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A Successful "Handpicked" Book Fair



Wendy shows her daughter, Arielle Spellun, "What Can You Do With A Bagel?" during Torat Yisrael's Book Fair.



The first grade class of Torat Yisrael's religious school takes time out from class to see the many children's books at their temple's book fair.

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Last Sunday, November 17, from 9 to 12:30pm Torat Yisrael opened their doors to the public for their Eighth Annual Book Fair. Adults, teenagers and children were able to choose from over 2,000 "handpicked" hardcover and paperback books. The shelves were also stocked with several varieties of video and audio cassettes including some new Yiddish tapes.

Educational Director Lonna Picker and librarian Hana Berman kept in mind many of their congregants' requests as they set forth to several Boston book dealers to accumulate an array of books all accenting Jewish themes.

According to Picker, multiple copies of several hardcover books sold out especially quickly; however, they were prepared to take special orders for those interested.

The successful book fair was arranged in conjunction with the theme of the National Jewish Book Month, the Heritage of the Jewish People. Some of the organizers say that, although they hoped to encourage people to give books as gifts, it was obvious that's what most people had in mind. Also, this year Torat has organized a reading program for its children so that they read at least one book over the summer.

All proceeds from this fair will go towards the temple's religious school.

Regional Talks Worry Israelis

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli officials are expressing discomfort with Washington's plans to turn the multinational phase of the Middle East peace talks into an elaborate international conference on regional issues.

Israel has already conveyed to Washington its disquiet over U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's intention of opening such a conference with great fanfare either later this month or early in December.

Foreign Minister David Levy, who will head the Israeli delegation to the multinational talks, wrote to Baker about Israel's concerns and demanded that Israel be consulted on

the format and procedures of the negotiations.

The subject is likely to be high on the agenda of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's White House meeting with President Bush on Nov. 22.

The multilateral talks were originally planned as the third stage of the peace conference that opened Oct. 30 in Madrid. But now, officials here fear, the talks are shaping up to be just the sort of international peace conference Israel has tried desperately for years to avoid.

Israel was, in fact, eager to meet with the Arab states collectively to discuss regional issues of mutual concern, such as the environment and water

resources.

But those talks were to be completely divorced from the direct, bilateral negotiations Israel would hold separately with Syria, Lebanon and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

The bilateral talks indeed got under way in Madrid, though little substantive was discussed and no dates have yet been set for the next encounters.

Now Israel fears it will be surrounded at the multinational talks by the Arab states and major powers from outside the region that have not notably challenged Arab demands.

Baker is said to be planning

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URI Candlelight Vigil



Students take turns reading from the script.

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

Last week in the chill evening air a handful of students gathered on the quadrangle at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, to mark the historic emigration of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews to Israel. They stood close together and shielded their flames from the cutting winds. Together they paid tribute to the many brave Jews across the globe who worked together to make this monumental migration a reality.

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CELEBRATE CHANUKAH AT

Raphy Gallery

The staff at the *Herald* is busy judging this year's entries to our Chanukah Drawing Contest. Winners will be announced in next week's issue. Look to see if you've been judged one of the best.

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Honorary chairpersons, Elaine and Barry Fain, invite you to a fund-raiser for The Furniture Bank and Clothing Bank of R.I., featuring North Star recording artist Judith Lynn Stillman from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22, at The Roger Williams Park Casino.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a private champagne reception with internationally known pianist Judith Stillman on the upper level for patrons and benefactors. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and complimentary copies of Judith's North Star release, "Christmas Remembered," will be provided.

The cocktail party including

cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a chamber group provided by The Music School in the lower level. A silent auction will also be held. Artist Karl Doerflinger whose "Winter Carousell Party" is seen on the cover of "Christmas Remembered," will unveil and auction off his newest signed lithograph, "Concert in the Park" framed to museum standards by Edge-wood Gallery.

Judith Stillman will entertain guests on the upper level from 7:30-8 p.m. The event is being held to raise money and awareness for the Furniture Bank and Clothing Bank of R.I. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 for patrons, and \$75 for benefactors.

If you want to buy tickets, or have further questions, please contact the Furniture Bank at 467-9234.

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 representatives 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.

Pediatric CPR Course

Would you know what steps to take if your ten-month-old baby swallowed an object and started choking? Or, if the child you were babysitting suddenly tripped and fell unconscious?

Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island is offering a two-part seminar, Accident Prevention and Pediatric CPR, on Dec. 2 and 9, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The sessions will be held at the hospital at 101 Dudley Street in Providence.

Injuries are the number one killer and cause of disability in

children. This course — recommended for all parents or caretakers of young children — will teach participants how to prevent accidents and what to do in emergencies. Upon completion of this course, participants will be certified through the American Heart Association.

Pre-registration by Nov. 26 is required. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information or to register, call the Patient Education Department at Women & Infants Hospital at 274-7140.

Holiday Potter Sale

The South County Potter's Cooperative is holding its 21st annual Holiday Pottery Sale. This is the largest pottery sale in Rhode Island and includes the work of over 50 potter members of the South County Art Association. This four-day sale features functional and decorative porcelain and stoneware as well as jewelry produced by both students and professional potters working in many Rhode Island Communities. Prices reflect the the vari-

ous levels of skill and many "great finds" have made this sale an annual South County event not to be missed.

Where: Helme House Gallery, 2587 Kingstown Rd. (Rte. 138), Kingston, R.I., 1/2 block east of main entrance to URI.

When: December 5, 6, 7, 8 - Thursday, Dec. 5; Friday, Dec. 6, Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 783-2195 for more information.

Alzheimer's Informational Meeting

In recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Month, Clinical Programs, 132 George M. Cohan Blvd. in Providence, is offering an informational evening, Tuesday, November 26 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Dr. Walter A. Brown will discuss current research and treat-

ment opportunities on both the national and local levels. Clinical Programs staff will also provide screening for memory impairment.

This program is free and open to the public. For further information call 273-2950.

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Continuing Exhibits

Bell Gallery Features List Collection in 20th Anniversary Exhibition

Reprise: The Vera G. List Collection continues through Nov. 24 at the David Winton Bell Gallery, 64 College St., in honor of its 20th anniversary. The gallery was dedicated in October of 1971, and featured the inaugural exhibition *Recent Painting and Sculpture from the Albert A. List Family Collection*. This year Vera List again is allowing the gallery to present a selection from her collection for its anniversary. The current exhibition, which includes more than 30 pieces, brings back nine of these works along with a selection of more recent acquisitions. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 11 am to 4 pm and weekends 1 to 4 pm.

The Sporting Woman Exhibition to Feature Historical Photographs

The Sporting Woman: InSights from Her Past, an exhibition documenting the history of women in sports, will continue through Nov. 30 at the Center for Information Technology. The exhibition features more than 100 pictures and photographs spanning thousands of years of women's participation in sports, among them a photograph of a 1320 B.C. wooden statue representing a female Egyptian diver and an 1835 lithograph of a French woman skier. "Sports gave women an opportunity to rebel against the confinement of traditionalism — they were a part of the quest for freedom," said Arlene Gorton, associate director of athletics. One of the events in University's 100 Years of Women at Brown celebration, *The Sporting Woman: InSights from Her Past* is sponsored by the Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, the Brown Sports Foundation and the Center for Information Technology. The center is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 4 pm, Friday 7:30 am to 9 pm, Saturday 9 am to 9 pm and Sunday 9 am to 4 pm.

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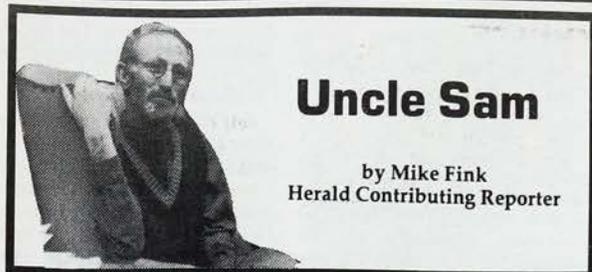
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FEATURE



Uncle Sam

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

On December 7 fifty years ago our nation turned to face up to Uncle Sam. I had my own personal private Uncle Sam, and I go back to have a good look at him. Sam fought in the Pacific and brought me back a machete he had used to hack a path through the jungles, a box of polished shells from island beaches, and some vivid snapshots of the native peoples he had met in the Philippines.

My uncle's toolkit with its upholstery scissors and balls of twine sits on my cellar floor. A few letters in a frayed elastic band stay in the bottom drawer of a bookcase in my garage studio, messages from his brothers and sisters, cousins in Canada, and V-mail letters from me when I was very small. I use some of his prayer-books and one of his tallisim. His letter of tribute from the White House hangs framed upon my wall.

Mostly though my uncle lives in my memory as I drive among familiar streets and remember his figure at a bus stop or hiking the length of an East Side avenue.

My father's brother was born to a dying mother. She passed away a week after his birth. Sam was sent to his religious maternal grandparents in a rural community outside Montreal, Quebec. At the age of 16 he came to Providence to live with his remarried father, stepmother and new baby half siblings he helped care for.

His dad wanted him to learn a trade, the craft of upholstery. He just liked to sing. His orthodox code of conduct clashed with the twenties business values. The strain made him crack. He withdrew into a mental slumber for a few years. The medical term was a harsh phrase. Throughout the thirties he rolled his cigarettes and bought his daily bread. War woke us all up. Though over-age, Sam volunteered as a medic and served with distinction as a sergeant in the Army Air Force. His family smiled at the photo portrait of a grinning "nephew of Uncle Sam" in uniform. I, too, was a proud

nephew, with a gentle hero who wrote to me alone.

Several years after the peace, in his forties, Sam met and married Sally. My mom gave them an engagement party. She held high hopes for their happiness. A son was born, in the midfifties. Sam and Sally quarreled. Sam liked to go tend his father and bathe him. Sally took in her aged blind mother. Sam and Sally separated.

Alone again, Sam took courses in biology, art history, and religion. He tried driving a cab. He got mugged. He took odd jobs and moved from flat to flat. He drove his boy to art classes. Comics, especially Archie, were youthful favorites. When Sam couldn't afford to keep up a car, he would walk to Sally's place and take his son by bus to square dancing lessons. He sought to teach pride in faith and work.

My uncle Sam was sitting beside me in the passenger seat of my car when he saw the ghost of his mother. She loomed like a giant genie above the Fleet Bank Building downtown. He told me my father used to stamp his feet to make the ghosts go away. I made myself honk my Honda horn.

Sally hoarded her special son at home as her treasure. She fed, dressed and bathed him, keeping him safe under the heavy wings of her devotion. Sam took sick and died. I took his good conduct medal and pinned it on my jacket. I read those family letters that filled me in on many chapters of his past, the promise of his youth, the disappointments of his life. I made a small video of his story. I filmed his ex-wife and their grown son over tea and talk at Sally's place. The son stares and listened to his mother's account of their courtship and later their divorce. Sally gazes fondly as her son speaks of his comic book collection and his dad's criticisms of his drawings. Sally shows her wedding album. I found a lovely smiling portrait of my parents.

Within a year Sally also died. Their only son went to a

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A Chronicle Of The Jewish Family

Part II

(continued from last week)

by Dr. Robert P. Waxler
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If we turn finally to the modern Jewish family in America, we can briefly trace this mythic change and some of its consequences. The mythic voyage from Eastern Europe to America forced the Jewish father into the marketplace, the public sphere, away from his roots in Jewish texts and study. At the same time, it increasingly forced the Jewish mother into the private sphere, confinement in the home. In addition, it forced upon her all the obligations of maintaining the ethical values and sense of compassion that would keep sons and daughters part of the traditional Jewish context. Anything that went wrong then could be, and was, blamed on the mother. The father in this context, like most modern American fathers, became an absent father, working as the breadwinner away from the home. His status was no longer defined by his study of texts, but by his ability to make a killing in the marketplace.

These changes are clear from the mythic patterns found in modern Jewish-American literature and film. Allow me to close this talk this morning with a few brief examples.

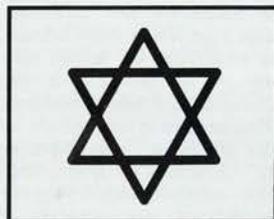
In the first few decades of the 20th century, Jewish fathers are often portrayed as men unable to adjust to the transition from the old mythic pattern to the new one. As a result, they often become tyrants as in Anzia Yezerska's semi-autobiographical work *Bread Givers*. As the old traditional father now caught in the

new world puts it in that novel:

"Has a father no rights in America? Didn't I bring my children into the world? Why should my children think only of themselves? Here I give up my whole life, working day and night, to spread the light of the Holy Torah. Don't my children owe me at least a living?"

And as the daughter justifiably responds:

"What have you ever done for your wife and children, but crush them and break them. I ran away from home because I hated you, I couldn't bear the sight of you."



The mother is the practical one in many of these first generation novels, filled with common sense, a strong assimilative ability that the father lacks, and a sense of compromise. She is also the compassionate one. In the film "Jazz Singer," for example, the mother serves as the mediator between the old world father and the new world son who finally agrees to postpone his Broadway opening because it is Yom Kippur, the highest holy day in the Jewish calendar. The gifts the son brings home after his Broadway success tells the story: "For a Mama diamonds,"

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he says. "For Papa, a praying shawl." In the end though, the mother chooses the son over the father. Her son is the future, and it is the American future that she will serve.

Through the centuries, the mythic images of fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, multiply in keeping with the thrust for individual freedom, and there is clearly something to celebrate in the diversity of these images. Yet at the same time, there is an increasing sense of alienation and rootlessness, a breakdown in Jewish family values. Let me cite one last story in this context, a story called *Eli the Fanatic* by the contemporary Jewish writer Philip Roth. The story in many ways seems to summarize the mythic pattern that we are currently caught in, a pattern fraught with ambiguities and unresolved tensions.

Eli Peck is a young lawyer living in the suburban town of Woodenton, married to Miriam who is pregnant and about ready to give birth. He is approached by Ted Heller, another suburban Jew, who is concerned about the unassimilated orthodox Jews living in the neighborhood and also about the frightening stories about Abraham and Isaac that his daughter has been hearing in

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Winter Holidays

by Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro
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In our country, the Christian winter holiday of Christmas seems to take "centerstage" earlier and earlier each year. This is probably often a result of commercial rather than religious factors. I believe our Christian neighbors are not cognizant, that along with all the growing attention we see in our country being given to Christmas at this time of the year, that an accompanying air of fear and discomfort spreads among many in the Jewish community, in an equal ratio at this time. As the media blares forth its Christmas messages, especially those aimed at children, many Jewish families face the forthcoming season with a spectrum of reactions ranging from uneasiness to hysteria — a Christmas syndrome.

Jewish parents resent the bending and stretching of constitutional principles of the separation of religion and civic-pursuits with the various displays, activities (musical and dramatic programs), and the atmosphere of a strong Christian religious connotation, in our public schools, public areas and

by our public officials. We all pretend to accept without hesitation the annual media event of the President of the United States lighting up the "national" Christmas tree before a national television audience. Although Jews recognize that the majority of Americans are members of the Christian faith, this presidential action sends a message to our people that we "are different." Despite the fact that the observance of Christmas has been promoted as a national observance, its origin and observance remain important tenets of the Christian religion. Therefore, Jewish parents often feel compelled, as a positive device to offset the feelings of frustration and awkwardness often felt by their children, to emphasize the Jewish holiday of Chanukah that is celebrated at this time of the year. This attempt to counterbalance the effects of "over exposure to" Christmas on Jewish children results in developing the widespread misconception of Chanukah being "the Jewish Christmas." It results in various Jewish groups pushing for "equal rights" by fostering large public displays of Chanukah candelabra (menorahs) alongside Christmas trees, to gain a feeling of "equal legiti-

imacy" within their communities. It leads to an almost paranoic effort of some parents to glorify the custom of presenting gifts to children by outdoing their Christian neighbors, and giving their children gifts on every night of the eight-day celebration of Chanukah, while overlooking other aspects of the holiday.

For the benefit of our Christian neighbors (and our local Jewish families, too), I would like to inform them that Chanukah, though a festive occasion, is considered a *minor* holiday in the Jewish calendar. Its celebration has no connec-

tion with Christmas, except that it is usually celebrated around the same time (this year December 1 through 9). This is due to its status as a post-Biblical holiday with a limited set of observances. However, the message of this holiday is both major and relevant to Jews and Gentiles, especially in the United States, because it is one of the earliest sources of the cherished American principle of religious freedom, as embodied in our First Constitutional Amendment. It marks the struggle of Jews to maintain their right to serve G-d in their traditional manner and their

successful victory in 164 B.C.E. against the Syrian tyrant who tried to force them to follow his "majority" religion.

We, at Touro Synagogue, are somewhat more sensitive to this ideal of religious freedom because our congregation's founders came to Newport in 1658, because of their search for this cherished privilege. The colony of Rhode Island was one of those rare areas at that time where this dream could be realized. Therefore, it is no coincidence that our synagogue was dedicated on this holiday in 1763, and why we have gained

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It's Cold Outside

Brrr, it's getting cold outside. Time to rearrange your closets, pull out your sweaters and make sure there are no buttons missing on your winter coat. Just thinking about the cold makes you want to find a nice warm fireplace to park yourself in front of for the whole winter.

Cold and warm are not just terms that define the seasons or the weather. They are often words used to describe emotions and personalities, too. And, they have frequently been used to express the Jewish people's relationship with G-d, Judaism, and the Torah.

When the Jews were in the desert about to receive the Torah, they were likened to a fiery flame. One nation, the nation of Amalek, waged war against the Jews in the desert. Although it was an actual physical battle, it had great spiritual repercussions. For, of Amalek it is said, "he made you cool" - he cooled Israel from their fervor and enthusiasm for receiving the Torah.

Moses and Joshua led the nation in battle against Amalek. For a fledgling nation, this hardly seems the optional way to try and overcome their differences. Wouldn't a peace treaty, or some concessions have been better?

But, Amalek hoped to do much more than physical damage to the Jews. He wanted to cool them off from Judaism, to lessen the warmth they felt toward the Torah. Therefore, any and all measures had to be employed to assure victory over Amalek.

If we feel ourselves getting cold, and not because of winter weather, we too, should utilize whatever methods are available to triumph over those feelings. When we feel someone or something making us cold or

distant toward Judaism, we can't make concessions or peace treaties. Because once someone like Amalek gets an inch, he's going to want a foot and then a mile. Cold might be all right for the Eskimos, but most of us prefer the Bahamas.

Two Ways To Serve G-d

In this week's Torah portion, *Vaylshiach*, Jacob triumphs in his struggle with an angel. After his victory, he is told, "And your name shall no longer be Jacob; instead Israel shall be your name."



The name Jacob implies that he acquired his father's blessings through cunning; he used subtlety to take the blessings which had been intended for his brother Esau.

'Israel' on the other hand, denotes the receiving of blessings through "noble conduct and in an open manner."

The deeds of the ancestors are a sign to their children. According to Chasidic philosophy, the names 'Jacob' and 'Israel' denote two stages in the service of G-d, both necessary at different times in the religious life of every Jew. 'Israel' denotes a higher achievement, but it does not supplant or remove the necessity for the service signified by 'Jacob.'

The implication we can

derive from Jacob's shrewd act is that we have to use cunning in our approach when dealing with our physical nature. A cunning person does not reveal his intentions. Instead, he seems to be following the path of his opponent. But, at the crucial point, he does that which he had planned all along.

The Jew, in his involvement with the material world, appears to be preoccupied with it. He eats, drinks, transacts business. But he does so for the sake of heaven. His objectives are not material ones. He wears the 'clothes of Esau' in order to beguile others, but his implicit purpose is to uncover and elevate the 'holy sparks,' inherent in the physical world.

But the way of 'Israel' is that in worldly conduct, he has no need to conceal his intention of serving G-d. He experiences no tensions between the spiritual and the material. The world has no hold on him; it does not hide from him its intrinsic G-dliness. This distinction can be seen in the difference between a Shabbat meal and a weekday one. When eating a weekday meal we try to integrate the physical act with its spiritual motivation - that of eating for the sake of having the strength to serve heaven. But eating a Shabbat meal in itself fulfills the commandment to rejoice in the Sabbath. Here, the holiness in the physical is manifest.

Just as our week is comprised of both the weekdays and Shabbat, two different ways in which we integrate the physical and spiritual, so, too, must our G-dly service incorporate the two types of service that the names Jacob and Israel represent.

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer of the R.I. Chabad Lubavitch House.

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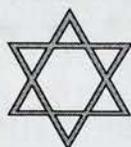
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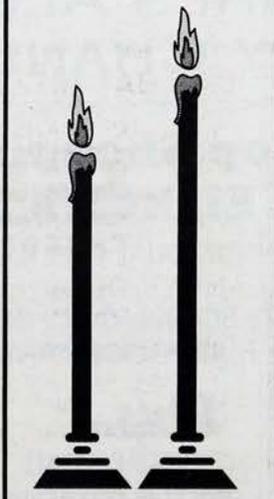
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London. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, took the British government to task for its failure to sanction the formation of a Jewish army in Palestine despite its previous assurances that it would help establish such a force.

Nazis Condemn Five

Zurich. Five Jews were condemned to death in an alleged clothing card swindle. A Bulgarian newspaper carried a report of widespread persecution of Jews in Greece, where they are being blamed for that country's plight.

Refugees in Berlin

London. Close to forty thousand Jewish refugees have settled in Britain, according to an announcement made at a news conference of Jewish Community leaders held in Manchester. The purpose of the conference was to form a unified synagogue organization in Great Britain.

FOCUS

How I Spent Six Years Of My Life In The "Joint"

J-o-i-n-t (1) a place where two things or parts are joined; (2) the way in which two things are joined at such part; (3) one of the parts or sections of a jointed whole; (4) a large cut of meat with the bone still in; (5) slang - a cheap bar or night club; (6) slang - a marijuana cigarette; (7) anat - a place where two bones are joined

Above definitions are taken from The New World Dictionary Of The American Language. At this point, I would like to add yet another definition: (8) the affectionate nickname for THE AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

After a stint with the Allied Control Commission in Rome, I approached what I knew to be a U.S.-run organization, the A.J.D.C. I was hired immediately and assigned to the office in Bari, a medium size town on the southern Adriatic. The Bari office was administered by Mrs. Minnie Sterk, a lady whom I knew from my native Vienna. She spent the war years as an internee in German-occupied Yugoslavia, but came out unscathed. The office had a staff of about sixteen. All of us were kept busy six days a week. There were three major Displaced Persons camps around the town. The largest one was in Barletta; there were two minor ones in Trani and also on the outskirts of Bari itself.

We assisted the people in the DP camps with food, clothing and with psychological counseling which the poor souls who came out of the Polish campsites needed badly. Everything was done to prepare them for a better life in the future. Most of the people were young men and women. The older generation did not survive the camps of the Holocaust, neither did the children. The greater part of our flock wanted to emigrate to Eretz, Israel, Palestine. Only the most daring fantasies could imagine that there would one day be a country named Israel.

Meanwhile there were illegal ships chartered to bring people from Bari to the outskirts of the port of Haifa. The leader of these expeditions was a young American named Hans Herzl. I was twice on board one of those illegal ships, we ventured

out only at night. Near Haifa, the people were picked up by commandos manned by members of the Irgus and the Bethar. And, I am proud to report, that all of them made it into the country of their dreams.

Others wanted to sail for America. It was their dream, and mine to get there as soon as possible. Alas, the United States government had other plans. The infamous McCarran-Walters Act was still on the books. It gave so many entry permits a year according to the country of birth. In my case, it turned out, I had to wait until 1951.

I am, however, getting ahead of myself as usual. Many refugees lived outside the transit camps, in rented apartments or rooms. They, too, had to be helped with money, food and clothing. They also attended vocational schools. There were courses for tailoring, shoemaking, carpentry, cooking and there even was a course for divers. Imagine that

One day I was approached by Rome and asked if I wanted to try traveling throughout the country, from Rome south to the islands of Sicily and Sardinia to look for refugees who might have been overlooked. They were hidden in monasteries and cloisters.

So you see, we all had our hands full. The offices of the "Joint" were always crowded with people seeking assistance. Meanwhile, our flock grew better and better. They settled and recovered from their ordeals.

Then came 1948, and the State of Israel was proclaimed. The United States, under President Harry Truman, was the first country to recognize the new state and part of our task was done. Not completely, but a great part of it.

I did not want to rest on my laurels. As soon as I heard there was an opening at Merano, I grabbed the opportunity and applied for the position offered.

Now let me tell you about Merano. It was a small village in the Italo-Austrian Alps. It was part of the South-Tyrol before World War I. After Austria lost that war, it became Italian. It is located in a valley of extreme beauty, mountains and glaciers all around. There our Joint was running a hospital and sanitarium for people, who, because of undernourishment, had contracted tuberculosis.

The years I spent at Merano were what could be called — if you take the title of a famous film of the times — The Best Years of My Life. We could all see the fruits of our labors. That is, the blossoming out of our patients to well adjusted people who would face the future with confidence and in good health, whether they were to travel to their final emigration point in Eretz, Israel, or in the "Goldene Medina" the United States of America.

We had many people from all over the world come to our little hospital in the mountains. They studied what the American Joint Distribution Committee Hospital had done. Miracles indeed.

So, for this writer, the word "Joint" will always be the definition I gave under number "eight." Yes, Virginia, I was at "THE JOINT," meaning giving unto others, and I was "GAY" in the old sense, meaning happy.

After reading this, if anyone should in the future ask you what you interpret the word JOINT to mean, I trust you shall agree with my version.

Hans L. Heimann

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Feldman's Foibles: Out On A Limb

by Tj Feldman

Recently, I learned what it is to have a true friend, when I found myself in a less than desirable situation. I didn't want to share my dilemma with anyone, but Adam (Nitin) could tell from looking at me that I was upset and insisted on knowing the problem. As I told him what was on my mind, I knew I was placing him in a compromising position. My dilemma would ultimately, nearly force him to choose between his love for me (as a friend) and his loyalty to an organization in which he is a leader.

My dilemma thoroughly tore at AJ's heartstrings, but he wanted to see justice served. He felt that could only be done by his speaking out on my behalf. Going to bat for me, almost led him to resign from his position within the organization, because he felt that our friendship was more important than politics.

As a Jew, he was following what the Torah says about all Jews being responsible for one another. However, it is rare in this day and age for people to stick up for anyone other than themselves, but, yet AJ was selfless enough to go as far as necessary to help me.

It saddens me some that he almost had to make such a tough choice between two things that mean so much to him just because he wanted to help me; but I admire his courage, maturity, and burning



desire to see justice done.

To me, AJ is a MORAL hero, someone who should be looked up to in an age when people are so selfish. Morality and what is ethically right are very significant lessons that Judaism teaches us. Clearly, AJ learned these lessons well, and takes them to heart.

AJ is proof that while it's true the only person you can ever really depend upon is yourself, there are exceptions to the rule and that TRUE friends go out on a limb for one another. I have an infinite amount of respect for AJ and he'll never know the true extent of my gratitude, and so I write this to show what a precious commodity true friendship is and how glad I am to have such special friends.

It will take time for my dilemma to be fully resolved, but my friends make the waiting more bearable and for the strength and help they are constantly giving me, I can only express my heartfelt thanks. All of this goes to show that being a good friend and a good Jew go hand in hand.

Tj Feldman is a student at the University of Hartford. She is a native of Providence, R.I.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

The Role Of Non-Jews In Temple

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
BALTIMORE (JTA) — Polly Goldberg attends services regularly. She is co-president of her temple's sisterhood and active in her local Hadassah chapter.

And she is a practicing, churchgoing Catholic.

Goldberg was at the biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held here Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, to represent her congregation, Temple Israel in West Lafayette, Ind.

The president of Temple Israel, Brenda Lipp, says it's "important that a leader of a congregation should be Jewish. You should want to be a Jewish leader even to be Jewish."

When asked about her own background, Lipp says she is Jewish, but admits that she was born to a non-Jewish mother and has never converted, though she was active in synagogue life for years before the Reform movement adopted the policy of patrilineal descent.

Lipp went to Reform He-

brew school as a child, and has always considered herself a Jew because she was confirmed in the 10th grade.

While it is not common for Reform temples to have non-Jews at the helm of a committee, on the board of directors or as the president of the congregation, it is becoming less rare - and it is an issue that is cropping up frequently in some Reform congregations, where as many as 40 percent of the members may have non-Jewish spouses.

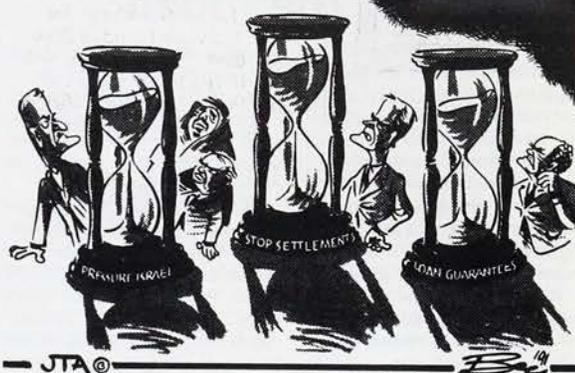
The overwhelming majority of Reform congregations, nearly two-thirds, have no written policy on the participation of non-Jews in temple governance, according to a movement-wide outreach census conducted from February to May.

Even more, 83 percent, have no written policy on the role of non-Jews in ritual participation.

Decisions about the limits, if any, on non-Jews' participation in those congregations are generally based on the temple's "oral tradition" and evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

According to the survey, conducted by the Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach of the UAHC, 88 percent of Reform congregations provide for the membership of non-Jews as part of a family, usually through the membership of a Jewish spouse.

120-DAY WATCH



And 62 percent allow non-Jews to vote on synagogue matters.

An overwhelming majority of 87 percent allow non-Jews to serve on all or most committees, and more than a quarter, 27 percent, do not bar non-Jews from serving as officers.

Over a fifth of Reform congregations, 22 percent, allow non-Jews to have an aliyah to the Torah.

Forty-one percent allow non-Jews to light Shabbat candles in temple, and more than 90 percent of Reform congregations allow non-Jews to participate in some way in life-cycle ceremonies.

And, significantly, some three-quarters of Reform congregations have no precise information about the religion of their members because they do not ask for it on membership applications.

"What happens when someone who is fully integrated into synagogue life and we think is Jewish turns out not to be, and six weeks before her child's Bar Mitzvah is told that she cannot light Shabbat candles" in the temple? asked Mimi Dunitz, the outreach coordinator for the UAHC's Great Lakes region.

Dunitz posed the question at a workshop she led at the biennial titled "Defining the Role of the Non-Jewish Spouse in the Synagogue."

The workshop was so popular it was run twice.

While UAHC President Rabbi Alexander Schindler has urged the creation of a central

synod to help delineate the boundaries of Reform Jewish practice, as things stand now, each congregation must formulate its own policies regarding the role of the non-Jew in synagogue life.

The UAHC "is telling us to fight it out for ourselves," Rabbi Eric Wisnia of Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction, N.J., said during the workshop.

The subject was clearly an emotional one for the participants.

They grappled with issues like how far temple membership applicants should go in asking about religious background and conversion, as they tried to balance the now-acute need for information with the sensitivity of the topic.

When, in the future, the roles of non-Jews in synagogue life are more clearly defined, there will undoubtedly be some people who would like to join, but will not have a place that is involved enough for them in Reform temple life.

Saying "no" to people who want Reform affiliation will not be an easy task for the movement, which has made a mission of welcoming the intermarried.

But, acknowledged Minna Katz, a workshop participant from Temple Beth Am in Seattle, "we have to say goodbye to some people."

"Judaism is a line," said Wisnia, "and the question is where we are going to draw it."

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"Galveston Plan" Immigrants' Reunion

The Texas Jewish Historical Society is planning a reunion of immigrants who entered the port of Galveston under the "Galveston Plan" during the years 1907 through 1914. During these years immigrants from Eastern Europe were brought in through Galveston under an organization devised by Jacob Schiff, Israel Zangwill, and others. Under this plan Rabbi Henry Cohen organized the settlement of approximately 10,000 Jews into jobs in cities all across the United States. Historical records now housed at the library of the American Jewish Historical Society give the names of many of these immigrants and their destinations, but there is little follow-up information available other than some letters in the papers of Rabbi Cohen now housed at the Barker, Texas

History Archives. More information is now being sought for historical purposes as to the ultimate success of the "Galveston Plan."

The Texas Jewish Historical Society hopes that readers of this article will contact Galveston Plan immigrants or their descendants and will send historical information to: The Texas Jewish Historical Society, c/o Donald Teter, Archivist; 5013 Glenhaven; Baytown, Texas 77521. The Society also welcomes membership inquiries and invites everyone, especially Galveston immigrants and their descendants, to the Annual Gathering in Galveston, Texas, next March 6-9. For further information, please contact Jan Hart, Executive Secretary; 2509 Redwing; Temple, Texas 76502.



Next U.S. Ambassador To Israel Likely To Have President's Ear

by Howard Rosenberg
WASHINGTON (JTA) — William Harrop, nominated to be the next U.S. ambassador to Israel, is a close friend of President Bush and therefore will likely have a high level of credibility in his new post, officials in the pro-Israel community say.

Harrop, a 62-year-old career foreign service officer, is a tennis partner of the president's. He is expected to be confirmed to replace William Brown before Congress adjourns for the year.

At a routine confirmation hearing last week, Harrop faced easy questioning from the two senators on the Foreign Relations Committee who showed up: Terry Sanford (D-N.C.) and James Jeffords (R-Vt.).

Harrop is perceived as "the president's own man," in that he was personally picked by Bush rather than through any significant screening process, said one official.

An Israeli Embassy official said, "I know Bill Harrop. I met with him. I think he'll be a wonderful ambassador like all the other ambassadors were" in recent years.

Harrop, who joined the State Department in 1954, is not considered an ideologue, although

most of his recent assignments have dealt with Africa, including a stint from 1977 to 1980 as deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

Harrop most recently served as U.S. ambassador to Zaire and earlier was chief envoy to Kenya, the Seychelles and Guinea.

He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency recently that it is "nonsense" to think he would bring a Third World sensibility and, by extension, a pro-Arab approach to the job.

"I've worked a lot in Africa, but I've also worked in Australia" and Italy, Harrop said after the hearing. "I think you'll find that I am very much aware of the historic relationship with Israel and the importance of maintaining that relationship," he said.

The weekly Israeli news magazine *Jerusalem Report* published a story this summer saying that some Israeli officials were nervous about a statement Harrop made to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1978, when he reportedly said he did not consider the Palestine Liberation Organization to be a terrorist organization.

But one source in the pro-Israel community dismissed that statement as not being

"anything of any consequence," since the State Department has traditionally argued that the PLO as a whole does not engage in terrorism.

The ambassador-designate has been making the rounds to Jewish groups during the last two months, including a meeting in October with the Conference of Presidents of Major

American Jewish Organizations.

Harrop was born in Baltimore and received a bachelor's degree from Harvard University. He and his wife, Ann, have four children.

Brown, who speaks fluent Hebrew, has been U.S. ambassador since early 1989, when he replaced Thomas Pickering, now the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Defender Of Jerusalem Award Recipients

NEW YORK (JTA) — An Israeli diplomat, an Indian-born musician and a New York newspaper columnist have been selected to share the \$100,000 1991 Defender of Jerusalem Award.

The award, established in 1988, honors individuals for outstanding service to the Jewish people.

This year's recipients are Uri Lubrani, who was instrumental in the planning and execution of Operation Solomon, the emergency airlift that brought 14,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel over a 24-hour period May 24-25; Zubin Mehta, conductor and musical director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; and *New York Times* columnist A.M. Rosenthal.

Lubrani's 40-year diplomatic career has involved him most recently in Middle East hostage negotiations and in Israeli affairs in southern Lebanon.

Mehta, who comes from Bombay and is not Jewish, is lifetime director of the Israel Philharmonic and, until his resignation in May, was conductor and musical director of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Rosenthal, former executive editor of *The New York Times*, devotes his semiweekly column "On My Mind" to national and international affairs.

Although his column reflects a conservative outlook, he has been sharply critical of the Bush administration's Middle East policy, especially the delay it imposed on Israel's request for \$10 billion in loan guarantees.

Reform Movement's First Soviet Congregation

Shoshona Cardin (center), chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, commended in the World Union for Progressive Judaism for its success in working with members of the Moscow Jewish community in founding the first Reform congregation in the Soviet Union, Hineni — Hebrew for "Here am I." Rabbi Richard Hirsch of Jerusalem (right), executive director of the WUPJ, announced that Hineni has been given a permanent home by Moscow city authorities in a building on one of the city's main thoroughfares. Left, Dolores Wilkenfeld of Houston, Texas, North American board chairman of the WUPJ. Luncheon was held during the national biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with which the WUPJ is affiliated.

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National

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has become the first Jewish organization guaranteed official recognition by the newly independent former Soviet Republics of Moldavia and Azerbaijan. The presidents of both republics promised cultural freedom to their Jewish citizens.

(JTA) The Reform movement has introduced a new book, *Common Road to Justice: A Programming Manual for Blacks and Jews*, outlining nearly 200 cooperative ventures between synagogues and churches. The project was co-sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

(JTA) Although the Bush administration has absolved Syria for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, it will not be removed from the U.S. list of countries supporting terrorism. The justice department last week announced that a federal grand jury had indicted two Libyans linked to that country's intelligence service in the bombing.

International

Following news of the release of two Western hostages, Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland, and in response to news about the fate of an Israeli Air Force navigator and three soldiers taken prisoner during the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Israel is rumored to be ready to release the bulk of its prisoners held by the South Lebanon Army.

Israel's state attorney decided not to prosecute a top Palestinian negotiator for alleged meetings with Palestine Liberation Organization officials, according to reports in the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*. The Palestinian leader, Hanan Ashrawi, gained international prominence during this month's Middle East peace negotiations in Madrid.

(JTA) Israel's unemployment rate soared by an average of 15 percent in October compared to previous months. The hardest hit locations were Mitzpe Ramon in the Negev, where unemployment rose by 16.3 percent, and Or Akiva, north of Tel Aviv, which recorded a 13 percent rise.



AROUND TOWN

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder

'Celebrate the art of the handmade whether you are a passionate collector, an avid browser, a lover of refreshing originality!'

These words beckoned all to attend the Artisans Crafts Fair at the Jewish Community Center last weekend.

On the scene for 16 years, "A Show of Hands" is an artful celebration drawing many devotees each year to enjoy the varied art media of talented artisans so beautifully displayed . . . and so pleasing to the eye!



Katie Cohn is fitted to a bracelet made by Greta Rothman. Greta and Barbara Wissoker, second from right, make tallit clips and design jewelry for men and women.



Gail and Shari Ahlers' unique earrings appeal to Evy Rappoport, Show coordinator; Meta Hirsch; and Maxine Goldin. A hatted Gail is at right.



An annual tradition is "The Bake Sale." At left are Israel Avny and Yael Avissar, Bake Sale co-chair. Sweet buyers are Jasper Segal and Ita Friedman.

"A Show of Hands"



Myrese Nochomowitz holds a ceramic mask made by Bruce Lenore, designer of colorful and imaginative one-of-a-kind ceramic clocks, pins, and plates.



Lorraine and Susan Rappoport admire a glass paperweight made by David Van Noppen, whose company, Van Noppen Glass, makes hand blown and cast glass.



Barbara Linsky is attracted to one-of-a-kind sterling silver mezuzot handcrafted by Joseph Schwartz, who also designs silver jewelry. At right is Helen Schwartz.



While parents browse and buy, their kids are kept busy in the Children's Room under supervision. Jeffrey Adam Adler crayolas final touches on a cut-out design while Emily Loren Weintraub dons a balloon chapeau.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Of Art And Mice

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter
Maus Two breaks new ground - both upon the landscape of Holocaust literature and in the area of design deconstruction. It continues the saga of the second generation.

As it happens, the author's name is Art. Art's mom, also a survivor, killed herself. Her diaries were destroyed by her husband.

This volume recounts the epic struggle of the artist-author to pry the forgotten facts out of his difficult dad, who keeps kvetching about today's minor problems - getting the storm windows up - to hide out from the pain of the past. He doesn't choose to play the role of tragic hero or to pose on a pedestal. Besides, he's not made that way. He's a vain, petty old man - or at least on the surface, in the eyes of his son.

On the other hand, the son, too, tries to distance himself from the father whose emotional needs and demands - he calls his son "darling" - drive him up the wall. Give Art credit. He doesn't ask you to take his side. Most writers force you to agree with them. Instead, you get mad at Art.

There is not a square in the whole "comic" book that is not brilliant, troubling and poetically complex. I tried to teach *Maus One* in a college English course. One student was herself a second generation. She and her friends found the book harsh and insulting. If you can't take it, you may find *Two* even more perverse. Examples abound upon each page. Art's French wife, who converted to mouse Judaism to placate the old man, stops their car to pick up a black hitchhiker. When her father-in-law objects, in Yiddish, she shouts at him, "That's outrageous. How can you of all people be such a racist? You talk about blacks the same way Nazis spoke of Jews." She wants to be drawn as a mouse like Art, but he debates what kind of creature she should be. He didn't marry a real mouse because he "had a prejudice against middle class New York Jewish women." He makes his French characters frankly frogs. He comments to his shiksa wife, within the mouse guise, "In real life, you'd never let me go on and talk so long without interrupting me."

But we readers don't have to share the self-righteous view of

the second generation. Comics tell it all without editorial comment and opinion.

When I was a kid, I used to say to myself, if I could record the fight my family is having right at this minute at this table, it would make a totally new kind of movie or play. The moment would pass. I never wrote down the dialogue. But Art taped his fights with Dad, and the recall serves him superbly. He also puts in his chats with a longtime shrink who also is a survivor.

If he tosses in this and that, photos and odd daily details, he knows, too, what to leave out. He indicates his father's death on the last page only with a sketch of the tombstone. Ask, did he love his father, the source of his great work? You'll never know because Art never lapses into set sentiment. The book is about pain, and it is brutally honest and straight.

You will not make a survivor into a fake ideal. You will feel as close as you can get while comfortably "enjoying" a picture book like the comics and funnies of old, used to radically different ends - to the horrors, ironies and triumphs of the event we label The Holocaust.

Yet Art keeps you back from it, too, by his visual puns and jokes. This is not "the real thing," but only a pale and vague version of it through the smokescreen of design. Comics take their style from films, and vice versa. A virtue of both is pace, the sense of how to build mood and quicken or delay a crisis. A scene in which dad uncovers a cache of old photos breaks down the plot and slows the action. It deepens the atmosphere.

Yes, I wanted to shake Art and say, "Hey your dad comes first. Go to him, you brat." But I also felt Art has the genius of his generation, a group brought up without the picturesque romantic values of an earlier time.

Wiesel wrote that only a survivor can speak of the event. Fiction is false. But *Maus Two* can't be counted out as fiction. It is autobiography. Perhaps not after all the story of Mauschwitz, but rather the tale of the author's own terrible pain and less, and more, a metaphor for the pain of all artists, and human beings, who live on after the Holocaust.

Spiegelman means "man with a mirror" — an analogy for this work of art.

Torat Yisrael Galkin Concert



The cast of "Bubba Meinsers" in rehearsal: (l. to r.) Bivi Ruiz-Caro, Celia Lieberbaum, Mark Lord, Corky Mochler, Miles Povill, Gary Waldman, Janice Waldman.

The Temple is truly delighted to announce that this year's Ira and Anna Galkin Chanukah Concert will be the delightful musical comedy revue "Bubba Meinsers," presented by the Queens Jewish Theatre.

The program will be presented Saturday night, Nov. 23, starting at 8 p.m. As in past years, admission is free, thanks to the Galkin family. These annual Chanukah-time programs were originated by the late Ira Galkin as a gift to Temple Beth Israel and the Jewish community of Rhode Island; we are honored that his family has chosen to continue them in memory of Ira and his beloved wife Anna.

The intrepid actors, singers and dancers who make up the company have been delighting audiences in Queens and Long Island for over two years with this show, and segments have appeared on several New York

television programs.

The show has received wonderful notices in both the Jewish and general press, with the result that every performance has been completely sold out. We are very happy to bring this wonderful program to Rhode Island.

The thread that holds the acts together in "Bubba Meinsers" purports to be Bubbie's recollections of her life in America since her arrival on Ellis Island at the turn of the century. When this grandmother, as performed in house-dress and wig by Corky Hochler, isn't holding forth about life from her kitchen, she can dance and spin a yarn and put over a song with the best of them. Bubbie is more of a tumbler than an autobiographer.

"Hochler and her husband Harry, who together wrote all the caustic skits and comic lyrics, and the company of

bright young talents who surround them, make this show a pleasure to watch," wrote the *Jewish Week*.

In one act of the revue, Bubbie takes us to the movies for Jewish versions of "Gigi," "My Fair Lady," "Gone with the Wind," "Now Voyager," "Casablanca" (where the Humphrey Bogart character wants Sam to play "Hava Nagilah"), "Five Easy Pieces" and "Chariots of Fire."

The *Bayside, N.Y., Times* wrote: "It would be difficult to sum up the show with one word. The temptation would be to say 'terrific.' And then 'funny.' 'Nostalgic' and 'well-produced' would enter in. But one word? 'Honest.'"

Everyone is invited to join in this wonderful evening Nov. 23.

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

R.I. Philharmonic Youth Orchestras

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestras will present their first concert of the 1991-92 season on Sunday afternoon, November 24, at 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The concert, sponsored by Fleet/Norstar Charitable Trust, will feature the youth orchestra program's three performing ensembles: Symphony Orchestra, Repertory Orchestra, and Preparatory String Ensemble.

The November 24 concert marks the beginning of the 36th season of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestras. Each year, nearly 200 area students, ages 9 through 18, participate in the highly acclaimed program led by Nedo Pandolfi. RPYO's four groups rehearse each Sat-

urday morning of the school year, and each year the groups present three concerts at the Veterans Auditorium.

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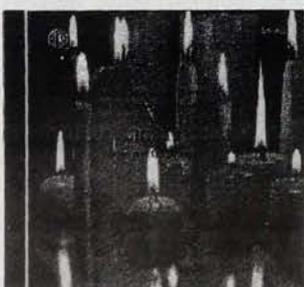
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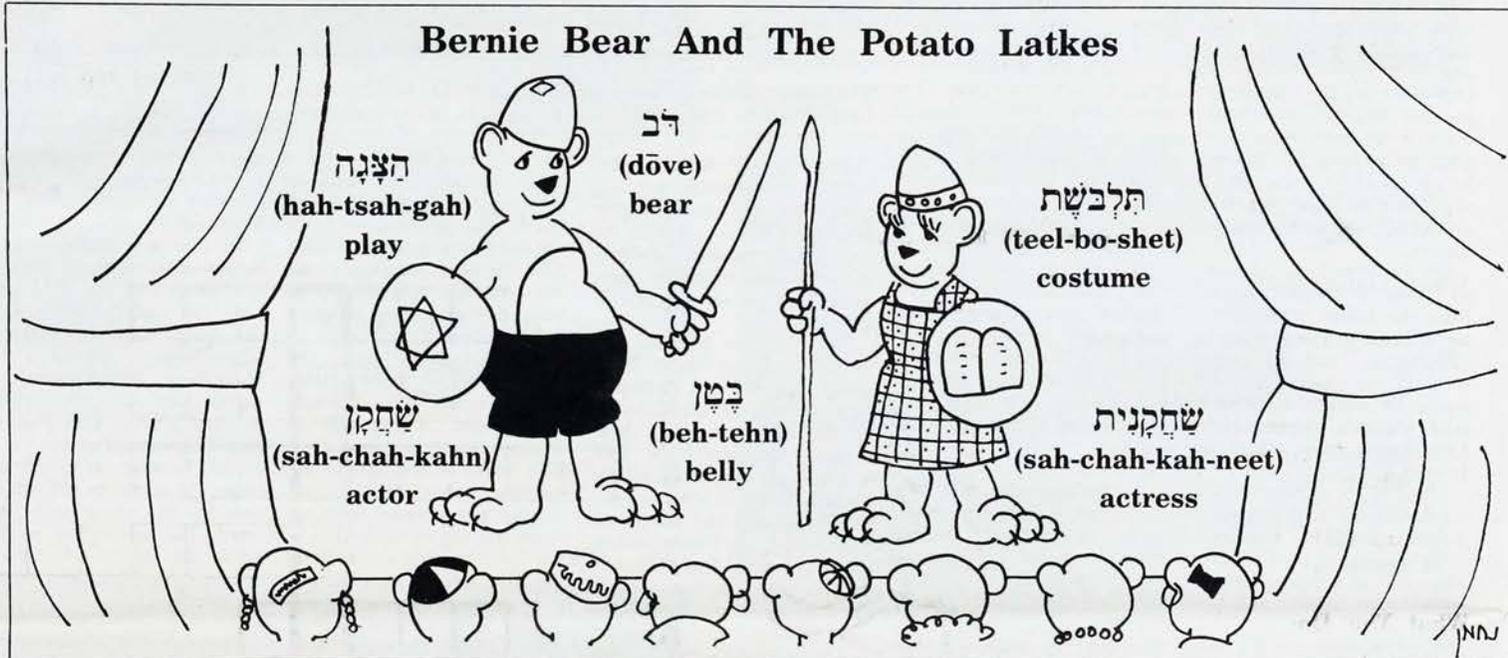


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The first night of Chanukah was about to begin. Bernie Bear was so happy, his face wore a grin! Chanukah was so much fun in many delightful ways, and the celebration went on for eight whole nights and days!

Bernie's favorite part of Chanukah was eating a special treat. He loved potato latkes, and oh how many he would eat! Potato latkes were a problem each year for Bernie the bear. After eight days of stuffing himself, his clothes didn't fit him anywhere! His tummy grew so incredibly large, it burst the buttons on his shirt! His neck grew so outrageously big that wearing neckties really hurt! But Bernie Bear loved latkes, and year after year after year, he ate and ate and ate them, letting nothing interfere.

Well, on this particular Chanukah night, Bernie Bear could hardly wait. He was on his way to a party, planning to heap latkes on his plate. When Bernie arrived at the party, the hostess, Claire, greeted him sweetly. But then Claire told Bernie something which surprised him quite completely. "Bernie, I'm so glad you could come tonight!" Claire exclaimed warmly to her guest. "We have a great part for you, in our Chanukah theater-fest."

"A part for me? What sort of part? I've never before been in a play!" said Bernie, who didn't want to do anything but eat latkes right away. "You are going to be a Maccabee in the play," Claire told Bernie Bear. "We even have your costume ready. Go and try it on over there." Claire held Bernie's hand tightly, and off to the costume room they went! Bernie thought, "I don't want to do this! What excuse can I invent?"

Bernie really liked the costume. He tried it on. It fit! But he knew if he ate lots of latkes, the seams would surely split! The other bears in colorful costumes were all laughing and having fun. Claire said, "Come on over here, Bernie, so that you can meet everyone!"

"Here comes a brave Maccabee soldier!" the others greeted Bernie the bear. "Come on! Have some great latkes! We have lots and lots to share." Bernie was given three crisp brown latkes on a white paper plate. He could hardly wait to try them. They smelled absolutely great! But being a Maccabee in the play also promised to be fun. He wondered if he could give back his latkes without touching even one.

Then Bernie noticed the other bears eating and thought, "I can do that, too! I'll bet that my costume won't pop or split if I only eat a few!" So Bernie ate his three crispy latkes and they tasted oh, so yummy! But he didn't stuff himself, so his costume fit his tummy!

Bernie Bear was a brave Maccabee in his role in the Chanukah play. "Such talent!" exclaimed the bears. "You'll be a movie star some day!"

After the party was over, Bernie went home, full of laughter. It felt good to fit into his clothes, both before latkes and after! Bernie Bear had learned something very important that Chanukah night: his favorite food tasted even better when the portion size was right! "No more stuffing myself with latkes!" Bernie promised himself aloud. "I feel better eating just a few, and staying to party with the crowd!"

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בְּתֵאֵבֹן

(B'teh-ah-vone) – Good Appetite



On Chanukah, we eat dairy foods to remind us of a legend about a brave Jewish woman named Judith. During the time of the Maccabees, Judith fed cheese to Holofernes, a commander of the Syrian army. The cheese made him thirsty, so Judith gave him a lot of wine to drink. The wine made him sleepy and, while he slept, Judith killed him! By killing Holofernes, Judith saved the Jewish people in her village.

Remember Judith when you serve this cheesy dessert during Chanukah. Be sure an adult is with you whenever you use the oven!

Peanut Butter and Jelly Cheesecake

What You Need:

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup and 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons margarine
- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup chunky peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup jelly



What You Do:

1. Melt the margarine.
2. To make graham cracker crumbs, crush whole graham crackers in a plastic bag. Now mix the crumbs, 3 tablespoons of sugar, and the margarine in a bowl.
3. Press the mixture onto the bottom of a 9 inch spring-form pan.
4. Bake at 325 degrees for 10 minutes. Take the crust out of the oven and set aside. Now turn up the oven to 450 degrees.
5. Combine the softened cream cheese, 1 cup of sugar, peanut butter, and flour. Mix at medium speed with an electric mixer. The batter will be very stiff.
6. Add the eggs, one at a time. Mix well after each egg is added.
7. Now add the milk and blend well.
8. Pour the batter over the crust.
9. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Then, lower the oven to 250 degrees and bake for 40 more minutes.
10. Using a knife, scrape around the edge of the cake to loosen it from the rim of the pan.
11. Let the cake cool before removing the rim.
12. After removing the rim, heat the jelly until it is melted. Spoon it over the cheesecake and chill.

(Adapted from the Cheese Cookbook from Kraft, copyright 1977.)

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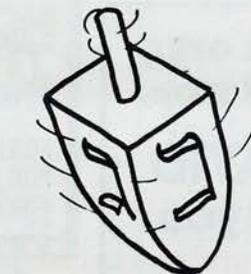
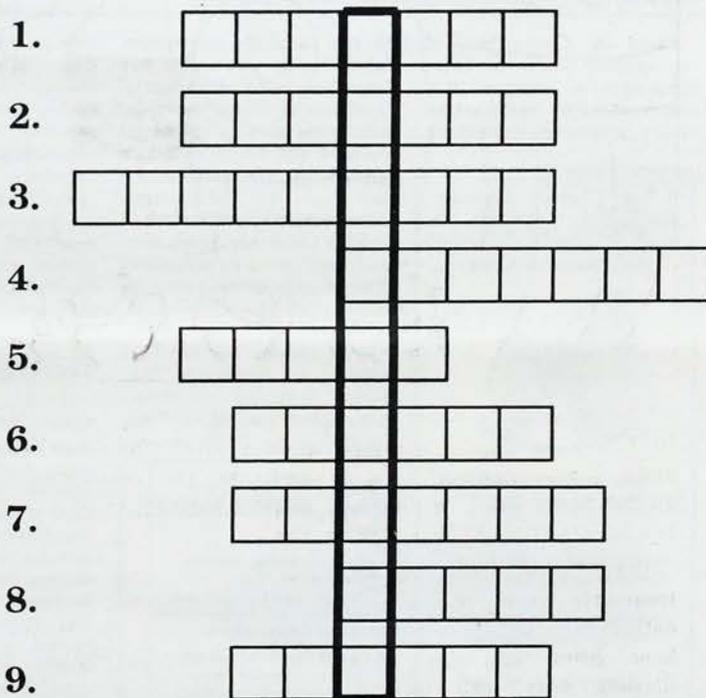
(Mees-chahk) – Game

Across-Word Puzzle

Clues:

1. The servant candle used to light the other candles.
2. A great _____ happened there.
3. The Syrian king who was Israel's enemy.
4. We light these each night of Chanukah.
5. One of Mattathias' sons.
6. We sing the prayers in _____.
7. The Chanukah game played with a spinning top.
8. Number of days the oil lasted.
9. The Hebrew month when Chanukah begins.

Read the middle word down to find a mystery Chanukah word.



Answers To Across-Word Puzzle

- Mystery Chanukah word: Maccabees
- 1. shamash
 - 2. miracle
 - 3. Antiochus
 - 4. candles
 - 5. Judah
 - 6. Hebrew
 - 7. dreidle
 - 8. eight
 - 9. Kislev

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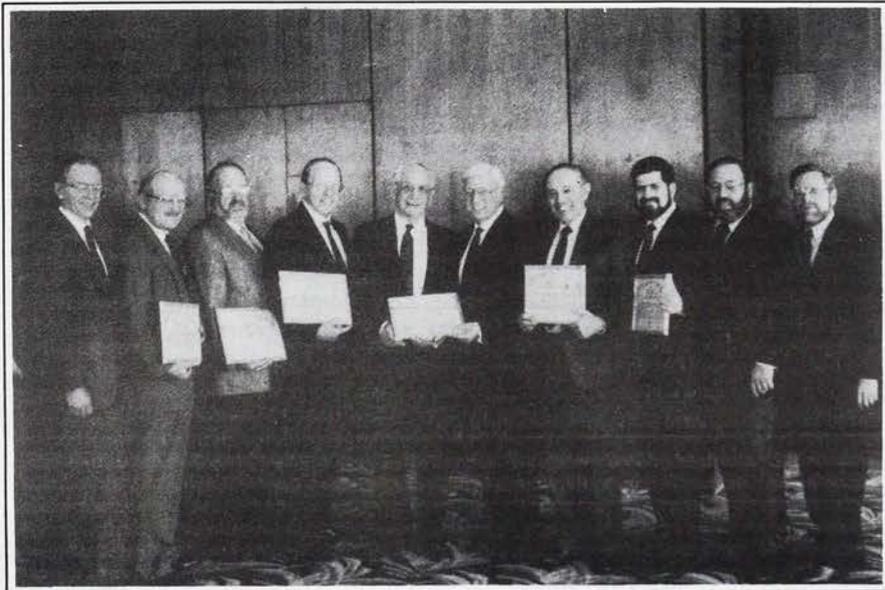
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MILESTONES

Touro Rabbi Honored



Rabbi C. Shapiro of Touro Synagogue, fourth from left, was among a group of Rabbinic Alumni who received recognition from Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro, the spiritual leader of Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I., was honored by Yeshiva University, at their recent Rabbinic

Alumni annual convention. Rabbi Shapiro was one of five Rabbis presented with a special Certificate of Honor for completing 36 years of successful service to the American Jewish community. The presentation was made by Rabbi Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University. Also honored from this area was Rabbi Phillip Kaplan of Pawtucket for his 50 years of Rabbinic service.

Rabbi Shapiro has served in pulpits in Pittsburgh, Pa., Queens, N.Y., and Long Beach, N.Y., before coming to Touro Synagogue in 1987. He has

also served in various capacities in religious education and Jewish youth-work programs during that period. He also received national attention for conducting the High Holiday services in the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. for Jewish congressmen, in 1965, the only time that this has ever occurred. He was honored by Yeshiva University in 1987 as the south Long Island Alum-

nus of the Year. He recently earned his doctoral degree at the Boston University School of Theology. Rabbi Shapiro was cited for both his accomplishments and dedication and scholarship. In his present position, he has aided in activating the historic Touro synagogue membership, with a successful outreach adult education program, communal cultural breakfast programs, several outstanding national events, and initiating a new Hebrew school program. Also, he has directed the highly acclaimed Touro Synagogue year-round tour program, which hosts approximately 35,000 annual visitors. In addition, Rabbi Shapiro edits the outstanding *Touro Monthly* newsletter-bulletin, which reaches about 1,000 subscribers. Rabbi Shapiro conducts the regular traditional weekly services at the synagogue, attracting worshippers from around the globe, on a regular basis.

The synagogue co-presidents, Seymour Davis and Morton Kosch, expressed their satisfaction with the Rabbi's award by stating that Yeshiva University had made a wise choice in selecting Rabbi Shapiro for this well-deserved honor. They said, "Our congregation has been fortunate in our election of Rabbi Shapiro as our religious guide and we hope to continue to derive the benefits of his leadership for many years."

Chandler-Lewy Called To The Torah



Amelia (Amy) Chandler-Lewy

Amelia (Amy) Chandler-Lewy, daughter of Nada Chandler and Dr. Robert I. Lewy, and sister of Adam Chandler-Lewy will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Friday, November 29, at 8:15 p.m., and on Saturday, November 30, at 11 a.m. at Congregation Emanu El in Houston, Texas.

Amy is the granddaughter of the late Marcia and Irving Chandler of Providence, R.I., and the late Dr. Martin and Esfira Lewy of Boro Park, N.Y.

Amy will be symbolically sharing her Bat Mitzvah with Irina (Ira) Strelchlenko, of the Ukraine, who has been denied her Jewish heritage and the freedom to practice Judaism in her own country. Ira and her mother Tatiana Karlova have been denied the right to even apply for a visa to emigrate.

Amy and her parents invite their friends and family to join with them in celebrating this simcha.

Hassenfeld Receives Award

Headmaster David C. Burnham recently awarded the Moses Brown School Alumni Achievement Award to Alan G. Hassenfeld '66, Chairman and CEO of Hasbro, Inc. The award recognizes civic and professional achievement and in presenting the award headmaster Burnham cited Alan Hassenfeld's numerous civic responsibilities which include: Big Brothers of R.I., Miriam Hospital, Operation Exodus, Foster Parents Plan, Jewish Federa-

tion of Rhode Island, National Conference of Christians and Jews, the University of Pennsylvania, and International House. David Burnham also cited Alan Hassenfeld's special interest in the plight of third world refugees.

In his remarks at the presentation David Burnham said, "Alan Hassenfeld represents the best of what Moses Brown hopes for all of its students: to

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Rasnicks Announce Birth

Karen and Martin Rasnick of Pawtucket, R.I., joyfully announce the arrival of their first child, Phillip Steven, Pinchas Shlomo, born on September 16, 1991.

Phillip is lovingly named after his two paternal great-grandfathers, Phillip Rosenberg and Sy Rasnick.

Maternal grandparents are Glenda and Leonard Labush of Pawtucket. Paternal grandparents are Elaine Rasnick and Arthur Rasnick both of Worcester, Mass.

Manvilles Announce Birth

Jamie and Brock Manville joyfully announce the birth of their son, Drew Brockenbrough, on October 23, 1991. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Manville of Sykesville, Maryland. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sigal of Narragansett. Drew's great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slobodien and Mrs. Rose Sigal, all of West Hartford, Conn.

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LOCAL NEWS

Brown-RISD Hillel Recognized

"Jewish Community Relations in a New Era: Assessing Threats and Devising Strategies" will be the theme of Brown-RISD Hillel's community relations awards night on Tuesday, December 3, at 8 p.m. The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Lawrence Sternberg, Associate Director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and Assistant Professor of Jewish Community Relations in the Hornstein Program for Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University. The lecture and awards presentation will take place at the Rapaport Hillel House, 80 Brown Street in Providence.

The evening will celebrate the awarding of the William Haber Award for Programs of Quality to the Jewish Campus Community to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design. The National Commission of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations bestowed the honor upon the Brown-RISD Hillel for the creation of its Community Relations Committee (CRC) of the Jewish Student Union. The Jewish Student Union is Brown-RISD Hillel's student coordinating body.

According to Commission Chairperson David L. Bittker, "This unique and prestigious award is bestowed annually on

those distinguished initiatives that inspire and serve Jewish students, and, through them, the Jewish community at large as well as the greater non-Jewish community. The Hillel at Brown and RISD is deserving of this award for its unique campus-based community relations project."

The Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Student Union has had a significant impact on campus by affecting intergroup cooperation on a wide variety of issues and serving as a means of advocacy for Jewish concerns. Highlights of the CRC's efforts include: one of the nation's most effective Black-Jewish Dialogues; a groundbreaking Asian-Jewish Dialogue; work with campus police and security and other groups on campus on dealing with bias-related incidents; sensitizing the campus to the unique needs of Jewish students; an ongoing effort to monitor the media and respond to inaccurate or inflammatory reports; and a fruitful and important relationship with the greater Rhode Island Jewish community. In developing the campus CRC, the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation has developed a model for campus-community relations that has been emulated by other Hillel Foundations throughout the United States.

"We are extremely proud of

this award. The students who have led the CRC since its inception in the Fall of 1989 have worked hard at building bridges of understanding throughout the university community. I am thrilled by this recognition from Hillel's National Commission," said Rabbi Alan Flam, Executive Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design.

The William Haber Award was established in 1976 by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission. The award honors the late Dean William Haber of the University of Michigan, Chairperson of the Hillel Commission from 1955 to 1963 and, for about half a century, an outstanding communal leader in many other areas of vital significance to world Jewry. Awards were also presented to the Hillel Foundations of Boston University and Mount Holyoke College.

The evening will include the presentation of certificates to past chairpeople of the CRC along with greetings from the national center of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations and several dignitaries.

This event is free and open to the public. For further information, call Brown-RISD Hillel at 863-2805.

Rosen Joins Celebration

The community is invited to join in tree lighting ceremonies for the Light Up A Life program.

Rabbi David B. Rosen, President, R.I. Board of Rabbis and religious leaders representing some of the largest denominations in Rhode Island have joined together to serve as Honorary Co-Chairpersons of the 1991 Light Up A Life celebration sponsored by Hospice Care of Rhode Island.

Light Up A Life is celebrated by the lighting of three holiday trees within the state during December. Each white light on the trees represents a contribution made to Hospice Care of Rhode Island's Light Up A Life program in memory of a loved one.

"Because the religious community and Hospice Care of Rhode Island consistently work together in offering support, comfort and spiritual companionship for dying persons and their families, we were pleased

to have Rabbi Rosen and the other religious leaders join with us as supporters of our Light program," noted Merri Meislahn of Barrington, who along with Susie Clendenen of Narragansett, serve as organizers of the annual event. In addition to Rabbi Rosen, the 1991 Honorary co-Chairpersons include: Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau, Roman Catholic Bishop of Providence; Rt. Reverend George N. Hunt, Bishop, Diocese of Rhode Island (Episcopal); Very Rev. Father Timothy J. Ferguson, President, R.I. Council of Orthodox Churches; and Frances Parker Swartz, District Superintendent, R.I.-South East Mass. United Methodist Church.

To add a light to the trees, gifts in memory of, or in honor of loved ones may be sent to Light Up A Life, c/o Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 800 Butler Drive, Providence, RI 02906, or call Hospice Care of Rhode Island at (401) 272-4900.

Hospice Care of Rhode Island is the oldest and largest hospice program in the state, caring for patients of all ages in their homes during the final stages of terminal illnesses. Last year, more than 700 patients and their families were touched by Hospice Care of Rhode Island and its affiliates, Island Hospice in Portsmouth, and Washington County Hospice, located in Narragansett.

Don't let our students down!



Providence Hebrew Day School / New England Academy of Torah announces their annual Scholarship Raffle Drawing on Sunday, November 24, 1991 at the PHDS, 450 Elm Grove Avenue, Providence, at 8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of wine tasting, cheese and crackers, dessert and coffee. Free door prizes will be awarded. Hope to see you there!

Living With Miracles - Israel Today

The public is cordially invited to join in a Melaveh Malkah post Shabbos celebration in honor of the liberation of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad movement.

Guest speaker is Rabbi Tuvia Bolton (Dean, Yeshivah Ohr Tmimim-Israel), who will discuss "Living With Miracles - Israel Today" on Saturday, November 23, 16th of Kislev, 5752 at 8 p.m. at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence.

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Holiday Gift Boutique

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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.

Folklorist To Speak At Brown-RISD Hillel

Professor Dov Noy, the M. Grunwald Professor of Hebrew Literature and Folklore at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will speak on Friday, Nov. 22, at the Rapaport Hillel House, 80 Brown Street in Providence. Professor Noy will address the theme "Was There a Goddess Cult in Judaism?" during a noontime brown bag luncheon and "The Status of Yiddish in Three Continents" at 8:45 p.m.

Professor Noy is universally acknowledged as the foremost Jewish folklorist of our time. He is the founder of the Israel Folklore Archives at Haifa University, which has collected more than 18,000 folktales from every ethnic community in Israel and is the most extensive Jewish folktale archives in the world. Noy is also the Director of the Hebrew Univer-

sity Folklore Research Center and a distinguished professor of Yiddish Folklore at Bar Ilan University in Israel. Professor Noy has been honored with many prizes and awards, among them the coveted Jerusalem Prize.

Professor Noy will appear courtesy of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design along with the Program in Judaic Studies at Brown University. The Hillel Foundation serves as the center for Jewish life on campus.

Professor Noy's evening talk will follow the weekly Sabbath dinner at Hillel House. Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$10. For reservations or for more information, please phone the Hillel Foundation at 863-2805.

Mark Patinkin To Address Beth-El

Mark Patinkin, Providence Journal Bulletin columnist and host of a Sunday morning public affairs TV program, will address the congregation at Temple Beth-El on Friday evening, November 22 on: "Two Peoples, One Land: A Journey Through Israel, Gaza and the West Bank."

Mr. Patinkin will share impressions of his recent trip to the Mideast which inspired a current Journal Bulletin series of articles. Mr. Patinkin is gifted with the ability to analyze complex situations with an instinct for the human stories which illumine facts and statistics. He is sensitive and insightful.

Members of the community



Mark Patinkin

are urged to attend. A festive oneg shabbat in Mr. Patinkin's honor, sponsored by the Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees, will follow services.

Events At The JCCRI: Week Of November 22-28

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 the 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. 22-28. For further information, please call 861-8800 and ask for the person indicated.

Gallery 401

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. for sculptor, Bud Hambleton. Mr. Hambleton creates pieces of electric arc-welded steel. He also uses cast bronze to create pieces in limited editions. More recently, he has added a new dimension to his work by the subtle use of paint on his steel sculptures and careful polychrome patinas on the bronzes. Mr. Hambleton has been featured in Signature Magazine and has exhibited in galleries throughout the Northeast. He has also been commissioned by corporations and centers of learning, including Eastman Kodak and the University of Rochester. The exhibit will continue through Dec. 11. Please call Ruby Shalansky for additional information.

Brown Bag Club

Mary Mulvey Speaks on Issues Facing Seniors Today,

Mary Mulvey, First Vice President of the National Council of Senior Citizens and President of the Rhode Island State Council of Senior Citizens, will share her expertise and opinions on some of the issues facing seniors today: health care, income, long-term care, using leisure time. This educational program will be held on Nov. 26 at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. A donation of \$1 is requested.

Yiddish Vinkel will follow at 2 p.m. Please call Evy Rappoport for further information.

Kosher Mealsite

Seniors are invited to join a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon at the JCCRI Kosher Mealsite. The doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. Regularly scheduled activities include: bridge on Mondays from 12:30 to 3:45 p.m.; Women's Forum every Tuesday from 11 to 11:45 a.m.; Friend to Friend on Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon; Bingo on Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs.

Friday, November 22 - Annual Book Fair continues... 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. VCR program, "The First Impact, an Immi-

grants View of America," 11 a.m.

Sunday, November 24 - Annual Book Fair continues... 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. VCR movie, "Auntie Mame, Part I," Rosalind Russell, 11 a.m.

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 p.m. The courses will be in a discussion/demonstration format without hands-on usage. Each of the courses offered is independent of the others, so participants may take one or as many as they wish.

"Introduction to Word Processing" will meet on November 27 (repeated from October 9). Participants will learn the features of word processing that make this application essential to computer users and the similarities and differences of the programs that are in current use.

Upcoming courses will meet as follows:

"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.

Touro Sponsors Chanukah Fair

Touro Synagogue of Newport is sponsoring its Third Annual Chanukah Gift and Book Fair through December 8, announced Rabbi Dr. Chaim

Shapiro, the congregation's spiritual leader. The Fair will feature many new items that are suitable for both children and adult gifts, as well as the

standard holiday items, like candelabrum, Israeli candles, etc. The Fair will be conducted in the Touro Community Center at 85 Touro Street, at the corner of Division Street. The hours for the Fair are:

Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sundays 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Closed on Saturdays and Thanksgiving Day

There is no admission charge. This project originated from numerous requests for Chanukah religious articles, that are not available from commercial sources in this area. It was expanded to provide both suitable books and gifts, reflecting the proper holiday spirit. Chanukah, the Jewish festival of lights, will be celebrated this year by Jews throughout the world from Sunday evening, December 1 through Monday, December 9. Touro Synagogue is also sponsoring a free Community Chanukah Celebration on Sunday afternoon, December 8, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Touro Community Center. A program featuring Keith Michael Johnson, a professional magician, will be presented then. Also, the children of the Touro United Hebrew School will present an original skit, entitled "Chanukah Detective," and holiday songs. Refreshments and gifts to children will round out the program, which will mark the 228th birthday of the synagogue. For further information, contact the Touro Synagogue office at (401) 847-4794.

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Congregation Sons Of Jacob

Friday, November 22 - Fifteen days in KISLEV. Candle-lighting is at 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 23 - Sixteen days in KISLEV. The Parshas for today is VAYISHLACH, and the Haftarah is read from OVADYAH. Shacharis is at 8:30 a.m. followed by kiddush. Shabbos is over at 5:04 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:05 p.m.

Sunday, November 24 - Morning service at 7:45 a.m.

Morning services for Monday are at 6:30 a.m. and for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45 a.m. For Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day, at 7:45 a.m., the same as for Sunday.

Blessings On Various Occasions (Kosher products, of course)

The following blessing is said over bread:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our G-d, king of the universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth.

Before drinking wine:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our G-d, king of the universe, who createst the fruit of the vine.

Before partaking of food, other than bread, prepared from any of the species of grain (wheat, barley, rye, oats):

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our

G-d, king of the universe, who created various kinds of food.

On partaking of meat, fish, eggs, cheese, etc., or drinking any liquor except wine:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our G-d, king of the universe, by whose word all exist.

On eating fruit which grows on trees:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our G-d, king of the universe, who createst the fruit of the tree.

On eating fruit which grows on the ground, herbage etc.:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our G-d, king of the universe who createst the fruit of the earth.

On smelling fragrant woods or barks:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our G-d, king of the universe who created diverse kinds of species.

On eating any fruit for the first time in the season, on entering into possession of a new house:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our G-d, king of the universe, who has kept us in life, and has preserved us, and has enabled us to reach this season.

On hearing good tidings:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our G-d, king of the universe, who art good, and dispensed good.

On hearing sad tidings:

Blessed art thou, O L-rd our

G-d, king of the universe, the true judge.

What is the purpose for this commentary? The simple answer is that in today's society we all take things for granted too often. Most people say thank you to an individual or organization where something is done to please us. Why not stop and think for a minute where everything originates, and holds our destiny! Recall how to say grace before meals?

The precious blessings are but a few, and were not singled out for their importance or notoriety - however, if this has succeeded in stimulating you then we are quite happy. Incidentally, the synagogue has numerous booklets and handouts with the English and Hebrew blessings for all occasions. If you cannot pick them up, we will gladly mail these to anyone, member or not.

Most of you know the prayer for bread, wine, and fruit, but how many know that there are many other prayers of that nature: like putting on new clothes, hearing thunder or seeing lightning, seeing a rainbow or a beautiful view?

We look forward to hearing from you.

JCCRI Vegetarian Thanksgiving

The smells of home cooking will fill the Jewish Community Center at 401 Elm Grove Avenue, Sunday, Nov. 24, when the Rhode Island Animal Rights Coalition hosts its seventh annual Vegetarian Thanksgiving Dinner. This year's dinner has been moved to the spacious Jewish Community Center to accommodate the growing legion of people eager to eat a healthy, hearty Thanksgiving meal without harming their own health - or the health of a turkey.

"We hold this dinner to let people know that vegetarian food can be delicious and varied and not boring," said RI-ARC Coordinator Mary Preziosi. "It's a low-fat, no-cholesterol meal." Besides being healthy, the vegetarian dinner is humane. "Animals don't

Temple Beth-El Chanukah Celebration

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El in conjunction with its Family Program Committee, will host a First Night Chanukah celebration on Sunday evening, December 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The program begins with the traditional lighting of the Temple's outdoor menorah at 6 p.m. followed by a pizza dinner from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Following dinner, entertainment will be provided by Marc Cohler's Puppet Workshop. Mr. Cohler will present "The Story of Chanukah." The cost of this event is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 10 and grandparents are free! All children will receive traditional Chanukah treats including Delights, Sufganyot. This program is made possible through the generosity of Sisterhood and the Finkel Family Fund.

For more information on reservations, call 331-6070.

have to be slaughtered so people can eat," Preziosi said.

Every dish served at the RI-ARC dinner will be "vegan" - which means the food is entirely free of meat, milk, and eggs. Soy milk will replace cow's milk in the hearty corn chowder; margarine deliciously substitutes for butter; and egg replacer will fill out the cakes and pastries for a perfect animal-free, cholesterol-free dinner.

Guests will receive a free recipe booklet to provide helpful, healthy tips for cooking their own Thanksgiving dinners. Amongst the entrees served will be vegetable pot pie, stuffing and tempeh loaf, topped with a selection of vegetarian gravies. Minestrone soup and corn chowder will warm the belly, and an array of healthy pies and cakes will top off the meal.

Because of demand, ticket sales have been increased this

year to 150; the Jewish Community Center can hold 200, but seating is being limited to 150 for the comfort of guests. Tickets cost \$12 and must be bought in advance by sending a check or money order to RI-ARC, Box 28514, Providence, R.I. 02908.

The dinner begins at 3 p.m., which gives television news teams a three-hour lead time to film footage. Writers from the print media are also welcome to stop by for a good story and a good meal. Radio reporters will find good sound as diners explain the sumptuous sights, sounds, and tastes of a Thanksgiving dinner sans turkey.

RI-ARC member Therese Chretien will be available to answer questions about vegetarianism and animal rights. For more information, call Mary Preziosi at 783-1574 or Therese Chretien at 295-5190 days or 294-6981 evenings.

Uncle Sam

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group home, where he learns to cope with life on his own. Sometimes when he watches his t.v. shows he falls into a pleasant trance in which he sees his mom and dad and talks aloud to them. He doesn't like to come out of these spells.

My uncle Sam has always belonged to the world of spirits. He once told me he found in a museum a statue of Aphrodite that looked exactly like my mother. For my bar mitzvah he gave me a plaster ivory-colored bas relief of the Ten Commandments. Despite his sturdy

frame and strong hands, he lived in a phantom world of invisible values. Yet his soul stays with me in things as well as memories. He covered the seats of all our chairs and sofas in velvet cloth I found in back of my mother's closet. The mezuzahs in my office and in my studio came from his last apartment.

He also brought me the spirit of his mother, the grandmother I was named for. Sam has turned into one of those ghosts he saw. He looms up there on the horizon of my mind not only as the angel of my family, but also as a rich remnant of Judaism.

Copies of the *Herald* are available from:

Barney's on East Avenue, Pawtucket
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Gary's Park Avenue Deli on Park Avenue, Cranston
Garden City Drug on Reservoir Avenue, Cranston

JFS Services To The Elderly

Jewish Family Service provides services that support the elderly in the community, as well as those who care for them. Each has their own set of needs and issues to resolve. Each is entitled to quality, professional assistance.

Many elderly face the challenge of dealing with loss - loss of loved ones and friends, physical ability, health, independence. Many feel a heightened sense of vulnerability, loneliness and isolation that can color the quality of life.

JFS' Home Care Service provides professional, licensed Home/Health Aides Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help with personal care, transportation to medical appointments or the pharmacy, marketing, meal preparation, light housekeeping, and such. The goal is to allow an individual or family to maintain independence during an illness or crisis. The Home/Health Aide monitors the client's physical and emotional status, acts as a liaison with doctors and nurses and, if desired, helps with practical concerns. She is also a caring friend who provides

human contact in what is often a lonely situation. Her presence helps people to remain in the comfort of their own homes, when they might otherwise require nursing home care. The JFS Kosher Mealsite in Cranston provides a hot kosher meal, camaraderie and activities five days a week. Activities include bingo, exercise, films, blood pressure screenings and day trips. Every Friday there is a special Shabbat meal and there are celebrations on the holidays. Support services for the elderly and their families include counseling for the elderly, counseling for caregivers, crisis intervention, assistance with emergency situations, needs assessment, monitoring of care, supportive counseling and information. Jewish Family Service can act as a liaison between an isolated elderly person and family members living out of town providing reassurance and peace of mind.

For further information about the full range of services, JFS provides to the elderly and their caregivers, please call the agency at 331-1244.



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School Beat



The Phoenix Emerges From The Ashes

by Joshua Ellison

(An essay on *All But My Life*, by Gerda Weissmann Klein, New York: Hill and Wang (a division of Farrar, Straus and Giroux), 1957).

The Holocaust was one of the darkest periods in the history of the human race. The damage caused by Hitler's Germany has left deep, irreparable scars on the Jews, Europe and the world. While the world stood passively by, history's most horrendous acts against humanity were carried out. Nazi genocide took the lives of six million, but this is not their story.

This is a story much more powerful than numbers. This is Gerda Weissmann Klein's story. *All But My Life* is the tale of human tragedy. It is also the story of meeting the challenge of the tragedy and finding the route to survival. The end of World War II represented a new beginning for Gerda Weissmann Klein, as well as for Germany and the rest of the world.

As the mythical phoenix burns itself and yet emerges from the ashes to overcome what seem to be insurmountable obstacles, Klein also rose from destruction. With her survival came a rebirth. Her past was tightly intertwined with her future. She was able to move ahead with courage because of her connections to the past. The photographs she hid in her boot served as a constant

reminder of love and belonging. This helped to give her the strength to build a new life for herself.

It is noteworthy that part of the dedication of this book read, "I dedicate this book to the memory of my children's grandparents." She did not choose to say "to my parents," but rather to link the generations. In writing this novel, Klein feels she has "discharged a burden." She has recounted the final pages of her past, in search of a new beginning.

Klein was forced to deal with many issues. She had always dreamed of returning home — to the home of her memories. As the reality of a homecoming drew closer, she was frightened of the realities that might contradict her hopes and prayers.

Just as Klein struggled to regain her dignity and moved forward, Germany involved itself in a similar process. Hitler had blinded a nation, brainwashing them in the spirit of nationalism and supremacy. Hitler implanted into the minds of the citizens his hatred and bigotry. At the conclusion of World War I, Hitler's message spoke to a poor, torn, and embarrassed nation. Hitler used his clever propaganda (such as *Mein Kampf*, a novel which he wrote while serving a prison sentence) to scapegoat the Jews as the root of Germany's problems.

With Hitler's death and defeat in World War II, the Germans were subjected to a rude

awakening. Germany had to find ways to reestablish political ties with the rest of Europe and the world. Internally, the shattered country had to rebuild itself, literally, brick by brick. Germany was divided, the West adopting the ways of democracy and the East falling to communist rule. The citizens of the divided Germany were forced to change their way of life in order to survive.

Though the end of World War II was a harsh event, it had a very different significance to those who had been oppressed in the Nazi camps. In this novel, two important lifecycle events marked the liberation day: Klein's birthday, and the death of a close friend. Both these incidents were coincidental, ironic reminders of the "new beginnings" that lay ahead. During this period, Gerda also meets her future husband, a soldier in the American army unit that liberated her camp.

In writing *All But My Life*, the author demonstrates to us how one can use the events and lessons of the past as a guide for the future. Many claim that history creates a road map for the future. Klein, and others who have overcome tragedy, are often true inspirations to us all. For many, survival is a treacherous battle, but Klein reminds us that it is a battle that must be worth winning.

(Joshua Ellison is a student in the eighth grade at Alperin Schechter Day School.)

Publication Project, she includes in her field experience the excavations at En Gedi, Tel Qsile, Hazor, Athenou (Cyprus) as well as the directorship of the Deir el Balah Excavations. Her publications in book and article form are numerous and she is commonly acknowledged as the leading scholar in our understanding of the Philistines. Her Yale University Press book, *The Philistines and Their Material Culture*, has become a standard work and she will shortly publish, with her husband Moshe Dothan, a book-length study, *In Search of the Philistines*.

From Sinai

The parents and students of Temple Sinai's primary grades, Pre-K through Grade 3, will study together on Nov. 24 at our Annual Chanukah Family Education Workshops. Since we are commemorating the 500th year of the exile of the Jews from Spain, we will incorporate Sephardic songs, foods, customs, and prayers into the workshops. Each family will attend four workshops (video, music, craft and experiential), and each family will receive a Chanukah booklet to take home. The Sisterhood of Temple will prepare latkes and sufganiot for all.

On Friday night, Dec. 6, there will be a Family Chanukah Worship Service. The community is invited to attend.



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The Birth of BJE's Teacher Resource Center

An issue of the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* in June of 1978, carried a boxed advertisement which read: "Wanted Teacher Resource Center Supplies." It then listed the items sought: scrap fabric and notions, yarn, spools and buttons, egg cartons, wallpaper samples, rug samples, small boxes, and any other item useful for craft projects. An article above the advertisement informed the reader that "a long-time dream to create a Teacher Resource Center in conjunction with the Bureau Library is about to be realized."

The "long-time dream" referred to the two years that had elapsed between the initial proposal to the Board of Directors of the BJE outlining the need for a resource center and its actuality. However, the breathless prose aside, it may be said that the opening of the center and its association with the library were part of a continuum reaching back to the establishment of the Bureau itself, to its charge to service "the progressive development" of curricula, of innovative methods of teaching, and of instructional materials.

At the second meeting of the newly constituted Board of Directors on January 6, 1953, the Executive Director, Rabbi George Ende, reported on his activities during the three months of his tenure. These included visiting schools, setting up school boards where they were lacking and organizing the School Council (now known as the Principals' Council). "In addition," he stated, "material has been gathered and produced for use by teachers. Visual aids materials have been purchased and lent to schools." The minutes of subsequent meetings all contained mention of further distributions. They also alluded to the

growth of the library, which by the end of the first year owned one hundred books on a variety of subjects useful to teachers. From the outset there was a recognition of the urgent need in the educational community for both reference and enrichment materials and the BJE's role in satisfying that need.

The BJE undertook a number of programs aimed at encouraging school administrations and teachers to explore innovative as well as substantive approaches to subject matter. Workshops, in-service education, incentive grants for original curricula, enlarged library facilities, pedagogic conferences, teaching demonstrations offered strategies for achieving positive educational experiences. However, there was no central place with the equipment, supplies, and technical assistance where teachers could create their own teaching aids or search for ideas among existing materials. As trends in education turned toward more individualization in the classroom, the lack became more evident.

In the autumn of 1978, the Teacher Resource Center of the BJE opened its doors with a series of guided tours conducted by Toby Rossner, Coordinator of the Center, and Judith Levett, Librarian. Housed in one of the classrooms, it boasted of the latest in equipment: a laminating machine, an overhead projector, and copy machine, a slide maker, tape recorder, Hebrew and English typewriter, Hebrew labelmaker, and an assortment of raw materials. The library continued to concentrate on circulating print and non-print educational items. A letter to teachers promised a pleasant, stimulating environment and a large, comfortable area.

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Program In Judaic Studies Lecture

Professor Trude Dothan, Eleazar L. Sukenik professor of archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and former visiting professor of Judaic studies at Brown University, will be talking on "In the Footsteps of the Philistines: New Discoveries at Tel Mique-Ekron." Monday, November 25, at 8 p.m. at Brown University's Wilson Hall, Room 102.

Professor Trude Dothan, Sukenik professor of archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is a native of Vienna who has been resident in Israel for most of her life. She completed her baccalaureate, master's and doctoral

degrees at the Hebrew University and carried out post-graduate studies at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago and at the Institute of Archaeology at the University of London. She has been a visiting professor at Brown University and New York University, and a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J. She has served as chair of the Department of Archaeology at the Hebrew University and was recently appointed director of the Berman Center for Biblical Archaeology of the Institute of Archaeology at the Hebrew University. Currently she is the co-field director of the Tel Mique-Ekron Excavation and

Providence Roots of Jewish Educators To Be Highlighted at BJE Program

Sidney Goldstein and Jerry Foster, Co-Chairs of the Bureau of Jewish Education's 40th Anniversary Committee, have announced that the Bureau will honor Jewish educators who were born and/or raised in Rhode Island at the upcoming Zelinko Conference on Sunday, Jan. 26, 1992. The actual program features a keynote presentation by a nationally-known speaker on topics in Jewish education followed by a variety of workshops.

By recognizing locally-bred Jewish educators, the Bureau expands its celebration of forty years of service to the Rhode Island community to include

the honoring of those who received their first Jewish educational training in Rhode Island and proceeded to enter the education field.

The Bureau asks the help of the community in gathering the names of Jewish educators to be honored. If you are aware of current or former Rhode Islanders who serve as part-time or full-time Jewish educators (including teachers, administrators, rabbis, cantors, librarians, and youth workers), please contact Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan at the Bureau of Jewish Education (401 331-0956), with their names, addresses, and telephone numbers.

Camp JORI Opens For Registration

Camp JORI, Rhode Island's only Jewish overnight camp, located on 13.5 acres in Narragansett, will celebrate its 55th season this summer.

The kosher co-ed camp for boys and girls 7 to 13 offers a complete program of sports, drama, field trips, swimming and arts and crafts with an emphasis on Jewish culture. The highly qualified staff under the direction of Marshall Gerstenblatt, who has been with Camp JORI for 20 seasons, places emphasis on individual needs.

The goal of the camp, "a summer of fun with Jewish warmth," has been maintained since the camp was founded in 1937. Many campers are the

sons and daughters of JORI alumni.

Camp JORI offers two four-week sessions: Trip I will be from June 30 to July 26; Trip II will be from July 28 to August 23. Because of the board and staff of Camp JORI are well aware that the economy has affected many families, the fee has been held to \$995 per session. A \$70 deduction from the total bill will be taken for those who submit the \$200 registration fee prior to January 1, 1992. Camperships are available for Rhode Islanders.

For registration information write: Camp JORI, 229 Waterman Street, Providence, R.I. 02906 or call (401) 521-2655.

Jewish Home Hand-Knit Boutique



Ceil Katz shows a hand-knit Mickey Mouse sweater to Lorraine Krasner. The annual Hand-Knit Boutique, sponsored by the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, was held this past week to the delight of all who attended. The boutique featured a wide variety of beautiful sweaters, mittens, hats, slipper socks, afghans and lap robes. For those of you who missed this fabulous shopping opportunity, stop by the gift shop at the Home as soon as possible. All proceeds benefit the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Cranston Senior Guild

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 program. 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.

Holocaust Museum

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum has affiliated with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Oral History Department, which produces videotaped interviews and collects audio and videotaped testimonies from other Holocaust institutions across the country. By associating with the national museum, copies of the oral histories of Rhode Island's survivors will be safeguarded and stored in temperature controlled, locked

vaults. The RIHMM will also benefit by having access to resources, including advice on interviewer training and re-training, as well as video production techniques. Of prime importance, the affiliation will help to keep survivors' stories alive and remembered in the future. By providing scholars from around the country and the world greater access to this invaluable information, history and the survivors will not be forgotten.

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be active and involved in the community."

The award was presented October 25 at the Reunion Dinner as part of the school's Alumni Weekend and reunion

activities.

Moses Brown is a Quaker, coeducational, independent school founded in 1784 with 758 students from Nursery through Grade 12.

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TIME: 11:00 a.m. to noon

PLACE: Temple Emeth, 194 Grove Street, South Brookline, MA

For more information, call Pearl Lourie, 508-788-0161

Reunion for Camp Pembroke campers and staff

DATE: Sunday, December 1

TIME: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Temple Emeth, 194 Grove Street, South Brookline, MA

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 Sun-

day, 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 Chanukah 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.

Jewish Home

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BERNARD BERENS

CRANSTON — Bernard Berens, 70, of 435 Auburn St., Cranston, died Thursday, November 7, 1991, at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisc. He was the husband of Lillian (Zuckerberg) Berens and was born in New York City, a son of the late Julius and Anna Bernstein and had been a resident of Cranston for 36 years. He was a graduate of Pace College in N.Y.C.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. For twenty years he was sales representative for Pfizer Company, a pharmaceutical company and in 1987 retired from the company, retaining a relationship with the company as a consultant. He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, the Jewish War Veterans of America and the Thomas Smith Webb Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Judy Litwin of Milwaukee Wisc.; a son, Peter Berens of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Ruth Fuerst of Tampa, Fla.; a brother, Robert Berens of Brooklyn, N.Y., and two grandchildren, Amy and Jill.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 10, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

HARVEY P. COHEN

PROVIDENCE — Harvey P. Cohen, 82, of 2 Jackson Walkway, president of the former B. Cohen and Sons textiles company in Woonsocket from 1938 to 1970, died Thursday, November 7, 1991. He was the husband of the late Edna (Rosen) Cohen.

Born in Chicago, he was the son of the late Philip and Kate Cohen.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin and attended Harvard Law School.

Mr. Cohen and his wife were

well-known duplicate bridge players, and they won the 15th International Bridge Tournament in New Mexico in 1967.

He was a founding member of Ledgmt Country Club, and was a member of Temple Beth-El.

He leaves a daughter, A. Gail Borod of East Greenwich; a sister, Lorraine Silberthau of Providence, and a brother, Dr. Eugene Cohen of Old Westbury, Long Island, N.Y.

The funeral was held Friday, November 8, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

Vigil

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Jewish Appeal (UJA), and URI Hillel, the candlelight vigil coincided with Freedom Week, a program initiated last year by the UJA. Whereas last year Freedom Week commemorated Kristallnacht, this year informational events were held on college campuses around the country to celebrate Israel's immigrants, the thousands of newly arrived Soviets and Ethiopians.

The vigil at URI was organized by student members of Hillel, which has approximately 120 paid members on campus. According to Erica Hilowitz, one of the four chairpersons of the event, Jews make up close to eighteen percent of the total student population in Kingston. Other co-chairpersons were Mark Frankel, Elizabeth Krieger and Robyn Witten.

Frankel spoke at length about the significance of such a celebration, noting that Soviet and Ethiopian Jews have long been captives in their native countries but that freedom has come at last.

Although the vigil proceeded as scheduled, few people joined the organizers on the main quad. An untimely and unfortunate power failure at the campus newspaper canceled publication of that day's newspaper in which notice of the event was given. Therefore, a small but dedicated group of students held an intimate vigil

and lit up the dark lawn with a circle of light.

The students took turns reading from a prepared script, written by Frankel, which commemorated the struggle for freedom of our Jewish brethren worldwide and specifically in Ethiopia and the Soviet Union.

Excerpts From Frankel's Reading:

The massive flow of people leaving hate and bitterness of their old lands, whether it be in the Soviet Union, Ethiopia or any other country is a tribute to what can happen when we want to make our love come through.

Finally, freedom showed its face in the Soviet Union and the Jews were able to go to Israel.

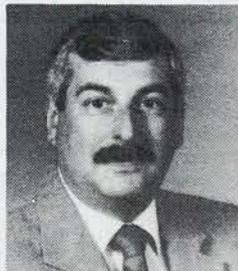
Speak of waiting, though, the Ethiopians have had to wait for more than 3,000 years!

Israel is the only country in the world...that takes everyone who wants or needs to come.

And everywhere we look, concerned people such as ourselves are making a difference.

The world is growing up to be a more benevolent, humanitarian place. We must find our role in it, for I am very optimistic that we can.

As the students read with passion the story of their fellow Jews, a chilly wind blew out some of the candles. But friend turned to neighbor and borrowed fire to relight the candles and to keep the message alive.



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Talks

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a high-profile opening in Moscow or another European capital. He hopes to bring to it the foreign ministers of the European Community, Japan and Canada, along with the Persian Gulf states and the Maghreb countries: Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

The American purpose is to get this array of nations to share the financial burdens arising from costly regional development schemes expected to emerge from the multilateral talks.

But Israeli policy-makers fear the close involvement of the international community in regional cooperation issues could turn into pressure on political matters Israel insists can only be settled at the negotiating table.

Specifically, they are concerned that, with offers of cash

and other backing from the leading industrial nations, it will be difficult for Israel to resist pressure to agree to a settlement freeze, in exchange for termination of the Palestinian intifada and the Arab boycott against Israel.

The multilateral conference is likely to be among the topics discussed when members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations meet in New York on Monday morning with the Saudi ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned of plans for the meeting recently, which were later confirmed by Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents.

Turkey and Cyprus have been suggested. Both are in geographical proximity to the Middle East but politically are not considered part of the region.

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Chronicle

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the local Hebrew School. Heller does not want his daughter to be exposed to such disturbing stories of sacrifice, nor does he want the Orthodox Jews to disturb the tranquility of the suburban neighborhood. In fact, he wants Eli Peck to run the orthodox Jews out of town. Miriam also feels this way and seems to believe that if Eli has any qualms about this, he should go to a psychiatrist.

The central tension of the story has to do with Eli Peck's sense of fatherhood. What will he pass on to his child if he drives the orthodox out of the neighborhood? In the mythic context, we might ask: What will Eli Peck do if he represses the story of Abraham and Isaac? Like most modern Jewish fathers, Eli Peck must decide what if anything he has to offer his children as he walks down that mountain after his children have been mercifully saved so that the

future can be created.

Eli chooses not to follow Ted Heller's promptings, not to run the orthodox out of the community. When his son is born at the hospital, he can as a result declare: "I am the father." But in the end of the story, he is also given a drug to calm him down, and it is clear that his defiance will not only cost him tranquility with his wife and his suburban neighbors, but probably his sanity as well. In terms of the story, he needs a psychiatrist. He has reaffirmed his family ties with Abraham and Isaac, but ironically the promise of the future must seem very bleak to him. By attempting to maintain a continuity with the past, he finds himself isolated in the landscape of America. It is a strange, but perhaps typical, story of the fragmentation of family life in the late twentieth century.

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

BJE

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The BJE no longer has any classrooms. The total space is now given over to the education of another sort, the kind that only a Resource Center can provide. The equipment, purchased with the first allocation in 1978 of \$2,500 has been augmented many times, but the original promise made to teachers has remained valid — to provide a pleasant, helpful, and stimulating environment for the development of curricula, and innovative instructional aids.

(The Bureau of Jewish Education is pleased to present this, the second in a series of articles written by Jerry Foster, highlighting important events in its history).

Witness To History

As the second part of his continuing exploration of hatred, Bill Moyers turns in this hour-long special to the Nobel Laureate, Elie Wiesel.

"Moyers/Facing Hate with Elie Wiesel" premieres Wednesday, November 27, at 10 p.m. on PBS (ET; check local listings).

Ever since he was 15, and his family perished around him in the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz, Elie Wiesel has been trying to understand hatred. He has sponsored several conferences on "The Anatomy of Hate" in the United States, Israel and Norway. The Norway conference served as the forum for Moyers' first special on the subject, "Beyond Hate," broadcast earlier this year.

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He survived the death camp that claimed the lives of his family but remains uncertain as to exactly why he was spared "the temptation to hate." Hate, he says, "is not only destructive, it is self-destructive. The hater also destroys himself."

While he did not feel hate for the Nazis, young Wiesel did feel anger toward the Allies, who did not act in time, he says, to save the doomed occupants of the death camps. "I am angry at Churchill and Roosevelt because they were human beings."

Of contemporary world affairs, Wiesel says that "hate is a common threat... Eastern Europe is gaining freedom. The American government and the Russian government are now almost allies... What jeopard-

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izes those achievements is hate."

Wiesel is a world-renowned journalist and a leading advocate of human rights. In 1986, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his worldwide role in furthering social justice.

Non-Jews

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by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

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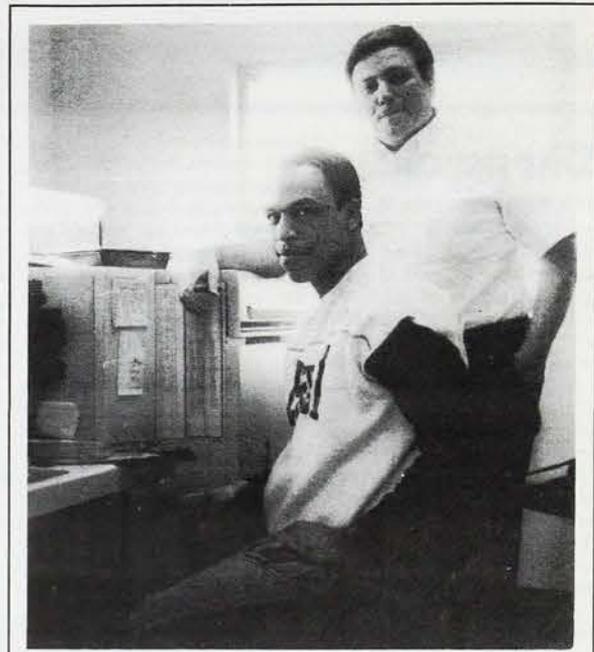
Photo Exchange is a subsidiary of Crest Photo Labs (lo-

cated next door), one of the oldest labs in this state. Crest was incorporated in 1970 when owner Bill Stein, at the age of 22, decided that lab work best suited him as a vocation.

In high school Stein took up photography as a hobby and designed his own darkroom. This hobby waned in and out of his teenage life until around 1967, when he began working for a retailer, taking photographs and selling related materials for over a year. Then he worked as a portrait photographer for a couple of years, after which he worked as a lab technician in a commercial photo lab.

During his last job, he realized that laboratory work was what he wanted to do and proceeded to start his own company. Today, he employs about 20 technicians — with experience amounting to over 100 years — in the main lab (Crest Photo Lab) and in 1989 opened Photo Exchange, a mini lab to keep up with today's consumer demands of quick photo processing.

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(L. to R.) Curtis Mann and owner Bill Stein of Photo Exchange.

crop a photo to exclude someone or something.

Although Stein works up to 60 hours per week, he makes the time to attend photography conventions that spark up across the states. As an expert in photography, Stein has been dedicated to film most of his life and is continually looking for fresh, innovative ideas to upgrade his company's film finishing technology and improve his service for customers. Stein, a bachelor, works side

by side with his mother, Jeanne Stein, who owns Party Warehouse, located in the adjacent building. Both companies have grown a great deal. Once they shared the building where Crest Photo Lab is today. And now, as most East Siders know, they have gone their separate ways.

No matter how large Stein's company gets, he vows to continually, "know every customer by name and to encourage people to ask questions."

Pointers For Parents

by Barbara E. Anderson

Dear Ms. Anderson:

The other day my daughter said that her best friend's older brother had quit school. He was a junior at the city's best high school, and I thought he was doing all right. I was shocked. Didn't anyone know something was wrong? Amanda is a 9th grader at the same school. She seems to like her classmates and has a few close friends, but she doesn't seem to care about school. She complains her teachers expect too much, and that her classes are boring. I don't think Amanda would drop out, but are there things I should be looking for now? Is there something I should be doing? Can you help me?

S.F. Providence

Dear S.F.:

Unfortunately, the young man's action is not unusual; over 700,000 students annually quit school. I don't know his specific reasons for quitting, but I know he probably told his parents many times — "I don't care or it's boring." I also suspect he exhibited several "early warning" signs or symptoms over the years, maybe beginning as early as the 2nd or 3rd grades. The following are classic warning signals of potential school-related problems.

• The "failure syndrome" — a pattern of dropping or inconsistent grades following a normal routine of average to good grades

• Negative comments about teachers, about school
• Laying blame on others
• Reluctance to discuss school/school-related issues

• Lack of interest in any aspect of school — academics to sports

• Inappropriate / disruptive behavior — an attempt to attract attention

• Disinterest — characterized by teacher comments such as: "not working up to potential"; "doesn't pay attention in class"; or "seems easily distracted"

If you feel Amanda has exhibited a pattern of any one of these symptoms (the key word is *pattern*), the following may be helpful:

1. Seek help immediately from experts: teachers, school administrators, religious or secular counselors, or medical authorities.

2. Review Amanda's report card or progress report together — calmly and without judgmental comments. Praise accomplishments and positive performance.

3. Don't focus solely on grades. Ask Amanda about her

feelings and her opinions.

4. Ask how she thinks she could do better; how you can help her improve.

5. Encourage her to set realistic yet challenging goals to improve study habits and class performance. Discuss the objectives with her but don't you establish the goals.

6. Develop a routine together to improve Amanda's study habits. Provide guidance and lay down the rules but remember that *studying is her responsibility*.

7. Review progress weekly by discussing studies and activities. Do not grill. Don't wait to be surprised at report card time.

8. At teacher meetings, ask specific questions about Amanda's performance and the teacher's recommendations for change.

9. When she talks to you, be an *active* listener. Try to go beneath the words to the meanings and emotions. Become skilled at learning what she is *not* saying.

10. Finally, get professional help to help Amanda over-

come her learning gaps. The "drop-out syndrome" often begins with learning gaps the students cannot overcome. When faced with the increasing difficulty of these gaps, a student will fall further and further behind — and may give up in frustration and anger.

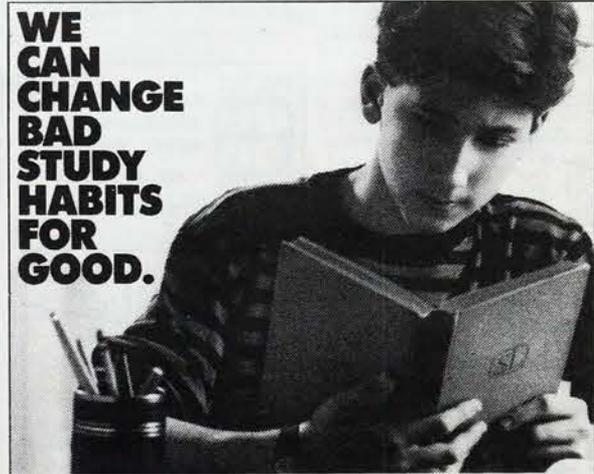
Most important, work to maintain "open communication-lines" with Amanda. Adolescents need their freedom, their space; they also need to

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