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1991 Brings In Less Aliyah

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Soviet Union has ceased to exist, but the stampede of Jews surging from its 15 former republics continued without interruption in 1991, despite a slight dip this fall.

According to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, a total of 145,005 Jews from the former USSR made aliyah in 1991, bringing overall immigration to Israel to a grand total of 170,740.

The figures failed to match the peak year, 1990, during which a record 186,815 immigrants arrived in the Jewish state, 181,759 from what was still the Soviet Union.

But the monthly decline that began in July and hit a low of 8,090 arrivals from the Soviet Union in November appears to have been reversed, as 10,359 Soviet Jews came to Israel in December, during the one-time superpower's final days. That represents a 28 percent increase in one month alone.

1991 was also the second-best year for Soviet immigration to the United States. According to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, a total of 34,715 Jews from what was the Soviet Union arrived here last year under the U.S. refugee program.

That figure fell short of the 1989 total of 36,738 and was considerably lower than expectations at the outset of the year. But December's total of 4,350 U.S. arrivals was more than triple the number that came last January.

All immigration is sensitive to changing conditions. If in 1991, Soviet aliyah was down about one-fifth from the previous year, it should be remembered that 1991 was a more tumultuous year.

It began with the Persian Gulf War, which bred uncertainty and paralyzed travel to the Middle East. Then midyear, the Soviet government changed its emigration laws, requiring passports to leave the country. By year's end, the country had split up into 15 separate republics.

Shoshana Cardin, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said it was gratifying that "despite a year of dramatic upheaval — both in the Middle East, where Operation Desert Storm threatened to interrupt normal emigration,

and later in the year, with the demise of the Soviet Union — Soviet Jews continued to arrive in Israel in a steady stream."

A continuing disincentive with longer-term repercussions is the rising unemployment in Israel. An estimated 40,000 new olim are on the dole. Of those who find work, few are employed in the professions or skills they were trained for.

Inevitably, letters home advise relatives and friends to postpone emigration until conditions improve.

Nevertheless, at the year's end, the Jewish Agency said it expected between 150,000 to 170,000 to arrive in Israel in 1992, virtually the same as in 1991, though it could handle greater numbers if required.

Agency officials noted that about 105,000 Jews already hold Soviet exit visas, and 45,000 of them also have Israeli entry visas. It is expected that the individual republics will honor the Soviet visas.

The breakup of the Soviet Union into 12 independent republics has raised big questions here and in Israel about whether and how the massive exodus of Jews from the former USSR will continue.

Largely at the prodding of the United States, the new Commonwealth of Independent States has pledged to abide by human rights commitments made by the Kremlin during Mikhail Gorbachev's nearly seven years in power.

But in reality, the individual republics are not bound by the emigration reform law adopted by the Supreme Soviet last spring, nor by such international agreements as the Helsinki human rights accords.

And Washington's traditional carrot and stick, the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Amendment, is useless, since trade relations do not yet exist between the United States and the various republics.

The republics are nevertheless expected to continue Gorbachev's policy of allowing virtually free emigration for Jews, because they do not want to alienate the West, whose investment capital they badly need.

But emigration policy is not likely to be an immediate focus of attention for the leaders of the new commonwealth, who

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World Union In Moscow



The World Union for Progressive Judaism will open an office in Moscow in January to help advance the educational, cultural and religious needs of Moscow's Jews and work to enrich Jewish life in fifteen other communities with large Jewish populations in Ukraine, Belarus and other areas. In photo Jewish leaders discuss plans for the new headquarters at a WUPJ luncheon at the recent biennial of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Baltimore. (Left to right), Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry; Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, UAHC president, and Donald S. Day, WUPJ president. Right, Sovietologist Martin Horwitz, who has been named director of the WUPJ's program for Soviet Jews. He leaves for Moscow January 8.

New Kosher Requirements

by Mark Binder

As of Monday, January 6, all meat sold under the supervision of the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island will have to be kashered.

"The present policy is that unless a special request is made for kosher meat, the meat is sold as-is," explained Rabbi Chaim Marder, Supervising Rabbi of the Vaad Hakashruth, members of the Orthodox rabbinic who oversee much of the Kashrut in Rhode Island.

In order for meat to fully kosher, it must not only come from a kosher animal that is properly slaughtered.

Rabbi Marder explained, it must also have certain veins, fats, and the blood removed.

Except for the fresh meats, all poultry and ground meat sold under Vaad supervision at Marty Weissman Kosher Meat and Poultry and Spigel's Kosher Meat and Deli-tizer has always been fully kosher.

The new requirements affect meat that was taken from a kosher animal, properly slaughtered, and de-veined, but not necessarily bled (kashered).

Until this week, it had been left up to the consumer to either order the meat pre-kashered by the butcher, or to take the meat home and "soak and salt" it for themselves.

(The process of kashering involves soaking the meat in cold water for 1/2 hour, covering

the meat with kosher coarse salt, and then allowing the blood to drain off. See Kosher Korner, page 13.)

"In Rhode Island," Bernard Spigel explained, "since people came over from Europe, they took their meat home and kashered it.... They would take the wooden cover from an old-fashioned bushel peach basket, and use that as the salt board to drain the meat in the sink."

The reason for the change was a concern that either the average person doesn't know how to kosher, or doesn't have the time or want the bother of it, Rabbi Marder explained.

"We recognize these changes in the basic practice in the

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The Kahane Verdict— A First-Person Observation

by Marion D.S. Dreyfus

Saturday, December 27,

New York State Supreme

Court — A roar of disbelief

went up on the 13th floor of 100 Centre Street as jury foreman Mrs. Mendez slowly tolled off the separate verdicts. El Sayyid Nosair was held not guilty on three charges of attempted murder of Rabbi Meir Kahane, and guilty of assault and battery on four lesser charges.

Beginning with an astonishing Not Guilty to the charge of conspiring to murder Rabbi Meir Kahane on Nov. 6, 1990,

the portentous words sonorously rolled off the spokesperson's tongue loudly and unwaveringly. When she was done, there was pandemonium in the court. The seven counts seemed to paint yet another thick layer of tarnish to the battered concept of justice in the American courtroom. The Arabs in the court exulted.

Not Guilty

While some in the pro-Kahane camp charged anti-Semitism at the seemingly incomprehensible, numerous mitigating factors help explain the

verdicts without resorting to this unfortunate and oft-invoked label; in fact, prosecutorial incompetence is closer to the mark than bias.

Stacking The Deck

Jury selection was the key to the outcome in the four-day trial.

Defense attorneys Michael Warren (who has frequently represented demagogue and anti-Semite Louis Farrakhan in the past) and William Kunstler (with a top 40 hit-list of unpopular and largely anti-establish-

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INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Barrington Public Library

Registration begins Monday, Jan. 13, at 9 a.m., for the Winter session of "Booklook" at the Barrington Public Library.

"Booklook" is designed as an 8-week pre-storytime pro-

gram for two-year-olds and their parents. Each week there is a different program of stories, fingergames and a film-strip specifically geared to children of this age.

Three classes are offered in this Winter session — Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Registrants may pick the time and day convenient for them. The

session begins the week of Jan. 20.

Each class is limited to 12 children born before 1-13-90. An adult must accompany each child. No younger siblings can be accommodated. Older children may wait in the Children's Room while the half-hour class is being held in the Program Room. Supervision

will be provided.

Previous participants may ask to be placed on a waiting list and will be included if space permits.

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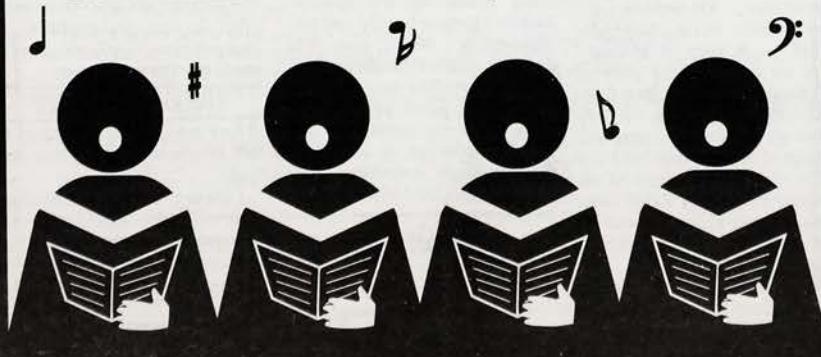
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Tax Education

Tips

Rhode Island taxpayers looking to avoid almost all return filing work may find Form 1040EZ-1 to be the solution this year. With the EZ-1, a taxpayer just enters any interest income, answers three questions, attaches the W-2's from employers and signs the form. The IRS uses this information to figure the tax and sends the taxpayer a refund or a notice of any tax due, with an explanation of how the tax was figured.

The IRS will be sharing information from these returns with the Rhode Island Division of Taxation. This will allow EZ-1 users to have their R.I. state tax figured for them. Taxpayers need only write EZ-1 across lines 1 and 2 on R.I. Form 1040A, complete the third line for withholding, complete applicable check-offs, attach W-2 forms and sign the return. After computing the proper tax, the state will issue a refund or a notice for any tax due.

With the IRS and R.I. Division of Taxation figuring the tax and refund amounts — two of the most frequent taxpayer errors — returns should be more accurate, avoiding refund delays.

The IRS has expanded the EZ-1 test from a limited Texas population last year to over 300,000 residents of Rhode Island, Texas and Washington. In Rhode Island, all qualifying taxpayers receiving the 1040EZ package will be able to participate.

Workshops

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and the University of Rhode Island, is offering four Tax Education workshops of extreme importance to Small Business.

The program is designed for

anyone who has recently started a new business, an existing business or for anyone having questions regarding tax obligations.

"Information for All Businesses" will be held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on January 14, 1992. Fee for this workshop is \$25.

"Sole Proprietor" will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on January 22, 1992. Fee for this workshop is \$35.

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"Business Use of the Home" will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on January 29, 1992. Fee for this workshop is \$35.

The instructors will teach recordkeeping and accounting practices, Federal Tax Deposit procedures, W-4 Forms (Withholding Allowance Certificate), expenses and income and tax filing requirements. Also included will be practical exercises regarding preparation of required tax forms and compliance with Federal Tax laws.

Of additional importance will be instruction on employer tax obligations and the advantages / disadvantages of sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations. The role of the IRS and various tax information available to business will also be covered.

C.P.E. Accreditation - These tax education workshops are being conducted with strict adherence to the regulations and guidelines for the Program of Continuing Professional Education as set down by the Rhode Island State Board of Accountants.

For additional information, please contact Joseph McGinn or Virginia Nardone at the University of Rhode Island, College of Continuing Education, (401) 277-3890 or Fran de Sousa, SBA, (401) 528-4583.

Please register early.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends, relatives and organizations for all their get-well cards, contributions, flowers and prayers during my recent illness. It is very much appreciated by my family and myself.

Sincerely,
Maurice L. Gerehoff

CORRECTION

Last week's article on planning a Bar/Bat Mitzvah contained a typographical error. The article should have stated that scheduling your child's ceremony on a Jewish holiday may increase the number of synagogue honors (*aliyot, hagbah, glilah, p'tichah*) available for your guests. We regret any confusion that this may have caused our readers.

FEATURE**Cantors Forming New Group For Traditionalists**

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Cantors unhappy with the liberal trend in the Conservative movement and a shift to the right in the Orthodox community have decided to establish a professional organization they hope will meet their needs better than the existing Orthodox and Conservative associations.

A group of the disaffected cantors met in Toronto during the last week of October and voted 99-3 to create the International Federation of Traditional Cantors.

It is intended to meet the needs of right-wing Conservative, left-wing Orthodox and nonaligned cantors who are committed to halacha, or traditional Jewish law, but are feel-

ing squeezed out of the various movements.

One of the group's founders, Cantor A. Eleizer Kirshblum of Toronto, is a former executive committee member of the Cantors Assembly who was upset with the Conservative group's decision earlier this year to admit women who receive cantorial degrees from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

But while that decision for Kirshblum was the final move beyond an acceptable level of halachic flexibility, he believes a problematic leftward trend began in the Conservative movement long beforehand.

"There's a disenchantment, to put it mildly, within the Conservative movement about

the direction of the seminary within the last decade. They're getting closer and closer aligned to Reform," he said.

"Many of us are becoming isolated within the movement because we don't have a place anymore," he said.

Kirshblum said that at the same time, there is "a move to the right within the Orthodox world. And in the Orthodox camp, very few synagogues are accepting full-time cantors, so many Orthodox cantors have to go into Conservative synagogues."

The turnout of 102 cantors at the Toronto meeting proves that there are a lot of cantors whose needs are not being met by the Conservative and Orthodox professional associations, he said.

The vote to form the federation followed a two-hour discussion in which leaders from all of the cantorial organizations present participated, said Kirshblum. He said the three

dissenting votes came from officers of the Cantors Assembly.

Kirshblum expects that at least 200 cantors will want to join the new organization once it gets off the ground. That would make it substantially larger than the 128-member Orthodox Cantorial Council of America, which is affiliated with Yeshiva University, and half the size of the Conservative movement's Cantors Assembly.

In addition to strong support from American and Canadian cantors, there is "tremendous

response" from England and from Israel, he said. "This convention was a huge success in every respect."

The relationship of the new federation to other cantorial organizations and to the Union for Traditional Judaism has yet to be determined.

The union is a rabbinic and educational organization based in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., that split off from the Conservative movement in 1984, following the Jewish Theological Seminary's decision to ordain women rabbis. It established its own

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FROM THE KITCHEN

by Mark Binder and Alicia Lehrer

Welcome to *From the Kitchen*. A new feature in the *Herald*, this space will include new and wonderful recipes for traditional Jewish, as well as innovative or unusual foods.

As a special treat, we have taken the liberty of giving the Rhode Island community the following recipe. Our grandmother, Beatrice Seltzer Binder, learned this recipe from her sister, Edith, and has been making these wondrous Jewish crêpes for 60 years. We have tried many blintzes in our relatively short lifetimes and, to date, none have come even close.

GRANDMA BEA'S CHEESE BLINTZES**Crêpes**

4 eggs
1 tsp. salt
10 heaping tbsp. flour
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup water

Beat eggs and salt in blender. Add the milk and water and blend. Add flour a few tablespoons at a time, blending in-between until the batter is smooth. Use an omelet pan to fry crêpes over a medium heat with your choice of shortening (i.e., butter, margarine, oil). If you find your crêpes are coming out too thick, add a little more liquid (milk or water) to thin out the batter. The batter should have the consistency of sweet cream. Turning the crepes over is the hard part, but all it takes is practice and a few burned fingers.

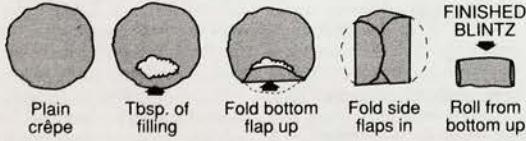
Filling

2/3 lb. cream cheese (Philly Lite Cream Cheese also works)
1 egg
1/3 lb. farmer's cheese or cottage cheese
1 tbsp. sugar
1 pinch salt

Just mix all this stuff together until it is homogenous and smooth.

Making the Blintz

Place a heaping tablespoon of the filling in the center of each crêpe and roll it up. These blintzes are delicious cold, but you might like to fry the finished product in butter or margarine to make it hot and crispy. Try serving the blintzes with applesauce, sour cream or jam. Be creative!



Alicia Lehrer and Mark Binder are a wife & husband cooking team.

From the Kitchen is open to submissions. Please write your recipes with exact nonmetric measurements. Mail recipes to The Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940, or fax to (401) 726-5820. If you'd like your recipe returned, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Holocaust Revisionism — A Plague

Ancient Greek oracles tell us that the fate of humanity rests on the whims and interplay of G-d and Satan. When one hears, these days, of revisionism concerning the facts about the European holocaust, the words of these sages start to ring true. For it appears that whenever the Almighty provides humanity with an opportunity to profoundly learn from people's experiences and mistakes, another force, probably satanic in nature, comes to the fore and attempts to erase the valuable lessons which mankind has learned.

Holocaust revisionism, a contemptible supposition, espoused by extreme fringe groups and other kooks on the campuses of American colleges and universities, pronounce that the Holocaust never happened, and that 6 million Jewish victims of Nazism is an exaggerated number produced by an overwrought Jewish imagination. And times are such that even absurd lies are not easily disproved due to the availability of so-called experts who, primarily for a fast buck and a chance to get famous,

readily and unconsciously provide the "Jew haters" with all kinds of fabricated and manipulated data that purports to give credence to these preposterous lies.

One can understand the fury and chagrin which engulf the survivors of the Holocaust when they come upon such news. The people who have suffered so much and have endured unbelievable vicissitudes do not take this slander lightly. The loss of their loved ones, their painful memories, the belief in a "new" humanity... all this would appear lost to them if revisionism is to be believed.

If people, at least, would have learned something from the cataclysm that was the Holocaust, and exposed the dark side of human nature which allowed for such excesses in bestiality and murder, their pain would be greatly reduced. But, with the number of survivors dwindling to ever smaller numbers, they worry that with the demise of the rest, the revisionists will have an easier time to revert known facts about the Holocaust for

their devious purposes.

Therefore, we who have suffered immeasurable pain call upon those who are beholden to us, and all decent, upright folks to fight the scourge of revisionism. We beseech you to do all in your power to destroy this slanderous libel right at its inception, before it has a chance to germinate in the minds of people. The failure to prevent revisionism from spreading might result in a tremendous loss to mankind, and roll back all the positive evolutionary gains which the Holocaust story exerted on the human psyche. If the revisionists would have their way, not only will all the deterrents to genocide and crimes against humanity be lost, but dictators and tyrants in the future will again be able to destroy and eliminate all their opposition without any regard for public opinion and world security. And this will be a horrible loss indeed.

I, for one, am optimistic. I

sincerely believe that honest and decent people everywhere will not pay heed to the demagogues who espouse Holocaust revisionism. The extreme elements who "push" these virulent theories have a right to be heard, and voice their opinions. But I hope and fervently pray that, when exposed to public examination and scrutiny, their ideas will be laughed off the stage, and soon their following will dry up. The truth must prevail in this case - for the sake of all of us.

Holocaust revisionism cannot be allowed to take root anywhere, for it would erase a great learning experience for mankind.

When one of my fellow survivors heard about the work of the revisionists, he sighed and said to me, "They want to tell me that the Holocaust never happened... so how come that in my sleep the nightmares about the camps still haunt me."

Oh G-d, forgive them who have not suffered...

Ray Eichenbaum

Herald Welcomes New Editor

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald is pleased to welcome Mark Binder as the new staff writer/editor. Mr. Binder, a Rhode Island resident of four years, is a graduate of Columbia University, the Trinity Rep Theater Conservatory, and has a Master's Degree in English and Theater. He has written for *The Times* of Pawtucket, *Rhode Island Monthly*, and *The Phoenix's New Paper*, where he wrote the "Urban Eye" column for two years.

Recently Mr. Binder founded The Real Fun Theater, a new and original live theater in Providence dedicated to restoring the fun to the American Theater. He says he will write about the theater "with total abandon and utter bias." However, he also promises to write about the Southeastern New England Jewish community with "respect and an eye towards all sides of the issues."

We wish him luck.

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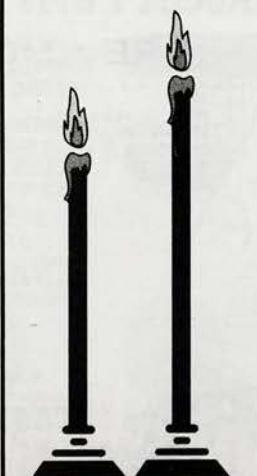
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Sacrifice And Courage

The Torah portion of Bo tells of the special commandment given to the Jews immediately before they were to leave Egypt. On the tenth day of the month of Nisan each Jewish family was to bring into its home a lamb, keep it there for four days, and on the fourteenth of Nisan, sacrifice it as a Passover offering.

An intrinsic part of this commandment was keeping the lamb in the house. This was done to arouse the curiosity of the Egyptian neighbors so they would ask what would be done with the lamb.

The lamb was one of Egypt's chief gods. Could the average Jew be expected to tell an Egyptian that he was holding the lamb to use a sacrifice?

The precise intention of the commandment, in fact, was to give the "average Jew" a test - did they truly believe that G-d was more powerful than the Egyptian idols? And would they follow G-d's command even if the road was fraught

with danger?

The Jews passed this test with flying colors. They followed G-d's command and were not afraid or ashamed to tell their non-Jewish neighbors



what they were doing. Our ancestors were not on some high spiritual plane, sure of G-d's protection; most of the Jews who had suffered through slavery were steeped in the culture of the Egyptian nation and idol-worship. Therefore, when our Sages tell us that one of the reasons our ancestors were redeemed from Egypt was be-

cause of this supreme act of self-sacrifice and faith, we can understand their tremendous self-sacrifice.

There is a parallel between the era immediately preceding the Jews' exodus from Egypt and our own age.

G-d wants us to overcome our physical and spiritual trials and tribulations with self-sacrifice, revealing the inner strength of our eternal, G-dly soul.

In Egypt, the Egyptians did not prevent the Jews from sacrificing the Passover lamb. Indeed, they actually lent the Jews their own silver and gold vessels to enhance the Jews' G-dly service. So it shall be for us. Through our own self-sacrifice, our opponents will become our protectors and supporters, and together we will merit the final redemption; may it come speedily in our days.

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

Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

JANUARY 9, 1942

Abduct Thousands For Forced Labor

Istanbul — Russian Jewry was dealt the heaviest blows in the Russian winter campaign which resulted in the defeat of the German Hordes, according to Russian and Turkish newspaper reports. The Nazis killed 600 Jews before they left Rostov-on-the-Don, and they took with them thousands of other Jews, mostly youths, for forced labor, the U.S.S.R. press reports on the basis of information received from Soviet guerrilla fighters.

Russian Jews Hard Hit As Nazis Are Forced To Retreat

New York — Jewish refugees from Germany and other countries now at war with the United States were continuing to be inducted under the Selective Service Act provided they have their first papers, it was announced here this week by the National Refugee Service on the basis of official information received from military authorities.

Jack Garfinkel's Baby Boy Wins Annual Stork Derby

A son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garfinkel of 237 Willard Avenue, at Lying-In Hospital, on January 2, 2:53 am, was the first Jewish child of the New Year in Providence, and therefore emerges as victor in *The Jewish Herald's* Annual Stork Derby, in which various local merchants have cooperated, offering valuable prizes. The New Year child is the second son of the Garfinkels. Before her marriage, Mrs. Garfinkel was Miss Jeanette Gabrilowitz.

ment causes to his credit) carried out an overall defense strategy that included challenging and dismissing from the jury anyone with the vaguest pro-Israel, pro-Jewish or "liberal" bent. According to a recent investigative article in the *Village Voice* - hardly pro-Jewish - funding for the pricey defense of Nosair, a \$32,000 per annum City employee, exceeding half a million dollars, came from joint Egyptian/Arab "interest group" sources.

One was repeatedly left to wonder why the State's prosecution team, Messrs. Greenbaum and Wirth, permitted such a tactic to stand, since each side had the same number of challenges.

Summing up the case on Monday, November 23, Kunstler stated in *The New York Times*, Metro section, "We didn't want any Yuppies or establishment types." Utilizing his theory that black women are more likely than all other combinations of jurors to exonerate murderers, Kunstler insured that 8 of the 12 jurors were black women. It was also no accident that not a single Jew made it to jury or alternate status.

During the last day of the trial, while the jury was sequestered, the five attorneys engaged in a 5-hour dispute over which points of testimony in the transcript to reread following the jury's noon request for a review, Justice Alvin Schlesinger remonstrated.

His testy instruction to the counsel, in plain hearing, was, "This jury has trouble understanding anything, no matter how simple. So please make it simple. And quick." The implication was obvious.

Veteran visitors turned to newer visitors during proceedings and cautioned them "not to laugh" when the jury came in.

"Is the jury so ridiculous that one would be impelled to laugh?" I wrote back to my court neighbor. She shrugged: "You'll see." In deference to the court's custom of silence, we passed notes back and forth to each other. On the parallel side, the Arab section passed red and white Christmas mint candles down the line of their seats.

When the jury filed in, the warning not to laugh came in handy. The defense strategy was even more crystalline: A less prepossessing, more ragtag lot could hardly be imagined.

Lost Evidence

The problem evident in the proceedings, however, extended beyond the troubling, off-kilter jury panel. The prosecution failed, or were unable, to bring to bear all the relevant evidentiary matters to link testimony about the putative killer with the gun to his victim, Rabbi Kahane.

The actual bullet shot into Rabbi Kahane was never found or examined.

Fingerprints, paraffin tests and powder burns were never discovered or performed. (Because of *halakha*, an autopsy was never performed, so that avenue was obviated.)

Crucial eyewitness testimony was badly compromised and botched when few of the 51 witnesses could definitely

state that they had seen the alleged killer shoot the fatal bullets into Rabbi Kahane, or even where, in relation to Kahane and the defendant, they were standing or seated. Kunstler undermined the testimony of many witnesses, rendering their accounts "unreliable."

The ballistic trajectory of the bullets was not traced.

The only area for which visitors could commend the prosecution was in the summation. Too little. Too late.

The litany continues. The police lineup took place not within a reasonable week or two of the shooting, but seven months later. By that time, eyewitnesses had had a long time to forget details - and the accused a long time to lose weight, change hair, beard and demeanor. Moreover, omitted in newspaper accounts, the lineup was done in an irregular way: The queue of Semitic-looking men were seen seated, rather than standing. The lower portions of their faces were obscured by plastic bags, the tops of their heads modified with inverted baseball caps. In these circumstances, it is not surprising that many of the witnesses failed to correctly identify Nosair.

Prosecution ineptly failed to establish and support the case; defense repeatedly played virtual popcorn in the frequency of their nuisance objections. Judge Schlesinger tartly told them a dozen times to "Sit down!" Mr. Warren! Or, "No, you may not make that motion, Mr. Kunstler!" Despite the judge's instruction, they often remained standing. Kunstler his Don King-style hair flying, mumbled their objections to the clearly irritated judge, who noted to the court at large "I'd like to tell you all that never in my entire working life have I ever seen this kind of delay in procedural matters."

Insofar as the seated visitors on both sides were concerned, the court's unevenness of treat-

ment was also clear. The Arab visitors daily numbered from 30 to 50. Visitor seating, however, holds only 48 seats in total, 24 per side, excepting the Press section. But dozens of pro-Nosair visitors packed the benches daily, overflowing both sides of the room, making representation by non-Arab visitors difficult, if not impossible. In this respect, the white-uniformed court guards come in for a share of culpability: They occasionally challenged Jewish visitors, ejecting several when the question of seating was raised.

A Packed Courtroom

One fellow who wore a *kipoh* stood outside the chamber and told me how he was warned by one court officer "not to go near - or even so much as touch" - any of the Arab visitors seated in the spillover section across from the full Arab section.

"In that case," said the man, who asked that his name not be used, "please don't speak to me, either." Guards barred him from the court at that point. He was not the only one so ejected.

In my experience, Arab visitors were not addressed in this disrespectful manner; none were ejected from chambers, even when it became evident that several Arab attendees were staring imperturbably at the women seated on the opposite side. No Arabic women were present during the course of the trial.

The disproportionate seating was so evident that one Russian Jewish woman, requesting anonymity for safety's sake, petitioned the judge to simply halve the court's seating. One side, Arabs; the other, non-Arabs. This the judge ordered, in belated recognition of the appearance of 100 Arab observers, who lined up after one recess, and surged threateningly against the Jewish visitors present, thus preventing a

single non-Arab from being seated, however Jewish representation daily during the four days of the recent trial fell far short of those convened by the other side.

Chopped Logic

Kunstler's words in the Nov. 23 *Times* article were salt to the wound as he crowed that the verdicts represented "a political victory for the nation's poor and oppressed minority groups." Since the 36-year-old Egyptian emigre assassin in the Marriott Hotel last year was universally seen by all present, and the victim was Jewish, media-hound Kunstler's words ludicrously misidentify any so-called "oppressed." If anything, the "oppressed people" was clearly the Jews, since a popular confrontational Jewish leader was so lightly dispatched.

The Jewish community was amazed that the defendant could be adjudged guilty of having possessed the murder weapon; wounded a spectator present at the time of the shooting in the meeting room; and shooting a postal official who challenged the alleged assassin in flight, plus threatening a cabbie with the murder weapon, while making his escape, yet judged not guilty of having conspired to murder the victim with the gun so

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identified as having been used. Kunstler, ever the impudent boyish optimist, commented, "We think we have grounds to set aside the guilty verdicts."

Many wondered why a Special Prosecutor had not been assigned, given the notoriety and high public profile of the case. More were left to question the startling ineptitude of the prosecution. What should have been an open-and-shut case was left, instead, still open and cruelly ajar.

Brooklyn Assemblyman Dov Hikind put it best, while most of us sat in the benches, stunned at the verdict. "Let's leave, people. There is no justice for Jews in New York today."

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Israeli Hospitals On Strike

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel's public health services were virtually paralyzed recently by a one-day strike called to protest a government order privatizing six government hospitals.

The job actions, which shut down 44 government hospitals and 1,200 Kupat Holim clinics run by the Histadrut labor federation, was taken by some 25,000 nurses, laboratory technicians, paramedics and support personnel, who claim their futures have been placed in jeopardy by the move.

But the strike did not enjoy the support of physicians, many of whom stand to benefit if public service hospitals

become semi-independent corporations.

Despite the overwhelming shutdown, services continued in critical hospital departments, such as maternity wards, cancer wards and dialysis units.

The strikers said they were not fully consulted by Health Minister Ehud Olmert before the privatization order went into effect Jan. 1.

Olmert, rebutting the charge, said he had been discussing the plans with the health care workers and others for more than a year. He said the strikers had failed to attend many crucial meetings about the privatization.

The Labor-dominated Histadrut sees the Health Ministry move as an attempt by the Likud health minister to break Kupat Holim's power and replace it with a general public health system.

Histadrut announced recently that unless Olmert agrees to change the plans to incorporate the six government hospitals, it will call a general strike of all industries "at a time to be determined."

Health For The Rich?

Not all the strikers are opposed in principle to the idea of privatization. But they want to ensure their pensions and working conditions within the future independent health centers.

Doctors stand to benefit, because under the new system, the individual managements of the six hospitals concerned would be able to offer more money to physicians who work second and third shifts.

The government has been opposed to paying for extended schedules. Instituting them would cut down the substantial waiting periods for elective surgery, which can take more than a year.

Opponents of hospital incorporation fear the new system will harm the public health infrastructure and encourage establishment of a "health for the rich" system, with more affluent patients paying extra for

"black market" or "under the counter" treatment or operations at public facilities.

Some public health experts are not opposed to incorporation as such but feel that individual hospitals will be too small to operate efficiently. They have proposed that hospital services as a whole be peeled away from government control and incorporated into an overall hospital authority, akin to Bezek Telephone or the port and railroad authorities.

Experts are pointing out that Israel has built a world reputation for medical and health innovations, a result of research and development that has been enabled only by the existing large-scale system. They say that individual, privately run hospitals will not be able to invest in such research, since they will be watching their budgets.



International

Amsterdam (JTA) — The Dutch government has given Israel emergency assistance in the amount of \$500,000 to help resettle immigrants from Ethiopia, subject to one condition. The grant will be strictly supervised by the Netherlands Embassy in Israel to make sure that the immigrants are not housed or settled in the administered territories.

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Bonn (JTA) — The Protestant church in Germany has acknowledged that anti-Jewish passages still exist in its texts, and it is determined to purge them. A 60-page study published by the church's central organization, EKD, concluded that all texts must be screened anew for anti-Jewish bias. Aneffort undertaken in 1975 apparently fell short of the goal, the study found. The population of united Germany is more than 50 percent Protestant. In the former West Germany, it was evenly divided between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

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Tel Aviv (JTA) — An unusual secret collaboration in animal husbandry between Israeli and Arab scientists from Persian Gulf states was reported on December 30 by the Israeli daily Ha'aretz. Scientists from Saudi Arabia and Dubai, one of the United Arab Emirates, have visited Israel to work with a research group at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, which is studying how to improve species of ostriches, camels, sheep and goats. The emir of Abu Dhabi has also requested Israeli assistance in breeding a species of racing camels.

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Jerusalem (JTA) — Israel greeted the new year with large areas buried under snow, or inundated by flood waters and buffeted by high winds.

Jerusalemites woke up to 10 inches of snow on January 2, which delighted children but rendered the streets impassable to traffic. Snow covered the Golan Heights and Galilee, the mountainous spine of the West Bank and much of the Negev, reaching almost as far south as the Red Sea resort of Eilat.

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Rabbi Learns What Makes Coke The 'Real Thing'

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The giant Coca-Cola Corp. has yielded to an Israeli rabbi a secret hitherto known only to the soft drink's founding family and a handful of the corporation's most trusted executives — the formula for making Coke.

There was a need to know, says Rabbi Moshe Landau of Bnei Brak, an Orthodox township northeast of Tel Aviv.

The Israeli businessmen who just acquired local bottling rights applied to him for a "hechsher," the kashrut certificate which assures the pious they may consume a product without violating a divine law.

But first the rabbi had to be sure Coca-Cola is indeed kosher according to strict Orthodox standards. To do so, he had to be told the ingredients it contains — knowledge Coke's competitors presumably would die for.

The would-be bottlers contacted Coca-Cola headquarters in the United States, where it was decided to let the rabbi in on one of the great corporate secrets of all times.

Still the rabbi, to satisfy himself, had to visit Coca-Cola plants in Europe and the United States, where the syrupy liquid is produced. Some of his aides also got free trips to the Far East to examine how a secret herbal root essential to the formula is processed. The Bnei Brak hechsher is expected to be issued shortly.

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Labor Party Reverses Stands

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Labor Party, responding to severe pressure from within and outside its ranks, has backed off from an earlier endorsement of religious pluralism in Israel. It has also pulled back from supporting a settlement freeze in the Golan Heights.

The retreats occurred at the second session of the party's convention, which reversed positions taken in the first session in November. The most controversial had to do with the relations between the state and religion.

A resolution adopted in November called for the "separation of religion from politics." While that was retained, the resolution was revised at the new convention to include a statement that the party now "favors the mutual relationship of dependence between the State of Israel and the Jewish religion."

The resolution specifically abrogated part of the earlier resolution that called for recognition of pluralism on matters of religious adjudication and personal status.

Labor is now on record in favor of continuing the Orthodox rabbinate's monopoly over the Reform and Conservative branches of Judaism on those matters in Israel.

The party was apparently forced into that position by

its own Orthodox and traditional members, who threatened to quit if the party voted otherwise. But it also took into consideration the possibility of future coalition-building with the religious parties to replace the Likud regime with a Labor-led government. The ultra-Orthodox, or haredi bloc, had already declared it would have nothing to do with Labor if it adhered to its earlier positions on separation of state and faith.

Convention delegates, who were determined to reverse the resolutions on the Golan and religion argued that the previous endorsements were passed by a minority of the Central Committee after most members had left the hall at the end of the session last month.

Labor's two leaders, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, urged revision of the earlier resolution because it would prevent future Labor coalitions with the religious parties.

The Golan revision came in response to determined lobbying by Laborite settlers in the territory, which was captured from Syria in 1967. The new resolution declares that Labor favors strengthening settlement throughout the Golan Heights, instead of only "existing settlements," which implied a freeze.

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As a tribute to the memory of Sora Levenson, z'l, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a young woman presently in her senior year of high school, toward a year of study in Israel. The award will be based upon scholarship, love of learning, and special interests in the arts and/or language.

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The scholarship fund was initiated by Dr. Rivkah Blau, with the active support of Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld and Rebbetzin Ruth Schonfeld of

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Vatican Appears to be Rethinking Diplomatic Relations with Israel

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Vatican appears to be reconsidering its absence of diplomatic relations with Israel because it is concerned that it may not have a voice in the Middle East peace process, according to several observers of Catholic-Jewish relations.

But they say that since diplomatic positions evolve gradually at the Vatican, it would be premature to talk about a date when the Holy See might be ready to establish formal relations with the Jewish state.

Nevertheless, evidence of incremental change in the Vatican's position on Israel can be seen in two events observers say.

One was the recent visit to Israel of New York's Cardinal

John O'Connor, who met with President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The other was a discussion of the Vatican's role in the Middle East that took place at a conference of Catholic scholars in Bari, Italy, on December 13-14.

This time, O'Connor made the trip to Israel without any apparent restraints from the Vatican.

The Vatican position has long been that while it recognizes Israel de facto, it will not establish a full and formal relationship until the matter of Israel's borders is settled in a manner acceptable under international law, and until Palestinians are granted a homeland.

It is considered significant that the New York archbishop bookended his trip with visits to Rome beforehand and afterward.

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AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

Not all telephone calls send a chill from head to toe.

But that's the way I felt when Bobbie Wallick called last summer.

Would I, she asked, give a sermonette at Temple Beth-El's Sisterhood Shabbat in October?

I wouldn't be alone. Deborah Johnson, Ph.D. was the other speaker. That was somewhat comforting.

It wasn't so much the idea of standing before an assemblage that gave me the shivers. It was the topic and material to accompany it. An awesome responsibility.

And no, she had assured, I needn't be a Judaic scholar.

The theme, said Bobbie, was *Sarah's Daughters*, zeroing in on possible ideas, such as women confronting the '90's.

I needed time to think about this, I told her. When in doubt, don't say yes too fast. Think about it.

Between moments over the sink and ritual daily strolls, I must have written 10 speeches in my mind.

Finally feeling comfortable with the idea, I went full steam ahead and must have written another few speeches in my mind, none of which I built upon.

Then the approach hit as smoothly as a pilot's landing. Forget the speech and write it as a story.

We are haunted daily with issues much to our disliking and feel frustration by the lack of what is needed to improve the quality of life.

Concerns over these issues plague us and impede the development of humanity and civilization.

With this in mind, I interviewed a cross section of women in various professions, ranging in ages from college student to a great-grandmother-to-be.

They spoke of family and personal values, the environment, women's rights, ethics, health care, violence, religion, and quality of life.

The title to all this was obvious . . . "Sarah's Daughters Speak."

Going Through Turmoil

"We've been through a turmoil," one woman said. "You wake up and listen to local and global news. Overridden with my own personal stress, I look at things, say that's terrible, and in the next breath, wonder how I'll get through today."

"I'm not alone in feeling my world or the whole world around me is falling apart. It becomes so enormous I wonder what I can do to make my day nicer or my kids' lives easier. I want to protect my kids and me."

"We're living on the edge. I look for answers out there for my own life, and to do what I can to make my world a little bit better."

Another voice said, "I struggle every day with what I want to do with the rest of my life, or if there are enough choices out there. I have the need to express myself and achieve what I consider to be respect and fulfillment."

"I worry women are as much of a target as minorities were before us. I think women are now the target for being dominated, minimized and repressed by the Reagan-Bush administration."

"I was never one of those women who said it wasn't noble to raise children and be at home."

"Women need to be less afraid of feminism and more open about how women can support each other. They need to be educated in attaining power over themselves."

One observation was, "Lately, much of my discussion with my family is about the real meaning and value of life. I want my children to learn that whether they achieve material gain or

not, they have value as a person."

"Sitting around the kitchen table, we've been talking about the good times enjoyed together and how we treasure the warmth of friends and family."

"The economy is a worry. We get so caught up with making a living we lose sight of our individual value. If you gain everything and lose sight of yourself as an individual, that's truly a loss."

"What you are in spirit and value, that's your soul!"

Pressures On The Young

The morale of our people today is low, said another voice. "Pressure is being put on young people."

"As parents, we strive for our kids to have the best and give them what we didn't have as children. It's the old story! But I don't think it makes them a better person."

"I've motivated them to hang in there through rough times. Don't give up! You have to encourage and support them, especially when you're a single parent and have to play the mother-father role."

"I'd like to see the health care system revamped and made available to everyone. I feel doctors today are dealing with numbers, not with individuals."

"With all the losses and tragedies around me and in the world, whenever someone complains it's raining, I say there's beauty in rain if you're alive to see it."

"You have to take each day as a gift, for today is what you have! If life does out lemons, make lemonade."

Another woman expressed that a great deal of money is spent on cancer research without any real conclusions. "We know cancer is prevalent in industrialized areas. I'm concerned that economic considerations are preventing changes that would decrease the incidence of cancer."

"As a result of our technology, we have no ability to deal with ideas. Everything has become superficial and slick. Our concepts are limited because we are limited in language."

"People don't know how to read. Role models are TV talk show hosts, even our correspondents and announcers misuse language. Our language is going from richness to poverty."

"I worry about widespread anti-Semitism, but feel things are brighter now that the Israelis and Arabs have agreed to come to the conference table."

One woman observed we have more shootings and mass murders here than anywhere in the world. "Our administration wants to cater to the rich NRA. Is an assault gun needed to shoot a deer?"

"Because of politicians and payoffs, our environment is being destroyed. The Florida Everglades are drying up from development, harming water and wildlife."

"I worry that increases in teenage unwanted babies and crack babies will soar. Because of the present administration, we taxpayers will be supporting babies whose futures are jeopardized without fathers, without a decent home life, without any hope."

"The Republican administration has no feeling. Their concern is making the rich richer, and providing people with guns to have more guns. I'm also disappointed in their foreign policy."

Concerns About Family

Concerns about the quality of family life in our country and the lack of communication was on another woman's mind.

Sarah's Daughters Speak



"They say this generation is visual. They've been brought up on and addicted to TV, the VCR, and entertainment. The art of conversation is dying because children don't have experience talking at the dinner table. The rewards of family life are diminishing."

"Parents, who need to be a sounding board, don't know what's in the mind of children today. There's no time to listen and find out, and children aren't able to express themselves."

"We talk about old-fashioned values and concept of home. What made home? Wonderful kitchen aromas, enjoyable dinners, conversations that inspired or left you feeling good about what you think or how you added to that adult conversation."

"As time goes by, rushing by your 25th and 35th anniversaries, you realize how quickly the years have flown by. I've heard career people say they've come to realize enough has been done at the office. Time needs to be spent with the family."

"Upon life's last day, and the last breath drawn, no one ever said, 'I wish I had spent more time at the office; but instead, I wish more time had been spent with my family.'"

Numerous Challenges

Another woman reflected on the ethical nature of the world. Are people really moral and decent? Will we have a future society or will mankind burn itself out?

"My concern with the Jewish religion is assimilation," she stressed. "In intermarriage, most people don't convert."

"I'm worried about war and peace, different fanatical groups around the world taking hostages, throwing bombs. People are fearful for their safety and others around them."

"When people become lunatics and run into fast-food restaurants killing 22 people, it's society's concern. We have no control over random occurrences that jeopardize us."

"Juggling personal life, family life, marriage and career are concerns today. Busy being busy every minute, they don't have time to think about the world, the people in it, and the people close to them. They don't have time to enjoy!"

"Are our lives today that much better than the lives of our ancestors? There's terrific nostalgia today for the 40's, the 50's, even the 20's and 30's look good."

"People talk about the good old days, long for simpler times, even without the modern conveniences."

Today's children face numerous challenges, says one of the women interviewed. "A child's home life has deviated from the nuclear family model. The family's structure has expanded to include divorced parents, single parents, teenage parents, step

parents, surrogate parents, blended families, foster families, open adoption families and extended families."

"Today's children learn about the reality of AIDS, drug abuse, child abuse, including sexual abuse, and alcoholism in elementary school classrooms."

"Given this scenario, it's imperative formal and informal support systems rally to support children and families. Funding will ensure safe affordable daycare available for all children."

"Schools, communities, and cities need to be rejuvenated with educational and social programs supporting our youth and providing them with a road to a productive future, a future of hope."

Another woman expressed a list of worries: "Roe Vs. Wade will be overturned now that President Bush has gotten his way with the Supreme Court, peace will never be achieved in the Middle East, Jews will be persecuted in some of the places having newly discovered freedom, a lack of care for the environment will result in deterioration if we don't get more zealous in our efforts to recycle and conserve, and violence is out of control, a concern that somehow society has condoned violence, and not enough is being done about it."

Source Of Change

Sarah's daughters will be entrusted with the survival of the Jewish people, says one woman. "We, as wives and mothers, can be the catalyst by enriching the Jewish family with the culture, tradition, and roots that have for centuries been the backbone for that very survival."

"I worry what my grandchildren's experience will be through their Judaism and their exposure to the perils in our society?"

I was deeply moved by what these women shared with me in words and emotion. My speech and this article couldn't have been done without their time and trust.

At this writing, I cannot end without addressing a major concern for the plight of the hungry and the homeless. The increase in food banks this winter is truly a blasphemy on both our society and our country.

No one in this land should be without food or shelter. We cannot rest until this plague is wiped out.

I ask myself why are there monies to aid other countries when we can't take care of our own? Would we allow our own flesh and blood to go hungry and homeless while we took care of the family next door?

Though we are our brother's keeper charity does begin at home.

My sermonette ended with this thought. The opposite of concern is hope — the hope for better todays and promising tomorrows for all of Sarah's daughters and all of Sarah's sons!!

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Trinity Stages August Wilson's Award-Winning 'Fences'

Trinity Repertory Company starts the new year with "Fences," a powerful award-winning drama by August Wilson, the celebrated author of "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" (Trinity Rep. 1987) and "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" (Trinity Rep. 1989). Clinton Turner Davis, in his first production at Trinity Rep., directs company regulars Gustave Johnson, Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, Barbara Meek, Allen Oliver, Rochelle Coleman and newcomer Jomo I.L. Ray. The production begins previews on Jan. 17 and runs through Feb. 16. Press night is Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. The production will be sponsored by Fleet Bank.

"Fences" is the story of Troy Maxson, a middle-aged blue collar worker in 1957 Pittsburgh, whose career as a ballplayer in the Negro League was a bitter disappointment. Now a struggling family man in a segregated world, Maxson's huge presence and over-

protective love weighs heavily on the hopes of his family, especially his youngest son, a gifted athlete. "Fences" is the most honored play in American theatre history, having received four Tony Awards (including Best Play) the New York Drama Critics Award, and the Pulitzer Prize among other honors. Clive Barnes called the 1987 New York production "one of the richest experiences I have ever had in the theatre."

Performances are in the Upstairs Theatre at Trinity Repertory Company's downtown Providence location. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7 p.m. on selected Sundays and 2 p.m. on selected Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Individual ticket prices range from \$22 to \$30. For ticket information and the exact schedule, please call the box office at (401) 351-4242. Visa and MasterCard holders may also reserve by phone.

The Real Fun Theatre Company

The first time I went to India in 1985, I went to be confused. The second time, it was in search of love. I got both, Love and Confusion ...

So begins Marc Joel Levitt's new performance piece, "Shiva," a monologue investigating war, cultural confusion, and long-distance love affairs.

Coinciding with the one-year anniversary of the eve of the Persian Gulf War, "Shiva," takes the audience to distant kingdoms, mountaintop holy cities, Afro-Indian forest communities, and meetings with Gandhi.

Marc Joel Levitt is an internationally known storyteller and performer, whose travels have included France, India and Ecuador. He has also toured the United States with his own one-person play, "Johnny Appleseed; Gentle Hero." In addition to writing and performing, Mr. Levitt is the host of "The Blue Bug Radio Cabaret," a weekly live radio show on WHJJ, featuring skits, stories, and live music.

Just there, where people imagine the world to be stable, just there is where reality slips away instant by instant. - Nasie Al Pia Tapi, 13th Century Persian Poet

In less than two hours, Mr. Levitt uses his well-honed storytelling techniques to take the audience on a journey through the crowded streets of India's "City of Dust," to old Portuguese coastal fortresses on the Arabian Sea, to desert castles straight out of "1,001 Arabian Nights" to Gandhi's Ashram.

Simultaneously, Mr. Levitt recounts the story of his relationship with an Indian cartoon animator, as well as his own internal anxiety as his country launches a military attack in the nearby Persian Gulf. Shiva is the name for the Hindu God of Creation and Destruction.

I have found that life persists in the midst of destruction, and therefore there must be a higher

law than that of destruction. - M. Gandhi

"Shiva" along with "Beowulf" (January 31 and February 1) are part of The Real Fun Theater Company's "Myth and Stories for January" series.

"Shiva," written and performed by Marc Joel Levitt, will be opening (press night), Wednesday, January 15, 1992. Show time: 8 p.m. Performances: January 15 through 19; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, January 15 through 18, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, January 19, matinee performance only at 2 p.m. Admission: \$5.00.

The Real Fun Theater is located on 270 Broadway, Providence, R.I. For information and reservations call: (401) 331-4386, that's 331-4FUN.

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My Own Private Idaho And My Own Private View Of It

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

What a treat to sit before a screen and see a film made from a single source and not by a whole studio!

The story within the film made me think of the story outside the film, Providence profiles of director-writer and cinematographer. Like their characters on screen, these student princes travelled round the world and had lots to say to each other along their paths of life.

"My Own Private Idaho" grew from the vision of a RISD grad, the director Gus van Sant. His storyline updates Shakespeare's bawdy ballad of Falstaff and Hal. You know - Henry IV, a youthful heir to the throne sheds his gross barroom buddy from his gutter days. Does he win or lose in stature by dumping a past pal? The Bard said, he mostly gains. Not Gus.

"Idaho" stuns with its roads and the horizons and fields above and beyond. Cinematographer Eric Edwards - also a former RISD student of mine like Gus - goes from the surreal highways of our western states across the ocean to the curved and carved Italian cobbles of

Poetry Sought For Book

General poetry is being accepted for the Western Poetry Association's 1992 summer poetry book entitled *The American Poetry Round-Up*. Poets are invited to send one or two original poems of 30 lines or less on any subject.

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Everyone strives for, and hopefully achieves, the perfect wedding. But that may not necessarily always be the case. So, in view of this, we at the *Herald* are in search of funny wedding stories to publish in our special 1992 Bridal Issue. We invite the Jewish community to share with our readers amusing marital "bloopers" type circumstances. For those interested, please send your story (no more than 250 words, typed, double-spaced) of that odd yet amusing occurrence to the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940. Please include your name, address, and telephone number. Photos are also welcome. All material may be edited for space restrictions.

Rome and back to the rural routes of Portland, Oregon, where Eric has lived since his Providence period.

You travel these worldways from the viewpoint not of a tourist but of two boys. One a sleepy street hustler, the other a sharper lad with a fancier yesterday and tomorrow. The first goes gay for real, the second only plays at it - to torment his dignified dad.

Gus looks at them, too, from the viewpoint of their "dates," the older Johns they pick up and live off.

Each scene on screen brings back something you saw before. You watched it last week or long ago, on tape or in a theatre. Maybe you studied the scene on a classroom wall. Idaho smacks of Oz. The script wafts a whiff of "Prospero's Books." A porno gay magazine rack that springs to life gets its bit out of Woody Allen. But Gus never lets go of his own particular and unique brand of irony and his own bond with suburban America and the generation that took flight from it.

At the close of this oddball odyssey, the rich kid picks up a bride in the Italian countryside. He comes into his fabulous for-

tune. He stands very proud and 80's in a dark suit over cocktails in a big-city bistro. As for the loser lad, he ends up stalled and solo on that Idaho interstate. Punks steal his shoes. He depends on the kindness of strangers. A car stops and lets him in. Which fellow is better off? To the director neither one has found true happiness and true freedom. Gus stays a loner and skeptic. Gus and Eric capture a close-up sense of place and a quirky sense of people.

"Idaho" makes no concessions to cinema clichés. It bears no malice. You may not go for its theme. But it's some kind of a mad masterpiece.

I have a special footnote on Eric. Some years ago he joined a group of students for RISD winter session I taught in Paris. Like the boy in their film, Eric spent the whole session sacked out in the small leftbank pension, getting over jetlag and a virus. Yet you can learn about a place by osmosis. After RISD Eric moved on to Portland and worked for an alternative newspaper which he regularly sent me. His camera keeps the dada daffy deftness of that French sojourn.

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Kortick Called To The Torah Abramses Announce Engagement



Melinda Elise Kortick was called to the Torah on Saturday, November 23, 1991, at Temple Beth-El in Providence. A kiddush luncheon followed the Bat Mitzvah service.

An oldies rock 'n' roll party was held in her honor that evening at the Letter Carriers Hall, Cranston. Guests arrived from Rhode Island, California, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

The celebrant is the daughter of Tamara and Stuart Kortick and the sister of Marci Kortick.

Her maternal grandparents are Bernard LaBush and Greta LaBush of Warwick, Rhode Island and Del Ray Beach, Florida. Paternal grandparents are Douglas and Barbara Kortick of Warwick, Rhode Island.

Great-grandparents of the celebrant are Naomi and Joseph Gold of Del Ray Beach, Florida, Mr. George LaBush of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and the late Max and Dora Levin and Max and Bertha Kortick.

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Victor and Leah Abrams of Providence, R.I. announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlene Libby of Albany, Calif., to Stephen Joseph Miller, Ph.D. of San Francisco, Calif., the son of Grace Miller and the late Lee R. Miller.

Marlene received her undergraduate degree from the Uni-

versity of Michigan, and her Masters Degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Stephen received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and his doctorate from the University of Illinois.

The couple plan to marry on April 12, 1992.

What To Do When You Have The Flu

Most people are aware that influenza or "the flu" is most common and widespread during the winter months. Since there is no specific treatment for the flu, just about all you can do is focus on relieving the symptoms. These include muscle aches and pains (especially in the back and legs), fever, headache and sore throat. You might find some relief, however, by using the following tips from Rhode Island Hospital.

Go to bed as soon as the symptoms appear, according to Rhode Island Hospital infectious diseases specialist Margaret Durkin, M.D., and stay there until your temperature returns to normal, usually anywhere from 24 to 48 hours. You should expect to feel weak, and possibly depressed, for about a week after your temperature drops. Experts agree that bed rest is one of the most effective ways to relieve flu symptoms. To relieve aches and pains, be sure to take aspirin or an aspirin substitute approved by your physician, and drink as much water or fruit juice as you comfortably can. Warm baths or heating pads may also help relieve aches and pains.

Durkin cautions that it's important *not* to give children aspirin. Aspirin puts children at risk of Reye's syndrome, an acute and sometimes fatal condition. Instead, an aspirin substitute such as Tylenol should be used to control fever and aches and pains.

If the fever lasts for more than three or four days, or if you become short of breath while resting, call your physician. In most cases, however, there is no need to see your physician unless you're among the groups most susceptible to complications - the elderly, those with respiratory or cardiac problems or people with chronic lung disease.

To prevent spreading the virus, remember to dispose of facial tissues properly and to wash your hands frequently.

Influenza must be allowed to run its course. The most important thing to remember is to not overexert yourself and to rest as much as possible until you are fully recovered.

Temple Shalom Religious Classes

A full and varied calendar of classes has been planned at Temple Shalom of Middletown during the coming month.

Beginning on Tuesday evening, January 14, at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will offer an 8-week course on Basic Judaism, which will address the foundations of the religion and deal with the customs, practices, rituals and ceremonies of Judaism. This course is a useful vehicle for Jews who seek to gain a fundamental understanding of their heritage. It is also designed to assist non-Jews in gaining similar understanding, particularly those who would like to study more about Judaism and are considering conversion. For further information and to reg-

ister, please contact the Rabbi at 846-9002 prior to the opening session.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 15, the senior group of the Temple, the Tree of Life, will hold a Tu B'Shevat Seder and luncheon in honor of the Jewish New Year of the Trees. Reservations are needed and may be made by calling the Temple office at 846-9002.

On Tuesday evening, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Jagolinzer in conjunction with the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School will present a program entitled, "Talking to Your Child About G-d." Parents of religious school students and all those interested are cordially invited to attend.

On Wednesday, January 23, at noon the Rabbi's Lunch and Learn Group will meet. Information and reservations can be obtained by phoning the Temple office.



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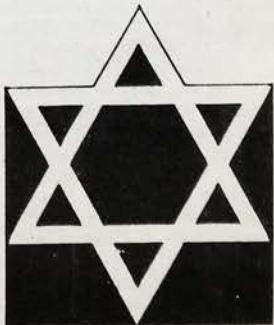
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LOCAL NEWS

Events At The JCCRI: Week of January 10-16

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

Gallery 401

In conjunction with Black Heritage Month and Martin Luther King Day, works by Al-

bert "Yabo" Stewart will be shown in Gallery 401 from Jan. 12-Feb. 2. Mr. Stewart's paintings and ceramics illustrate the Black experience as well as contributions to world history. His works have been exhibited throughout the state. An opening reception for the artist will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12, from 2-4 p.m. For further information, call Ruby Shalansky.

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Although it may be winter in New England, the trees in Israel are blooming. The Center invites all to a Tu B'Shevat seder on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m. to celebrate Israel's Arbor Day. The Center's preschoolers will be joining the

seniors for this special occasion. For further information, call Debbie Blitz or Sandy Bass.

Brown Bag Club

Providence Journal columnist, Mark Patinkin, will speak about his recent trip to Israel when the Brown Bag Club meets on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at noon. This is an exciting opportunity to hear his story and to ask questions.

Yiddish Vinkel will follow at 2 p.m. A \$1 donation is appreciated. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and a beverage will be provided. For further information, call Evy Rappoport.

Seniors/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. Seniors can try their hand at bridge on Monday afternoons from 12:30 until 3:45. A women's group meets every Tuesday morning from 11-11:45. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played on Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs.

Friday, Jan. 10: VCR program, "Nova: The Dead Sea Scrolls," 11 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 12: VCR movie, "Oklahoma," Part II, 10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays, Jan. 15: Tu B'Shevat Seder with the JCCRI Preschool, 11 a.m.

Call Sandy Bass for more information.

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2. Hebrew Reading (continued)
Leah Eliash
3. Siddur Fluency (continued)
Fania Gross
Note: This course will meet 7:00 - 8:20 p.m.
4. Parashat Hashavuah —
The Wedding Portion
Rabbi Alvan Kauner
5. Genesis
Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin
6. Holidays at Home
Rabbi Elana Kanter
7. Panorama of Jewish History:
The Talmudic Period
Professor Joshua B. Stein

Second Hour: 8:30 - 9:20 p.m.

1. Jewish Culture in Russia
Pavel Zaslavsky
2. The Jewish Messianic Idea
Rabbi Lawrence M. Silverman
3. Haftarah Trope
Cantor Brian J. Mayer
4. Media Portrayals
of Jewish Life:
Accurate or Misleading?
Toby G. Rossner
5. Ben/Bat Torah (continued)
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Pawtucket Hadassah

The Pawtucket Group of Hadassah will hold an Open Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Providence.

Alicia Silverstein, Director of Leadership Development at the Jewish Federation, and Sheila Alexander will present an "Israel Update." They have just returned from a family mission to Israel. They will give us firsthand information on Soviet Jewish assimilation and the impact of Ethiopian Jews. Sandra Levine is Program Chairperson.

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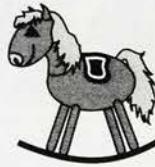
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What makes meat kosher?

Jewish law requires certain things in order for meat to be considered kosher.

1) The meat must come from a kosher animal.

Only those animals which chew their cud and have split hooves as listed in the Torah (the Bible) are considered kosher. We have a tradition as to which fowls are and are not kosher. On a symbolic level, Judaism recognizes that "You are what you eat." As a general rule, animals which are scavengers or carnivorous will not be found on the kosher list.

2) The animal must be slaughtered properly.

Jewish law has very stringent rules as to the manner in which an animal may be killed for food. Only when properly slaughtered ("geshechted") can an animal be eaten.



3) The meat must pass a special inspection.

At the slaughterhouse, each animal is checked for any lacerations or ulcers on key internal organs (as well as an external inspection). If such things are found, the animal will be considered a "treifa" (torn) and will not be sold as kosher.

Note: "Glatt kosher" meat refers to meat which, upon internal inspection, is found to be completely free of ulcerations and smooth—or "glatt" in Yiddish. This is harder to come by than standard kosher meat which might have certain, though acceptable, removable internal blemishes. The Vaad Hakashruth does not require that meat be glatt kosher, although much of the meat sold in shops we supervise is glatt.

4) The forbidden parts of the animal must be removed.

Certain fats and nerves of the animal are prohibited by law and tradition. A butcher always removes these before the animal is sold, in a process called "nikkur" ("treiboring" in Yiddish). Some sections of the meat are too difficult to clear, and these are generally sold as non-kosher (i.e., the hind quarters).

5) The blood must be removed from the meat.

Meat is not kosher unless the blood has been removed. All kosher butchers remove the major veins and arteries as part of nikkur. In addition, meat must be soaked, salted and then rinsed (to remove the salt) in a process called "kashering" to remove all capillary blood. There are special rules followed to ensure that this is done properly.



Kashering must be done within three days of slaughter to ensure that the blood does not harden, thereby making the salting process ineffective. We make an exception when the meat has been thoroughly washed, in which case the 3-day count begins again from that point. Jewish law requires that meat not be allowed to remain unwashed or unkashered for more than 3 days. Any meat which has inadvertently gone 3 days without washing or kashering may only be used for broiling (in a separate, special pan which allows the blood to drain from the meat).

How is the meat you'll be purchasing different than what you used to buy?



All meat sold at butchers under the supervision of Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island* will henceforth be kosher-made for you in advance, to help make kosher observance easier. It will save you the time and trouble of the kashering process, and help ensure that the meat has not gone 3 days without being washed or kashered. All meat comes from approved slaughterhouses and meets the highest standards of kashrut excellence.

Because the meat has already been kashered and the blood removed, it will not appear to be as red as you are used to seeing. This is perfectly fine. There is no change in the quality of your meat. Actually, there is—your meat is now fully kosher and usable as is!

*Please note: At present, only Marty Weissman Kosher Meat and Poultry, and Spigel's Kosher Meat and Deli-tizer are under our supervision. The IGA on Pitman St. is *not* supervised by the Vaad Hakashruth. We urge you to support the institutions under supervision.

Special Considerations

If you have health concerns requiring you to monitor your salt intake, you should have no problem with kashered meat. This is because most small cuts of meat are never exposed to the salt in the first place, and whatever pieces were are all washed 3 times over to remove the remaining salt. There are other simple ways to be extra careful, like soaking the meat afterwards, which will certainly do the trick. If, after consulting your doctor and Rabbi, you

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New Kosher

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home," Marder said, "and we've chosen to provide the service for the consumer, by making kosher as easy and accessible as possible."

In addition to requiring the meat bought at the shops to be kashered, the Vaad has also asked the butchers to hire a private firm to kasher, instead of performing the practice in their own shops.

The main ways the new requirements will affect the average consumer are an increase in the salt content of the kosher meat, as well as a noticeable change in the color of the cuts.

For those who are concerned about salt intake, pre-kashered meats can be soaked to remove the salt.

The problem about color, however, is something that the customer will have to adjust to.

Bernard Spigel explained that his market has already been kashering for two to three weeks, and so far he hasn't heard any complaints.

The meat doesn't taste any different, Marty Weissman explained, it just looks darker.

"There are people there who want their meat to look red," Weissman said. "They say, 'Hey Marty, that's not your meat [in the counter]....' But I'm in the business thirty years, I know how to take aggravation. I'm going to try to make everybody happy."

Both Spigel and Weissman were cautiously optimistic about the new regulation. Weissman seemed to be concerned that the new requirements will cause his delivery system to bog down because of middlemen in Boston.

Rabbi Marder stressed that the Vaad is seeking to make the changes work positively. "It's not meant to be a big change, really," Marder said. He urged consumers to continue to support Weissman and Spigel, who are the only two butchers under supervision by the Vaad.

"Both the butchers and the Vaad are interested in providing kosher food for Rhode Island," Marder said. "We have the same goal."

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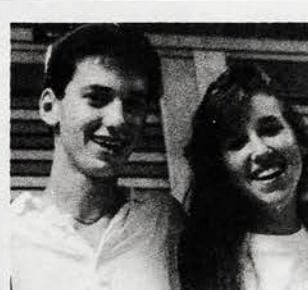
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OBITUARIES

JENNIE DAVIDS

NEW BEDFORD — Jennie Davids, 98, of the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, 200 Hawthorn Street, died Wednesday, January 1, 1992, at the home. She was the wife of the late Irving Davids.

Born in New Bedford, she was the daughter of the late Isaac and Nellie (Mechaber) Shapira. She was a resident of

New Bedford for 25 years, previously living in San Diego, Calif. She was a co-owner with her late husband of the former David's Package Liquor Store in San Diego for 10 years, retiring many years ago.

She leaves no immediate survivors.

The graveside funeral service was held in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford, Friday, Jan-

uary 3. Arrangements by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence.

MAX GORDON

WARWICK — Max Gordon, 81, of 8 Cedar Pond Drive, founder and owner for 50 years of the former Gordon Pharmacy, Broad Street, Providence, died Sunday, December 29, 1991, at home. He was the husband of the late Mary (Schafrin) Gordon.

Born in New York, a son of the late Hyman and Annie (Fine) Gordon, he lived in Warwick for the past 15 years. He previously lived in Providence.

Mr. Gordon was a graduate of the former Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, and the University of Rhode Island. He served on the Governor's Oversight Committee, and as a member of the Democratic Platform Committee, both during the former Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy's administration.

He was a charter member of Common Cause of Rhode Island, and was honored at a special national award ceremony in Washington, D.C., headed by Archibald Cox. He was a member of the Rhode Island Senior Golf League, and the Roger Williams Stripper Club.

Mr. Gordon leaves two daughters, Fredda Chauvette of North Kingstown and Deborah O'Hara of Lexington, Mass.; a son, David Gordon of Seekonk, Mass., news editor of the *Evening Bulletin*; a brother, William Gordon of Miami, Fla., and eight grandchildren. He was brother of the late Barney Gordon. He leaves a friend, Adeline Rosenberg of Warwick.

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

RAYMOND T. LAURANS

PROVIDENCE — Raymond T. Laurans, 77, of 482 Lloyd Ave., died Monday, January 6, 1992, at home. He was the husband of Mary Ann (Bob) Laurans. He was the husband of the late Ann V. (Rudnick) Laurans.

Born in Fall River, Mass., he was a son of the late Harry and Hester (Rudovsky) Laurans.

Mr. Laurans was a 1936 graduate of Rutgers University. He served as president and chief executive officer, and part owner, of Roger Williams Foods for 40 years before retiring in 1984. After retirement, he became manager of the Pitman Street IGA Supermarket.

He had been a director of the North American Wholesale Grocers Association, a director of the national division of the Independent Grocers Alliance, and a director of the New England Food Dealers Association, of which he was also a vice president.

Mr. Laurans served on the board of directors of the Food Bank and Meals-on-Wheels, and the Hope Center for Life Enhancement.

He played first string varsity baseball at Rutgers University, and had been a New England handball champion winning the single and double championships in his mid 40s. He had been elected to the Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was a member of the Legedmont Country Club.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Patricia W. Laurans of Newtown, Conn., and Lynne L. Levinson of Aspen, Colo.; two step-children, Dr. Lisa B. Boult of St. Paul, Minn., and Jeffrey D. Bob of Providence; two sisters, Eleanor L. Feller of New York, and Marian L. Getzoff of Los Angeles, Calif., and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, January 8, at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel & David Cemetery. Arrangements were by Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

BRUCE M. PATRICK

PROVIDENCE — Bruce Michael Patrick, 41, of 359 Carpenter St., died Sunday, December 29, 1991, at home. He was the husband of Janalee (Ruhland) Patrick.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., a son of Rosalee (Mersky) Patrick of Rumford, and the

late Edward Patrick, he lived in Providence for 13 years.

Mr. Patrick was a volunteer worker for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He was a member of the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters, and the Intertribal Indian Club.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves a brother, Dr. Robert Patrick of Barrington, and a sister, Shelly Scribner of Modesto, Calif.

The funeral service was held Thursday, January 2, 1992, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

CATHERINE ROTH

CRANSTON — Catherine Roth, 80, of 37 Sunset Terrace died Saturday, December 28, 1991, at Cranston General Hospital shortly after admission. She was the widow of Irving I. Roth.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Philip and Netty (Farber) Shore, she lived in Cranston for 40 years.

Mrs. Roth was a member of Temple Torat Y'Israel, and its Sisterhood, the Cranston chapter of Hadassah, and the Matjestic Senior Citizens Group.

She leaves a daughter, Phyllis White, with whom she made her home; two sisters, Thelma Make of Warwick and Frances Shore of Cranston; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She was mother of the late Paul L. Roth.

The funeral service was held December 30 at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SANFORD S. SCHWABER

GIRARD, Ohio — Sanford S. Schwaber, 65, of 5685 Engleton Lane, a lawyer in private practice in Youngstown, died January 2, 1992, at the West Boca Medical Center in Boca Raton, Fla., while visiting relatives. He was the husband of Lorine (Swartz) Schwaber.

Born in Reading, Pa., the son of the late David and Rose L. Schwaber, he had lived in Girard and Youngstown, since 1962, previously living in Reading, Pa.

Before opening his law practice in Youngstown, he was a general counsel with Albee Homes there. He previously had a private law practice in Reading, Pa.

He was a graduate of Wharton College in Pennsylvania and a 1952 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He was a member of Rodef Shalom Temple and past president and member of the Brotherhood. He was a member of Temple El Emeth and a member of B'nai B'rith and past president of the Reading chapter. He was a member of the Girard Rotary Club and the Ohio and Mahoning Bar Association.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Jeffrey S. Schwaber of Orlando, Fla.; two daughters, Cynthia Katz of Boca Raton, Fla., and Jodi Kuzmik of Bei-

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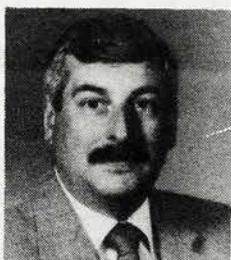
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A graveside service was held Sunday, January 5, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SIDNEY SIRKIS

PROVIDENCE — Sidney Sirkis, 79, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died December 29, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was husband of the late Mildred (Rodman) Sirkis.

Born in Woonsocket, a son of the late Benjamin and Rebecca (Fisher) Sirkis, he lived in Providence for five years. He previously lived in Cranston and Warwick.

Mr. Sirkis was a salesman for the former Eisenberg & Tickton Men's Store, Woonsocket, for many years before retiring 14 years ago. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, and was a volunteer at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

He leaves a brother, Oscar Sirkis of Lockhart, Texas, and two sisters, Bella Cohen of Providence, and Martha Jacobs of Cranston. He was brother of the late Jonah Sirkis.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, December 31, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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must first settle such basic issues as control of the defense forces, whether to adopt a unified monetary policy and coordination of foreign policy.

Adopting either individual or collective policies on emigration "isn't the highest priority for these republics" at the moment, said Martin Wenick, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

On the practical level, there is "no longer a central mechanism" for processing those who wish to emigrate, observed Wenick.

In the past, Soviet Jews ap-

plied for exit visas from OVIR, the central Soviet emigration agency. Now OVIR's functions will be taken over by the interior ministries of the individual republics. Whether they will continue to function the same ways remains to be seen.

For the moment, the OVIR bureaucracy still exists and is functioning, but at the direction of local officials, rather than a central authority in Moscow. Other than the usual bureaucratic delays, no problems have been reported to date.

About 20,000 Jews arrived in Israel from that country during 1991, some 14,200 of them in a single 36-hour period last May by an emergency airlift known

as "Operation Solomon."

Some 4,500 Jews are left in Ethiopia. But the Jewish Agency is optimistic they can be gotten out soon and reunited with their families in Israel.

Immigrant absorption problems persist. About 11,300 Ethiopian olim are still living in hotels. The Jewish Agency hopes to move all of them into permanent housing by next June.

Summing up, Israel's population now stands at 5,050,000, swollen by the 340,000 Jews who have arrived from the Soviet Union since the aliyah wave began in 1989.

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Cantors

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seminary in 1990 and now has 8,000 member families.

While there is not yet an official link between the union and the new cantorial federation, "by nature we have an association, and an informal relationship already exists," said Rabbi Ronald Price, the union's executive vice president.

Kirshblum co-chairs the union's Cantorial Services Committee.

One of the reasons that no formal relationship has been created is because "among the Orthodox, there is still suspicion" of the union, "because its roots are in the Jewish Theological Seminary" of the Conservative movement, Kirshblum said.

And according to Cantor Bernard Beer, executive director of the Orthodox cantorial association, exactly what form the new federation will take remains to be seen.

It might become an umbrella organization, he said, and encompass Cantorial Council of America members, "defectors" from the Cantors Assembly.

and cantors from Toronto and Montreal who have their own local associations.

In that case, Beer said, members of the federation would already have to belong to one of the constituent associations.

Beer said serious religious problems may lie ahead if the new federation wants to include cantors who serve a wide range of congregations.

Cantors "may be too right for the Cantors Assembly, but not right enough for us," he said. "We have certain standards, and while a cantor could be very Orthodox himself, if he

serves a left-wing, egalitarian Conservative congregation, we may not accept it."

Three or four Conservative cantors have resigned from the Cantors Assembly, according to Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum, the body's executive vice president. But Conservative cantors will be free to maintain membership in both organizations, he said.

No further decisions on the form, constitution and associations of the International Federation of Traditional Cantors are expected to be made before next spring.



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