they charged me with possession with intent to deliver, as opposed to just possession, which is really all I did. I now understand from my public defender, that possession of Cocaine is not a very serious crime, and no jail is usually mandated as a result. However, I also have been informed that because they charged me with intent to deliver, that I will definitely be looking at jail time and the maximum penalty is as much as 30 years. Why am I in this situation?

— P.J./Providence

Dear P.J.:

I suspect that you have omitted a great deal of information in your letter, so let me try to fill in some of the unknowns for my loyal readers. First of all, you are correct. Possession of Cocaine is a charge which normally carries a less than jail sentence (usually probation and drug counseling). Possession of Cocaine or any other substance, for that matter, with intent to deliver, becomes much more serious because you are considered to be an aider and abetter to others who will commit a crime, (i.e., possession). Accordingly, the jail sentence can very often be quite stiff. In order for you to have been charged with that particular crime, it is very likely, if not certain, that your apartment contains certain evidence or indicia of the fact that you are not just a casual user, but that you did aid and abet the sale and/or use by others. For example, the police probably found your stash of Cocaine broken up into smaller amounts and packaged separately for delivery to other people. Additionally, they probably found a scale for purposes of weighing and packaging the Cocaine, and further, it is possible or likely that they found a log book with the names and addresses of several of your customers with dollar amounts next to their names. Am I getting warm? If, what I am proposing to be the facts are not true, then there is a possibility that the charge will ultimately be reduced to that of simple possession somewhere down the line as your case wends its way through the Court system. I'd be curious to know how your case works out. Please let me know.

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