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## Kristallnacht Remembered!

### Nechama Tec at the JCC

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Elegant in a black and white checked suit, a silver-haired, compact, competent and candid person, Nechama Tec smiled with poise as she delivered her lecture with deliberation but without notes. She spoke only briefly of her own life as a hidden child. She said she waited thirty years before she could begin to deal with her past. A question haunted her. What kind of soul, in anti-Semitic, occupied Poland, would risk the terrible reprisals — the slaughter of an entire family, infants included — to rescue a Jewish child?

The quest landed her back in Poland to drive her research. "Rescuers shared nothing in common in terms of class, level of education, or anything you could classify." But, she went on, the rare heroic type did have a profile. She sketched out the life of a villager named Jan. A little guy, slight of build, a loner with a reputation for doing good deeds but went his own way. He made no plans, he didn't get set for action. Jan, a recluse and a reader, happened to see a little red-haired girl being dragged away,



Nechama Tec

turned to over the Gestapo and to death. He ran over and shouted, "She is no Jew, she is my cousin's child!" He lifted her up onto his cart off to his house — to the shocked silence of the crowd. He took in a man and his daughter on another occasion, and kept them safe for 19 months.

Nechama Tec made no case that Jan was a common example of Polish response to the Nazis. But he happened, he helped, he offers us hope.

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## Palestinians List Demands On Israel

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli officials are reported to be furious over 25 demands the Palestinian leadership is said to have conveyed to the United States and Soviet Union as conditions for bilateral negotiations with Israel.

Israel's political leadership has dismissed them as "cheap Arab propaganda," which can only poison the atmosphere before the substantive phase of peace talks begins, Ma'ariv reported recently.

According to the Israeli daily, the document presented to the two powers that jointly

sponsored the Madrid peace conference is titled "Confidence-Building Measures Demanded From Israel With the Convening of the Peace Conference."

The signatories are Faisal Hussein, Hanan Ashrawi and Zakaria al-Agha. They are members of the unofficial panel of six advisers that accompanied the Palestinian negotiating team to Madrid, but not of the delegation itself, which had a cordial first round of direct talks with the Israelis in Madrid on Nov. 2.

According to Ma'ariv, the 25 demands are:

1. An Israeli commitment to fully apply the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 to the territories it administers.

2. The fulfillment of U.N. Security Council resolutions relating to the return of Palestinians expelled from the territories.

3. Suspension of the Emergency Regulations, which are a holdover from the British Mandate of Palestine.

4. A reduction of the Israel Defense Force presence in all Palestinian cities, towns and refugee camps.

5. The granting of all mem-  
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## A Religious-Naval Bridge



Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro giving a tour of Touro Synagogue to Navy chaplains.

## Hans Heimann Recalls The Year 1938



Hans Heimann

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

On Friday, November 8, Hans Heimann, a Holocaust survivor, gave a moving speech to the congregation of Temple Torat Yisrael. The subject was "Kristallnacht," the night in 1938 when the German people unleashed a violent campaign

of hatred against Jewish people.

A campaign that would end only with the complete devastation of Europe. A campaign that would climax with the most abhorrent cruelty ever witnessed in modern times.

Mr. Heimann drew on first-hand experience for his speech. His father was an importer of millinery in Vienna at the time and this made him an obvious target. Heimann spoke of a "liquidator" by the name of Victor Maschek who was sent by the German government to "Aryanize" the Heimann family business. Mr. Heimann credits Viktor Maschek with saving his family's lives and possessions.

Many of the Heimann's neighbors were not so lucky: "In Vienna, where I lived with my parents, Gestapo headquarters was in the Hotel Metropole. Many of our friends  
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Very soon after Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro started his tenure at Touro Synagogue of Newport, RI, he realized that there were two unique institutions in Newport — his synagogue, the oldest synagogue in continental North America, and the Newport Naval Base.

Although the Naval Base had been reduced in recent years, it still contained many special features and departments, such as the National Naval War College, and various specialty schools, like the Naval Law School. It also was the home for the National Naval Chaplaincy School.

In conjunction with the Chaplaincy School, he started a program called "The Touro Synagogue-Newport Naval Base Bridge Project." It included several items aimed at building a stronger bond between the two groups.

A very successful ongoing program of presenting synagogue tour visits and explana-

tory talks for each class of entering chaplains was instituted by Rabbi Shapiro. The chaplains are given both a historical background of the synagogue and its Marrano founders, as well as an explanation of the significance of various parts of the sanctuary.

The most recent visit by the class of chaplains featured the presentation to each chaplain of a copy of the famous George Washington Letter, which was sent to Touro Synagogue in 1790, after Washington's visit to the synagogue. In addition to the class of chaplains, the two directors of the school, Commanders Esterbrook and Williams, attended the program and were given copies of the letter.

Rabbi Shapiro also wrote a short booklet as an outline of Jewish practices and traditions for the chaplains, entitled "A Guide to Judaism for Naval Chaplains." These are distributed to each class of chap-

lains at the school. He has also delivered a series of lectures on Judaism at the Chaplaincy School and has served as a consultant on Jewish matters for the base.

Several of the Chaplains have also participated in some Touro Adult Education programs and have been guests for some Touro Oneg Shabbat programs. Jewish personnel on the base have been extended invitations to attend religious services at the synagogue. This year a contingent of Jewish naval officers attended the High Holiday services as guests of Rabbi Shapiro, and they were very appreciative of the hospitality that was afforded them.

Another element, which is believed will further cement the relationship between the synagogue and the base, has been the recent appointment of Rabbi Aryeh Oberstein as the Jewish Base Chaplain. Rabbi  
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# Inside the Ocean State

## Donors Needed!

The Rhode Island Blood Center is issuing a public appeal for blood donors to help boost the state's supplies. All blood types, especially type O, are urgently needed.

Major surgeries and patients requiring blood have increased over the past six weeks. Although routine collections have been strong, the Center has been unable to meet the increased demand.

Transfusions were up by approximately 20 percent for the month of October and early November, requiring an additional 600 units of blood above anticipated levels.

Hospitals have indicated that they are on the verge of canceling elective surgeries because of the short supply.

The Blood Center is making every effort to increase the number of donations and is ap-

pealing to the public to help in this urgent situation.

With the holiday weekend approaching, Dr. Ronald Yankee, Blood Center Director, adds, "The state's blood supply is reaching critically low levels. About 600 additional donations are needed over the next few days to increase the blood supply to a safe level."

The Rhode Island Blood Center, located at 405 Promenade Street, is open for donations Monday and Friday, 7:30-3:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am-8:00 pm, and Saturday, 8:00 am-2:30 pm. Blood drives open to the public are held daily around the state. For more information call the Rhode Island Blood center at 1-800-283-8385 or 863-8360.

## Free Immunizations To Pre-Schoolers

Rhode Island Hospital's Department of Pediatrics will provide free immunizations against one or more diseases for pre-schoolers on Thursday, November 21, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the hospital's pediatric primary care clinic located on the fifth floor of the Ambulatory Patient Center. Children who haven't been fully vaccinated against serious diseases such as measles, polio, and HiB (a potentially fatal form of flu) may be at risk of developing those diseases. Parents are asked to bring their children's immunization records.

During the next six months, the hospital will be providing free immunizations on the third Thursday of the month from 4 to 8 p.m.

In general, doctors recommend that children receive regular check-ups and vaccinations at the following ages: two, four, six, twelve and eighteen months and at four, eleven and sixteen years of age. The program provides free vaccinations to children of families who don't have health insurance or cannot afford to see a physician.

## Brown Events

### Brown University Orchestra Will Perform Symphony and Suite

The Brown University Orchestra will continue its 1991-92 season at 8:30 pm, Friday, Nov. 15, in Sayles Hall, located on the College Green. The ensemble, under the direction of conductor and music director Paul Phillips, will play Bartok's

Dance Suite and Brahms' Symphony No. 2. The program will be repeated at 3:00 pm, Sunday, Nov. 17, in Sayles Hall. Tickets — priced at \$3 for those with Brown University identification and \$6 for others — are available in Room 101 of the Orwig Music Building, 1 Young Orchard Avenue, one week before the concert. Tickets also

may be purchased at the door. The Brown University Orchestra season will continue Dec. 5 with an all-Mozart concert commemorating the anniversary of the composer's death on Dec. 5, 1791. The concert will feature the Brown Chamber Music Society and will include a performance of Mozart's Requiem.

## RISD Events

Saturday, November 16 — **Concert.** Scott Hamilton, Dave McKenna, and Gray Sargent with the assistance of the RI Youth Jazz Ensemble perform a selection of jazz favorites. Tickets \$12/\$8 for students and seniors are available through the Music School at 272-9877. Co-

sponsored by Rhode Island School of Design. 8 pm. RISD Auditorium, Canal Street at Market Square.

Sunday, November 17 — **Gallery Program.** Behind the Seen: A Tour of Storage. Museum Director Frank Robinson takes a look at the many works

not currently on display in the galleries. \$5. 3 pm. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

Tuesday, November 19 — **Video.** Samuel Beckett: Works for Television, *Film* (1965) and *Eh Joe* (1965). Noon. Museum of Art, 224 Benefit Street.

## Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

November 14, 1941

### No Profits For Jews

Vichy. The Petain government decreed that Jews may no longer acquire any profit from businesses they own in most cities. Penalties for violations range from up to five years in prison and a fine of \$66,000.

### Jew-free Reich

Berlin. A fourth wave of anti-Semitism in eight years of Nazi rule, reportedly aimed at creating a "Jew-free Reich" by April 1, threatened Germany's remaining 120,000 Jews with wholesale deportation to Poland. 1,000 more Jewish families in Berlin have received a "visit" at night by Gestapo agents.

### Jews Out Of Lublin

Stockholm. The entire Jewish population of Lublin has been ordered to move outside of the city limits under the pretext that "Lublin has now become a German city," it is reported in Nazi newspapers reaching here from Berlin.

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## The Chabad Changes A Soviet's Life

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

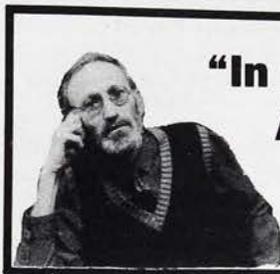
His father was a lieutenant general in the Russian army and when he became old enough, he followed in his dad's footsteps. Although he was born a Jew, he never knew much about his religious heritage. As much as he was picked on as a Jewish soldier, he never knew why. If it wasn't for the fact that his passport registered him as Jewish, for all he knew, he could have been a Catholic.

It wasn't until Shlomo Vorovich turned 19 that his life began to take on a true meaning. He had always felt that there was something lacking. He didn't know what that something was until one day,

country where he never knew of any synagogues to pray in. There were no Jewish centers, since Jews weren't allowed to have them in Moscow.

Well, it was time to look into his heritage. Since the Jewish way of life was very much constricted to private practice, he decided to begin studying the Hebrew alphabet on his own. At that time he was studying history at Moscow University and looking forward to a life of teaching.

Little did he know that for over 200 years there have been Chabad Lubavitch organizations throughout Russia. Before Gorbachev, "in the dark years," the Chabad hid their centers. After Gorbachev took office and introduced his policy



### "In the Hell of Auschwitz"

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

I ring her up, or she calls me, sometime before winter comes. I drive out Route 138 beyond U.R.I. along winding roads among the Narragansett tribal settlements toward the herb gardens and the summer camps at the Connecticut border. You pass by stands of garden sculpture, corn and fruit, wooden birdfeeders and birdhouses, old bottles and antiques. Then you read the sign, "Newman Egg Farm." Roll down the dirt road marked Sternberg Drive. Judith Sternberg Newman lives here in Richmond, RI, with her sons, among the geese and the chickens. It's not a likely place to find the wisest woman on earth.

Judith wrote her story, *In the Hell of Auschwitz* right after the war, in Europe. "I wanted to put it all down while it was fresh in my mind. Nobody would believe those things really happened unless I put in all the details." She translated her memories into English and added a postscript about her world here among her horses and her corn.

I taught Judith Newman's book some years ago. The RISD bookstore had to order them straight out of her cellar in this rural retreat. Now her account has come out again in a new edition, with a startling photo portrait of Judith as a young nurse, smiling, with shy eyes, holding a puppy, with trees in the background. She looks like the Mona Lisa. The pictures of the inferno inside the red cover are anything but lovely.

You won't find the logo of a famous publishing house. Judith offers her book for use in Holocaust courses at U.R.I. Her timing of course is right on. With anti-Semitism mounting, neo-Nazi revisionism spreading, and the local anti-Jewish and anti-Israel activity thriving all around the region, her book

makes an act of courage and commitment.

Judith Newman can talk as well as write. She is also a kindly and caring lady. When I



Judith Sternberg Newman

stop by she feeds me soup and bread. She won't let me leave without cartons of eggs, baskets of fruit. A few years ago I interviewed her for a film I made with some RISD colleagues. I got the title out of a phrase she used, "Maybe we live here now with God." She sat under a spreading tree, with horses watching beside her. Canadian geese played in the pond behind her. A German shepherd sat at her feet. Her

first words took her a while to get out. She said, "I think God put us here, to find... happiness." She stopped and started again. "But there, there was no god. He just left us."

Judith tells it like it is and spares us nothing. But her sentences are filled with surprises. There is not a spare moment. Her gypsy girlfriend, the mad Russians, the roads of life and death carry you here and there, backward and forward. The pages burn with the fires of a world so far removed from South County.

Each survivor's story is unique, urgent. Publishers turn away from their stark truth. To spend the hours alone at night and pen down each act you did, you saw, demands a superhuman strength.

Yet strangely the peaceful postscript that follows *In the Hell of Auschwitz* moves me as much as the unspeakable horrors.

"We now live happily in a small town where my husband bought a farm. We deeply enjoy the peace and beauty of the woods. We listen to the singing of the birds, and we watch the deer when they come to drink in the river."

Judith's daughter Sharon married a neighboring farmer. The Sternberg-Newmans form a part of our region, among the stones of South County, near to the Great Swamp.

Rhode Island should be very proud of its brilliant citizen, Judith Sternberg Newman, and of her great achievement in writing and publishing her terrible and beautiful book.



Shlomo Vorovich with photo of Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson.

when he was at his army station with a Jewish friend and a non-Jew asked him to speak his native language. Vorovich didn't know the name of the language, let alone how to speak it. Embarrassed over his lack of knowledge, he vowed to learn about his Jewish heritage.

Vorovich wasn't alone. There were many Jews his age who were brought up in a country where Jews had to repress their religion. His was a communist

of reform and liberalization, "Glasnost," the Chabad began to practice in the open.

While in Moscow, Vorovich met some young Chabad Lubavitch men from the Soviet Gan Israel camp walking the streets passing out Sabbath candles. Since that chance meeting, Vorovich's life has taken another direction. He "became religious" through the Chabad.

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# Opinions

## Presidential Notes

by Steven T. Sholes

Temple Am David is an active and vibrant force. We are coming together with the word "success" written on the walls. We have G-d on our side, now all we need is our fellow Jews.

At the mall, I thought I had lost one of my children and was looking everywhere for him. The clerk jokingly said to me: "Well, what's one less? You have three others." I responded: "You have five fingers on your hand. If you remove one, you would feel a loss."

Think of Judaism as a hand with many fingers. Each finger serves to enrich and enhance our faith. Be it Federation, other synagogues, Israel Bonds or other organizations, they all play a part in making the hand of the Jewish community efficient, viable and vibrant.

The other day I was listening to the radio on the way to minyan, and the song being played was "God bless the USA."

I understand that General Schwarzkopf listens to this

song five times a day to remind himself how much pride Americans have in their country. At this point, I realized pride ... pride, that's the answer, that's what makes us different.

The song starts ... "If tomorrow all the things were gone that I worked for all my life, and I had to start over again, just my children and my wife, I would thank my lucky stars to be living here today, cause the flag stands for freedom and you can't take that away."

As American Jews, we have the flag and freedom ... but we have more. No matter how troubled our times are, we have our Jewish faith which puts us in our own segment of a community.

The minyans are more than just morning and evening prayer groups. People who attend minyans build friendships. And for those in mourning it is a time for other Jews to offer support, condolences and strength. Shabbat services also offer familiar warmth. Everyone is very friendly and no Jew, unless by choice, sits alone.

Now, I'll continue with the song, changing the lyrics a little. "I'm proud to be an American-Jew, where at least I know I'm free. I won't forget the men who died to pass my

religion to me. And I gladly stand up next to you and defend our right to pray, because there ain't no doubt, I love our religion. God bless the Jewish faith.

"From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee, across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea, from Detroit down to Houston and New York to LA there is pride in every Jewish heart, as we watch the peace talks and pray."

We all, no matter who or where we are, feel the same pride in our hearts, when we hear of Israel's accomplishments, see a Jewish movie star, a Jewish athlete or a Jewish politician. In our hearts every Jew in this world is part of our family and we "kvell" for their achievement.

Pride, that's what our religion is about. Taking pride in our homes, our children and our synagogue.

In Israel, scuds were flying, people were hiding with gas masks in sealed rooms, but pride and belief in G-d kept that country going.

The pride we feel in this Temple enabled us to be here this year for the holidays. The pride the congregants are echoing to the community is why we will be worshipping at Temple Am David for a long, long time.

(Steven T. Sholes is President of Temple Am David, Wawick, R.I.)

## Hope After Madrid?

by Avraham Weiss

Standing across from the Royal Palace in Madrid, I watched the procession of limousines carrying Israeli and Arab delegates to the opening session of the Mid-East peace conference. I sensed the irony of the State of Israel's leaders being here, just as we are about to mark the 500th anniversary of Spain's expulsion of its Jews. This historical perspective intensified both my feelings of fear and of hope.

There is, of course, reason for hope. For the first time in 43 years, Israel and all its Arab neighbors are engaged in direct talks. Polls in Israel indicate that a vast majority of its citizenry favors the talks.

But there is also reason to be wary — especially about the role of the United States, as the chief facilitator of the conference. As Secretary of State Baker cut across the lobby of the Princessa Hotel after meeting Prime Minister Shamir — a day before the conference opened — I called out to him: "Don't stab Israel in the back." He responded: "Don't worry about it."

But I am worried. In courting Syria, the U.S. has turned a blind eye to all that is most frightening about its President Hafez al-Assad. Syria is on the U.S. State Department's list of countries supporting international terrorism — a list that includes Iraq, Cuba, Libya, Iran

and North Korea.

With all this, the U.S. has allowed Syria to use the three billion dollars it received as its "prize" for joining the anti-Sadaam coalition — an alliance in which Syria hardly participated — to purchase sophisticated weapons. President Bush's assertion (news conference, September 13) that by destroying Iraq, the U.S. had decimated "Israel's most dangerous adversary," is self-delusional. Rather than diminish Israel's security concerns, the U.S. has increased the danger to Israel by permitting Syria to reemerge as a key power in the region.

Another reason to worry was generated two months ago when President Bush — responding to questions about Israel's request for loan guarantees (news conference, September 13) — raised the spectre of a Jewish conspiracy. There are "something like a thousand lobbyists on the Hill working the other side of the question," the President said. "We've got one lonely little guy down here doing it." One little lonely guy sitting in the Oval office with Arab oil sheiks standing behind him.

Nor can Israel forget that the U.S. compelled it to sit on its hands as Scuds rained down on Tel Aviv and Haifa. Were it up to Israel, its air force would

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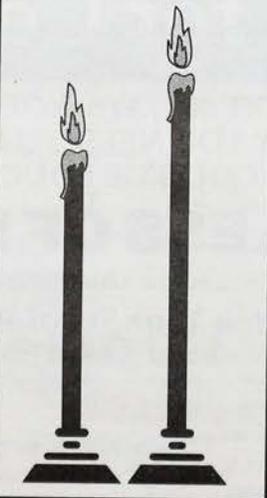
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## A Forgotten Dream

by Devora Steinmetz

NEW YORK (JTA) — This week, we read the saddest story in all of Chumash: the story of a man who has forgotten his dream.

At the beginning of parshat VaYeitzei, Jacob leaves his parents' home for two reasons: to flee his brother Esau, who has threatened his life, and to seek the divine promise, the blessing of children who will inherit the land. As Jacob begins his journey, G-d appears to him in a dream and confirms the promise. It is the first time that G-d speaks to Jacob, who, startled by G-d's presence, responds by committing himself to G-d's mission and to the patriarchal destiny.

As Jacob continues on his journey, though, he soon forgets his quest.

He finds a wife from among his kin, it is true, but he makes no attempt to have children, and he lingers too long in exile from the Promised Land. Jacob's wives strive and struggle, and compete to bear sons for Jacob and to win his love. But Jacob is too busy with other concerns to pay attention to their pain or to insure that his chosen wife bears him a child.

What is Jacob doing? He is accumulating wealth. And Jacob, forgetting his mission and focusing on the acquisition of property, quickly becomes a slave rather than a seeker of destiny. In the house of Laban, Jacob and, indeed, his entire family, lose their dignity as people and become nothing more than human property — slaves to be bargained with and bartered and hoarded.

That Jacob is in fact a slave,

and not merely an employee in the house of Laban, is suggested throughout the narrative.

What is striking, though, is not that Laban treats Jacob as a slave, but that, as we shall see, all the members of Jacob's family treat each other as nothing more than chattel.

Jacob is not free to leave Laban's employ at will. When he decides to return home, he must ask Laban to release him



and, when he finally escapes, Laban chases after him in an attempt to compel his return. Jacob is not paid for his labor, for, though he and Laban continually stipulate terms of employment, Laban cheats him out of his due at every opportunity. And, as they part, Laban claims as his own all that Jacob has managed to gain, including Jacob's livestock, his wives and his children.

Most significantly, Rachel and Leah are the wages for which Jacob works, and Jacob himself becomes an object to be bartered between his wives. Leah exchanges her son's mandrakes for her sister's conjugal rights, and greets her husband with the astonishing words, "I have hired you." The Hebrew

word which Leah uses here, s-kh-r, is the same word used throughout this narrative for "wages." It is used when Jacob stipulates livestock as his wages, and it is used when Jacob stipulates Rachel as his wages. We begin to feel, as we read this passage, that the distinction between people and property has been lost.

A strange pair of verses describes Jacob's meeting with Rachel when he first arrives in Pagan Aram:

And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, that Jacob approached and rolled the stone from on top of the mouth of the well, and he watered the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and he raised his voice and cried. (29:10-11)

What is strange here is that, at the moment that Jacob lays eyes on his beloved Rachel, at perhaps the most human moment in this narrative, Rachel and the sheep, person and animal, are uncannily linked. The Hebrew consonants of the word "he watered" are identical to the consonants of the word "he kissed" - v-y-sh-q. And the name Rachel itself means "ewe" - a female sheep.

Paraphrasing the relevant parts of these two verses, then, we might render them: "Jacob saw the Ewe of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother ... and he v-y-sh-q the

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## A Chronicle of the Jewish Family

(Part I)

by Dr. Robert P. Waxler  
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This article on the Jewish family was originally orally delivered to the Newman Club at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth on November 4 by Dr. Robert P. Waxler.

I want to talk today about the Jewish family not primarily in terms of sociology or political science, but in terms of "myth" — that is, in terms of the deep and hidden patterns of consciousness that often shape our experiences and our culture. For example, Harold Fisch has suggested that the Jewish family finds a great deal of its mythic structure in the Akedah story (Abraham and Isaac). The Jewish family, in other words, takes on meaning through such signs as "binding" and "circumcision" — the father almost sacrificing the son, but not quite, and then the father Abraham walking down the mountain together with the son.

We can contrast this with the Christian pattern — crucifixion instead of circumcision, castration instead of a close call, resurrection instead of a walking together down the mountain. From the Christian perspective, the story of Jesus completes the story of Abraham and Isaac. But from the Jewish perspective, the difference between the stories is what is crucial. The Jewish story suggests the imperfection and incomplete nature of family life; how events are deeply rooted in history and how they are to evolve through history; how fathers and sons, parents and children, must walk together down the mountain to create the future together. It is also interesting to note that the emphasis is not on the son, but on the father; not on the sacrifice but on the near miss; not on full spiritual resurrection but on the need to continue to create history from one generation to the next. These are important, if over-generalized, distinctions between two world views, I think; and they help me to introduce a context for us to begin to understand the shifting pattern of Jewish family life.

Numerous critics have pointed out that the opening chapters of Genesis give us what has clearly become for Jews a powerful myth of marriage and procreation, a myth that gives divine sanction to family life. The fertility blessing — "Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it" — is, at least for the traditional Jew, a religious duty incumbent on all Jewish men, and one imagines by implication, women as well. In this sense, parenthood is a religious obligation within the Jewish framework, accounting in part for the reason that rabbis and other religious Jewish leaders, unlike priests or nuns, do not remain celibate.

At the same time, it is interesting to note that there is very little said about the obligations of parents to children in the Hebrew bible or the early Jewish normative literature. We do have one small, but important, passage from the tractate Kid-dushin that declares: "The father is required to circumcise his son; to redeem him; to teach him Torah; to assure that he marries; and to teach him a

trade; some say he must also teach him to swim..." But most of the rabbinic discussions along these lines focus primarily on the obligations and responsibilities of children toward their parents — obligations strongly suggested in the Akedah story and first spelled out in the fifth Commandment — "Honor thy father and thy mother."

In this context, we can also see that the Jewish family in this early period is structured around patterns of obligation and duty, typical of most Western traditional families before the modern period when families would become the dominant center of sentimental emotion. However, even here it needs to be emphasized that fatherhood is not portrayed only as a role demanding stern justice. In fact, as the scholar Rela Monson has pointed out, fatherhood is often symbolized through the attribute of "rachamim" the Hebrew word for "mercy" — "Our Father, the father who is merciful, be merciful to us" being the appropriate passage here. It is not by chance that the Hebrew word "rachamim" comes from the Hebrew for "womb" (rehem), suggesting that fathers should help to nurture their children at an early age within the Jewish family context.

If we jump quickly from biblical times to the Jewish shtetl communities of Eastern Europe, we find that the father is often portrayed in the literature as a somewhat remote and authoritarian figure, especially for his sons. But the father does not seem to lack affection; rather he seems to sense a need to be on guard to avoid displaying too much affection. Again I am reminded of the mythic pattern embodied in the Akedah story. A typical passage from the Jewish ethical literature in Eastern Europe of the early 1800's captures the point:

"One must begin to teach the son from the age of two or three because whatever his soul acquires in childhood will remain

naturally for all his days. And if the father rebukes his son early with his staff, then the child will be accustomed to fear his father always. But if in childhood the father displays great affection then later when the child matures he will not listen to his father or mother."



By contrast, the shtetl mother in the mythic pattern is usually portrayed as formally governed by the law of the father, but also as one who orders the household and serves as a central figure within the family. In this setting, the mother is often the breadwinner, especially when the father is seen fulfilling the ideal of the man as scholar. The mother usually managed the fiscal affairs and often ran a business, cleaned and kept a stall in the marketplace. Here is a passage from I. B. Singer describing in mythic terms his grandmother from his memoir *A World That is No More*:

"She was a saintly woman who never assumed that it was her husband's duty to support her. She left him to his beloved Torah and Cabbala and herself traveled to Warsaw to buy goods and earn a living for her family, since her husband's wages could not keep a bird alive. It never occurred to her that her precious son would be expected to earn a living. She always considered this a wife's responsibility."

The mythic structure of the family in the East European village does not always fit with the social reality of the brute

suffering of shtetl life, but it does suggest the feeling that Jews had of the home as the place where Jews could be at their best. It also indicates the centrality of the family within Jewish culture. If Jews were not at home in the world, they were at home through the values and meaning of family life.

By the mid-1880's, however, the pattern of family life comes under increasing pressure from the modern world. The image of the father engaged in the study of texts and the mother contributing to the domestic and financial well-being of the family gives way to a whole new mythic pattern. This change is best documented by David Biale who has studied the memories written by Jewish intellectuals of the period in revolt against the old patterns. In these memoirs, according to Biale, the writers consistently portray Jewish sons being forced at the age of four or five to leave home for most of the day to study with a somewhat sadistic melamud at the cheder and then at 13 or 14 being forced into marriage, shuttled off to become dependent on the mercy of their in-laws who supported them as they continued their studies.

These enlightened intellectuals were in the process of changing the mythic pattern of religious patriarchy and creating a new pattern founded on a belief in the rising middle class values of the modern period — values that emphasized individual freedom, values that were opposed to matchmakers and early marriages. In an important sense, these writers were creating, as Biale suggests, a new myth for the Jewish family: one based on the notion of romantic love and individual choice. Part of the irony here is that this modern myth would take women away from being treated as commodities to be traded through matchmakers

but then confine them to the role of mothers in the home. Eventually these supposed liberated women would become status symbols for their modern husbands, and the family itself would turn into a unit of consumption rather than one of productivity.

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## Religious-Naval

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Oberstein is the only Orthodox Naval Chaplain, at present, in the Navy, and his arrival in Newport has already strengthened this process.

Rabbi Oberstein was the guest speaker at the recent meeting of the Touro Young Couples' Club, at Rabbi Shapiro's home, and over 30 people attended this gathering. This group, which meets for social-intellectual sessions, usually at the Shapiro home, heard Rabbi Oberstein discuss his role as an Orthodox leader and guide for military personnel, and included many personal items of interest during his tours of duty in Okinawa and the Philippine Islands.

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# World and National News

## Shamir and Levy End Quarrel

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — While the peace process has barely begun between Israel and its Arab foes, peace has been achieved quickly at the top levels of the Israeli government.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy have ended their quarrel after a private "peace talk" last week.

The Likud leader made amends to the foreign minister he left behind on the eve of the Madrid conference opening, humiliating him in the process by taking along an aggressive young rival, Benjamin Netanyahu.

Now Netanyahu has been transferred from his post as deputy foreign minister to the Prime Minister's Office.

Levy cannot help but be relieved, since he had no working relationship with the hawkish Netanyahu, and they were not even on speaking terms.

Yet when it comes to input and influence on Israeli foreign policy, Netanyahu, in his new post close to Shamir, may well overshadow Levy.

Shamir, who announced at the last minute that he, not Levy, would head the Israeli delegation to Madrid, has made a further concession. The Foreign Ministry, which played second fiddle in Madrid to the prime minister's personal advisers, now has been given command of two key committees dealing with the peace process.

One is in charge of the bilateral talks with Lebanon, and

the other will deal with the multilateral meetings on regional issues, in which Israel and the various Arab states are supposed to take part.

By assigning the Lebanon bilateral to the Foreign Ministry, Shamir squeezed out a seasoned diplomat, considered eminently suited to the task.

Uri Lubrani, who was originally supposed to head the negotiations with Lebanon, has

been the government's coordinator in southern Lebanon and is considered a leading authority on that country.

Levy admitted candidly to a television interviewer that his absence from Madrid did not harm the peace process but harmed himself.

But he said he had no choice. "It was not a matter of honor but rather of proper governance," he said.

## Moslem-Jewish Dialogue is Newest Entry on Interreligious Agenda

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

BALTIMORE (JTA) — For American Jews, interreligious relations have long been conducted primarily with Catholics, less often with mainstream Protestants and Evangelicals, and only occasionally with Buddhists, Hindus and Bahai.

In fact, outside of the political arena, there has not been much of a relationship in modern times between Jews and Moslems. But that may be changing.

At the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' biennial convention, held here Oct. 31 through Nov. 4, a Reform Jewish leader and a Moslem leader announced the beginning of a new interreligious effort between the two faiths, already being termed "the new frontier" by the Reform movement.

"We must remove the political agenda which stands as a roadblock on the path of re-opening a relationship with our Moslem brothers and sisters," Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, director of the interreligious affairs department of the UAHC, said in announcing the new interreligious effort.

Bretton-Granatoor was joined by Gutbi Ahmed, North American director of the Muslim World League, a Mecca-based, non-governmental Sunni Moslem organization, who noted that "there are a lot of things to learn from our history (together) before the State of Israel came into being."

The movement will have an initial version of a guide to Moslem-Jewish programming by next June, according to Bretton-Granatoor, which will contain background information about Jewish and Moslem history, bibliographies and programming suggestions.

A relationship is important, Bretton-Granatoor said, because Moslems in North America, who number about the same as Jews here, "have a palpable feeling of discrimination," and because "when we understand and appreciate our neighbors, we better understand and appreciate ourselves."

Ahmed agreed, pointing out that Jews and Moslems share an experience as minorities in a society in which there is another dominant culture. He urged "more cooperation between our two communities to see common concerns address for the good of society."

According to Bretton-Granatoor, there are only six or seven ongoing Moslem-Jewish relationships around the country.

By comparison, nearly every city and town where there is a Jewish community relations council or chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews can boast of some form of Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Both speakers agreed that discussion of the Middle East will quickly derail any attempt at dialogue.

But local dialogue can begin with a look at concepts common to both faiths that are included in the religious literature of each, according to Rabbi Martin Lawson, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in San Diego, which has a continuing relationship with the local Moslem community.

Bretton-Granatoor urged Jews everywhere to get involved in the new effort, and not leave it to the rabbis and community leaders.



### National

Washington (JTA) - The Pentagon has informally notified Congress that it intends to sell Saudi Arabia 14 Patriot anti-missile batteries, according to congressional sources. Such a package would be worth as much as \$3 billion, said a pro-Israel lobbyist here.

Washington (JTA) - The American Jewish Congress is urging President Bush to renounce an "outrageous" statement made at the U.S. Supreme Court last week by a lawyer who maintained that the Constitution would permit the declaration of a state religion, as long as no body was coerced into practicing it.

Los Angeles (JTA) - The Simon Weisenthal Center is asking record stores not to sell a new album by black rapper Ice Cube that calls for the murder of a Jewish music personality and violence against Korean store owners in minority neighborhoods. "The album, 'Death Certificate,' is nothing less than a cultural Molotov cocktail," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center.

### International

Tel Aviv (JTA) - A captured Islamic terrorist said he and his comrades nearly succeeded in a "suicide mission" into Israel last week aimed at sabotaging the Madrid peace conference before it happened. According to Fahdy Mohamad Ahmed Elgazar, 20, a member of Islamic Jihad, their orders were to infiltrate Israel and kill as many civilians or soldiers as possible, "except children."

Jerusalem (JTA) - Israel's tough foreign currency regulations will be eased somewhat to facilitate the inflow of foreign currency and stimulate foreign investments, the governor of the Bank of Israel announced at a news conference last week.

Jerusalem (JTA) - Israelis have suddenly been confronted by a problem all too common in some of the great industrialized countries of the West: Large proportions of its schoolchildren do not meet minimal standards for their grades in arithmetic and reading comprehension. A study showed that about 50 percent of the third- and fourth-grade student population showed deficiencies in arithmetic and reading comprehension.

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## Jewish Leaders Accuse Syria Of Distorting Jews' Status

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two American Jewish leaders have accused the foreign minister of Syria of "distorting" the situation of the 4,000 Jews remaining in his country.

Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa's claims, made at the Madrid peace conference Nov. 1, that Syrian Jews enjoy full civil and religious freedom in that country, do not conform to the facts, charged Shoshana Cardin, chairperson of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and Marcos Zalta, president of the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews.

In a joint statement issued recently, they said that despite Sharaa's claim that Syrian Jews share equal treatment with all other citizens, in fact, "unlike

other Syrians, Jews are under constant surveillance by the secret police.

"They cannot travel out of the country as entire families; some family members must be left behind to insure the return of Jews permitted to go abroad, and a large bond must be posted," they said.

"Freedom of immigration is forbidden" in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which Syria is a signatory, Cardin and Zalta pointed out.

"The recent arrest of several families that sought to emigrate, and the continued imprisonment of the husbands of those families, along with others previously charged with the 'crime' of seeking to leave Syria, refutes Minister al-

Sharaa's contention," they said.

Regarding religious freedom in Syria, Cardin and Zalta observed: "The right to practice religion does not reduce the constant fear with which an individual lives.

"Restricted professional opportunities, denial of jobs, harassment, fear of arbitrary imprisonment - all these have contributed to an atmosphere of fear, foreboding and anxiety among the remnants of Jews living under the oppressive Syrian regime."

They appealed to Syrian President Hafez Assad to "demonstrate his commitment to Middle East peace" by allowing Syrian Jews to travel freely and unite with their families in the United States and other lands.

## Czechoslovakian President Havel Receives Award



Czechoslovakian President Vaclav Havel, a leading human rights activist and outspoken critic of contemporary anti-Semitism received the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Defender of Freedom Award during a ceremony at the Wiesenthal Center's Holocaust museum.

The Czech leader reviewed a unique collection of diaries, documents, artifacts and artwork from the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Also displayed was original 1940 correspondence between Anne Frank and two American pen-pals. These letters were shown publicly for the first time for this occasion and will be the highlight of the archives of the Center's new Beit Hashoah — Museum of Tolerance.

President Havel also viewed Nazi computer games currently circulating in Austria and Germany. He told his hosts, "You have my assurances that I will continue to do everything in my power to combat bigotry, intolerance and anti-Semitism."

Pictured viewing the Anne Frank letters are (left to right) Rita Klimova, Czech Ambassador to the United States; Mrs. Havel; President Havel and Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean of the Wiesenthal Center.

For more information, contact the Wiesenthal Center's Communications Department at (213) 553-9036.

## Alperin Schechter Teachers Attend New England Conference

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Boston, in cooperation with Hebrew College, the Torah Education Department of the World Zionist Organization and New England P'TACH, sponsored a conference of New England Day Schools on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

The event was especially significant because it brought together General and Judaic Studies teachers from a wide selection of Day Schools which varied greatly in size, history, geographic location and ideological basis.

An impressive number of study and workshop sessions, from Limud Study Sessions to Intensive Seminars, were available, led by teachers, administrators, consultants and both lay and professional community leaders.

Among the choices available to conference participants were: "Cooperative Learning and Peer Coaching," "Critical thinking through integration of Science and Judaica," "Making Parents Partners," "A Philosophy of Mitzvah," "Attention Deficit Disorder," and "Kids, Archaeology and the Bible"

and "Children's Literature and Jewish Values."

Fifteen Day Schools from Maine to Rhode Island were represented at the conference. Daniel J. Margolis, Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Boston, noted: "Day School educators face complex challenges and frequently experience a deep sense of personal and professional isolation. It is our hope that today's conference will be one step towards recognizing the contributions you make and the challenges you face every day." Participants agreed that the day promoted collegiality and the free exchange of ideas and concerns, making the conference a great success.

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## AROUND TOWN

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder

It was a night of art with heart at Providence Hebrew Day School's recent art auction held at the Marriott!

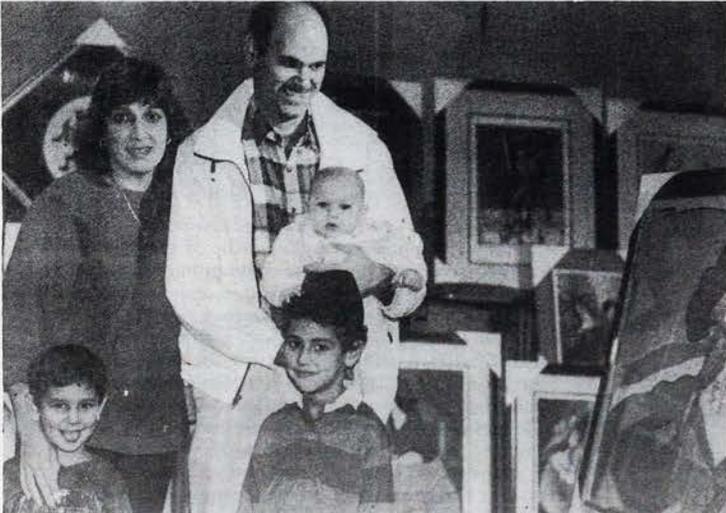
Contemporary, traditional and Judaic works of art were exhibited and auctioned . . . Oils, watercolors, lithographs, serigraphs, etchings, engravings and mixed media. No art style was omitted.

Behind all the bright and brilliant colors and strokes was a reason for the event. Proceeds from the art

auction were earmarked for the School's Russian Scholarship Fund.

"Over the past few years, the School has experienced an increase in the enrollment of Russian students," said Devorah Weiner, who co-chaired the event with Ellen Shafner.

Buoyed by an "evening of ambience" and favorable results, Devorah, Ellen and committee look forward to a repeat next Fall.



Never too young for the arts! Adrienne and Steven Kirschner brought sons Joshua and Seth and baby Zachary.



Mikhail Utin studies a painting closely while Margarita Prasova looks at another.



Enjoying an exchange of conversation are William Latimer, Karen Gelade, Sam Shamoan, and Eric Steiner. Latimer and Steiner represent Genesis Galleries.

## Art With Heart



Ellen Shafner and Devorah Weiner, who co-chaired Providence Hebrew Day School's first-time art auction.



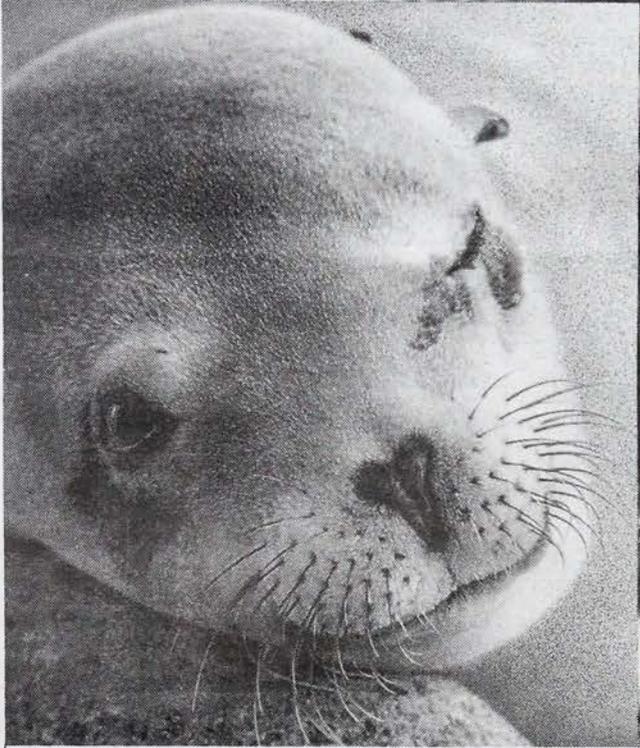
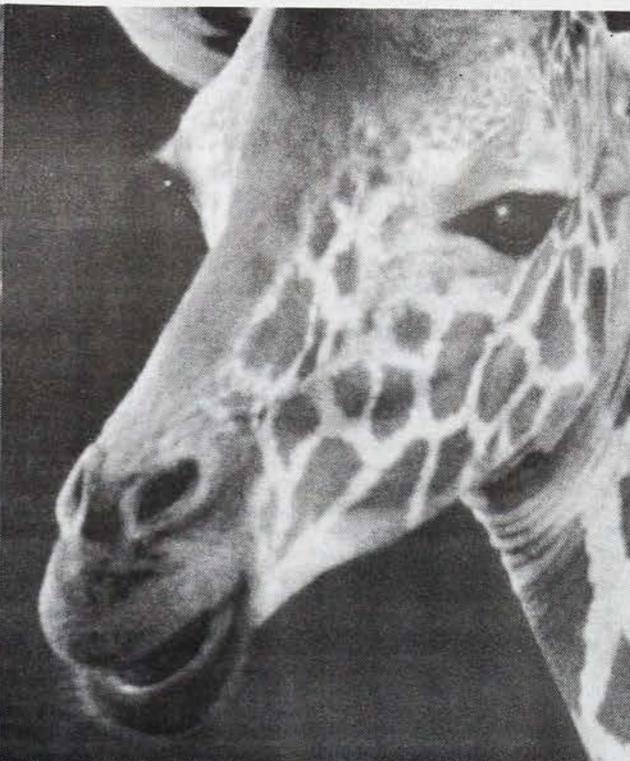
At the auction with David and Nita Pliskin, Judy and Jay Rosenstein, and David Shafner.



Running down the list of artists and media are Ruth Kerzer and Ellen Friedman.



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## La Camelia — A Rare and Delicate Treat

by Sarah Baird  
Herald Associate Editor

This Thanksgiving marks the tenth anniversary of the Restaurant La Camelia. Located on Waterman Avenue in East Providence, La Camelia is a marvelous jewel of a restaurant featuring a quaint atmosphere, hospitable hosts and remarkable food.

Although the word has spread about the breadth and wealth of culinary tastes at La Camelia, it remains a delightfully intimate restaurant. George and Guylaine Moukhtarian, the owners of La Camelia, are rightfully proud of their establishment, where first-class dishes at reasonable prices are the order of the day.

La Camelia distinguishes itself from other restaurants thanks to its singular focus on Middle Eastern and Armenian food. Although La Camelia is not kosher, George makes a point of noting that no pork has ever crossed its threshold.

George and Guylaine, both Armenians, were born in Lebanon and arrived in the United States in 1976, with

their two sons. While George presides over the grill, Guylaine takes charge of the pastries and grape leaves.

"We consider ourselves not a commercial restaurant but more like a home," George explains. "You come, relax, and enjoy. Please, don't rush!"

Almost all of the food at La Camelia is made from scratch, excluding the pita and the basterma, an Armenian pasterma with a strong and unique flavor, imported from a supplier in California. Although the pita also is not made on the premises, George is involved in its creation. "It is not my product but I request the thickness and that no oil be put in the dough. They make special batches just for us!"

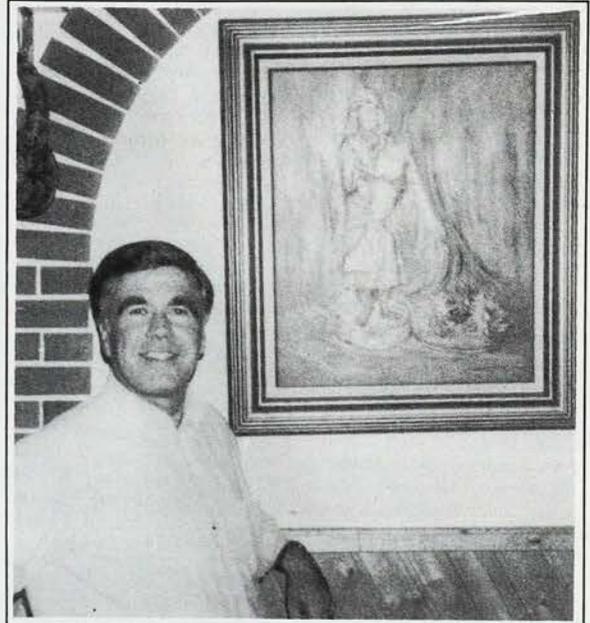
Armenian and Middle Eastern spices consist for the most part of sea salt, black pepper, cinnamon, cumin, anise, mint, parsley and red pepper. The secret of good cooking, reveals George, is to combine the food and spices so that in every bite you can tell what you are tasting. The spices should not overwhelm the main ingredients.

With a dash of humor and splash of mischief in his eyes, George explains La Camelia's success. "Everyone cooks her own way, but we do it the right way! I control the grill and every dish comes exactly as the customer requests."

"Fifty percent of our customers have been coming here for ten years. Our success depends on attracting all kinds of people. And ninety percent of our customers are non-Armenian and non-Arab. We attract professors from Brown and RISD, doctors and lawyers from the East Side and many other people because of the great food we give them."

In fact, some customers have begged George not to advertise so that La Camelia will remain a semi-private secret among diners. George and Guylaine promise that no matter how much their popularity continues to rise, they will always make a point of getting to know their customers and will always provide the same quality food and service.

My husband and I recently spent a few hours over a grand



George Moukhtarian inside La Camelia.

and leisurely dinner, during which time we sampled eight of the ten appetizers and four of the eleven main courses. Due to certain inevitable limitations, we were unable to try everything and sadly had to forego the legendary Soup a la Cardinal, a traditional Armenian recipe over two thousand years old. We found the strength, however, to conclude our feast with baklava and a demitasse of Armenian coffee, widely known as Turkish coffee — a misnomer, according to George, who claims that it is as much an Israeli, Arab, Greek or Armenian drink as it is Turkish.

My favorite appetizer is the stuffed grape leaves, prepared in the traditional Armenian fashion and served with a wedge of lemon. Guylaine's specialty combines the most delicious rice and onions with rich and fragrant spices.

We also tasted the hummus tahini, a chickpea dip blended with garlic, lemon juice and olive oil and widely known in Israel and the Arab world. The tabouli, a Lebanese dish, is a

mixture of vegetables, ground bulgar wheat and spices. At La Camelia it is distinguished by the tartness and fresh spices.

Two fabulously unique appetizers are the basterma and the lahmajune, an open-faced pie with spiced, ground lamb or beef and chopped vegetables. Other appetizers we tasted included the falafel, traditional Armenian string cheese and olives, and imported natural green pistachio nuts. Guylaine makes their own string cheese and serves it with cucumbers as a refreshing break from the other more flavorful appetizers.

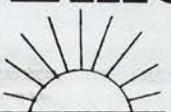
From the first course medley we turned to the main courses, selected from the choices of fresh meats, fish and vegetarian dishes. Of the four entrees we sampled, the Spring Lamb Shish Kabob and the Filet Mignon Shish Kabob were our favorites. The other two, Losh Kabob (freshly ground and grilled lamb or sirloin) and Shish Tawouk (grilled chicken cutlet shish kabob), were extremely well prepared, but the excellent quality of the meat in the former two was absolutely striking.

The spiced and tender filet literally seemed to melt in our mouths. The lamb was gently marinated and charcoal grilled to perfection. The entrees were served over homemade rice pilaf with white onions and cherry tomatoes.

The meal ended with Guylaine's famous baklava. Unlike most other variations of this traditional dessert, Guylaine's Baklava is incredibly light and fluffy with fresh pistachios ground by George. No heavy syrups dominate the filo dough, which rises layer upon layer.

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Cranston Historical Society

Rhode Island native Janice Nimetz will present a solo piano recital at the Sprague Mansion in Cranston on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m.

"Music at the Mansion" is sponsored by the Cranston Historical Society and is one of a number of fund-raising events for the non-profit organization.

Ms. Nimetz is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and has studied both here in the United States and Europe.

Her program at Sprague Mansion will include works by Mozart, Schubert, Chopin and Debussy.

Tickets are \$10 and may be obtained by calling 944-9226.

## New Jewish Women's Journal

A new journal for Jewish women, *The Jewish Women's Journal*, is scheduled to make its debut late this winter. This quarterly journal is being created by the staff of the women's school of the Jewish Renaissance Center in Manhattan.

If you would like some input in the creation of this journal which is geared to address your needs and issues — both prac-

tical and philosophical — please write to us at the Jewish Renaissance Center, 210 West 91st Street, New York, NY or call Susan Ornstein, at 212-580-9666 Monday-Thursday 10:30-3 pm. For more information about the school, or to subscribe to the journal, call Frances Zwicker at 212-580-9666 Monday-Thursday 9:30-5 pm and Friday 9:30-1 pm.

## A Multicultural Celebration of Women's Art

The Rhode Island Women's Health Collective will hold its Second Annual Multicultural Arts Festival featuring local women artists and performers on Sunday, Nov. 17, from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence.

The festival will feature a wide variety of entertainment for children and adults, including music, storytelling and dance. Artists will be exhibiting and selling their crafts and ethnic foods will be available for purchase. Admission is \$2 and free for children 16 and under.

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## Brown Dance Ensemble Fall Dance Concert

Brown University Theatre will host its annual Fall Dance Concert from Thursday, November 21, through Sunday, November 24, in the Ashamu Dance Studio which is located in lower Lyman Hall/Leeds Theatre. The dance concert performances will be at 8 pm. Advanced sales for unreserved seats will be available at the Leeds Theatre Box Office. These unreserved seats will be \$5 per ticket. This fall's program consists of original choreography by Brown students; Michelle Bach and Julie A. Strandberg, resident choreographers; and guest choreographer, Colin Connor.

Box office hours: Monday-Friday 11 am-5 pm. Performance evenings only 7-8 pm. For more information, call 863-2838.

## Bye Bye Birdie At PPAC

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Tommy Tune comes to our town as the superstar's manager in "Bye Bye Birdie" December 10-15 at the Providence Performing Arts Center.

The show stars Marilyn Cooper, Lenora Nemetz, Susan Egan, and Marc Kudisch. Charles Strause wrote the music; Lee Adams, the lyrics; and Michael Stewart, the book. Gene Saks directs.

Sponsored by Fleet Bank, "Bye Bye Birdie" performances run Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday, 2 p.m. and Sunday, 3 p.m. Sunday's evening performance is 7 p.m.

Tickets, \$39.50 to \$23.50, are on sale at the box office, 421-ARTS, and can be charged on MasterCard/Visa. Also available at TicketMaster locations or by calling 1-800-382-8080. For group rates and information, call 421-ARTS or 521-4040.

## Torat Yisrael Book Review Series

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, Rabbi David Rosen will present his annual series of book reviews on three Friday nights in November at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston.

Friday night, Nov. 15, 8 pm — *Lovesong: Becoming A Jew* is the moving account of a life and a spiritual odyssey, of one man's tortuous path from his boyhood as the son of a black Methodist minister in the South to his conversion to Judaism. It is the story of Julius Lester's life as he wrestles with the hard and often painful issues of his own personal, racial and cultural identity; of marriage, divorce and single parenthood; of his spiritual past. Widely acclaimed as a powerful picture of Lester's spiritual struggles, *Lovesong* is also a compelling story of one man's journey out of childhood. Equally, it is the story of the human heart and its quest to find life's significance.

Friday night, Nov. 22, 8 pm — No stranger to controversy, Alan M. Dershowitz is perhaps best known as the attorney who secured Claus Von Bulow's acquittal, as later described in *Reversal of Fortune*. But Dershowitz is also known in the Jewish world as an elo-

quent and uncompromising defender of Jewish rights and causes. In his new, bestselling work, *Chutzpah*. Prof. Dershowitz challenges American Jews to shed their reticence and become more fully engaged in the American political process, "to defy tradition, to challenge authority, to raise eyebrows." Using his most explosive and interesting cases as examples, he presents his vision of how American Jews should live today.

Friday night, Nov. 29, 8 pm — *Smashing The Idols*. The astonishing number of Jewish youth involved in cults raises many serious questions: What is it we are teaching — or not teaching — that leaves our young people so detached from Judaism? Why are Jewish youth in particular such vulnerable targets for Rev. Moon and other cults? And is there anything we as parents, grandparents and educators can do to see that the next generation of Jewish youth resists the appeal of those groups antiethical to Jewish values?

The community is welcome. The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston. For information call 785-1800.

## "First Night" Through First Night

Jack Neary's romantic comedy, "First Night," which opened mid-September to rave reviews, will continue at Theatre Lobby in Boston's North End through First Night 1992 (Tuesday, December 31, 1991).

The hit show's producers are Tommy Brent and Anthony Capodilupo. Brent is familiar to Rhode Island summer theatregoers for his many years of directing productions at Theatre - By - The - Sea in

Matunuck. Performances are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 6 and 9 p.m. Matinees are Wednesday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$22.50 to \$15.50. Discounts available for groups of 20 or more, students and seniors. Call for advance reservations at (617) 227-9872, or write Theatre Lobby, 216 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

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The Music School is proud to present jazz piano greats James Williams, Harold Mabern and Donald Brown, accompanied by Ray Drummond, bass and Artie Cabral, drums in a very special tribute concert, "A Celebration of Phineas Newborn," at 8 pm Saturday, November 16, in the Rhode Island School of Design Auditorium, One Canal Street, Providence.

Phineas Newborn, arguably the most underappreciated of jazz geniuses, played a style of piano that seemed to encompass the entire history of the music while remaining unique and immediately identifiable. He tempered immense technical prowess with extraordinary soul and passion, and his every solo shimmered with the sounds of daring and surprise.

Messrs. Williams, Mabern and Brown hale from Memphis. They are true champions of the Newborn legacy, the spirits of uncompromised artistic values and relentless musicianship, the spirits of Newborn, are manifested in their playing. With the accompaniment of Drummond and Cabral, this will be a formidable event.

Tickets for this musical event can be purchased at The Music School, 75 John Street, Providence (401) 272-9877 and at

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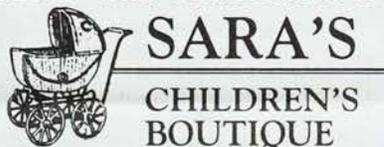
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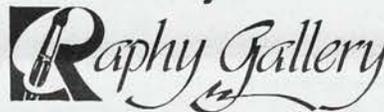
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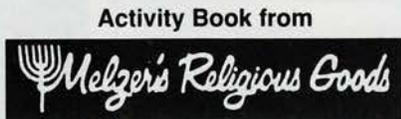
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# Milestones

## Maldavir Weds Halpern



The marriage of Miss Mindy Sue Maldavir and Mr. Gary Bruce Halpern took place on Sunday, November 3, at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston. The six o'clock candlelight ceremony was officiated by Rabbi David Rosen and Cantor Shimon Gewirtz. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Maldavir of Cranston, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halpern, also of Cranston. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Priest of Cranston. Mrs. Sadie Brown of Providence is the bride's great-grandmother.

Cheryl Kabalkin was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Susan Halpern, sister of the groom, and Julia Coulon. The best man was Larry Halpern, brother of the groom. Ushers were Jeffrey Maldavir, brother of the bride, Alan Goldberg and Lawrence Roses. Zachary Priest was the ringbearer, and Jennifer Goldberg was the flower girl.

The bride wore a silk gown featuring an off-the-shoulder sweetheart neckline. The fitted bodice, adorned with Alencon lace, imported crystals and seed pearls, fell into a full skirt ending in a chapel train. The bride's headpiece of silk flowers trimmed with lace and crystals matched the flowers adorning the puffed sleeves of her gown. The silk illusion chapel-length veil was embellished with crystals.

The bride is a graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts and is presently employed by State Street Bank in Massachusetts. The groom, a graduate of American University in Washington, D.C., is employed by United Restaurant Equipment in Rhode Island.

Following a wedding trip to Hawaii and California, the couple will reside in Brookline, Massachusetts.

## Eden Garden Club

Please join Temple Beth-El's Garden Eden club for the last meeting of the 1991/92 season to be held Thursday, November 21, 1991, at noon at Temple Beth-El.

Margaret Kelly of the Sakonet Garden Club will present a slide show of gardens, people, and buildings entitled, "Around the World at Eighty." A petite buffet luncheon will be served. A special dessert will be provided by Ruth Goldberg and Zara Matzner in honor of their birthdays and the 35th anniversary of the Eden Garden

When you send a wedding or engagement announcement, why not include a photo? Black and white only, please.

## Liben, Robins-Liben Announce Birth

Rabbi Daniel Liben, Fran Robins-Liben, Micah, Noah, Talia and Jonah joyfully announce the birth of Sara Miriam on September 13, 1991. The Robins-Libens moved from Providence to Natick, Mass., this past summer when Rabbi Liben assumed the position of Rabbi of Temple Israel, Natick.

## Rubocks Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Rubock of West Hartford, Conn., happily wish to announce the birth of a daughter, Shira Ariel, on Aug. 18.

Shira's big sister is Deborah Sarah, 6½, and brother Joshua Ethan, 3½ years old.

Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Louise Carlin of Cranston, R.I.

Paternal grandparents are Sam Rubock of Levittown, N.Y., and the late Sylvia Rubock.

## Holiday Gift Boutique

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El presents its 5th Annual Holiday Gift Boutique on Sunday, Nov. 24, in the Silverstein Meeting Hall, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. We hope you will stop by.

With the holiday fast approaching, this will be the perfect event to purchase some gifts, enjoy great food, and meet new and old friends alike. There will be videos for children 5 years of age and up. Come and enjoy our bake sale, cafe and raffle. Free raffle tickets with \$1.00 adult admission. Any interested vendors can call the temple office at 331-6070.

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## Rotmer-Duffy Nuptials

The Marriott Hotel in Newport was the site on October 5 for the wedding ceremony of Michelle E. Rotmer and Walter Duffy, Jr., both of Winchester, Massachusetts. The bride is the daughter of Elayne A. Moe of Orefield, Pennsylvania and Edward D. Rotmer of Cranston. Parents of the groom are Betty Duffy of West Kingston and Walter Duffy, Sr. of Providence.

Mrs. Susan Kushner Resnick served as matron-of-honor, and was assisted by bridesmaids Susan Halpern, Lisa Kay Goncalves and Shari Gold Gomez. The best man was James Gorton. Gregory C. Rotmer, brother of the bride, served as usher. Kaurie McDermott was the flower girl.

The bride received a B.A. from Rutgers University and a J.D. from Boston University. She is employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. The groom attended Rhode Island College and is a manager with Woolworth Department Stores in Winchester, Massachusetts.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will reside in Winchester, Massachusetts.

## Auction-Bazaar At Temple Am David

Temple Am David will be conducting their first annual Auction-Bazaar, Sunday, November 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

There will be both a live and silent auction as well as penny social (raffle) on gift items, theatre and concert tickets (R.I. and Broadway), fast food and formal dining, jewelry, professional services and much more.

The bazaar will include gift baskets galore, books, clothing, more jewelry and gift items, ball cards and toys.

Of particular interest are tickets to the Broadway showing of "Grand Hotel" as well as Off Broadway shows and hotel accommodations at several Florida resorts. Tickets to Trinity Repertory, the Ice Capades, Rhode Island Philharmonic and ball games will also be available as auction items.

The silent auction will be held throughout the day. The live auction is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The bazaar will be continuous. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

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# Local News

## Congregation Sons of Jacob

**Friday, November 15** — 8 days in KISLEV - candle lighting 4:05 pm.

**Saturday, November 16** - 9 days in KISLEV - The Torah reading today is Parshas Vayeitzei. Morning services at 8:30 am followed by our customary Kiddush. Shabbos is over at 5:09 pm. Havdalah at 5:10 pm.

**Sunday, November 17** - Morning services at 7:45 am.

Services for Monday and Thursday mornings at 6:30 am, and for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:45 am.

### Orwell Revisited

President Bush has praised Syria and Iran for their role in the release of the British and American hostages. Israel is now pressured to release its

prisoners. Assad and Rafsanjani are now suddenly 'liberators' and the Israelis are hostage takers. War is peace!

From the beginning of the hostage affair, one thing is crystal clear — that the Iranians and Syrians could order the release of their captives at any time. This was dramatically proven again when a Frenchman was taken and the Syrians ordered that he be released within 48 hours. He was.

Tragically the West has been taken in, fawning over the two governments with each release. They have cynically used the hostages as pawns.

As has so often been apparent in the case in history, Jewish blood is viewed as less valuable than that of others. Thus, Israel's insistence that any ex-

change of terrorists for hostages include its POWs is seen as inflexible, while the demands of the kidnappers and their Syrian and Iranian sponsors are viewed as reasonable.

Once again, the West's Middle East policy is upside down. Instead of pressuring Syria and Iran to release the Israelis along with all other hostages; Israel is being pressured to give up its prisoners (increasingly referred to as "hostages") solely to get other countries' citizens out.

And, note the barbarity of the people with whom we are dealing. They are holding corpses hostage. The press has emphasized that several missing Israelis are dead, as though they now have no importance. But the relevant point is the terrorists' exploitation of Israel's

concern for its citizens — even if they are deceased!

Should the United States accept Syria's demand that Israel stop building settlements, it would represent the final capitalization to the man who truly holds the West hostage.

Americans have rarely seen the families of the Israeli hostages or even been able to identify them, or know how many there are. Most are now only learning that Israelis are missing. No television coverage on this, but still this news is only being reported in the context of Israeli demands. Americans have only recently had their heart-strings tugged by Tammy Arad and her six-year-old daughter, who has no memory of her father.

## Patinkin on Israel

Mark Patinkin spoke about Jewish immigration to Israel, October 27, at Temple Am David, Warwick, RI. The talk centered around the Ethiopian and Russian influx of Jews to the country. In his presentation, Patinkin stated that both Ethiopians and Russians are welcomed with open arms. Both groups believe it is nice to finally be somewhere where you are not considered "falasha" or strange.



Mark Patinkin

Patinkin stated that in many respects the plight of the Jews was similar to 1939, when the United States refrained from allowing Jewish migration to the country. Today the U.S. has a policy which also limits migration. Meanwhile, Israel has welcomed both groups even though it causes an economic burden. Like 1939, the immigrants' faces are alike as they enter a new life. Most of their faces show apprehension as they begin their new life in a new place.

The lecture is part of the series of talks planned by the Temple Am David Men's Club. In addition to the presentation, the club sponsored a "real New York deli," where all the food came in from New York City. For more information concerning upcoming Men's Club events, call 463-7944.

## Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club

The Sunday meeting of the Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will be held on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Paul Malley, who is an authority on memory disorders. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Dartmouth College. He also received Masters and Ph.D. degrees in Clinical Psychology from the State University of New York.

Dr. Malley is currently an Associate Professor at Brown University Medical School in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. He is the Director of Neuropsychology at Butler Hospital and serves as a consultant to the Providence V.A. Medical Center and Miriam Hospital Memory Disorders Clinic.

A social hour will follow the discussion.

## Emanu-El Hosts Intergenerational Kallah Shabbaton

On the last Shabbat in October, Temple Emanu-El held a full Shabbat program extending from Friday night through Saturday *havdallah*. One of the exciting aspects of this Kallah ("convention") program was that it included all ages as participants — a real intergenerational experience. Our focus discussion topic was "mi-dor le-dor" "from generation to generation" — an exploration of traditional texts and personal feelings about relating to par-

ents, children, grandparents and grandchildren. During services, we sat in a circular format and during the innovative Torah discussion, congregants took on the roles of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and G-d in the "Sacrifice of Isaac" story.

Here are two personal reactions to the weekend:

We want to share with the congregation our thorough satisfaction and delight with the Shabbat Kallah. With approximately 90 participants, we enjoyed an inspiring series of intimate "family-type" services, self-catered Shabbat meals, spirited songs and dances, stimulating discussion, special activities for the children and warm social exchanges with members of a four-generation span. We met new, lovely young parents and their children, all reaching out for a

more meaningful and more enriching Jewish experience — which the Kallah successfully provided. Another creative aspect of the program was the pre-Kallah, Sunday afternoon workshops which enabled participants to bake challot, make challah covers, shabbat candlesticks, *tallitot*, prayer and song booklets, *havdallah* candles and much more. We commend the many people who planned and executed this truly exhilarating and memorable events, and we eagerly look forward to the next one. *Yashar Koach* to you all.

### Seymour and Ceil Krieger

The Kallah Weekend was a perfect outing for me, as a new member, to get involved and feel a part of Emanu-El. I sang a lot, played a lot, danced a lot, and perhaps more importantly, had a unique opportunity to

hear and share many important Jewish issues in an intergenerational context. How helpful it was to hear of Jewish schools of thought from so many different perspectives. Add to that the informal gatherings during meals and the warm sense of community, the weekend surpassed my expectations. I asked Rachel, age 5, what she enjoyed the most. She responded, "making the Hallah covers, *havdallah* candles, and singing." Not to mention that I now have my own handmade *tallit*.

### Janet Penn

Chairpeople were David Abrams, Judy Greenblatt and Ruth Page, as well as Jani Rosen as food advisor and coordinator.

We hope that this becomes an annual event.

## Majestic Senior Guild

The next regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held on Tuesday, November 19, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston at 12:30 p.m. Don't miss this meeting. Our guest will be the popular newscaster, Jim Taricani from TV Channel 10. Try to attend.

On December 3, our annual Chanukah luncheon will be held at 12 noon at Temple Torat Yisrael. The full course

meal will be catered by Gilbert & Davis of Boston. The deadline for reservations is November 20. Seating is limited. Don't be disappointed.

Reservations are now being taken for the Florida winter vacation. Departure date is January 6, 1992, and you can arrange for up to 8 weeks of vacation time at the San Soucie

Hotel right on the waterfront in Miami. Rates include airfare via U.S. Air and all gratuities and transportation to and from the San Soucie Hotel. Airfare must be paid by November 15. Call Pearl Stayman at 738-0225, Dorothy Dickens at 823-7687 or Etta Swerling at 463-7166 for further details.

## MATIV Wine Tasting and Shabbat Dinner

Temple Beth-El's Young Adult Group, MATIV, will sponsor a "Best Buys Wine Tasting" on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17, at AS 220 on Richmond Street. Individuals will be able to sample an array of international wines, all available for under \$10 a bottle. The sipping starts at 3:30 p.m. and is \$15 per person.

MATIV will also host a Shab-

bat Dinner at Temple Beth-El on Friday evening, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. A catered meal will feature the traditional fare replete with roasted chicken and challah.

MATIV is open to all Jewish young adults ages 25-39. Membership in Temple Beth-El is not required. For more information or to be put on the MATIV mailing list, please call 331-6070.

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## Flea Market Enormous Success



by Sarah Baird  
Herald Associate Editor

Three generations worked together to help make Temple Torat Yisrael's Annual Flea Market a big success. Grandmother, Goldie Green, stands in the center between her son, Edward Green, and granddaughter, Laurie Green.

The two-day flea market is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the temple. According to organizers, "This year's flea market raised considerable funds for our synagogue. We are extremely pleased with the turnout."

## Sixteenth Annual "A Show of Hands" Artisans and Crafts Fair at the JCCRI

For serious collectors, early holiday shoppers or seasoned browsers, "A Show of Hands" Artisans Crafts Fair has become an exciting and awaited fall event. The sixteenth annual show will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm-grove Avenue in Providence, on November 16 and 17.

"A Show of Hands" has a well-deserved reputation for being one of the best craft fairs in New England, offering an eclectic show of items, collectables and works of art in a variety of media. This year's juried show includes more than 40 artisans from throughout New England, who will exhibit the best in handcrafted jewelry, clothing, works in wood, pottery, weaving and wall handings, and glass to name a few.

Families with children are welcome to attend. Babysitting and children's entertainment are offered too so parents can explore and view the many displays without worry, while their children enjoy themselves. And of course, delicious food will be available from the bake sale and kosher lunch cafe.

"Opening Night" at 8 pm on Saturday, November 16, is an eventful night. The cost (\$7.50

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Get ready for The Chanukah Party To End All Chanukah Parties: Temple Emanu-El's Second Annual "M'Laveh Malkah Chanukah Party"! On Saturday, December 7, beginning at 5:45 pm, we will gather in the Temple Meeting House to celebrate both the close of Shabbat and the arrival of the seventh night of Chanukah.

Anyone who attended last year's party (and that's over 350 people, of every conceivable age) can tell you of the festive and friendly atmosphere,

the beautiful Havdalah and Chanukah candles, the inspiring musical performances (by the Israeli Dance Troupe, Choral Club, and children from the Temple Religious School and Alperin Schechter Day School), and the delicious savor of traditional and Israeli foods.

To mark the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, we will focus this year on our rich Sephardic culture, celebrating in dance, song, and a multimedia presentation.

Communal candle-lighting and singing, and special children's activities, will again add to the joy of the evening.

So, come join us! All are invited (please reserve early; last year's party was a sellout). Temple Emanu-El is located at the corner of Morris Avenue and Sessions Street, on the East Side (one block east of Hope Street).

For further information or reservations, please phone 331-1616. We hope to see you on December 7!

## RI Author, Henry Morgenthau, and Children's Literature at JCCRI Book Fair

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elm-grove Avenue in Providence, will hold its Annual Book Fair on November 21, 22 and 24. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to add to the family's library, purchase special holiday gifts and hear exciting presentations about a Jewish family's impact on American history, as well as Jewish children's literature.

During "Sunday Brunch" on November 24 at 11 am, Rhode Island resident and author, Henry Morgenthau III, will speak about his family, one of America's most politically influential and socially active. Their dynasty helped shape history; an ambassador to Turkey during Woodrow Wilson's tenure, who played a key role in the rescue of Armenians and Palestinians during the Armenian crisis; a Secretary of the Treasury who was a personal friend of Franklin Delano Roosevelt; a Manhattan District Attorney who was with Robert Kennedy when JFK was assassinated.

The cost of admission is \$3.50 with paid advance reservation by November 4, or \$4.50 at the door.

Parents and teachers interested in learning more about books for Jewish children are invited to attend Marcia Posner's presentation, "Fifty Years of Jewish Children's Literature," on Thursday evening, at 7:30 in the Senior Adult Lounge. Ms. Posner is a children's library specialist, library educator and authority in Judaica librarianship. She has written an impressive list of journal articles on the topics of books for Jewish children and has taught at various Boards of Jewish Education and Federations throughout the US. The program, co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Board of Jewish Education, is free and open to all.

The book sale will be held in the center's lobby from 10 am to 10 pm Thursday, November 21, and 10 am to 4 pm on Friday, November 22 and Sunday, November 24 (the center

is closed on Saturday). A wide variety of works, including new and used books, as well as special selections for children and Hanukkah toys and supplies will be available for purchase. Enjoy choosing from cookbooks, mysteries, fiction, non-fiction and classics. For further information or to make a reservation for Sunday Brunch, call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

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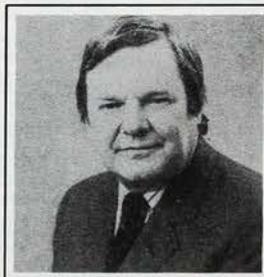
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## Emanu-El Shabbat Service

The morning Shabbat services at Temple Emanu-El on November 23 will include a program on the "Homeless and Hungry People of Rhode Island," which will be coordinated by the Social Action Committee and the U.S.Y. The speakers will include represen-

tatives of the R.I. Coalition for the Homeless, Amos House, the Providence Center, and Travelers Aid. A panel discussion will follow the services. The public is invited to attend.

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### Cranston Senior Guild



Espresso: Isaac Kriger, tenor, and Elizabeth Brahm-Kriger, singer/pianist.

The annual Chanukah Party of the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at the Venus De Milo in Swansea, Ma.

Luncheon will be served at 12 noon, to be followed by an outstanding entertainment pro-

gram. Isaac and Elizabeth Kriger, known professionally as "Espresso", will perform. Their unique blend of voices, presenting melodies from opera to Broadway, covering a vast range of beautiful and familiar music, will be a great source of enjoyment for this happy time of year.

A number of fruit baskets, at no further charge, will go to the lucky guests concluding the afternoon's festivities.

Helen Forman, Chairperson, and Financial Secretary, advises that all reservations and payments must be received by her no later than November 23. Her phone number is 521-0455.

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## Events at the JCCRI: Week of November 15-21

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elm Grove Avenue 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 Nov. 15-21. For further information, please call 861-8800 and ask for the person indicated.

### Fall Children's Theatre Production

The curtain will rise on the stars of the Children's Department when the Fall Theatre Productions presents "Who's That Knocking at My Door" on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7 pm in the Social Hall. This mysterious, musical comedy is directed by Tony Annicone and boasts a superb cast: Adam Beraha, Josh Beraha, Michael Furman, Shana Goldstein, Ilan Goodman, Ami Hersh, Eitah Hersh, Jon Liss, Lymor Ringer, Judd Schiffman and Elana Snow. After the play, an ice cream party will be held in the Senior Adult Lounge, where members of the cast will be available for photos and autographs. Tickets are \$1.50 and can be purchased at

the reception desk or at the door. There will be an additional charge of \$1 for the after-theater party. For further information, please call Laurie Leone or Ruby Shalansky.

### 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 am, with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 am. Regularly scheduled activities include: bridge on Monday from 12:30 to 3:45 pm; Women's Forum every Tuesday from 11 to 11:45 am. Friend to Friend on Thursdays from 11 am until noon; Bingo on Thursdays from 12:45 pm until 2 pm. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 am, followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs.

Friday, Nov. 15 — A History of Spain, 11 am to noon.

Saturday, Nov. 16 — "A Show of Hands" Artisans Crafts Fair, 8 to 10 pm (Call Ben Eisenberg for information on this special preview).

Sunday, Nov. 17 — "A Show of Hands" continues 9 am to 5 pm.

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## NCJW Paid-Up Membership Meeting

Adhering to their long tradition of advocacy for and assistance to children and families, the Rhode Island Section of the National Council of Jewish Women is presenting Linda D'Amario Rossi as guest speaker at their paid-up membership meeting, to be held on Tuesday, November 19, at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. The afternoon will begin with a petite luncheon at noon followed by the meeting at 12:45.

Ms. Rossi, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families, will address the topic "Mothers and Children in Peril." In her position she is the most qualified person in our state to enlighten the NCJW membership on this timely subject and one of the most serious blights on the American scene today.

With a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Rhode Island and a Master's

degree in Social Work Administration from Boston University, Ms. Rossi has studied also at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. After having been Director of the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families from 1983-1985, she returned to Rhode Island after having served as Secretary in the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services from 1987-1991. Before that she served from 1985-1987 as Deputy Commissioner of the Texas Youth Commission. As Rhode Island Director Ms. Rossi serves as a member of the Governor's Cabinet and manages an annual budget of \$88 million and a staff of 925. The department serves 10,000 children and their families a year.

A former President of the National Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators, Ms.

## Notice Of Special Events At Touro

A special late Friday Evening Service and Oneg Shabbat will be conducted by Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro, assisted by the children of Touro's United Hebrew School on November 15 at 8 p.m., featuring "Accentuating the Positive" and "Three Loves." A collation will follow, sponsored by parents of the Hebrew School students, in the Social Hall of the Touro Community Center, 85 Touro Street, Newport.

Also, remember Touro's Third Annual Chanukah Book and Gift Fair which will run from November 17 through December 8.

Come see our tremendous selection of books and gifts now available to you locally at the Touro Community Center, 85 Touro Street in Newport. Open daily: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sundays, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Thanksgiving Day closed.

This event is brought to you by the United Hebrew School at Touro, and the Touro Synagogue Gift Shop, administered by the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue.

Rossi has received several local and national awards. In 1988 she was the recipient of the prestigious E.R. Cass Award given by the American Correctional Association for outstanding achievement. She has been an Adjunct Faculty Member at Roger Williams College in the Administration of Justice Program. As a social worker and at the executive management level in child welfare and juvenile correctional professions for over twenty years, she has implemented change and reallocated resources for the improvement of conditions for children and their families.

New members, old members and Life Members of NCJW are urged to attend the November 19 meeting to hear the top administrator in Rhode Island in the Department of Children, Youth and Families address a most provocative and significant problem in America today.

## Sisterhood Of Temple Am David

### Chanukah Planning Meeting

Thursday evening, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. the Sisterhood of Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, is planning a celebration in honor

of Chanukah. A regular Sisterhood meeting will be chaired by Ruth Wagner, ex officio. The program and hospitality committees are planning a fun-filled evening. Entertainment

for this program is being provided by the USY of Temple Am David.

### Rummage Sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Am David will be presenting a large Rummage Sale at the Temple on November 17, November 18, and November 19. Sunday, November 17, will be "Prime Choice Day" with the selling hours between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, November 18 will be "Discount Day" with selling hours between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The last day, Tuesday, November 19, will be "Fill A Bag Day" from 9 a.m. to noon.

On sale will be clothing, housewares, jewelry, and more - all priced to sell! Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Come join us - browse and buy! We are located at 40 Gardiner Street, near Hoxs Four corners, Warwick, R.I.

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# School Beat



## W. Alton Jones

by Mordechai Gilden  
6th Grade, PHDS

Just recently, the 6th graders at Providence Hebrew Day School went to the W. Alton Jones campus for a three-day, two-night overnight trip. We were all very excited, and it's not hard to understand why. First of all, some kids were thrilled about the fact that they would be missing three days of school. Others just wanted to go for the fun of it. The cabins where we stayed were really outdoorsy, and the trip itself was really great. Besides the playing around, we also learned. We did a lot of great activities, including hikings, night walks, bird watching and game playing. Some other things we did were walking on a bog, having birds pluck seeds off our heads while standing perfectly still, and going fishing with nets for small organisms (such as backswimmers, crawfish, tadpoles, and even a leech!). We also learned about birds, water, pond life and nature. My personal favorite things there were going out on the bog, and putting birdseed on our heads and attracting birds (however I didn't get any birds, because I accidentally looked up and all the seed fell off, not to mention scaring away the birds who were about to land on my head). There was much more, but I'm not going to add it all in. If you want to know, then go for yourself!!!!

## Alperin Schechter to Hold Parents' Night for New Americans

Parents of new American students from the Soviet Union who joined the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School within the last three years are cordially invited to attend a Parents' Night Program on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El, Providence.

According to Jennifer Miller, Schechter Assistant Director, the evening is planned to help fill a gap in the acculturation process. "All parents need to understand the educational philosophy of their child's school and, more importantly, the parents' role in the education of their child," says Miller. "Somehow these essential

issues have, up to now, not been addressed."

Among the topics to be covered are: the American educational system, the role of the Parent-Teachers Association, the role of the parent, the teacher and the administrator, homework policy, discipline policy, school traditions (such as the Zimriyah or Humash Ceremony), volunteerism, and high school options.

Pavel Zaslavsky, parent of a Schechter graduate, will serve as translator. Representatives of the administration, faculty and parent-teachers association will address parent questions and concerns.

Refreshments will be served.

## Alperin Schechter First Graders Visit Coggeshall Farm

First grade students at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Coggeshall Farm in Bristol, R.I. Coggeshall Farm is an 18th Century working farm, where students had the unforgettable experience of petting sheep and chickens, helping to drive oxen, and observing cows being milked and wool being spun. Here is the class's version of their special day:

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1991, we went to Coggeshall Farm. We saw chickens. We saw the tools they used to make sweaters. We saw a cow. We

saw how they milked cows. We saw oxen. And how the people used oxen to get to places. We pet a ewe sheep with a number 8 tag on her ear. Sara, the cow, had a tag on her ear also.

We learned how to make the oxen move. "Gee" makes the oxen move to the right. Oxen weigh 2,000 pounds. Their names were Bright and Braun.

We saw a garden and picked and smelled peppermint. Some of us ate it! Nan pulled a carrot out of the ground. The oxen ate grass. We saw a ram. We liked milking the cow, feeding the chickens and feeding the cow.

## Brown/RISD Hillel Events

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**Wed. Nov. 20**  
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**Hillel House, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**  
Open dancing and instruction. All are invited regardless of experience or level of coordination.

## JCCRI Events

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Thursday, Nov. 21 — Annual Book Fair, 10 am to 10 pm. For further information, please call Ben Eisenberg.

### 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 pm. 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.

"Introduction to DOS" will meet on November 20 (repeated from October 2) and is designed for a new user or those with little experience who want to learn the basics of how the computer works. Participants will learn how to create files, name, rename, save, delete and copy files as well as how to format a disk and "boot" the computer.

Upcoming courses will meet as follows: "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 non-members. Call Assistant Executive Director Vivian Weisman for details.

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# Obituaries

## ERNEST NATHAN

PROVIDENCE — Ernest Nathan, 86, of 204 Freeman Parkway, founder and former chief executive officer of Elmwood Sensors, Cranston, died Saturday, November 2, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Pearl (Gluck) Nathan.

Born in Augsburg, Germany, he was a son of the late Rudolph and Lena (Bernheim) Nathan.

Mr. Nathan was a graduate of the Institute of Textile Technology in Reutlingen, Germany in 1926. He came to Warwick, R.I., to head the Warwick Chemical Co. in 1929 on a joint venture with Crompton Corporation and his family's chemical company, Chemisch Fabrik Pfersee, Augsburg, a family business started in 1868 to make Impregnole, one of the first water repellents for fabric which his family had developed in Germany. Before World War II, he was a U.S. citizen and was able to sign

affidavits for at least 50 persons, including his entire family.

In 1946, he sold the business to the Sun Chemical Corp., where he was vice president from 1948-1952 in Long Island City. From 1952 to 1954, he was executive vice president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, and lived part-time in Israel, encouraging economic development there.

In 1954, he rejoined Crompton and ran their Teflon division called Chemo Products in West Warwick.

In 1962, with assistance from the Small Business Administration he bought control of Elmwood Sensors, a start up company making bimetallic disc thermostats. He developed Elmwood into an international company with a second factory in Newcastle, England. He sold it in 1980 to Hawker Siddley of Great Britain. He was named "Businessman of Rhode Island" in 1971.

In 1970 and 1971 he was

sent on a series of trade missions to Scandinavian and Eastern European countries by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

He was a founding member of Larchmont Temple, Larchmont, N.Y., where he lived from 1946 to 1956. He was a past president of Temple Beth-El, Providence, where he lived from 1929 to 1946 and from 1956 until his death.

An honorary fellow and lifetime board member of the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, he was also on the national board of the Jewish National Fund, and the social action committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. In the past he was on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and was active with the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, the East Side YMCA, and the Brown Medical School.

He was a member of the first Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities. He was a member of the Chemists Club in New York and on the President's Council of Providence College.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Alan Nathan of Barrington and Richard Nathan of Cassano Valcuvia, Italy; a daughter, Joan Nathan Gerson of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Alice Regensteiner of Warwick, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held Monday, November 4, at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence.

## SAMUEL B. GREENE

CRANSTON — Samuel B. Greene, 88, of 19 Glen Ave. died Saturday, November 2, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Sophie (Sandler) Greene.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Louis and Anna (Donner) Greene, he lived in Cranston since 1933. He previously lived in Providence.

Mr. Greene was a graduate of the New England College of Podiatry. He was owner of the former Greene & Co., a retail

jewelry store on North Main Street, from 1930 until retiring in 1986. The company was founded by his father in 1894.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan, and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. During World War II he was active in Civil Defense. Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Anne Greene-Cloutier of Carmel, Calif.; a son, Richard Greene of Cranston; two sisters, Irene Greene and Dorothy Friendly, both of New York; a brother, Robert Greene of Wickford, and three grandchildren.

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

## ROSE I. ORCHOFF

CRANSTON — Rose I. Orchoff, 77, of 43 Newbury St. died Sunday, November 10, 1991, at home. She was the widow of Peter Orchoff.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Vincent and Beatrice (Farone) Verdone.

Mrs. Orchoff was former co-owner with her husband of the Orber Manufacturing Co., Pawtucket, for 40 years before retiring nine years ago. She was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild.

She leaves a son, Charles Fusco of Cranston; two daughters, Roslyn Schwartz of Cranston and Ann Stebbing of College Park, Md.; two sisters, Florence Montagano of Johnston and Betty Vaughn of Cranston; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral cortege left the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, Monday, November 11, for a graveside service at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## JULIA Y. WEBER

EAST PROVIDENCE — Julia Yale Weber, 85, of 29 Arthur Ave., a teacher at Honesdale High School in Pennsylvania for 31 years, died Wednesday, November 6, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Isadore J. Weber.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Ida and Louis Berlin. She lived in East Providence 20 years and previously had lived in Honesdale for 31 years.

Mrs. Weber was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, where she had taught Sunday school.

She leaves two daughters, Deborah W. Perry of Newton, Mass., and Eleanor W. Dickman of Cupertino, Calif.; a sister, Sophie Berlin of Providence, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Thursday, November 7, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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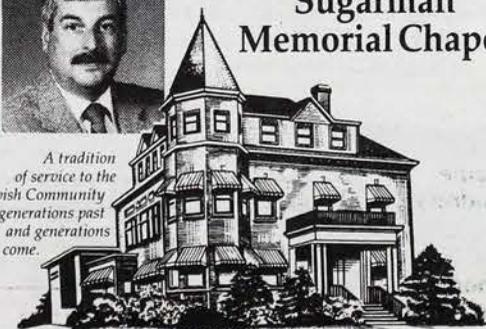
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## Forgotten Dream

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sheep, and he v-y-sh-q the Ewe."

There is a suggestion here, at the moment that Jacob seems about to fulfill his parents' command to find a wife with whom he may seek his destiny, that Jacob is forgetting his dream.

Nowhere is this lapse more clear than in the episode in which Jacob calls his wives to the field and tells them of a new dream he claims to have had. This new dream stands in ironic contrast to Jacob's sublime dream at the beginning of his journey. Now, instead of angels ascending and descending a ladder to heaven, he-goats are ascending onto the flock to impregnate them.

In Jacob's first dream he had been told that he and his descendants would spread out in four directions. But now Jacob is concerned with neither children nor with land. He speaks not of G-d's promise to him and his family, not of the destiny he was sent to seek - he speaks only of property. He has substituted for his dream of a mission a promise of pros-

perity.

It is all too easy for a person to lose his dream, and with his dream, his humanity. Jacob slips too easily, too smoothly, into his loss of humanness, and that is what makes this parashah so very sad. Jacob has fallen into a trap which threatens each of us: he has exchanged his dream for a delusion.

But what is astonishing about this story is that Jacob ultimately breaks away. At last he leaves Laban's house, he returns to the Promised Land and to his father's home, and he becomes the father of the nation that will inherit the land. The process of Jacob's return is long and gradual, but there is one word within this saddest of narratives which suggests that Jacob ultimately will be capable of this return.

It is the word hineni - "here I am" - with which Jacob responds to the angel in his second dream. The word, in context, is ironic. It is the word used in Genesis when a patriarch responds to G-d's call, when a son responds to his father's command. Jacob has never uttered his word, not when his father blessed and

commanded him, and not when G-d appeared to him. Yet he uses it now, as he envisions an angel promising him wealth.

The word is ironic, but it is hopeful. It is hopeful because it suggests that Jacob has not forgotten all, that he recalls the possibility of destiny, if not the nature of his destiny. Jacob has forgotten his dream, but he has not forgotten that he had a dream. And by remembering, Jacob retains the possibility that he might dream again.

And he does. After his long journey home, after a lifetime of trouble and sorrow, as Jacob prepares once again to leave the land for exile, Jacob will dream once more. G-d will appear to him and renew his promise, and Jacob will respond to the divine call to destiny, at last, with the word hineni.

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## Hope After Madrid?

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have attempted to knock out Iraqi facilities before the Gulf War began. It didn't do that either, only because the U.S. insisted that Israel stay out of the conflict. In effect, Israel was told to expose itself to a first hit, a hit that resulted in devastating damage.

The bitter truth is that although Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, the U.S. alliance with Israel has only rarely been a function of moral resolve. In far too many instances, the alliance has grown out of narrow political interests. Every war that Israel has fought, it has won, only to have the U.S. wrest or attempt to wrest victory away from it. And the U.S. has always opposed Israeli sovereignty over the entire city of Jerusalem, east

and west. The U.S. has been committed to Israel only when Israel was the best available ally it could muster in the region. Now the U.S. perceives its interests to lie with the Arab nations, and with hardly any moral qualms it is changing partners.

Herein lies America's tragic mistake. During the cold war, Israel was a bulwark against Soviet expansionism in the area. Today, it is the cornerstone against Syrian and even Iraqi domination in the region (it is not at all clear that the Iraqi danger has been removed).

Mr. Baker told me not to worry. I wouldn't if the Bush administration would realize how important Israel is as a strategic ally of the U.S. The Arab states are prone to quick

changes; a friend today is tomorrow's enemy. The U.S. gave aid to Iraq only to have Iraq turn on the U.S. Today, America is embracing Syria. Syria, too, will turn against America. Israel, on the other hand, has been steadfast in its commitment to the U.S.

I wish I didn't have to worry. But, the signs indicate that the Bush White House has forgotten all this, or is wilfully abandoning the State of Israel.

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## Demands

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bers of the Palestinian National Council who reside in the territories the right to travel to and participate in all sessions of the PNC, which is the Palestine Liberation Organization's parliamentary body.

6. The release of all political prisoners.

7. An end to torture in Israeli prisons.

8. An end to restrictions on the freedom of activity and political organizations in the territories, and the cancellation of military decrees related to those restrictions.

9. An end to censorship and the bans on newspapers, books, magazines, songs and plays.

### An End To Provocative Phrases

10. The reopening of Palestinian universities, colleges, institutions, organizations and unions that have been closed

by Israeli edict.

11. Restoration of the local town councils elected in 1976 but removed by the Israeli administration.

12. An end to the use of provocative phrases such as "Judea and Samaria" and "terrorist organizations" by official Israeli elements.

13. Cancellation of taxes introduced by the Israeli authorities since 1967.

14. Return of lands and property confiscated from their legal owners.

15. An end to restrictions on movement in the territories and Jerusalem.

16. Facilitation of family reunification and an end to restrictions on travel abroad.

17. An end to restrictions on exports from the territories and on the development of projects under the auspices of United Nations agencies.

18. An end to the destruction of homes and cancellation of

restrictions on construction in the territories.

19. Public disclosure by Israel of the accounts and budgets allocated to the territories.

20. An end to restrictions in the territories on the activities of international organizations, such as the International Red Cross and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

21. Evacuation of Jewish settlers from the St. John's Hospice in East Jerusalem, Dir al-Sultan and Tomb of the Patriarchs/Matriarchs in Hebron.

22. Closure of the Nafha and Ketzioi detention camps.

23. An end to restrictions on investments in the territories by individuals and institutions.

24. Cancellation of decrees and laws that prohibit displaying the Palestinian flag.

25. Cancellation of Israeli government control over the East Jerusalem Electric Co.

## Chabad

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### After the Coup

Today, Vorovich is engaged to be married and is fulfilling that emptiness he once had. Through an educational program sponsored and guided by the Chabad Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, he is currently studying to be ordained at the Rabbinical College of America in New Jersey.

Vorovich was chosen by the Rhode Island Chabad leaders who brought him here to act as the Chabad messenger. Besides his keen ability to reach people, the Chabad also picked Vorovich because the only family he had in America, an aunt and cousin, have been here for about two years.

Vorovich visits local day schools and the homes of newly arrived Russian immigrants, spreading the Chabad message that it is important for the family to learn traditions together - something which he never had. He gives a lecture series entitled, "The Great Miracle that Happened in Russia," regarding the importance of tradition.

His summers are spent back

in Moscow at Camp Gan Israel where he is head counselor. He arranges concerts for the campers and large Chanukah parties. Now he can't wait to teach the Jewish tradition to children instead of history.

When asked about his experiences during the attempted coup last August, he explained that while he was at the center he and his friends saw the tanks in the streets and were terrified of being jailed. His feelings mirrored those of the entire Jewish community, of which, according to Vorovich, about 250,000 Jews were on the list to be arrested. And one of the first groups to be singled out would have been the Chabad, as they were the most visible of the Jews.

However, because of Rabbi Schneerson's assurances that "...all will be well," a Jewish wedding took place in the middle of the coup.

Now that the Soviet Union has widely embraced "glasnost," the Chabad is striving to reach as many Jews as they can. In fact, there were about 200 people at last year's Passover seder in Moscow.

Although some people are worried that there will be more coups in the future, basically,

Vorovich feels that, "nobody knows what's going to happen. All the communist centers are closed down. Everything that has been is all over and we are starting over again."

## 1938

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and relatives ended up there. Many never came back home.

Heimann spoke of how "Kristallnacht" was instigated by the Nazi propaganda machine, who had intended to call the night, "Die Nacht Der Langen Messer" - the "Night of the Long Knives."

Heimann also spoke of the psychological effect of being a Holocaust survivor: "Did I have a youth? No, I did not. I had a childhood that ended on March 13, 1938, [when] German troops goosestepped into Vienna. I became an adult after allied troops liberated me in July, 1943 from internment in Italy.

An eager speaker, Heimann offered to answer questions "until the good rabbi [Rabbi Rosen] takes his vaudeville hook to pull me off the lecture."

## Nechama Tec (continued from page 1)

She pulled out of Polish files the story also of Oswald Rufeisen, an account that recalls the strange script for "Europa Europa." Oswald hid out by "passing" as a German Pole. He got a job as a secretary to an older Nazi officer, who formed a father-son bond with the youngster. Oswald used his power and privilege to redeem partisans, Russians, and hundreds of Jews who slipped out from the ghettos. Informers who watched and waited everywhere for rewards, denounced him. Oswald offered to shoot himself, but his boss let him sneak away. He hid in a convent, and converted to Catholicism. After the war he went to Israel as a Zionist Christian monk. He demanded citizenship under the law of return. A panel of high judges refused. Jews whose lives he had saved backed him up. He won citizenship, but not as a Jew. The importance of the tale of Oswald lay for Nechama in its irony. Perhaps, after all, rescuers and victims do not fit into separate categories. Oswald was both helpless and powerful, the rescued and the rescuer.

Professor Tec stood and spoke with polish, professionalism and keen intelligence. During the question period other survivors challenged her words, her portrait of a Poland laid low by foreign police. "The camps were built in Poland because the Poles were the worst Jew-haters." "The Ukrainians and the Rumanians, they amazed even the Germans with the fierceness of their cruelty." But Nechama Tec staunchly placed the burden of blame upon the Germans. They designed the destruction of the Jews.

Others in the audience at the J.C.C. wanted to find out more about the speaker's own firsthand pain. Was she hiding from herself behind her research, distancing herself through her work.

Heinz Sandelowski in his stirring introduction of the main speaker had put it like this. "Humanity sank to its lowest point in Krystallnacht. But the war against the Jews started years earlier. And before it was over, humanity fell far deeper."

During the commemorations of The Night of Shattered Glass, the Brown German and Judaic Studies departments had shown "The Partisans of Vilna," a 130-minute film about the formation of a Jewish resistance. The group had to fight Jewish leaders and their followers as well as the enemy. Then they had to fight other partisans. They outshone other guerilla groups. But they were disbanded and had to go on alone against the foe.

"The rarest thing in the world, then as now, was hope. That's what I seek," said Nechama in her final words.

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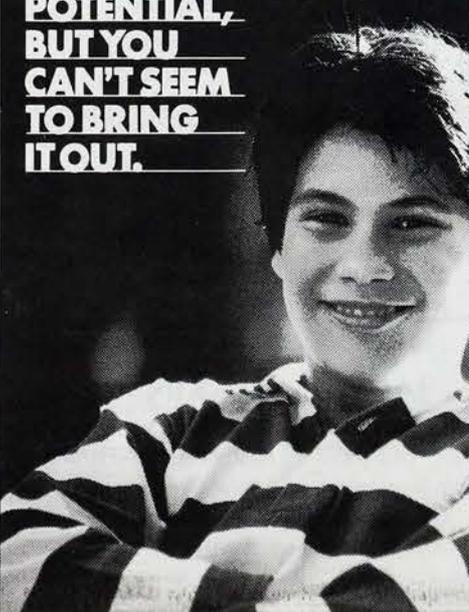
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