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Ukrainian Leader Visits Sukkah

At the Park East Synagogue — Rabbi Arthur Schneier (left), senior rabbi of the synagogue, and Mrs. Elisabeth Schneider explain to Leonid Kravchuk (far right), the highest ranking official of the Ukraine, the meaning of the Jewish holiday and the significance of the Sukkah. It was the first time Mr. Kravchuk, who is the chairman of the Ukrainian parliament, had been in a Sukkah.

Chairman Kravchuk was at Park East to address leaders of the ecumenical Appeal of Conscience Foundation, of which Rabbi Schneier is president. He pledged that synagogue and church properties would be returned to those organizations from which they had been taken and that schools for Jewish and other ethnic groups would be opened.

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue: Preserving the Past, Looking Toward the Future

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

One hundred and one years ago, George Washington wrote his famous letter to "The Hebrew Congregation in Newport" at Touro Synagogue, in which he declared, among other things: "May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid."

Touro Synagogue of Newport stands as a profound testimony to our nation's long tradition of religious freedom and diversity. Founded in 1763 and designed by Peter Harrison, the dean of America's colonial architects, Touro Synagogue is the oldest synagogue in North America and the only one from our country's colonial period still in existence today.

In 1946, Congress declared Touro Synagogue a National Historic Site. Tens of thousands of people from all over the globe today visit our local landmark. Touro remains an active Orthodox shul, while fostering and nurturing close ties with the Christian and secular communities surrounding it.

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue National Shrine, Inc. is a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization with approximately 2,500 members

throughout the United States. The Society is open to everyone; and its functions are numerous.

In addition to maintaining the synagogue and neighboring Patriots' Park, where Jewish patriots of the thirteen colonies are honored, the Society preserves and publishes historic materials and promotes public awareness of Touro and its historical, social and religious significance. The Society operates the successful Touro tour guide program and every summer holds the George Washington Letter Reading. It also sponsored the legislation which led to the establishment of Religious Freedom Week, which falls in the third week of September.

Mr. Jacob (Jack) Temkin, the newly elected President of The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, hopes to expand the large base of support for Touro Synagogue. He greets his new post with characteristic enthusiasm and dedication, familiar to everyone who has noted his energetic involvement with Temple Emanu-El, the University of Rhode Island, and the newly formed Heritage Commission.

Temkin's family involvement with the city of Newport dates back to the late 1930s when his family operated the Penny Arcade. Approximately six or seven years ago, two of his good friends in Newport in-



Jack Temkin, President of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue.

ited Temkin to serve on the board of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue.

"And then one day, they pounced upon me and asked me to be a vice-president. This past August, I was invited to be the President of the organization. I am the first non-Newporter who is serving as President in many years.

"Our mission is to provide funds so that the synagogue will be able to continue as a national shrine. It is my desire in my term as president to broaden the scope of our activities. I mean to involve many more people on a local basis and also to get many people from other parts of the country

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Jews Split Over Solidarity

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — The Jewish community of Zagreb is deeply concerned about loss of life and property damage as fighting has again escalated following another short-lived ceasefire, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned recently.

It also seems split over a declaration of solidarity with the Republic of Croatia.

According to Srdjan Matic, executive vice president of the Jewish Community Council in Zagreb, the extent of damage to Jewish property will not be known until after the war.

"There are many places in worded statement issued re-

cently by the Community Council defending the Croatian government headed by President Franjo Tudjman against charges of anti-Semitism.

It appealed to Jews all over the provinces that have former synagogues and Jewish cemeteries," he said by telephone from the Croatian capital. "I suppose there's damage, but I don't know. We will have to wait until the end of the war to find out."

Matic did not report Jewish casualties, if any.

He referred to a strongly

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Koch At Beth-El

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Last Tuesday evening at Temple Beth-El, the former mayor of New York City Edward Koch, spoke to an audience of 1,400 sponsored by the temple's Benefactor Fund. His topics ranged from anti-Semitism to his favorite Italian and Chinese restaurants in The Big Apple.

Those familiar with the mayor know that he never apologizes for the things he says, he doesn't back away from the press (he used to have 3 to 4 interviews a day when he was in office) and always speaks his mind. After listening to his talk, it was obvious that he hasn't changed. The audience certainly enjoyed listening to his point of view.

His main message to the audience was to fight against anti-Semitism.

"I regret there are so many Jews who don't speak out and get involved," said Koch. "Anti-Semitism is spreading. Because I am a proud Jew I will never expect Jews to be treated less than equal. I believe in at least equality."

Koch brought up a subject that deeply affected him. He spoke of the incident that happened two months ago in Brooklyn's Crown Heights section where a Jewish man struck and killed a black child, sparking a riot in which a Jewish youth was knifed to death.

"A young black child was killed by accident," he said. "It was not a criminal matter, but a civil matter and blacks ran in the streets yelling 'Jews, Jews, kill the Jews.'"

"The Hassidic that was



Edward Koch

knifed yelled, 'Not fair, not fair, 20 against 1!'

Koch angrily noted that there was no condemnation in the community from any black elected officials.

He found that incident to be a stark counterpoint to the incident when blacks were killed in New York's Howard Beach and Bensonhurst neighborhoods which aroused public outrage by "whites, black priests and rabbis..." Koch wondered why it was "not the same when it came to this Jewish student in Crown Heights."

He stressed that blacks and whites alike should confront each other and "discuss it, don't close your minds or your eyes to it."

The speaker opened his speech by letting everyone know that, since he lost the last mayoral election, his time has not gone to waste. In fact, his life has been far from boring. He returned to his previous vocation as a lawyer and now works as a partner in a New York law firm. He has also written four books, writes political

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Focus

Kosher Mealsites Serve Up A Friendly Atmosphere

by Larry Grimaldi
Rhode Island Department
of Elderly Affairs

From the moment you walk in, you feel at home. Whether it's the warm "shalom" you're greeted with at the Jewish Community Center, or the joyous sign wishing you a "happy new year" (5752) at Temple Torat Yisrael, the comfortable aura of good friends and solid companionship puts you at ease.

The nutrition programs at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence and Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue in Cranston are the only two "kosher" mealsites in Rhode Island. The term, "kosher," which translates roughly into "cleanliness," refers to the selection, preparation, and serving of foods. Kosher meals must conform to all Jewish dietary laws.

In a kosher meal, no pork, shellfish, or fish with scales can be consumed. The meat of animals with split hooves that chew their cud is allowed. Meats and poultry must be prepared by a "shocket" (butcher) who is licensed to prepare kosher foods.

Meats and dairy products must be separated, served on separate plates and touched with separate utensils. Kitchen conditions and food preparation are overseen by inspectors from the "Vaad Kashruth." Members of the "Vaad Kashruth" are appointed by the area Rabbinical Council.

The Jewish Community Center is funded by the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA) as part of the \$2 million state allocation of federal funds for nutrition programs. The mealsite is administered through Project HOPE of Providence. In addition to hosting the mealsite, the Jewish Community Center also houses the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum and preschool classes.

Each Monday through Friday and Sunday just before noon, about 35 older or disabled persons are joined at the mealsite by a few recent Russian immigrants. Lively conversation and spirited discussion float easily through the spacious and sunny mealsite.

Sandy Bass, senior adult coordinator for the Jewish Community Center, oversees the mealsite.

Armand LaPolla of East Greenwich, a senior employment worker, has been cooking

at the Jewish Community Center for 12 years. The mealsite volunteers and workers fondly refer to LaPolla as a "member of the family."

The typical meal at the Jewish Community Center contains juice; soup; salad; bread and margarine; meat, fish, or poultry; a vegetable, potatoes,

donation of \$1 is requested. Transportation to the mealsite is also provided by Project HOPE.

"Our main objective is to fulfill the basic nutritional needs of these people," noted Bass. "However, our service goes beyond that goal. We have a much older population here

Center provides services such as blood pressure checks, speakers, an exercise program, and occasional day trips for clients. The Center also sponsors a "friend to friend" discussion group led by a social worker from Jewish Family Services.

"The human contact, companionship, and caring they receive here is an important part of their lives," Bass declared. "We try to make them feel at home," she said.

The kosher meals program at the Jewish Community Center also extends to other clients in the area. A kosher meals-on-wheels program serves 20 persons each day in Providence using the services of 18 volunteers. "We'd like to expand this program some day," said Bass. "There are others in the community who could use this service but we need more volunteers," she said.

At Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, much the same atmosphere of friendliness, companionship, and camaraderie permeates the mealsite. The walls are decorated with brightly colored prints proclaiming the Torah's universal message of love, peace, and understanding.

The mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael is funded by the DEA through the Cranston Community Action Program (CAP). Transportation is provided by Transvan of Cranston and to residents of Shalom Apartments in Warwick by the RIDE Program.

Joan Bavin of Cranston CAP oversees the mealsite program and is assisted by Rita Rigney, a senior employment worker who handles reservations. Meals for the Temple Torat Yisrael site are cooked on the premises by Ellie Sullivan. A donation of \$1.50 per meal is requested. Provisions are purchased from area kosher food suppliers.

Each Monday through Friday, an average of 35 persons visit the temple mealsite. As the mealsite patrons filter in, laughter and animated conversation gradually fill the room. Volunteers serve a full-course lunch designed to conform to Kosher dietary law.

Beyond providing a nutritious noon meal, Joan Bavis notes that the mealsite serves a variety of other needs for the clients. "Most people come here three or four times a week," she remarked. "Aside from giving them a meal, we work hard to provide an atmo-

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Jewish Community Center Mealsite



Volunteer Rosalind Freedman of Cranston serves a kosher lunch to clients at the Jewish Community Center mealsite in Providence.

The Jewish Community Center nutrition program and the mealsite at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston are the only two kosher mealsites in Rhode Island.

In addition to enjoying a hot, nutritious lunch, clients at the Jewish Community Center mealsite also receive valuable health, support, and recreational services.

or rice; fruit; and tea. The main course is purchased from a kosher caterer in New York and shipped frozen to the mealsite. The rest of the menu is provided by Project HOPE. A

and we want to give them a chance to get out of the house and talk with their friends," she observed.

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To The Editors:

German Spoken Here . . .

During my travels throughout the provinces of Calabria, mostly around the villages near the Italian campo di concentration of Ferramonte I came across some natives, mostly of peasant stock, who did not have the usual features one would associate with the area. They were not olive skinned, have black hair and black eyes and they did not talk with the dialect that calls their villages home.

Instead they were blond, blue-eyed, had more middle European features and spoke a dialect which sounded a bit familiar, yet . . . I could not make out exactly what they were saying all the time.

Then it dawned on me. They looked more like Germans than they did like their Latin brothers. They indeed had German blood in them. How come? Logical question. The Germans of Hitler's Third Reich armies certainly did not

have time to procreate and to raise children, even out of wedlock.

Want to know who they really were? They were descendant from the Crusaders, who, on their way to liberate the Holy Land from Arab oppressors, rummaged through the countryside, plundering and fornicating. They were descendants of the Visigoths, who used their, what is now known as "R&R," Rest and Recreation, to augment the population of Italy's deep South.

I stumbled on some German sounding words in their dialect. For example, parsley, the cooking herb, is not too well known in southern Italy. The Italian word for it is "prezemolo." Yet in those villages, the seasoning is known as "PETERSIL," from the German word PETERSILE. Strange etymology indeed.

So, you see, Mussolini's master race was not so pure as Ivory Soap either. There were other expressions but they escape me now.

Now you have yet another tidbit to chew over (pun fully intended) when there's a lull in the conversation of your next cocktail party.

Hans L. Heimann

A Holocaust Survivor's View Of Present Tensions Between Washington And Israel

by Morris Gastfreund

As a survivor of Hitler's Holocaust, I have certain memories that have convinced me the Jewish people cannot rely on world conscience, or on political leaders' promises, or even on American presidents to ensure their future.

For me, Israel stands at the heart of Jewish life and survival. I remember the conspiracy of silence when the entire civilized world watched the murder of six million Jews. I remember that after a majority vote in the United Nations proclaimed the state of Israel, the same day, five Arab armies invaded the infant state to destroy it. The world stood by silently. Miraculously, Israel survived.

I remember the anxiety in May 1967, when the Jewish people feared a new Holocaust on the horizon. Gamel Abdel Nasser, then leader of all the Arabs, declared to the world that he was waging a war to liquidate the Jewish state and drive the Jews into the sea. The U.N. General Secretary U-Thant did not even protest; he quickly obliged Nasser's request and withdrew the U.N. force from the Sinai so the Egyptian forces would have no hindrances in the decimation of Israel.

During that perilous period for Israel, U.S. President Lyndon Johnson could not find the time to see Abba Eban, the Israeli foreign minister who sought American intervention in the crisis to prevent a second Holocaust. Thank G-d, Israel survived and was victorious in liberating Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, occupied by Jordan since 1948.

For the American administration, the slogan is "territory for peace." But territory was not the issue when the Arabs had it and attacked Israel anyway. To Islam, which is the driving force behind the Israeli/Arab conflict, peace is the status enjoyed by those who accept Islam or its hegemony. The rest of the world is referred to as infidels (nonbelievers) who must be converted forcibly by jihad, or holy war. The Arabs have learned how to mislead the world by posing as moderates to attain territorial advantages - they use "diplomacy" to try to gain what they cannot by war. Their strategy is to decimate Israel in stages.

Israel would be committing suicide if it pulls back to pre-1967 borders, which were only 10 miles wide, and allows a Palestinian state which would be in the words of Yassir

Arafat's deputy, Abu Iyad, "a launching pad to Israel's destruction."

What Israel needs is a real peace, not another withdrawal. President Bush, by linking the \$10 billion loan guarantee to the peace process, is holding a hammer over Israel's head to submit to the Arabs' demands, which will amount to slicing up and erasing Israel in stages. Bush, describing himself as one "lonely little guy," against 1,000 powerful lobbyists, has willingly or unwittingly used the age-old cliché portraying the Jews as a powerful force which he intends to fight. His appearance on television with a clenched fist, and his expression of these feelings has for me nightmarish memories from the past.

No wonder anti-Semites like *Boston Globe* columnist Randolph Ryan and syndicated columnist Patrick Buchanan rush to capitalize on the occasion. They are eager to spoon-feed readers with venom, by twisting historical facts and writing half-truths about Israel and the Jews. Both these hate mongers claim that Israel grabbed territory from the Arabs in the six-day war; they conveniently forgot to mention that it was the Arabs who initiated the 1967 war with their declared goal of liquidating Israel and pushing the

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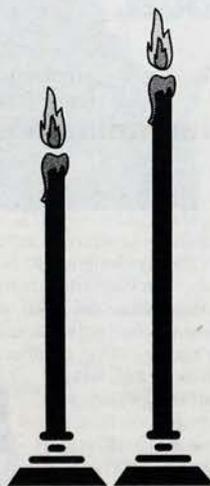
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Lost Time

Making up for lost time. That's what we say we're doing when we meet old friends or long-lost relatives, and sit for hours and hours, talking.

At other times we "burn the midnight oil" when we don't seem to get enough accomplished during the day, or have to catch-up from a long week-end or vacation.

This year, the Jewish calendar has a month which helps facilitate making up for the past. It is an extra month, distinguishing this year as a "leap year." The Jewish calendar was established according to the moon's cycle and has an extra month every two or three years to compensate for its shorter months (the lunar calendar has 11 less days than the solar calendar).

This year, in a spiritual sense, we can compensate for lost time. By making a firm commitment to improve in the future and increase our involvement in Jewish activities, we not only affect the approaching days and months, we actually rectify the past as well. And we're not only talking about the recent past, we're talking about the past two or three years, the years which the added month is completing.

Of course, we're making up for the past in a qualitative rather than quantitative sense. We have been given a whole month to accomplish this feat; not a 27-hour day or an eight-day week, but a thirteen-month year.

Practically speaking, an added month means that we have additional time to do more mitzvot. We can give extra charity, do more "nice"

things for people, spend more time ensuring that every Jewish child receives a Jewish education . . . the list is endless. So don't lose time, start NOW.

Vayakari

This week's Torah portion, *Lech L'cha*, opens a new and inspiring chapter in Torah - the life of Abraham, father of the Jewish nation.

Abraham did not wait to be approached and asked about his belief in the One G-d, which was a startling innovation in his time. Wherever he went, says the Torah, " . . . he called on the name of G-d, L-rd of the Universe." The rabbis of the Talmud, commenting on this verse, explain that he called (*vayikra*) should rather be read *vayakari* - he caused others to call.



Abraham's efforts were directed even towards the heathen Arabs of Canaan, a tribe so lowly that they worshipped the dust of their feet! Yet, Abraham tried to bring about that even they should "call on the name of G-d."

Abraham accomplished this by setting up an inn in the Beersheba desert, and inviting all passing travellers to come in and enjoy his hospitality. He provided his guests with a full meal of meat, wine and fruit; he gave them a bed to sleep on, and even went so far as to pro-

vide a court of judges at the inn to settle the various disputes and questions of law that sometimes arose amongst the wayfarers!

After they had enjoyed all the pleasure of his hospitality and wished to thank him, Abraham told them, "Bless Him whose food you have eaten. Thank, bless and praise Him whose word created the universe." Thus he literally made G-d's presence "famous" in the world - and indeed went to remarkable lengths of hospitality to achieve this end.

He was not satisfied to give his guests bread and other staple food, which would have been sufficient to satisfy their hunger. He did not feel that it was adequate to give the bare minimum, but deemed it necessary to provide his guests with luxuries and "extras" - fruit, wine, all kinds of delicacies, a bed and even a court of judges. This is all the more remarkable when we consider that he went to such lengths although the guests were complete strangers to him.

To give another person what he lacks is understandable, for one's feeling of pity is naturally aroused on seeing another's need. However, to give someone that which he does not lack, but which is rather a luxury for him, stems from a goodness of character that is motivated by something higher than reason.

We, the descendants of Abraham, should try to emulate his noble example. We should do our share in helping Jews learn about Judaism, making our motto *vayakari* - causing others to call on the name of G-d.

From A Thought for the Week, *Detroit*. Based on the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.

World and National News

The Voice Of Israel's Ethiopians

by Carol Ungar
UJA Press Service

JERUSALEM, Israel — Trim, dapper, and sporting a thin mustache, Rahamim Elazar is the producer and host of the Middle East's only Amharic-language radio program. His is the voice that soothes, informs and encourages thousands of Israel's Ethiopian Jews.

Israel's Ethiopian population has increased markedly since last May's airlift which brought over 14,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel. The airlift, as well as the absorption of both Ethiopian and Soviet Jews, is being supported by American Jews through the UJA/Federation Regular and Operation Exodus Campaigns. All funding is channeled through Israel's Jewish Agency.

Elazar, who has been living in Israel for over 20 years, returned to Ethiopia to assist Jewish Agency employees during the airlift operation. When he got back to Israel, his boss at Voice of Israel Radio called to tell him his 15-minute radio program was being increased to two hours. Within days Elazar became a smash hit.

Elazar is one of the de facto leaders of the Ethiopian Israeli community. He founded the United Organization of Ethiopian Jews which serves as their "landsmanshaft" in Israel. A journalist entrenched in Ethiopian issues, he was a natural for a program for Ethiopian immigrants.

Initially, the broadcast focused on the biggest problem facing the Ethiopian Jewish community - family reunification. The logistics of the airlift led to the division of many families. Elazar says, "When the planes were full, they took off. A lot of family members just didn't get out on the same

flight."

Elazar got a list of names from the Jewish Agency of the people who had been airlifted and just started reading the names on the air. After a few days he started taking callers' inquiries, similar to a program aired in the 1950s for Holocaust survivors who were looking for their relatives.

Since Elazar left Ethiopia so many years ago he had little hope of finding any of his own relatives. But as he was routinely running through a list of announcements before a show, he spotted a familiar name. He says, "It was my father's cousin." He broadcasted what information he had without mentioning his personal interest. With characteristic restraint, he says, "I acted the same as I would for anyone else."

Since most families have been reunited, the focus of the program has already changed. The show is now running the gamut of providing information on how to shop to nightly world news wrap-ups. When the program changes direction again, it will be to grapple with what will be major issues for these immigrants. Elazar says, "They have to know the difference between religious and secular schools or what it means to choose to live on a kibbutz rather than in the city. They have to decide for themselves where they want their lives to go."

After overcoming the initial hurdles of absorption, Elazar is confident about the future of Israel's Ethiopian community. As he carefully adjusts the microphone before going on the air, he says, "We are a very ambitious people. We want to work hard and we want to advance."

Rabbi Marder To Co-Chair Rabbinic Alumni Convention

Noted Scholars and Rabbinic Authorities to Speak

Rabbi Chaim Marder, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence, will co-chair the 47th Annual Convention of the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) Oct. 22-24 at the Homowack Hotel in Spring Glen, N.Y.

In addition to being convention co-chairman, Rabbi Marder will also chair the Oct. 22 dinner program featuring an address by Rabbinic Alumni President Rabbi Bernard Rothman of Congregation Sons of Israel in Cherry Hill, N.J.

The convention, "Approaching the 21st Century," will deal with a host of modern social problems confronting the Jewish community.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, will be featured at an Oct. 23 program discussing contemporary problems facing rabbis.

On Oct. 22, Rabbi Dr. Moshe Tendler will speak about the Halakhic (Jewish law) view of such social problems as child and spouse abuse. He is professor of biology at Yeshiva College, holder of the Rabbi Isaac and Bella Tendler Chair in Jewish Medical Ethics at Yeshiva University and rosh yeshiva (professor of Talmud) at RIETS.

Yeshiva University President Dr. Norman Lamm will address the convention on Oct. 23.

The gathering will also honor musmakhim (individuals who received ordination) from the RIETS classes of 1940, 1942, 1956 and 1974 at a luncheon on Oct. 23.

Rabbi Steven Dworken, director of rabbinic services for RIETS' Max Stern Division of Communal Services (MSDCS) and a convention co-chairman, said it, "will focus on social changes and modern-day problems and their impact on interpersonal relationships within the family and in the Jewish community."

For more information on the Rabbinic Alumni Convention, contact Rabbi Dworken at (212) 960-5264.

The Rabbinic Alumni Convention will be held back-to-back with the 14th Annual Convention of another Yeshiva university affiliate, The Educators Council of America (ECA). The Oct. 24-28 convention is called "Texts and Contexts."

The ECA convention is being sponsored with the cooperation of the Rabbinic Alumni, Torah Education Network and Torah Education and Culture Department of the World Zionist Organization.

For further information on the ECA convention, contact Daniel Ehrlich, director of youth services for MSDCS and convention coordinator, at (212) 960-5260.

The Rabbinic Alumni of RIETS, with more than 2,000 members, is the largest rabbinic body of its kind. Rabbis who have received semikhah

(ordination) at RIETS serve throughout the world as pulpit rabbis, roshei yeshivas, Hillel directors, teachers, educational administrators, campus and armed forces chaplains and in Jewish communal organizations.

RIETS, founded in 1896, is located in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. It is an outgrowth of the first yeshiva (school of traditional Jewish learning) in America and has grown to comprise 15 educational entities and more than 20 service and outreach programs.

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Israelis Defend Right To Reconnaissance

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Ignoring increasingly strained relations with Washington, Israeli leaders of both major parties are hotly defending Israel's right to conduct reconnaissance flights over Iraq if it considers them vital to its security.

"Our assessment is that Iraq still has the capacity to launch missiles at us, and therefore all related intelligence is helpful," Defense Minister Moshe Arens declared.

But with one exception, none of the politicians who waxed indignant over U.S. complaints admitted outright that there had indeed been

such flights.

U.S. officials protested the Oct. 4 flights at the highest level. They violated the airspace of several Arab countries just a week before Secretary of State James Baker was due to go to the Middle East for yet another attempt to set up an Arab-Israeli peace conference.

Iraq lodged a formal protest with the United Nations.

But Israeli officials, who refused to confirm or deny the flights, nevertheless indicated that their purpose would be to gather information about hitherto unknown Scud missile-launching sites found by U.N.

observer teams in western Iraq.

Except for Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, officials who discussed the subject on radio and television invariably prefaced their remarks about the alleged flights with the qualifying statement, "if they took place."

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres said Israel did not need anyone's permission to overfly sites in Iraq which represented a threat to Israel. He added, however, that the timing and routing should be carefully considered.

Likud spokesmen took their cue from Arens, who criticized the U.S. reaction.

Arens said recently that he did not believe Israeli reconnaissance flights could jeopardize the proposed peace conference.

"I don't want to enter into the operational actions of the air force. I want to say unequivocally that any responsibility for defending the security of Israel rests with its government and we will continue to do as we see fit," Arens said.

He dismissed Iraq's U.N. protest as "the height of cynicism and hypocrisy" and suggested that the Americans probably complained at the urging of Saudi Arabia.

Defense Ministry spokesman Danny Naveh said Israel would continue to take any "step necessary" for its self-defense.

Court Rules In Favor Of Lubavitch

by Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK (JTA) — A three-judge panel of the Russian Supreme Court ruled recently that the Lenin Library in Moscow must turn over to the Chabad Lubavitch movement some 12,000 books that were confiscated by the Communists in 1916.

The unanimous decision was obtained after a marathon of meetings between four Lubavitch rabbis and various Moscow bureaucrats.

But the order still remains to be issued in writing, cautioned Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, spokesman for the Lubavitcher rebbe, Menachem Schneerson. That written decision is expected soon, Krinsky said.

In December, Russian President Boris Yeltsin agreed that the entire collection legally belongs to Chabad and should be returned to it. Since then, the four rabbis have been in Moscow trying, with the help of Moscow lawyer Veronica Irina, to recover possession of the books.

The rabbis are Boruch Shlomo Cunin, Los Angeles Chabad director; Sholom Ber Levine, another American and the movement's chief librarian; Yosef Aronov, Lubavitch director in Israel; and Yitzhak Kagan, a former refusenik once known as "the tzaddik of Leningrad," now an Israeli citizen.

Among those who went to bat for the Lubavitchers were the late Armand Hammer, the industrialist who had direct communication with the highest Soviet officials, and Hollywood producer Jerry Weintraub, a friend of President Bush.

Following 10 months of wrangling with both Soviet and Russian officials, the rabbis were led to believe that they would finally be given the books the Friday before Rosh Hashanah. But after a day's waiting and seemingly countless last-minute discussions among various high-level officials, Culture Minister Nikolai Gubenko ordered that the books not be released.

Meanwhile, Lubavitch fears that books from the collection were being pilfered from the Lenin Library have been confirmed, Krinsky said. The fears arose when some Lubavitch books were found in the office of a man removed from his position following the aborted August coup.

And only a week ago, he said, several Hebrew books from a valuable 400-year-old collection were found by a librarian in a garbage can near the library. Putting books in the garbage is believed to be one method of surreptitiously removing books from the library. In this case, those stealing the books presumably hoped to sell them later.

According to Krinsky, one reason behind official reluctance to release the books may well be the fact that some of the books have been spirited away.

"We won't know what is missing until we have the whole collection," he said.

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National

Washington (JTA) - U.S.-Israeli relations, strained in recent weeks over the issue of loan guarantees, hit a new snag last week with reports that Israeli air force jets had conducted a surprise reconnaissance mission over Iraq and illegally entered the airspace of several of the Jewish state's Arab neighbors.

Washington (JTA) - Concern that the current controversy over Israeli settlements could lead to an erosion of support for Israel in the United States is one of the reasons that a group of Jewish leaders have called on Israel to freeze its expansion of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Theodore Mann of Philadelphia, a co-chairman of Project Nishma, gave this explanation after 10 members of the group met with Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval.

New York (JTA) - El Al is planning to begin direct flights to Israel for emigres from Russia and Latvia on Dec. 1, airline President Rafi Harlev announced here Wednesday. He said an agreement on weekly flights from Riga and St. Petersburg — formerly Leningrad — is expected within a matter of days.

International

Damascus, Syria (AP) - Secretary of State James A. Baker was on the verge this week of sealing arrangements for a Mideast peace conference to open in Lausanne, Switzerland, Oct. 29, U.S. and other diplomatic sources say.

Jerusalem (JTA) - A provocative move by Jewish settlers that could upset the Middle East peace process has opened a rift between the Likud leadership and some of its far-right coalition partners. About 40 Jewish families occupied five houses in the Arab village of Silwan within the environs of Jerusalem last week. All but one of the houses was vacated later that day, after prolonged negotiations with the police.

Tel Aviv (JTA) - Abie Nathan reported to prison Thursday, predicting that the law he was sentenced for violating would soon be repealed. The 64-year-old peace activist was given an 18-month prison term recently for meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat in Tunis in June.

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American Jews Take On Gentile Likeness



American Jews are becoming more like their neighbors, and as a result their support of liberal causes is likely to weaken, according to Nathan Glazer (left), Harvard University sociologist. He spoke at a conference on the future of the American Jewish community sponsored by the Los Angeles-based Wilstein Institute of Jewish Policy Studies. Right, David Gordis, executive director of the Wilstein Institute.

Prof. Glazer attributed the decline in Jewish distinctiveness to the fact that "Jews more closely resemble their non-Jewish neighbors in income and education - and thus in their opinions" - and to the soaring rate of intermarriage, "which means there are more Jews who are only in some degree Jewish."

Another speaker, Prof. Arnold Eisen of Stanford, agreed with Prof. Glazer about the high rate of disaffection from the Jewish community, but added: "Emphasis should be placed on that 25 percent of the Jewish community we call activists. This group will form the core of the community around which others can rally."

Jews Split

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the world to back Croatia against the onslaught of "brutal military forces led by the Yugoslav National Army."

The statement received wide coverage in the Croatian media, Matic reported. It was endorsed by most of the community. But a minority was unhappy with it.

Some members thought the statement went too far in support of the Tudjman government, Matic said.

But Matic said he was satisfied with the statement. "I think it is balanced. We are supporting the policy of the government, not the government," he said.

"That gives us the possibility

of criticizing (the Tudjman regime) if it doesn't live up to" Jewish expectations, Matic added.

The statement urged "fraternal Jewish organizations and individuals around the world to act against the aggression on the population of the Republic of Croatia and in any other part of Yugoslavia."

The statement noted "with sadness, dismay and indignation" that innocent civilians were being killed. The toll as of Oct. 7 stood at at least 700 civilians killed and 2,000 wounded in ground, sea and air attacks, the statement said. It did not mention any Jewish casualties.

It said, however, that cultural, historical and communal property, including churches,

Receding Waters Reveal Treasure

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The abnormally low rainfall in recent years has deeply troubled Israeli farmers. But archaeologists are delighted by what the receding waters of Lake Kinneret, Israel's largest natural reservoir, have yielded.

As the level of the fresh water lake deep in the Galilee hills fell, a treasure trove of human remains, artifacts and structures emerged from the muddy bottom, casting new light on the life and habitats of Stone Age man.

The well-preserved skeleton of a 35-year-old man was uncovered last year. Carbon-14 dating put its age at 19,000 years.

Along with the bones were 30 species of seeds, including the oldest grains of wild wheat and barley found anywhere in the world.

Now, archaeologists of the Israel Antiquities Authority and the Stekelis Prehistoric Museum in Haifa report discovery of the encampment where the prehistoric man lived.

It was a seasonal camp on the southwestern shore of the Kinneret, near Ohalo, and is believed to have housed the first people ever to have fished in the lake, also known as the Sea of Galilee.

The campsite covers over 120 square feet and is believed to have been inhabited by

about 20 people.

Dany Nadel, who is in charge of the dig, said the finds indicate the Stone Age people sustained themselves by hunting, fishing and food-gathering.

They probably stayed at the lake shore for about six months a year and made an annual trek to the Mediterranean coast, as evidenced by the seashell beads found in the campsite.

One of the Stone Age huts uncovered by the retreating waters measures over 16 feet in diameter and had walls made of mud straw and branches. Bones of gazelles, deer and other animals were found on the floor, along with thousands of fish bones.

The ancient inhabitants appear to have fished with nets or traps, Nadel told a news conference recently.

Lake Kinneret, nearly 700 feet below sea level, is the second lowest point on Earth after the Dead Sea, which is more than 1,000 feet below sea level.

The harp-shaped lake itself is believed to be no more than 20,000 years old. Before it was formed it was part of a huge salt lake extending from present-day Galilee to present-day Eilat. The salt lake slowly evaporated. Its vestiges are the Dead Sea, which is the most saline body of water on Earth, and the Kinneret, which is a freshwater lake.

mosques and synagogues, have been heavily damaged or destroyed in the attacks.

An estimated 2,000 Jews live in Croatia, mainly in the large cities and towns. Their statement, which spoke of Jewish communities existing there for centuries, was an unqualified expression of loyalty to Croatia and an endorsement of its aspirations for independence.

"Although the present government of Croatia was deliberately depicted as anti-Semitic or neo-fascist, the Jewish Community in Croatia

enjoys all rights of a religion or national minority without hindrance or any discrimination," the statement said.

The Jewish community expressed "great sorrow" that the Jews of Croatia have been cut off from contact with Jews in the other Yugoslav republics.

The statement was signed by Nenad Porges, president of the council, and addressed to the World Jewish Congress, European Jewish Congress, national and international Jewish organizations and all affiliated organizations and institutions.

Fewer Palestinians Under Detention

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The number of Palestinians detained by Israeli security forces in the administered territories has dropped sharply in recent months, senior military sources reported.

The decrease was attributed to a general weariness among the Palestinian population and a corresponding decline of intifada-related violent activity. But it was also explained, in part, by a new Israel Defense Force strategy of going after hard-core activists rather than every troublemaker.

The most dramatic change was in the number of Palestinians under administrative detention, which fell to 494 from 1,500 last January. Administrative detainees can be held for up to six months in military prisons without trial or formal charges.

The number of Palestinians jailed pending trial or awaiting other legal proceedings fell from 5,500 in January to 2,903 at present.

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A Whole Lifetime

The exquisite fine lines in Cara Schwartz's pen and ink drawings reflect her appreciation of history.

The Connecticut artist specializes in custom designed notecards of residential, commercial and marine portraits, theatres and historic landmarks, genre scenes, and now, houses of worship.

Surrounded by trees and tranquility, Cara and her husband Mel's home in Madison is a perfect setting for an artist to work without interruption except for time and thoughts shared with an invited visitor.

Like most artists, Cara's first interest was seascapes. "The sea was my first love; water is so relaxing. I never was that much into landscapes.

"People always fascinated me," she said elaborating about her portrait work. "A portrait has deeper meaning than just features. A good photograph can capture the likeness, but when I do a portrait in pastels or oils, I need more than what I see on the surface. I need and want to know that person by spending time together."

Cara's feeling for buildings is the same. "They're more than a casual acquaintance. I'm always interested in finding out as much as I can about the building's history.

"It's the same when I do a person's home. Meet the people, know about them so I can bring a personality to the building."

Early on, Cara leaned towards impressionistic painting. In art school, her strongest point was draftsmanship ability. "Invariably, my teachers told me how lucky I was to have the concept of perspective without wrestling with that as so many people did.

"I liked sketching in black and white, but I enjoyed color as well. Like most artists, I went through a period of doing waterscapes, portraits, cityscapes, village scenes, and street scenes.

"Whenever I travelled, I was interested in seeing storefronts and people walking just as much as the tourist places. I always put people in my drawings."

Cara's earlier dreams of being an actress were put aside for drawing theatre scenes and costumes. She has endless patience in researching the period to capture the flavor.

Delighted about her new synagogue series, she said, "It was always in the back of my mind, particularly when I went into a store and saw a card relating to something Jewish and my heritage.

"I always said when I have time, I'll develop a series of cards meaningful to me. My work in American historic landmarks led to people asking me about Jewish buildings. I wasn't sure there was a market for it. Inevitably, I knew I'd do it."

Cara's travels in Europe brought her to synagogues where she attended services. "What stands out in my mind is a service in a little cottage in Ireland, and going to the Grand Synagogue in England from where my mother's family came.

"When I was in Florence, I was so enthralled with one little congregation, I thought I was in Byzantine times. The Sephardic influence of the service was so interesting to me."

Cara was so moved by the service that she went back during daylight and drew the outside of the building before leaving Italy. She also visited the Jewish Quarter in Venice.

Over the years, she attended stationery and card shows in New York. "I always remembered artists and art teachers saying to find a niche.



American artist Cara - Carolyn Lee Parmer-Klein Schwartz.

Why do what someone else does?

"Basically, I did this for me. Coupled with the fact no one else was doing this, it was marketable. My series of theatrical and historical landmarks of different towns in the United States includes the history on the back of the card."

Recalling the start of her work in Jewish landmarks, Cara said, "Even if the synagogues I did weren't historic landmarks designated by the United States such as Touro or Kahal Kodosh Beth Elohim in Charleston, every congregation has a history like every person has a story. Each congregation gives me verbal input and printed material when I begin."

In a voice filled with heart and warmth, Cara said, "I have a love for my religion. If there is beauty in ceremonials, beauty in our tradition, this came from childhood. I have to credit my mother for this.

"She proved I had ability as a youngster. Though she knew of my interest in the stage, she claimed my talent was in art, theatre design, costume, scenery, not in getting up and being an actress.

"She took me to the Museum of Art in Baltimore and enrolled me in art class. My mother noticed my talent early on and took me to see many museums. I'll never forget the Cohn Collection of Impressionistic Art where I fell in love with Mary Cassatt's 'Mother And Child.' It was my favorite period of art.

"It was my mother's appreciation and desire to show beauty in Jewish art that Friday night stands out in my memory.

"The table was always a beautiful work of art. When I came home from school, the house would smell good from my mother's cook cooking all day. We always had two cakes on

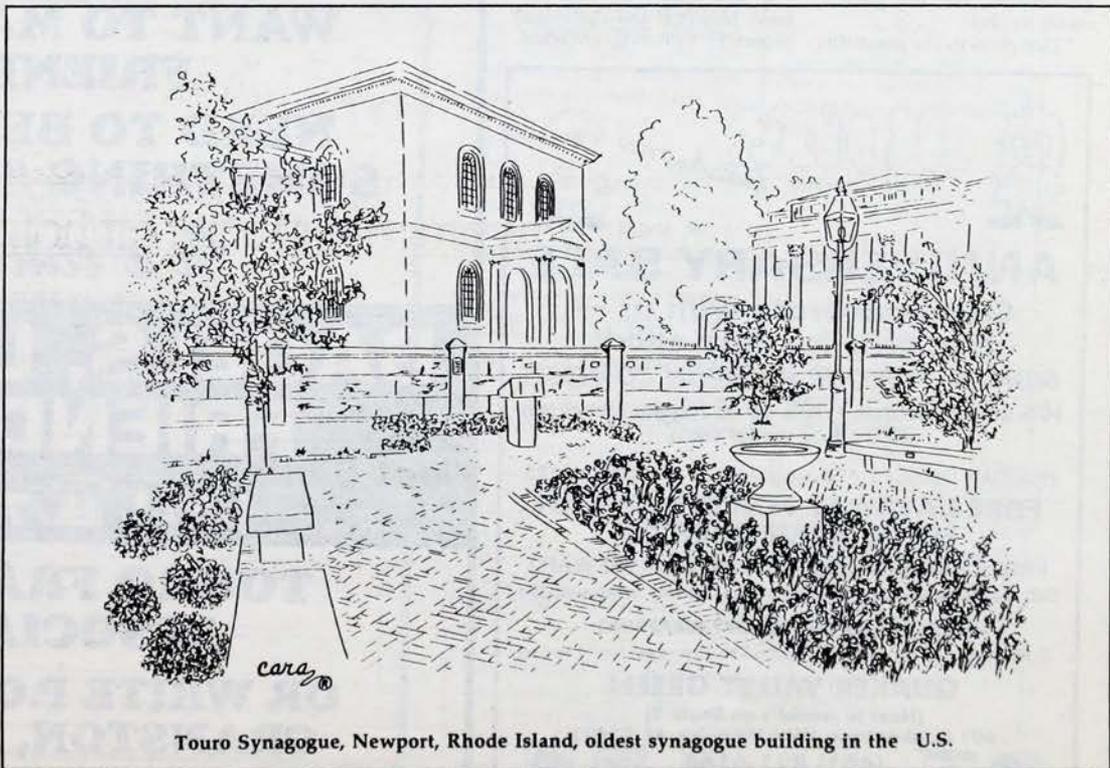
Friday, one a maple walnut cake with icing my mother liked, and the other, my father's favorite, chocolate.

"The house smelled good, but other than that, it was beautiful. I remember the prayers being said. It was a time when the whole family was together ... the beauty of the Sabbath and the holidays.

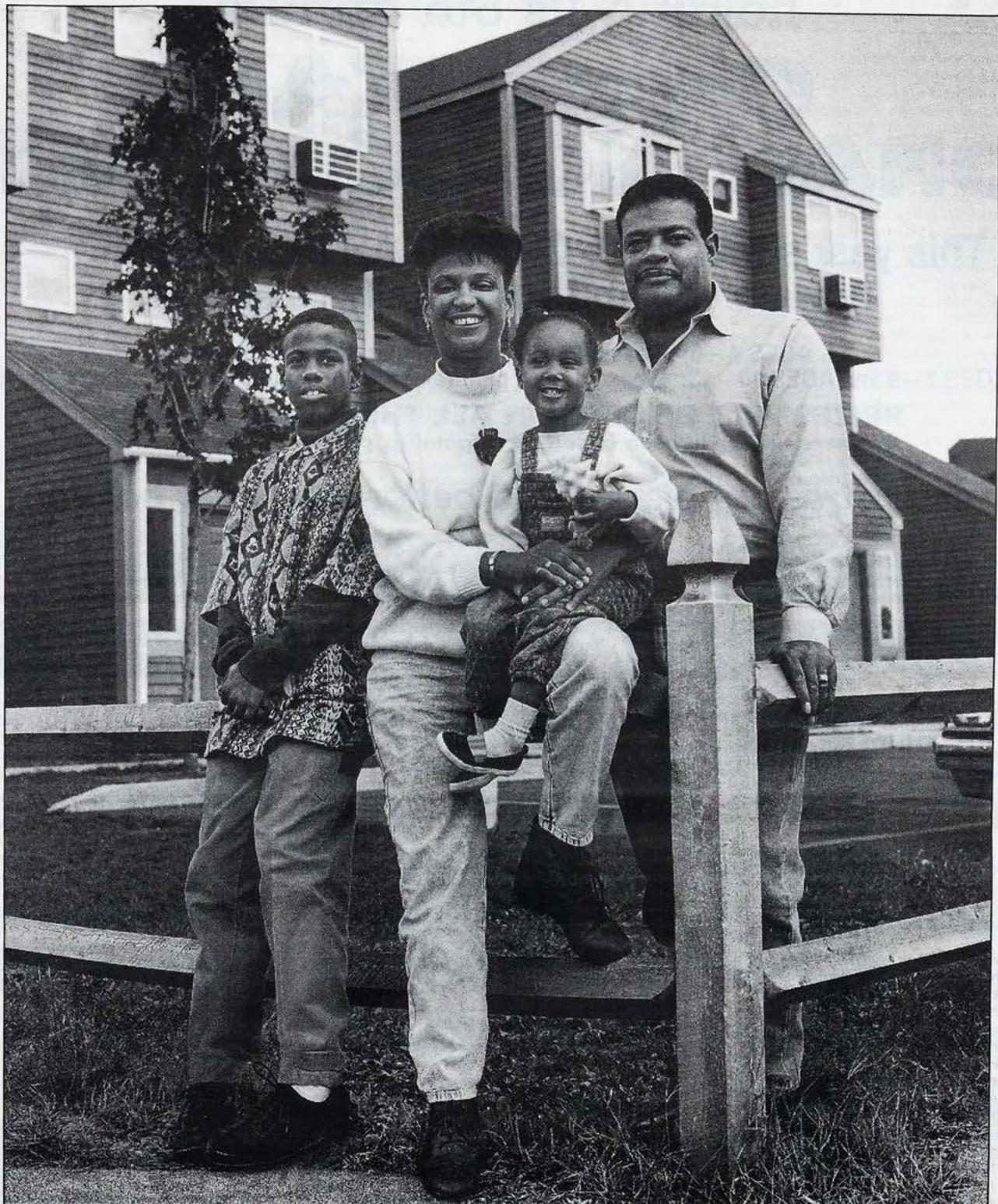
"It was the flowers and the way the linens, the crystal and silver looked. It was a time of relaxation. You were away from the work-a-day world and the pressures. It was a time to be renewed and to be together. It was the beauty of that.

"It is something of the holidays I have taken away with me. When I go to do a congregation or building, this is what I carry within me.

"I think this is something for which I can thank my parents. It has taken me a whole lifetime to get to this point!"



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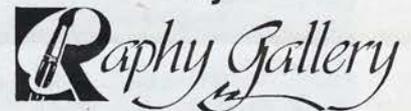


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Books in Review

Fink on "Fink"

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Everybody laughs at the name Fink, I'm used to the giggle when I say who I am. I joined right in at "Barton Fink." The Coens, Ethan and Joel, milk the word for all its worth.

Barton's a writer in a brown suit and horn-rims. At first I could identify with him as a character. But you can't stay with Bart too long, because he has but one trait. He doesn't listen. He doesn't see what's under his nose. Fink wears you out with his single note and his woebegone air. He stares at a picture on his hotel room wall - a pretty girl in a forties bathing suit gazing out to sea.

"Barton Fink" made me think of "Henry and June." They share a common problem. It's tough to make a film about words and wordmakers. Writers take up space in the invisible world before a typewriter. You can blow up the size of the letters on the keyboard. You can get deep into the texture of typing paper. Your camera can dig down through the old-fashioned machine with rich nostalgia. These images can't substitute or stand in for words and ideas, which appear to be anathema for Hollywood moviemakers and American audiences. "Barton's" script comes through as weak. In the great studio years, Hepburn, Davis, Stanwyck - or Cagney, Grant, Stewart - said fancy things. Now special effects trivialize or overstate the lines and lyrics.

The playwright called Fink never really gets around to saying much either. He makes a few lackluster speeches. Mostly, writers throw up, or sob helplessly. The film makes an effort to convey heat - hard to translate into a photograph - and smells - another tough task. The characters, all johnny-one-notes, don't go anywhere, and the Coen broth-

ers don't seem to mind. They work towards effects, not motives. Strip off the surface and you get the usual buddy stuff. The Broadway genius makes friends with a serial killer. A girl enters the room. She's smart and she's sassy. So she gets herself murdered and beheaded. We see the blood in scene after scene. No dagger, but we do not get a close-up of a mosquito that sucks her blood after she's gone, I mean done in. I don't call this sexist, but anti-feminist.

Though the producer-directors are Jewish, the word "Kike" is tossed off, not only by L.A. crude cops, but by Jewish producers to their Jewish writer. Jews don't like Jews any better than non-Jews do. These are stereotypical snapshots of the old Hollywood.

As a teacher of film majors, I happily go along with new techniques, visual fun, the play of semiotic symbols. But I still hold out for a plot that works, a mood maintained with care, a performance with some subtlety. Near the close of the action, Barton gets into a fight at a USO canteen dance. The Navy and the Army have at each other. Would such a riot have broken out over a mild-mannered talkative writer in glasses? The episode is contrived and forced. If a major studio had been run as crudely as Capitol Pictures, how come such fine motion pictures radiated forth again and again? In the postscript, the girl from the hotel calendar strolls by Barton on the beach for the finale. What does it all mean? We used to think a work of art should give you enough clues to put it all together. The rule no longer applies.

P.S. My grandfather picked up the name Finkelstein in London and chopped it down to Fink in Providence. I just fell into being a fink. I got used to it and hand it down with pride. So the joke wears thin.

The Rosendorf Quartet

by Nathan Shaham,

translated from the Hebrew by Dalya Bilu

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by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

Nathan Shaham, the author of *The Rosendorf Quartet*, is a well-known prose writer and dramatist in his native Israel. Born in Tel Aviv in 1925, Shaham has lived through the many growing pains of his young country. In his new novel, he attempts to capture the frontier spirit of Israel's early settlers.

The Rosendorf Quartet chronicles the lives of four musicians and a writer in Palestine in the 1930s. All are German Jewish refugees, who find solace and inspiration in music. They are bound together by this common thread but also by the shadow of the looming tragedy in Nazi Germany, which threatens to destroy their pasts even as they try to gain a

foothold in their unfamiliar presents.

Shaham carefully composes a score for his distinguished players, but he never lets the quartet develop its own rhythm. *The Rosendorf Quartet* is a literary exercise in musical composition which never coalesces. Unfortunately, it does not play the music it emulates. The explanatory, predictable narrative entrenches the reader in individual chapters, which in turn focus on one member of the quartet at a time.

The writer-character, Egon Loewenthal, explains in his self-conscious final chapter, that the form of his book-to-be, (i.e. this book we are now reading), will resemble a string quartet. There will be chapters for each of the members of the ensemble, which will stand on

their own and together to recreate the cohesion and elegance of a balanced quartet. Perhaps Egon will someday succeed with his hypothetical novel, but Shaham certainly does not.

Undoubtedly, Shaham's prose may suffer in translation and his poetry may be lost, but the cliched presentation and plot line can be attributed to none other than the original author. Egon as Shaham excuses his rough style as deliberate, but excuses make the novel no less cumbersome.

"After the total collapse of Western values, there is no point in publishing coherent novels with a solid architectural structure, which is, if anything is, an expression of the belief in these very values. The educated reader of our times will not be angry with me if I offer him broken fragments."

Angry, no. Disappointed, yes. The fragments do not fit together to form either a poetic or poignant picture. Rather, they stand alone on shaky ground, four musicians plus a writer with no backdrop, no community and no true voices.

Concert Pianist In Fall River



Irina Bykova, Moscow-born

concert pianist will be appearing for the Women's Club of Fall River on Monday afternoon, October 21, presenting "The Life and Loves of Frederic Chopin." Irina made her debut at the Moscow University when she was seven years old and went on to appear in concerts and as soloist with outstanding symphony orchestras in major Soviet cities.

In 1989, Irina emigrated to the United States with her parents and is now living in Providence. Sharing the performance will be Mary Wolfman Epstein, a distinguished playwright and singing teacher, who will narrate her own commentary.

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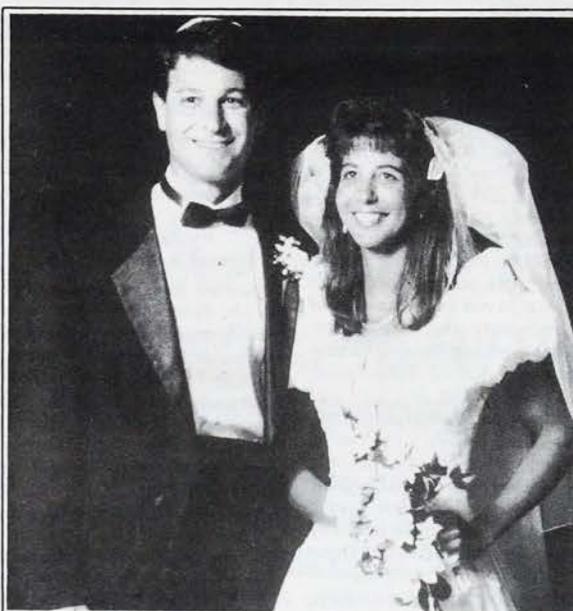
Smith Weds Turcotte

Cheryl Sue Smith and Donald A. Turcotte, both of Providence, were married at the Fleet Center Galleria in Providence on September 15. Judge Pamela Mocktaz officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, is the daughter of Stanley and the late Sonya Smith of Pawtucket. She is the granddaughter of the late Hyman and Esther Smith of Newport and Clara and Morris Miller of Providence. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Anna Turcotte of Johnston and Mr. Donald C. Turcotte of North Providence.

The bride's sister, Cindy Smith, was the matron of honor, and Nancy Miller, a cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor. Alan Smith, brother of the bride, was the best man, and David Beely and Joseph Trotta were the ushers.

After a wedding trip to the Poconos, the couple will reside in Providence.



Ladd Weds Waxler

Miss Donna E. Ladd and Daniel Waxler were married at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 1991, at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston. Rabbi David Rosen and Cantor Shimon Gewirtz officiated. Guest cantor was Karl S. Kritz of Long Beach, N.Y.

The bride is the daughter of Shirley and Seymour Ladd of Cranston and Narragansett. The bridegroom is the son of Elaine and Malcolm Waxler of West Hartford, Conn.

Shari Gold-Gomez and Howard Waxler, brother of the bridegroom, were honor attendants, while bridesmaids were Judy Ladd and Sharon Ladd, sisters-in-law of the bride, Kim Barone, sister of the bridegroom, Theresa Charette, and Lisa O'Connell. The flower girl was Jennifer Ladd, niece of the bride. Ushers were Brian Waxler, brother of the bridegroom, Steven Ladd and Robert Ladd, brothers of the bride, Nick Barone, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, Stuart Fishman and Aaron Spicker. The bridegroom's nephew, Nicky Barone was the ring bearer.

The bride, a registered nurse, graduated from the University of Rhode Island and is employed by the Visiting Nurses Association of Greater Hartford. The bridegroom, a CPA, graduated from the University of Connecticut. He is employed by Discover Remanagers, Farmington, Conn. They visited Aruba on their honeymoon. They are currently residing in Cromwell, Conn.

Manuscript Competition

The Association of Jewish Libraries announces the seventh annual Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition for aspiring authors of children's books. A cash award of \$1,000 will be given for the best fiction manuscript appropriate for readers aged 8-12, written by an unpublished author. The story should have universal appeal, yet serve to deepen the understanding of Judaism and reveal positive aspects of Jewish life.

For entry forms and rules, please contact Ms. Lillian Schwartz, coordinator, 15 Goldsmith St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Deadline for submission of manuscripts is January 15, 1992.

Award winners will be announced May 1, 1992, and will be presented at the twenty-seventh annual convention of AJL in Los Angeles, June 1992.

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

The Sunday meeting of Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will be held on October 2 at 2 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry. Jerome Horowitz will present a timely discussion of "The Safety of Our Savings."

Mr. Horowitz describes himself as a professional engineer, but an economist by avocation. He has travelled extensively and enjoys the challenge of the stock market and investing. He will stress "inflation, deflation or stagnation, which way are we heading?" Ideas to protect our assets with safe investments will be offered.

A social hour will conclude the discussion.

Foxes Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Fox of Randolph, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Elaine Fox of Randolph, Mass., to Mitchell Matt Alkins of 90 Stonedale Rd., Warwick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Alkins, also of 90 Stonedale Rd., Warwick.

Ms. Fox graduated from Boston University with a degree from the School of Management. Mr. Alkins graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Business Administration.

A wedding is planned for June, 1992.

Touro Fraternal Membership Drive

If you are interested in joining Touro Fraternal Association, this year's membership drive is now on. Please contact our office and ask for Jerry Hodosh, or leave a message for Mr. Robert Miller, chairman of the membership committee. You may call us at 785-0066 or write us at Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910.

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Alexis de Tocqueville Award To The Riesmans

Robert A. and Marcia S. Riesman of Providence have received the prestigious Alexis de Tocqueville Award in recognition of their 40 years of leadership and distinguished community work. United Way of Southeastern New England's highest honor to individuals, this award recognizes the Riesmans not only for their long-standing and generous commitment to United Way but for their significant contributions to state and local government and other civic organizations.

"For their dedication to the people of this community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for enhancing the quality of life for so many Rhode Islanders," said Thomas Gilbane, United Way's chairman of the board.

Mr. Riesman has been a long-time supporter of United Way. He served as vice president and member of the executive committee, chairing the 1972 annual campaign. He said of the United Way, "No single organization has done more to improve the quality of our communal life or promote harmony among our diverse



Robert A. and Marcia S. Riesman

groups."

Some of Mrs. Riesman's community involvement includes working on the study of city government and Providence home rule through the League of Women Voters of Providence, presiding as past vice president of both the Providence and state League of Women Voters, serving as past board member and secretary of the Butler Hospital Women's

Association, and serving as past board member of the Bradley Hospital Women's Association. In addition, she was a board member of Jewish Family Service working with the elderly, family life education and on Soviet resettlement.

For a number of years, she has been very active in Planned Parenthood of R.I. and was the chairman of the organization's Information and

Education Committee. In addition, she is currently chairman of the Soviet Jewry Acculturation Committee of the Jewish Federation of R.I.

Mr. Riesman served on the board of directors and is a member of many civic, business and charitable organizations throughout the community. He was chairman of the R.I. Board of Regents for Education, is a member of Providence College's corporation where he chaired the finance committee, and currently chairs the College's President's Council. He is also a life trustee of Miriam Hospital in Providence.

In local, national and international Jewish affairs, Mr. Riesman has been president and general campaign chairman of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and state chairman of the Israel Bond campaign. He is a trustee of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the American Technion Society. He is an overseer of the Jewish Theological Seminary, a past board member of

the Council of Jewish Federations, and an honorary alumnus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He also served as national vice president of the American Israel Political Affairs Committee, trustee of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, and a member of the national executive committee of the American Jewish Committee.

Together the Riesmans are trustees of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

The Alexis de Tocqueville Society is a United Way leadership giving and recognition program founded in 1987. The Riesmans are charter members of this society. It exists to promote the vital importance of voluntary community service and personal commitment at exceptional levels. This society honors Alexis de Tocqueville, the Frenchman who in 1831 sailed into Newport, R.I., and began a journey across the nation studying the American spirit of selflessness, cooperation, and voluntary effort for the common good.

BJE To Educate Youth Through March Of The Living

The Bureau of Jewish Education has announced that it is serving as a regional coordinating agency for the March of the Living, an international program for Jewish youth. The March, to be held from April 26-May 10, 1992, will bring 5,000 eleventh and twelfth graders to Poland and Israel where they will learn firsthand about the two events which have helped to shape contemporary Jewish life: the Holocaust and the State of Israel.

Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan, Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island has served as a staff member during the first two marches held in 1988 and 1990 and will be the area coordinator for the program. In reflecting on the program's success, Samlan notes that "each participant came away from the trip a changed person with greater commitment to Judaism, to Israel, and to humanity as a whole." He points out that since each student is expected to serve as a community speaker upon his/her return. "The March has benefitted not only the individual participants, but each community which has sent students."

During a week in Poland, the group will visit historic sites in Warsaw (including Mila 18, the Ghetto Memorial, the Jewish cemetery, and the Nozyk Synagogues), Cracow (including the Jewish Quarter and the Rema Synagogue), and Lublin (including the former Yeshiva, which now is a medical school). Students also visit the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, and Majdanek.



Students visiting memorial to fallen soldiers of Israel's War for Independence on Yom Hazikaron - Israel Memorial Day, 1990.

A focal point of the trip to Poland is the actual "March," a two-mile hike from Auschwitz to Birkenau. The March, which takes place on Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), concludes with a memorial service at Birkenau.

From Poland, the group travels to Israel to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 44th Anniversary. During a week in Israel, participants will visit many sites of Israel in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Galilee, and more.

In addition to the wide range

of nationalities represented in the program, participants include Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Orthodox Jews. Kashrut is observed with services held each day for each religious grouping.

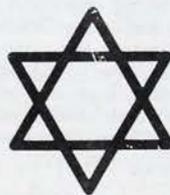
Applicants will be screened by a special committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Participating students will join in a series of pre-trip seminars and will commit to serving as speakers upon their return. For further information contact Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan at the BJE, (401) 331-0956.

Devorah Dayan Club Of Na'Amat

The next meeting of Devorah Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will be on Monday evening, October 21, at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lorraine Ageloff, 4 Nottingham Way, Pawtucket.

Report of our successful Yard Sale held a few weeks ago will be made and we will discuss other fund-raising projects in the making.

We invite all members and friends to join us for the evening to listen to a book review of *Chutzpah*, Allan Dereshowitz's latest book. Our reviewer will be Gladys Sandler and we look forward to an enjoyable evening.



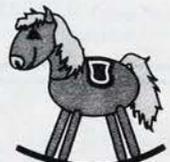
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Local News

Torat Yisrael Announces Jewish Omnibus Adult Education

Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston invites the community to share in the joys of Jewish learning, beginning Oct. 22. Our fall semester of JEWISH OMNIBUS is a selection of thought-provoking and informative classes designed to challenge the adult Jewish mind.

Classes will meet this year on Tuesday nights, with each class meeting four times to encourage full and consistent attendance.

To encourage your participation, we have set tuition at only \$15 per person, regardless of the number of classes you take.

And if you have been putting off learning Hebrew, we offer to you this very special opportunity: If "Introduction to Hebrew" is one of your courses (or the only one!), your complete tuition will be waived. We want this year to be the year you finally learn Hebrew! (Please note that Hebrew meets six weeks.)

Anyone can enroll in a Jewish Omnibus course - members of the Temple and nonmembers alike, any young person 13 or older, even non-Jewish spouses and friends who

would simply like to know more about Judaism and Jewish life. We welcome everyone!

Classes will meet on Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5 and 12, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Additional classes will meet on Wednesday mornings, 10-12.

First Hour (7:30-8:25 P.M.)

Introduction to Hebrew

Instructor: Lonna Picker

Put an end to your discomfort with Hebrew and finally resolve to learn the language of Jewish prayer. With Torat Yisrael's Educational Director as your guide, you will learn Hebrew quicker and with far less difficulty than you ever thought possible. And believe it or not, Hebrew is really not difficult, as any of our children can affirm! If you've been putting it off, now is the time to finally master the language of the Jewish people.

Being Jewish, Doing Jewish

Instructor: Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer

Judaism is such a rich and varied religious tradition that many times Jews are overwhelmed by all it contains. With the assistance of the ever-popular Rabbi Jagolinzer, participants in this class will learn

more about the "how-to's" and "why's" of Jewish life. From birth to death, Jewish rituals will be explored, with interesting insights provided about their origins and significance. This class is also highly recommended for non-Jewish spouses and friends, as it will offer a warm and unimpeccable introduction to many basic features of the Jewish experience.

The "What Page Are We on in the Prayerbook?" Blues

Instructor: Cantor Shimon Gewirtz

One of the most frustrating parts of any synagogue experience is being "lost" in the prayerbook. Is there any order to the Siddur, or is everything as disorganized as (at first glance) it often seems? Cantor Gewirtz has been teaching people about the prayerbook for years, and welcomes this opportunity to open its beauty to participants in this class. He also looks forward to sharing his love of synagogue music by introducing the class to popular melodies (and some new melodies that will undoubtedly become popular) in our congregation. Put an end to the synagogue "blues"!

Second Hour (8:35-9:30 p.m.)

Bioethical Dilemmas

Instructor: Rabbi David Rosen

So many bioethical and medical concerns confront us each day - abortion rights, autopsies, test tube fertilization and surrogate motherhood, birth control options and organ transplants. For each of these (and other) questions, Judaism does have answers. Join Rabbi Rosen as he explores these issues, presents the wisdom of Jewish teaching on them, and shows how our ancient faith

can answer even the most contemporary questions.

This is the Torah!

Instructor: Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer

The Torah is the most respected object in Jewish life, but few people understand its origin and the numerous rituals associated with its study and use. Why, for example, must a Torah be written on parchment? Why can a non-Jew handle a Torah, but not be called for an aliyah? Why is it often believed that women may not touch a Torah? Who do we believe wrote the Torah? These and other questions will be the subject of Rabbi Jagolinzer's intriguing survey of the Torah as an object of reverence and affection.

One Marriage/Two Religions

Instructor: Paul Segal

In many homes today, one partner is Jewish, the other is Christian. Together these couples are attempting to create a harmonious environment, respectful of each other's religious traditions. Invariably (and inevitably) problems can arise, especially when children enter the picture. Paul Segal is the Executive Director of the Jewish Family Service and a man who has spent many years working with interfaith couples. This class will afford couples the opportunity to share experiences with others in the same position and, with Paul Segal's assistance, move toward resolving issues that too often cause hurt and discomfort.

Gitlitz To Speak At Hillel Brunch

The Aristides de Sousa Mendes Society, in collaboration with Hillel House at Brown University, is sponsor-

ing a brunch on Sunday, October 27, 11:30 a.m., at Rapaport Hillel House, 80 Brown Street, corner of Angell and Brown Street, in Providence.

Wednesday Morning (Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 20)

Extraordinary Women of Judaism!

Instructor: Rabbi David Rosen

Time: 10-11 a.m.

From Biblical to modern times, let Rabbi Rosen be your guide in exploring the lives of the most extraordinary women to ever serve the Jewish people. From Deborah, the only woman to serve as a judge in ancient times, to Golda Meir, Modern Israel's first and only woman prime minister, their stories will be told and their impact on Jewish life examined in four stimulating sessions. The informal setting will be enhanced with complimentary coffee and pastry each week. Participants are asked to bring a copy of the Bible with them to class.

Short Stories Studies and Savored

Instructor: Hana Berman

Time: 11-12 noon

For sheer reading pleasure, nothing can match the emotion and the beauty of the Jewish short story. Whether describing life in the shtetl or in modern America, the short story is blessed with the ability to impart powerful emotions in only a few short pages. Hana Berman, the Torat Yisrael Librarian, has selected several of her favorite titles to share with participants in what promises to be a stimulating and provocative hour.

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ing a brunch on Sunday, October 27, 11:30 a.m., at Rapaport Hillel House, 80 Brown Street, corner of Angell and Brown Street, in Providence.

David Gitlitz, Ph.D., Professor of Spanish at the University of Rhode Island, will speak about "Mixed Marriages and Assimilation among Convert Jews in Spain and Portugal during the 14th and 15th Centuries."

Dr. Gitlitz is currently writing an ethnography of Marrano religious customs. Marranos were those converts to Catholicism whose descendants persisted to some degree in Jewish custom. Even today, evidence of Jewish customs among Marrano descendants are being discovered in Portugal, Madeira, the Azores, Cape Verde Islands, Brazil, Peru, Italy, Mexico, New Mexico and New England.

The Aristides de Sousa Mendes Society is an interfaith multi-cultural group interested in studying the genealogy, history and culture of people of Iberian Jewish descent. It is named in honor of Dr. Aristides de Sousa Mendes de Amaral e Abranches, a devoted Catholic Portuguese diplomat who at great risk to his life saved thousands of Jews from the Gestapo during World War II.

The public is cordially invited to attend the brunch, for which a nominal fee will be charged. Please call Hillel House at 863-2805 for reservations.

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Finding Friendship While Remembering Those Who Died



Lost to each other since childhood days in prewar Poland, Irka Gastfreund, left, and Annette Nachtigal found each other saying Yizkor at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Yizkor services, remembering those who have died, often brings intense feelings of sadness and loss. But during the service held at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum in September, there was joy.

Mrs. Annette Nachtigal attended the service with her daughter, Lilliane Birch, co-chair of Second Generation. Born in Cracow, Mrs. Nachtigal joined a conversation when she heard someone speaking in Polish. Pleasantries were exchanged and questions asked. Mrs. Nachtigal, an Auschwitz survivor, was speaking to Mrs. Irka Gastfreund. The two women had known each other in pre-war Poland, where they had been close high school friends. But in the throes of the war, they lost contact. Decades later, after living through the Holocaust, they found each other saying Yizkor at the Museum.

"Reflections On A Visit To Israel" At Torat Yisrael

Jeanette Cohen will speak at the Friday night Shabbat Service October 18 at 8 p.m.

Jeanette Cohen is a student who spent 5½ weeks this past summer in Israel which included: 2 weeks working on a Kibbutz, living in dorms with Israeli students, spending a week touring Jerusalem, swimming in the Dead Sea, and a home stay with relatives in Israel.

Jeanette's topic will be "Reflections on a Visit to Israel." Jeanette received partial funding through an Israel grant through the Bureau of Jewish Education in Providence. The trip was organized through Masada, a program of the Zionist Organization of America.

Touro Fraternal Calendar

Members of Touro please make note of the dates listed below.

October 23 - 6:30 p.m. at Touro Hall, hot dog and bean supper with live entertainment, a great stand-up comic.

November 20 - 6:30 p.m. at Touro Hall, spaghetti and meatball dinner with sports movies.

December 8 - At a time to be announced but to be held at Touro Hall - Our annual members' children and grandchildren super Chanukah party. Members, bring your kids for a

super good time. From this experience, Jeanette received a true sense of Jewish identity as to who she was and where she came from. The program intrigued her to attend Midrasa Hebrew High. Rabbi David Rosen will respond with his topic: "An Open Letter to Yitzhak Shamir, the Settlements, Peace Talks and the \$10 Billion Guarantees."

Jeanette is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Cohen of East Greenwich and a sophomore at East Greenwich High School. Her hobbies and interests include playing Varsity Field Hockey, being a cheerleader at East Greenwich High, a member of the Environmental Club, and enjoying and participating in ballet and jazz dance.

super good time.

December 18 - 6:30 p.m. at Touro Hall, initiation of new members with a short meeting and then latkes and blintzes.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

Friday, October 18 - Ten days in Marcheshvan. Candle-lighting is at 5:40 p.m.

Saturday, October 19 - Eleven days in Marcheshvan. The Torah reading is P'Lech-Lecho.

Shacharis - Morning services are at 8:30 a.m., followed by kiddush.

Shabbos ends at 6:40 p.m. Havdalah is at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, October 20 - Morning services are at 7:45 a.m. with our customary mini-breakfast following.

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

and Friday are at 6:45 a.m.

No Linkage

It has been more than three decades since an American Administration tried to coerce the Israeli government in changing its policies by threatening to withhold aid. Congress then vigorously opposed and refused to support President Eisenhower's efforts to make this connection.

Now Bush Administration officials warn that its support for absorption guarantees will depend on Israel changing its settlement policy. This is relating a purely humanitarian program with a totally unrelated

issue.

No administration official has warned the Arab states that they will face economic sanctions or be barred from receiving arms for intransigence. Ironically, the U.S. has offered to extend trade benefits to China despite its flagrant abuses of human rights and sales of ballistic missiles to the Middle East. It recently approved \$1 billion in loan guarantees to the U.S.S.R. Moreover none of these countries are allies to the U.S.

The U.S. seems to believe that linkage only should apply to Israel. Even if aid to every

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Finally, Study Hebrew In Providence

After much effort and with much excitement, the Jewish Learning Exchange at Beth Sholom is proud to announce the formation of "The Providence Hebrew Ulpan" to begin this Fall. People who until now have to travel to Boston to study in an Ulpan (a special language learning program) will now have the opportunity to do so just a few blocks from home.

The Ulpan will be taught by a well trained and highly experienced staff. On Monday nights from 7-8:30 p.m., Ruth Adler, visiting Lecturer of Hebrew at Brown University, will run an Ulpan for those on a Beginner/Intermediate speaking level. Wednesday nights from 7:30-9 p.m., Ada Paldor,

a trained linguist with vast experience in Hebrew teaching throughout the world, will run the Advanced Ulpan class for those who already have Hebrew speaking capabilities. All classes will place an emphasis on skills necessary to speak modern Hebrew (i.e. the program is not geared to Biblical or "Prayer-book" Hebrew).

The Ulpan is a full-year program. The cost per semester (approximately 9-10 weeks) is \$75.

The Jewish Learning Exchange is an Adult Jewish education program sponsored by Congregation Beth Sholom for the entire community. Classes in Bible, Jewish thought, Israel, beginners courses in Judaism, and much more are offered in a creative and interesting fashion.

Whether you are affiliated with Beth Sholom, another synagogue, or none at all, you are welcome and urged to attend. The first night of classes will be Wednesday, October 16, and it's not too late to join in. Please call 331-9393 for a course catalogue and further information.

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Adult Education At Temple Shalom

The fall semester of Adult Education of Temple Shalom of Middletown will commence on Monday evening, October 21, at 7:15 p.m.

During the first session, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will offer a course for those who would like to learn in preparation for an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. At this same time, Barbara Jagolinzer will teach a Beginner's Hebrew Course.

Following a break from 8-8:15 p.m. the following guest speakers will make presentations on the following evenings:

October 21 - "The Discovery of the Marranos of Rhode Island." Professor Al Rubin, president, Aristides de Sousa Mendes Society. Since the Inquisition, in 1492, there have been Jews who have lived outwardly as Christians and secretly as Jews. Come find out about those persons living right here in our State.

October 28 - "Being Able to Afford Growing Old," Dr. Joseph Blumen.

November 13 - "The State of Our State," Senator June Gibbs.

November 26 - "The Danger of Waiting for Kuwait"

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Fall Activities At PHDS



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Aside from the Jewish chagim, which have kept us all very busy, the fall line-up of activities at Providence Hebrew Day School have been enthusiastically attended.

During the holiday of Succot, we had our annual Succah Event. This year Sparky's Puppets gave a well-received performance and then the children enjoyed refreshments under the stars in the school succah.

Succah-hopping also took place during the intermediary days. Students and teachers were seen on a sunny day walking to neighborhood suc-

cot to enjoy the unusual and original architectural designs and decorations, as well as the hospitality of their owners.

Apple picking at Steere Orchards in Greenville, R.I., was a sweet way to end the holiday. The kindergarten and first grade classes visited the orchards and also had the opportunity to see the cold-storage and apple sorting rooms. Fresh, crisp apples were a delightful treat to bring home.

We look forward to many more exciting activities in the near future.

October At The JCCRI: Week 18-24

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, is a valuable resource to members of the community, young and old alike. Whether it be a place to exercise, to attend enrichment classes, to learn English or to enjoy fine art, the Center offers a wide variety of exciting programming. The following list highlights activities that will be held during the week of October 18-24. For further information, please call 861-8800 and ask for the person indicated.

Computer Nights

A series of beginner computer courses, taught by members of the Providence IBM User's Group of the Boston Computer Society is scheduled on Wednesday evenings this fall from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The courses will be in a discussion/demonstration format without hands-on usage. Each of the courses offered is independent of the others, so participants may take one or as

many as they wish.

"How to Buy Hardware and Software" will meet October 23 and repeat on November 13. Participants will learn the language of computers - RAM, ROM, Bits, Bytes, hard and floppy disks, drives, CGA, VGA, monitors, etc. Various types of software will be discussed to help one decide which is best for his/her needs.

Upcoming courses will meet as follows: "Introduction to the PC" will meet on November 6 (repeated from September 25). "Introduction to DOS" will meet on November 20 (repeated from October 2). "Introduction to Word Processing" will meet on November 27 (repeated from October 9). "Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases" will meet December 4 (repeated from October 16).

Fees are \$12 for full and supporting members; \$15 for nonmembers. Call Assistant Executive Director Vivian Weisman for details.

Kosher Mealsite

Seniors are invited to join a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon at the JCCRI Kosher Mealsite. The doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. A women's group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played on Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs. The following programs are scheduled:

Friday, October 18 - VCR program, "Portrait of Albert Einstein," 11 a.m., Shabbat
Sunday, October 20 - VCR program, "Biography - Prince Charles," 11 a.m.

For details on this month's calendar of events, please call Sandy Bass.

Helping The Next to Arrive

"My family came from Russia at the beginning of the century. Somebody must have helped them - an agency, other members of the community, family. Everybody can use a hand."

M. Charles Bakst

Perhaps it is out of respect for their grandparents struggles, or the echo of a familiar accent. It could arise from a spiritual sense of connectedness that links the past with the present. Whatever the motive, local descendants of Russian Jews are helping a new generation of Soviet emigres make the transition to life in America a little easier and more comfortable.

Support for the newcomers takes various forms and can often touch those who give, as well as the recipients. When M. Charles Bakst and his cousin Margery Feldman Kelly faced the task of dissolving their elderly aunt's and uncle's apartment, they chose to make it an act of generosity and kindness. They donated the furnishings - lamps, sofas, beds and dishes to Jewish Family Service's resettlement furniture drive. A bowl and cleaver used for making chopped liver, a set of electric Shabbas candlesticks - the furnishings of Soviet Jews who had arrived in the area at the turn of the century would go



Merrill Percelay, volunteer and "logistician" and Jewish Family Service Resettlement/Job and Volunteer Coordinator Temma Holland pause in front of Charles Samdperil's truck during a furniture pick-up.

into the apartments of Soviet Jews settling in Rhode Island at that century's end.

"I thought someone could use this furniture. If it was Soviet Jews, so much the better," commented Mr. Bakst. A call to Jewish Family Service Executive Director Paul L. Segal was all that was needed to put the wheels into motion. Temma Holland, JFS resettlement job/volunteer coordinator and Merrill Percelay, volunteer, organized a furniture pick-up. With a truck made available by Charles Samdperil

and a willing crew of Soviet emigres - Yuri Kalita, Anatoly Rozman, Gersh and Alex Yanko and Alex Raikman - boxes and furniture were transported to a warehouse (space was donated by Harris Rosen); all except for a bed for a little girl who had been sleeping on a cot since she arrived.

As his relatives' apartment was emptied, Mr. Bakst thought aloud. "I wonder who was there to help them when they arrived."

Holocaust Survivor's

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Jews into the sea. According to Stephen M. Schweber, the U.S. judge on the International Court of Justice, Israel is not obligated to give up these territories, acquired by means of victory in the 1967 war.

I am confident that the current tensions between Washington and Israel will be resolved in a manner similar to the manner in which disputes between good friends are settled. As for Patri Buchanan, who had the audacity to call the United States Congress "a parliament of whores," he and others like him will be swept away in the dustpan of history. Someday Israel will be accepted as a nation in the Middle East and will live in peace with its neighbors.

Don't drink and drive

Rhode Island Hadassah Opening

The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will officially open its Central Headquarters on Tuesday, October 22, at 7 p.m., 1150 New London Avenue in Cranston. Official greetings will be presented by Judy Trieff, Western New England Region President and Ruth Zimble, National Board Member of Hadassah. Diane Ducoff,

President of the Chapter said, "the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah will provide professional support for all the volunteers and will serve as a resource for all the Hadassah groups throughout the state."

For further information on attending the opening, or membership in Hadassah, call 463-3636.

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Schechter Students Conduct Current Events Parent Poll

Sixth grade students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School have, with the help of their Social Studies teacher Deborah Miller, initiated *The Parent Poll*...

The *Parent Poll* is a monthly publication which seeks "to inform the students what adults (namely parents) think about issues that will affect our future."

Each week Mrs. Miller chooses a controversial topic or issue. The students read relevant newspaper articles and then discuss various aspects of the question in class. Their further assignment is to interview adults (parents, grandparents, etc.) to determine their thoughts and opinions on the same issues. The students record their interviews in their journals and compile the various answers that they have received.

The first issue of *The Parent Poll* is hot off the press. Two questions were examined: "Should the Soviet Union stay united or should the Republics become independent?" and "If chosen, will Clarence Thomas be an effective Supreme Court Judge?" Twenty-four adults were surveyed.

In answer to the first question, 8 felt that the Soviet Union should remain united, 15 recommended independence, and 1 was not sure. Parents in favor of union were quoted as saying: "The USSR should stay united because of

its nuclear capabilities. We cannot have these weapons in the hands of so many unstable countries," "The country should remain united so it stays a great power," and "The USSR needs to stay united to keep food flowing into nonagricultural areas."

Those favoring independence said: "The republics are divided by language and culture. For this reason, they should be distinct countries," and "The country should allow each republic independence because the people should be able to choose the type of government or representation they want."

On the question of Clarence Thomas's effectiveness, 5 parents felt that he would be effective on the bench, 17 said no, and 2 were undecided. Favorable comments cited his record on the Court of Appeals as well as the fact that he is a hard worker and overcame a childhood of poverty. Negative comments expressed concern about his stand on women's issues and affirmative action as well as Thomas's perceived inconsistencies.

According to teacher Deborah Miller, "This project has been very exciting for us all. It emphasizes the importance of keeping up with current events and, more importantly, encourages communication between parents and children on issues which are crucial to us all."

Patinkin At Temple Am David

Mark Patinkin, local and national syndicated columnist, will be the featured speaker Sunday, October 27, at Temple Am David, Warwick, R.I. Beginning at 4 p.m., he will speak about his recent trip to Israel. A New York Style Deli will follow his presentation.

Patinkin's popular column appears in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* and is syndicated nationally by Scripps-Howard News Service. His travels are well documented. He has written several newspa-

per articles related to his travels and has also written *An African Journey* which is about his time spent in a country marred with famine. His several newspaper articles have received international recognition. He was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in international reporting. In addition, Patinkin is co-author with Ira Magaziner, of the best selling book *The Silent War*, a look at corporate decision making.

The event is being sponsored by Temple Am David

Men's Club. Reservations, which are strongly recommended before October 19, can be made by calling the temple office at 463-7944. The program is an effort to increase the men's club membership as well as provide an evening of good entertainment. Therefore, the cost for the evening is \$15, which includes optional membership to the men's club for one year. Spouse or additional guests are \$10.

Temple Am David is located at 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, R.I.

Looking At Roots Of Anti-Semitism, Revisionism, Hidden Children

Adolescence is a time of rebellion and turmoil. It is also a time for discovery of the self and how one relates to the world. For teachers who want to help their students think about their behavior's impact, not only on their own lives but on society, the "Facing History and Ourselves Workshop" sponsored by the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum is invaluable.

The workshop, to be held November 5 and 6 at the Museum, will use small group discussion, lecture and video-

tapes. Invited speakers include University of Connecticut Professor Nechama Tec who will speak on her experience as a hidden child; Holocaust survivor Esther Gens from Boston as well as several Rhode Island survivors; Director of Holocaust Survivors and Friends in Pursuit of Justice, Shelley Shapiro, who will speak about her fight against revisionists.

A session about the roots of anti-Semitism will be led by Father Robert Bullock, a Catholic priest. This moving and thought-provoking workshop

is open to all. Pre-registration is required.

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum is located in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm-grove Avenue in Providence. An invaluable resource, the Museum strives to end bigotry and discrimination through outreach education programs, exhibits, its lending library of books and video tapes, as well as community awareness programs. For further information about the Museum and its services or to pre-register for the upcoming Facing History workshop, contact Curator Beth Cohen at 861-8800.

Pawtucket - Central Falls Hadassah

Youth Aliyah, the worldwide rescue movement based in Israel, will be the beneficiary of the annual fashion show, "An Evening of Fashion," presented by the Pawtucket-Central Falls Hadassah on Monday, October 28, at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence.

The proceeds of the event will benefit Hadassah's commitment to Youth Aliyah for the education, rehabilitation and vocational training of young people who emigrate to Israel from all over the world.

Fashions will be modeled by Hadassah members. Claudia

Mills from Dorothy Williams, who is presenting the fashions, will be the commentator.

Co-chairpersons are Barbara Block and Jan Ziegler. Their committee includes treasurer, Gert Max; models, Ann Gaffin; posters, Susie Zucker; decorations, Ruth Kimmel; publicity, Lila Winograd; ex-officio, Ruth Shein.

Dessert will be served at 7:15 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$12 and will be available at the door. Several door prizes will be awarded.

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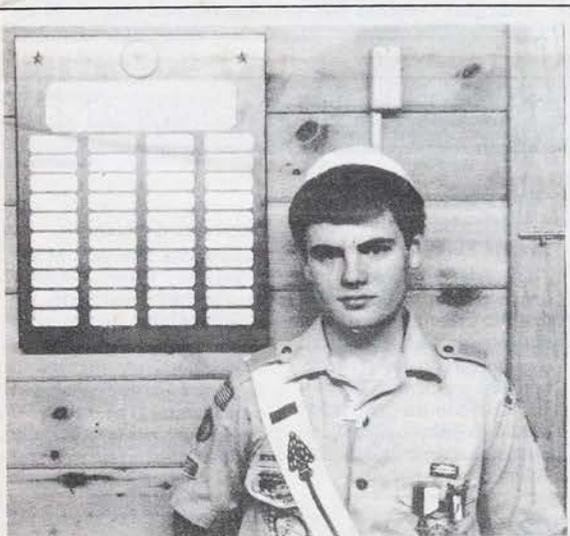
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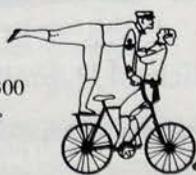
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Obituaries

UNVEILING

Unveiling of a monument in memory of the late Manfred Seiden will take place Sunday, October 27, 1991, at 1 p.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick, R.I. Relatives and friends are invited.

ARLINE S. BUCKLER
CRANSTON — Arline S. Buckler, 67, of 42 Fernbrook Court, an office manager for Printers Service and Supply Co., Providence, for more than 35 years, died Thursday, October 10, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of David L. Buckler.

Born in Fall River, Mass., a daughter of the late Boris and Eva (Krasnow) Sigal, she lived in Cranston for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Buckler was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, a life member of Hadassah and a past president of Hadassah.

She leaves a daughter, Bette Ann Berk of Cranston; and a brother, Jason Sigal of Somerset, Mass.

The funeral service was held

Friday, October 11, in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

LEONARD G. KIMBALL
PAWTUCKET — Leonard G. Kimball, 77, of 146 Ridge St., a grocery merchant in New Haven, Conn., for many years before retiring more than 10 years ago, died Sunday, October 13, 1991, at home. He was the husband of Ruth (Strolsky) Kimball.

Born in Lynn, Mass., a son of the late Leon G. and Ethel (Lewis) Kimball, he moved to Pawtucket nine years ago.

Mr. Kimball was a member of Temple Emmanu-El, and its Leisure Club. He was a mem-

ber of Redwood Lodge 35 AF & AM, the B'nai B'rith, and the Swansea Country Club.

Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Dr. Lorraine Baxter of West Palm Beach, Fla. He was brother of the late Aillen McIlvinn.

A graveside service was held Monday, October 14, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

RUTH D. KNIAGER

PROVIDENCE — Ruth D. Kniager, 68, of Lancaster Street, died Tuesday, October 8, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Nathan Kniager.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Elya and Jennie Levy, she lived in Providence since childhood.

Mrs. Kniager was a member of Temple Emanu-El. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and a volunteer worker at Miriam Hospital, and the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild, Cranston, and the Warwick Senior Guild. She was a past president of the Temple Beth David Mothers' Association.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Fredda B. Sherman of Randolph, Mass.; a sister, Bessie Bram-Soifer of Providence; two brothers, Al Soper in California, Lawrence Schnopper of New York, and two grandchildren. The funeral service was held

Friday, October 11, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ABRAHAM PERCELAY

PROVIDENCE — Abraham M. Percelay, 91, of 60 Broadway, died Wednesday, October 9, 1991, at the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was the husband of Natalie (Fisher) Percelay.

Born in Lawrence, Mass., a son of the late Max and Tillie (Blake) Percelay, he lived in Providence for 41 years. He previously lived in Pawtucket.

Mr. Percelay was founder and operator for 40 years of the former Associated Textiles Co. plants in Woonsocket, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Taunton, Mass., and Webster, Mass. He was also founder and operator for 25 years of the former Associated Machinery Co., Pawtucket, until retiring three years ago.

In 1941 Mr. Percelay was inducted as an honorary member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity at Brown University. He was

also a life member of the R.I. Jewish Historical Society.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, and a past board member. He was a past board member of Miriam Hospital, and the Jewish Home for the Aged. He was a national patron of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and was a member of Barney Merry Lodge AF & AM, Pawtucket. He was a member of the Providence Hebrew Day School, the Alperin-Schechter Day School, and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was a former member of Ledge-mont Country Club.

Besides his wife he leaves two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was father of the late Maureen Percelay Zusy, and brother of the late Jacob and Joseph Percelay.

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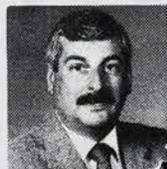
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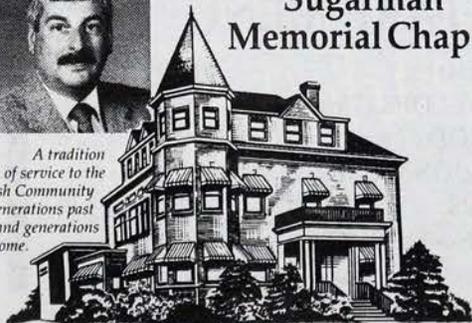
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Various Clubs Meet at Jewish Center

An organized program of club and class activities is under way at the Jewish Community Center, according to David Kahn, club director. Groups now functioning include the Journalism Club, the Center Guild, Graphic Arts Class, and various other clubs.

Croatia Executes Jews

The official news agency in a dispatch from Zagreb said that the Croatian Minister of the Interior had announced the court-martial and execution last week of 50 "Jews and Communists" as "intellectual perpetrators" of a recent explosion in the Zagreb Telephone Exchange.

U.S. Nazi-Germans

Only about 5 percent of the 7,000,000 German-Americans in the United States are outright Nazis. According to one authority, another 5 percent are actively engaged in fighting Nazi influence and propaganda. The other 90 percent are either politically indifferent or afraid to take a stand, the report stated.

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country was conditioned, it would still be wrong in this case. Absorption guarantees are not like other forms of aid. They are a means of providing humanitarian help to an ally.

The U.S. was in the forefront of the struggle to obtain freedom for Soviet and Ethiopian Jews. It cannot abandon them. Other nations have recently offered loan guarantees to Israel. It is unconceivable that the U.S. would not do the same!!

We would like to hear from you.

(Almost every border in the Middle East, from Libya to Pakistan, from Turkey to Yemen, is either ill-defined or in dispute. The only border that warrants media attention, however, is the one involving Israel and its neighbors, WHY?)

Kosher Mealsites

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sphere where they can get together, talk, be comfortable, and relax," Bavin observed.

The Temple Torat Yisrael site also offers valuable recreational and support services to its seniors. A social worker from Jewish Family Services (JFS) visits periodically and conducts a very active and lively discussion group. Speakers are also frequently invited to talk with members. Jewish Family Services marks special Jewish holidays such as Seder, Rosh Hashana, and Yom Kippur at the mealsite. Gladys Kaplan of JFS coordinates programs at the mealsite.

During May, the temple mealsite marked its tenth anniversary. Bavin was quick to praise temple leaders for their cooperation and support over the past decade. "Rabbi David Rosen and his staff have been very generous and helpful to us over the years," Bavin noted. "We are grateful for his support, care,

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Arnold's Marine Serves Community Over 50 Years

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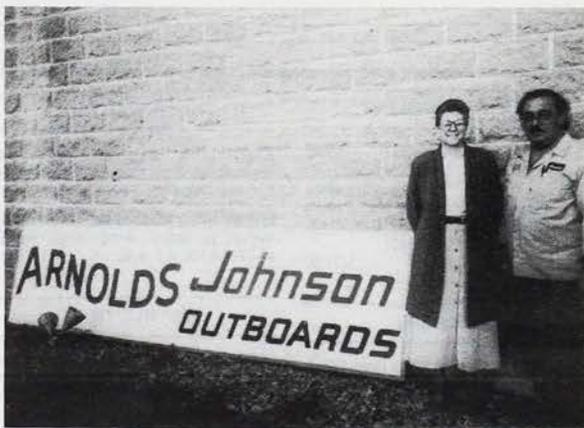
Summer's gone and with it went the fun recreational activities like waterskiing, fishing, or just boating around with friends for relaxation. However, we live in New England, and the boating season may reach well into the winter depending on the weather. Many people depend on fishing as a means of income.

But, whether you're a recreational boater or a professional fisherman, you want your outboard to start every time. And high engine performance can depend on the regular maintenance you give your machine. A boat engine is very much like a car's engine, in that there are certain winterizing steps that need to be followed, such as changing the gear lube, treating the gas, and fogging the motor

out to coat the inside of the engine. These service tips come from a couple who know their outboard motors like the backs of their hands.

Bill and Charlene Perry, owners of **Arnold's Marine**, Cranston, can help you protect your boat's outboard this winter. But, there's more to their well-oiled, 50-year-old company than that. Their main business is repairing and selling outboards.

Bill, who handles customer service and repairs, was raised on a farm at the west end of Coventry where "you learned to fix everything" from motorcycles and automobiles to air compressors and outboards. Just before purchasing Arnold's, Bill was working on air compressors and industrial boilers that processed steam for mills. Charlene, "the boss,"



Charlene and Bill Perry.

handles the bookkeeping, ordering and general management of the business.

In the spring of 1987, John Lang, a close friend of the Perrys and the previous owner of Arnold's Marine, was about to sell the company.

Bill explains the relationship and history behind Arnold's. "The purchasing of this company happened very quickly. ...We found out John was selling and I had worked for this guy (Lang) years ago when I was about 25 for about 5 years. Our families have always known each other. My father sold him his house. And my father and his father used to ride motorcycles together. This (Arnold's Marine) used to be part of Arnold's Motorcycles in Providence. When Mr. Arnold

passed away they split the motorcycles and outboard business. This fellow (John Lang) took over the outboard business and someone else took the motorcycle half."

The buy out was simple because the Perrys would still have the same customer base, the company's large inventory and, on top of that, the financing was already arranged by Lang. What better opportunity could a family have?

The arrangements were made to buy the company within weeks of their decision.

Arnold's originally started on Broad Street just off Friendship Street in Providence. The Lang family then relocated their business to Niantic Avenue, Cranston, where it remained and in 1987 the Perrys took

over. Just last month the Perrys relocated to a more convenient location — 140 Comstock Parkway, Cranston. Already several new customers have dropped in from route 14.

Arnold's is authorized to sell and repair over 50 Johnson outboards and they carry all the necessary Johnson parts, too. The company also repairs all Evinrude motors. Johnson and Evinrude are products by Outboard Marine Corporation (OMC) but are created and distributed by different companies.

The Perrys have a son, Craig, 21, and a daughter, Danyelle, 18, who both help out in the business whenever they can. While Craig knows some mechanical work, he basically performs the company's maintenance jobs and may go to service school in the future. When Danyelle isn't taking care of her new child, Joshua, she helps with office details.

December through February is when most people winterize their outboards. According to OMC, today's grade of gas has decreased because companies add alcohol to make it burn quicker. Bill wants to remind you to protect your outboard from bad gas. To do so you need to run treated gas with a fuel conditioner through your motor so the inside is shielded from rust. Then, when you're ready to put your engine to rest, throw a dust cover over it to keep out foreign particles.

Follow these steps and next season you'll be the proud owner of a healthy outboard. For more advice on your boat's motor contact Bill and Charlene at **Arnold's Marine** in Cranston.

The Society of Friends

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more involved. I hope to acquaint all the citizens in the state of Rhode Island with our activities, to invite them to visit the beautiful synagogue in Newport."

This year marks the 200th anniversary of The Bill of Rights. Recently, the H.M.S. Rose made a stop in Rhode Island on its tour of the United States of America promoting the Bill of Rights. Temkin participated in the formal welcoming of the H.M.S. Rose and was interested to see in the bound booklet presented to visitors that George Washington's letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport is quoted.

"I think one of the reasons that the letter is so important," reflects Temkin, "is because it is tied into the issue of religious freedom. George Washington visited us over two hundred

years ago, and we still to this day remember his beautiful address that he gave at our synagogue.

"It is interesting to note that we have members of other faiths on our board of directors. We have a number of upstanding leaders of the Newport community and people from other parts of the country. Serving on our board are Senator Pell, Governor Sundlun, and Congressman Machtley. We have representatives from over twenty-five states plus Israel!"

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Koch

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columns for the *New York Post* and hosts a television program and a radio show.

Koch touched upon several national and international current events such as AIDS.

He said, "In the United States, more than 100,000 people have died since the disease was reported 10 years ago; roughly 10,000 a year die of AIDS." He balked at the amount of money the U.S. has spent in research — \$1.1 billion — compared to smaller countries which have spent \$1.4 billion.

He claimed, however, to be opposed to testing doctors for AIDS because the cost for test-

ing for the HIV virus would cost an overwhelming and unnecessary \$250 million a year. "It makes no sense to spend that kind of money when such a miniscule number of people are catching AIDS [from doctors]."

After his speech Mr. Koch took questions from the audience. On Governor Sundlun's performance he said: "I have no advice for the governor, he's doing a good job." He was not so kind to Donald Trump: "A disgusting person." The Judge Thomas sexual harassment controversy: "A phony issue." And of the Democrats' chances of getting back the White House: "Someday, the Messiah will come."

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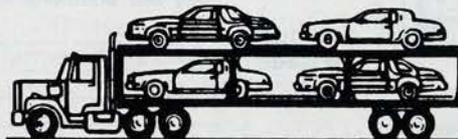
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