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## Planning The "Final Solution"

by Mark Binder

On January 20, 1942, the Wannsee Conference was held to formalize the plans for the Holocaust.

The meeting, called by Reinhard Heydrich, the head of the RSHA (Reich Security Main Office) was the first communication of Hitler and Goring's "Final Solution" to the German bureaucracy.



The Nazis had already begun the slaughter of Jews. 27,000 Jews had recently been massacred at Riga, another 34,000 at Babi Yar, and the Chelmno extermination camp in Poland began its hideous operation on December 8, 1941. By April, 1943, in that one death camp alone, more than 340,000 Jews were slaughtered.

A photograph of the Wannsee villa in Berlin, where the meeting was held, shows a lovely old tree-shaded mansion with smooth stone walls, high arched windows, balconies, and sculpted stone lions.

Inside, Heydrich met with 14 other members of the Nazi regime — ministers, party members, security officials. These were to be the administrators of Goring's plan to eliminate the Jews from Europe.

Adolf Eichmann was responsible for the minutes for the meeting: "Heydrich began by announcing his appointment by the Reich Marshal as the person responsible for the preparation of the final solution of the European Jewish question and pointed out that this meeting was being held to achieve clarity in basic questions."

The purpose of the Wannsee Conference was to lay out the policy, to determine who would be considered Jewish, and what their fate would be.

The report that Eichmann wrote reads like the bland notes of a middle manager: "The Chief of the Security Police and SD then gave a brief review of the struggle which had been waged hitherto against these opponents. The

basic elements were

"(a) the exclusion of the Jews from the individual spheres of German life,

"(b) the exclusion of the Jews from the living space of the German people."

Eichmann was referring to the "Final Solution," the goal of eliminating Jews from Europe.

At Wannsee, Heydrich, Eichmann, and the ministers formalized the rules for "Mischlinge," the half- and quarter-Jews. Would the child of a half-Jew and full-German be considered Jewish? Sometimes, according to Eichmann's minutes, it would depend on whether the child had, "A particularly unfavourable racial appearance... which gives him the outward appearance of a Jew."

Jews over the age of 65, Jews who had served admirably in the German Armed Forces, and Jews who were too important to simply disappear were to be transported to Theresienstadt, a model camp.

Every Jew in Europe would be divided up. Those who could work would be put on "labor gangs."

"Undoubtedly a large number of them will drop out through natural wastage," wrote Eichmann of the gangs. "The remainder who survive — and they will certainly be those who have the greatest powers of endurance — will have to be dealt with accordingly. For, if released, they would, as a natural selection of the fittest, form a germ cell from which the Jewish race could regenerate itself."

It was decided at Wannsee that those who could not work, and those who survived the labor gangs would be "evacuated."

Nowhere in his minutes does Eichmann mention executions. His document was carefully euphemistic, copies of it would be circulated throughout Germany. The gas chambers at Chelmno were already prepared for operation. "Evacuation" meant the transportation of the Jews to Eastern Europe (mostly to Poland) to their final destination in the camps.

Later, in the 1960s, after his capture, while being interrogated by the Israelis, Eichmann was more blunt about the conversation at Wannsee.

"The talk was of killing," he said, "elimination, and annihilation."

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## Emergency Food To Soviet Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) — Following months of planning, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is set to ship the first of thousands of packages of food to Jews in the territories of the former Soviet Union.

The JDC project is in response to the threat of starvation brought about by economic disarray. Food will be brought to storage centers in Moscow and St. Petersburg in the Russian republic, and Odessa and Kiev in Ukraine, from where it will be distributed to other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

An experienced 14-member team is being dispatched to oversee the distribution effort.

JDC is studying plans to establish storage facilities in Uzbekistan, in order to provide for even wider geographical distribution.

Earlier pilot projects have provided 1,500 food packages to Jews in Moscow and 3,000 to Jews in St. Petersburg, formerly Leningrad.

The first shipment, scheduled to go out shortly, consists of 20,000 food packages, each containing 22 pounds of staples — enough to feed a family for weeks. It will be coming from Israel. Other nutritionally bal-

anced packages, weighing in at over five pounds apiece, will be forthcoming as well.

Sylvia Hassenfeld, president of JDC, noted that the organization has always responded to people in distress.

"The first priority will be to provide food for those who most depend on our assistance to survive," she said.

JDC is an overseas operating arm of the American Jewish community. Over its 77-year history, JDC has been primarily funded by the United Jewish Appeal which, in turn, raises funds in partnership with local Jewish federations and smaller communities throughout the United States.

## The Art Of Talmud

by Stephen Ben-Allen

Breathtaking.

On Monday, Martin Luther King's birthday, in the otherwise silent State Capitol, an exhibition of the work of Yonah Weinrib turned a hearing room into a place of learning.

Weinrib, who is an ordained Rabbi from Mirrer Yeshiva in New York, has spent more than three years creating a 48-page illuminated and illustrated version of the "Pirkei Avos," the Ethics of Our Fathers.

"Part of what I've been doing of late," said Artist Yonah Weinrib, "is trying to go beneath the surface of the text... combining scholarship, which is thousands of years old... with the artwork."

It is clear, even with a cursory examination of Weinrib's work, that he has more than accomplished his task.

A portrait of Maimonides is created with micrography. As with the dots in a newspaper photograph, the turban, the

eyebrows, and the beard upon a closer look are composed of minute encriptions of Rambam's codification of all 613 commandments.

He has created beautiful pages that, with every examination, will reveal new levels of meaning.

Where another artist might use a particular color or shape only for the artistic effect, Weinrib has gone a great step further. Every symbol, draw-

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(l to r) Mrs. Esty Gottlieb, Mrs. Ellen Friedman, Mrs. Selma F. and Dr. Joseph Jay Fishbein and Rabbi Yonah Weinrab.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Brown To Host "Children, Poverty And Politics"

Brown University's Continuing College will join Family Service Inc. to present a public seminar titled "A Matter of Time: Children, Poverty and Politics," from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, in Alumnae Hall on Meeting Street.

Three speakers will be featured: Kati Haycock, an activist for reform and an expert in education at the American Association for Higher Education; Alex Kotlowitz, winner of the Robert Kennedy Journalism Award for "There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America"; and James Patterson, professor of history at Brown and prize-winning author of "America in the 20th Century: A History"

and "America's Struggle Against Poverty 1900-1980." Admission to the seminar will be by pre-registration only; call (401) 863-2474 for additional information.

The seminar at Brown also will include a discussion session with the speakers and a screening of "A Matter of Time," a film produced by Family Service Inc. which traces the history of poverty and social welfare reform in Providence.

After a lunch break, Sheryl Chapman, a Brown University trustee emeritus, will moderate a roundtable discussion attended by some of Rhode Island's leading educators, business people, politicians, social welfare experts and religious

leaders. The public will be admitted on a first-come, first served basis to this afternoon session.

Founded 100 years ago by Brown University President Elisha Benjamin Andrews, Family Service Inc. is one of Rhode Island's oldest social welfare agencies. The organization decided to commemorate its centennial year by "giving something back to the community in the shape of an educational forum," said Benedict-Drew. Brown's Continuing College, co-sponsor of the event, integrates the expertise of the University's faculty and staff with events of regional interest to provide an ongoing intellectual link to Brown.

## Library To Host "Great Decisions 1992"

The Barrington Public Library will host a foreign policy discussion group called "Great Decisions 1992" this winter and spring. Created by The Foreign Policy Association, "Great Decisions" looks at major issues currently affecting the world scene. Background readings, in the form of eight articles, are prepared by the Association. Each article provides information on the issue to be discussed, policy options for the United States, recommended supplemental

readings and discussion questions.

The Library's "Great Decisions" group will meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

### "Great Decisions" Schedule

January 29 - U.S. Agenda for the '90s

February 12 - Middle East after Desert Storm

February 26 - The Refugee Crisis

March 11 - Latin America's New Course

March 25 - Planet Earth

April 8 - Africa South of the Sahara

April 22 - The AIDS Pandemic

May 6 - Breakup of the Soviet Union

This group will be coordinated by Jean Cronan - Registration begins on Tuesday, January 21, 9 a.m. Limit 10 participants. Reading materials will be available to group members for \$10 during the registration period.

## JDC Accepting Entries For Journalism Award

JDC invites entries for the 1992 JDC-Smolard Student Journalism Award. The JDC-Smolard Student Journalism Award is designed to develop better understanding of the global Jewish community while giving support to young people entering the field of journalism and encouraging their interest in Jewish subjects and Jewish journalism. \$1,000 will be awarded to the Jewish student whose published article or story best fosters understanding of world Jewry.

Entries will be judged by the JDC-Smolard Journalism Award Committee, comprised of distinguished leaders in the field of Jewish Journalism. The JDC-Smolard Award Committee reserves the right to make final determination regarding eligibility. Presentation of the award is made at the JDC Semi-Annual Meeting held in New York each May.

### Application Instructions

Submissions - one entry per student - are limited to published stories or articles which promote understanding of over-

seas needs. Submissions must have been published during the 1991 calendar year in a newspaper and/or magazine substantially involved in the coverage of Jewish affairs, and must have been written by a full- or part-time student at an accredited institution of learning.

Please include your name, address, daytime phone, school name and address, year of studies, age, title of article, and name and date of publication in which the article appeared.

Each submission must be cut and pasted on 8½" by 11" sheets. Entries not conforming to these specifications will not be considered. They must be postmarked no later than February 28, 1992, to qualify for consideration and should be mailed to:

The JDC-Smolard Student Journalism Award  
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.  
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## Learn A New Language At International House of R.I., Inc.

Begin the New Year learning a new language at International House of Rhode Island, 8 Stimson Avenue, Providence. Courses are available in French, Spanish and German at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

Under the direction of Aida Sahakian, advanced beginning French classes meet Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.; intermediate classes are held Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the advanced class meets Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The beginning Spanish class will meet on Thursdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with advanced beginning on Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and intermediate from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Classes in beginning or intermediate German, and beginning Russian, Japanese, Italian, and Chinese classes will also be scheduled during the day or in the evening if there is enough interest and as soon as sufficient enrollment is attained. Classes will begin the week of January 27 and con-

tinue for 10 weeks. The fees for the classes are \$70 for members and \$80 for nonmembers and includes the use of the language lab. Yearly membership fees are \$10 for students; \$25 for individuals; and \$40 for families.

Language clubs are also available for those interested in practicing their conversational skills. French Club meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and the February 3 meeting will feature a talk and slide presentation about the people, places, and archaeological sites of Peru. German Club will meet on Monday, February 10, at 7 p.m. and the program will focus on "Hamburg - Door to the World." Spanish Club will meet on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m. with an evening of Latin American music. New members are always welcome at all club meetings.

For further information about any of the above programs, call 421-7181.

## R.I. Bar Calls For Nominations

The Rhode Island Bar Association announces a call for nominations for awards designed to honor attorneys who have demonstrated commitment to charitable and human service agencies. The third annual Community Service Awards will be given to attorneys who contribute substantial work to nonprofit Rhode Island organizations on a voluntary, nonpaid basis.

"Many attorneys were nominated last year. It shows us just how many Rhode Island

attorneys are involved in volunteer work," said Bar Association President Alan S. Flink. "We want to let them know we appreciate their work."

Members of the public are asked to submit names of attorneys for consideration by the awards committee. Nomination forms are available by calling Beth Bailey at 421-5740.

The Rhode Island Bar Association and its 4,000 member attorneys are continuing sponsors of public service activities in the community.

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## True Divine Authority Leads The Way

In this week's Torah portion, *Yitro*, we read about one of the most momentous events in Jewish history — the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

The Ten Commandments unite within them laws of two apparently quite different orders: The first commandments express and reveal the deepest truths about G-d's Unity (true monotheism); the last, on the other hand, contain such elementary injunctions as "Thou shalt not murder" and "Thou shalt not steal," which seem self-evident even to the average human intellect.

However, the truth is that even "self-evident" moral precepts, if left to human judgment alone, without binding force of Divine authority and sanction, can, out of self-love, be distorted so as to turn vice into "virtue."

By rejecting the Commandments of "I am G-d" and "Thou shalt have no other gods," or by disassociating them from the societal, moral

commandments such as not to murder or steal, society ceases to be safeguarded against bloodshed and theft, their most brutal forms. But, certainly then, it is also not safeguarded



against more subtle forms such as the "bloodshed" of character assassination, or the "theft" of knowledge, and the like.

The Ten Commandments emphasize, and experience has fully and repeatedly borne it out, that even the simplest precepts of morality and ethics must rest on the foundation of "I am G-d" and "Thou shalt have no other gods" — and only then

can their compliance be assured.

If, in previous generations there were people who doubted the need of Divine authority for common morality and ethics, in the belief that human reason is sufficient authority, then our present generation has, unfortunately, in a most devastating and tragic way, refuted this mistaken notion. For it is precisely the nation which had excelled itself in the exact sciences, the humanities and even in philosophy and ethics, that turned out to be the most depraved nation of the world, idealizing murder and robbery, etc. Anyone who knows how insignificant was the minority of Germans who opposed the Hitler regime, realizes that the German cult was not something which was practiced by a few individuals, but had embraced the vast majority of that nation, who considered itself the "super race," etc.

*Adapted from a letter of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer.*

## Tax Time, Again

Short forms, long forms. Which is the best to fill out? Do you want to be able to list your charitable contributions? Have you invested money in an IRA, Keogh, or other plans? The questions are endless. No one wants to pay more than they have to. So radio talk shows, newspapers and magazines abound with helpful tax articles for the layman.

For many of us, tax time is taking stock time. It's a time to peruse our expenditures from the past year and think about

how we might have been able to do the same things a little less expensively. It's also the time when we look over, with a discerning eye, our W-2 forms to see just how much we earned this year and where on the payscale we'd like to be in the future.

The idea of "taking stock" has its parallel in Judaism. For some, the holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur come to mind when we talk about taking stock. But, did you know that every single

month, on the eve preceding the new month, it is suggested that we take stock of our spiritual and humanitarian accomplishments of the past thirty-or-so-days? Every Thursday evening, too, when we're nearing the end of the week, it is considered correct to go over the events of the past one hundred and sixty-eight hours. And each night, before going to sleep, we're encouraged to set aside a few moments to consider the events of the day — how we interacted with co-

## Wannsee: Refuting The Revisionists

by Abraham Foxman  
NEW YORK (JTA) — Imagine the outrage if a political candidate or historian were to say: "Pearl Harbor was not bombed," or "There was no blitz in London," or "Hostages were never taken in Iran."

Yet as we acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the infamous Wannsee Conference — where the "final solution" was codified by the Nazis — a vicious campaign of Holocaust-denial is gaining momentum across the nation. College campus newspapers have been targets of Holocaust-denial advertisements. It is on the lips of every professional anti-Semite in the nation.

Ironically, the legendary obsessive-compulsive behavior of Hitler's functionaries, those ruthless bureaucrats who would dare keep minutes of one of humankind's most obscene discussions, have given the world the truth about the murder of six million Jews.

The record may be found in a meeting that took place 50 years ago, on Jan. 20, 1942, at a villa in the Berlin suburb of Wannsee, of which the world was unaware at the time and has taken little notice of since.

Jews were already being killed in large numbers, but the massacres were random, spontaneous, undirected and uncontrolled.

The Wannsee Conference changed all that.

It established a bureaucracy of extermination which the SS and the Wehrmacht implemented as they advanced and eventually retreated, slaughtering Jews all the while with diabolic efficiency.

The entire meeting, including refreshments, took 90 minutes. Six million Jews died as a result, one-third of the population of European Jewry.

The Villa where the Holocaust was planned has recently become a Holocaust Memorial, a living refutation of revisionism.

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## Who Will Be Left?

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They are becoming more closely aligned to the Reform movement in order to attract these intermarried couples to join the Conservative movement without conversion of the non-Jewish partner.

Alan Tichnor, United Synagogue's international president, declared at the latest convention of the United Synagogue of America in Kiamasha Lake, N.Y., that "intermarried couples must be made to feel comfortable in our midst." The resolutions pertaining to mixed marriages adapted at the convention gives the impression that the Conservative movement will welcome them even if the non-Jewish partner does not convert.

The new belief that each generation has the right to accept, reject or modify the traditions it has received from previous generations damages irreparably the shield that has kept us together as a people. The leftward trend in the Conservative movement, to be more closely aligned with the Reform, has brought a split off. A new movement called Union of Traditional Judaism was established with its own seminary. It has 8,000 families, and it is growing, bucking this more liberal tide.

The Jewish people would have long vanished from the face of the earth had our forefathers relaxed or modified our traditions during their long turbulent journey in the diaspora. They preserved our identity by not relaxing the basic standards which kept our people together. During inquisitions and pogroms Jews died "alkidush hashem" to preserve our faith and identity. Marriages out of faith were almost at zero percent.

The survival of the Jewish people in America will not depend on welcoming intermarried couples without conversion to Judaism to our temples and synagogues. The survival of the American Jewry will depend primarily on sustaining Jewish thoughts, rituals, cus-

toms and traditions. To reverse the decline of American Jewry, we must see to it that our children get the proper Jewish education — not just for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremonies, but for the sake of knowing and understanding Judaism with its rituals and customs and why it is important to be identified as a Jew.

That evening after watching the two television programs about the rise of the neo-Nazis and about the rising trend in intermarriage, I became convinced that mixed marriages are, by far, more dangerous to Jewish survival than the rise of Neo-Nazism.

*Morris Gastfreund of Providence is a Holocaust survivor who frequently submits articles to the Herald.*

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Lubavitcher Women Say "Mashiach Is On The Way!"

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen  
NEW YORK (JTA) — Some 2,500 women crowded into the Lubavitch movement's Brooklyn, N.Y., headquarters recently on a Saturday night, each hoping to personally witness messianic revelation in the form of Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher rebbe.

It did not happen. Despite the fervent devotion of the dozen or so women who conceived and organized the Jan. 4 melave malka, the traditional post-Shabbat meal, which they hoped would turn into a kabbalat panim, or welcoming reception, the Messiah decided to tarry yet another day.

The climactic moment came at about midnight, when one of the organizers announced to the hushed crowd that someone had been sent upstairs, to the rebbe's office, to ask him to come down.

The women bowed their heads and created their own private emotional spaces within the crowded quarters.

Some had tears running down their cheeks. One murmured "please, please" over and over again, as she beseeched the Messiah to make his presence known. But to no avail.

The intensity of those minutes passed, and the next of the speakers, some of whom had come from as far away as Australia and Israel, took his place behind the microphone.

The speakers all congratulated the women, praised them for their efforts and urged them to continue to spread the messianic message.

"There are mockers and knockers, critics and skeptics waiting to pick up on something that will turn them away from our aspirations," said Rabbi Chaim Gutnick, chief rabbi of Melbourne, Australia. "I want them to join us! If you want Mashiach, talk about it, stir about it, break the world up about it!"

And with the indefatigable faith typical of Lubavitch, the Messiah's failure to appear simply spurred the women to redouble their efforts. Before the evening was over, there was talk of convening a second kabbalat panim - in New York's 20,000-seat Madison Square Garden.

"We shall go on and on until there will be a legion of the king. You will see," said Devorah Gitchel, one of the evening's participants.

The event was remarkable in Crown Heights, for it was entirely conceived and executed

by women, with the prerequisite blessing from the rebbe, of course, and a dollar for charity - a Susan B. Anthony silver dollar.

Slated to begin at 9 p.m., by 8:30 every seat at the long, food-laden tables inside 770 Eastern Parkway was taken. At 8:45, women were still streaming into the building, donating \$7.70 for charity at the door.

By 9 p.m. the place was packed. High school girls, newly married young women barely out of their teens, middle-aged women and grandmothers all crowded uncomplainingly into a space meant for half as many people.

Through the Lubavitch movement's sophisticated satellite network, the event was seen, and in some cases replicated, in 57 cities in 30 countries, from Argentina to Kharkov to Tunis.

Several times during the evening, the women expressed a desire to sing, to give voice to their spirituality through the hasidic tradition of song. But they stifled that impulse, mindful of the presence of a handful of rabbis seated behind a mechitzah - a screen erected to separate the sexes.

For in a world where a banner reading "Mashiach is on the way!" is stretched across Eastern Parkway, it is considered immodest for women to sing in the presence of men.

## Olim Arriving By Plane And Boat

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The sea route to Israel is proving attractive to immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

The Greek car ferry Mediterranean Sky docked at Haifa recently with 530 olim and 120 tourists from Odessa, Ukraine. It was the vessel's third immigrant voyage to Israel in a month.

The Mediterranean Sky, chartered by the British evangelical Ebenezer Society, brought 447 Jews from the Black Sea port to Haifa on Dec. 26 and another 287 on Jan. 6.

The fundamentalist society believes the return of the Jews to their biblical homeland will hasten the coming of the Messiah.

Although the sea voyage takes four days, compared to four hours for the same trip by air, the seafaring olim are allowed as much luggage as their

airborne brethren.

The availability of sea transportation makes possible the immigration of people who will not fly for health or other reasons.

But the vast majority of olim continue to arrive by air.

The first El Al direct flight from Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan, landed at Ben-Gurion Airport recently with 119 immigrants from the newly independent Moslem republic.

It was a one-time flight chartered by the Jewish Agency, which is trying to bring as many Jews as possible out of the five Moslem states of the former Soviet Union.

Their combined Jewish population of about 200,000 lives under uncertain conditions which could turn dangerous because of the deteriorating economic situation.

## A Dry Middle East

THE NEXT MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

THE WATER CRISIS



A SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER REPORT

BY DR. GEORGE GRUEN

The Simon Wiesenthal Center's latest study, *The Water Crisis: The Next Middle East Conflict?* is an in-depth look at the Middle East water crisis and its potential impact on the troubled regions' peace prospects. Analysts say that competition for the waters of the Middle East could keep the region unstable for years to come. The study, commissioned by the Center, is authored by Dr. George E. Gruen, Adjunct Professor of International Relations at Columbia University and examines the legal, political, economic and environmental aspects of current Middle East water disputes. Detailed analyses of Syrian, Jordanian/Palestinian, Turkish, Iraqi, Lebanese, Egyptian and Israeli positions are carefully outlined. Possible scenarios for the bilateral and regional cooperation are presented as well as the potential flashpoints of conflict: most notably the Golan Heights, the Jordan and Yarmuk Rivers as well as the Tigris and the Euphrates, whose sources are controlled by Turkey, but which impact on Iraq and Syria.

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## National

New York - A demand to free the "captive community" of 4,000 Jews in Syria was issued recently in an advertisement appearing in *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* signed by three national Jewish umbrella organizations representing some 200 national and local Jewish groups. The advertisement — headlined, "There Are Still Hostages in the Middle East" — charged that the Syrian Jews "live a fearful existence, punctuated by arbitrary arrests and torture, divided families and police-sponsored intimidation."

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Los Angeles (JTA) - American Jews, Israel's leaders and the U.S. government share the guilt for Jonathan Jay Pollard's continued imprisonment, a prominent Reform rabbi charged at a support rally for the former naval intelligence analyst now serving a life sentence for passing classified documents to Israel. By not protesting Pollard's sentence, "the American Jewish community bears a collective guilt of being so timorous and afraid of (being accused of) dual loyalty," Rabbi Isaiah Zeldin said.

## International

United Nations (JTA) - Until the current Arab-Israeli peace talks reach a settlement, ways must be found to promote "the safety and protection of Palestinian civilians under occupation," U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said recently. Boutros-Ghali told a U.N. panel last week that there is broad international agreement that the Palestinian question should be settled on the basis of Israeli withdrawal from the territories, recognition of the right of all states in the region to live in peace, and "recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

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Paris (JTA) - Israel and the European Community apparently are in agreement on the parameters of the international conference on the Middle East regional issues scheduled to open January 28 in Moscow. Israeli foreign Minister David Levy and Foreign Minister Joao de Deus Pinheiro, who currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the E.C.'s Council of Ministers agreed that the multilateral peace talks would include only the development of joint projects in the areas of water resources, health, environment and refugee resettlement.

## "Final Solution"

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The Wannsee Conference only lasted between an hour and an hour and a half. There were later meetings to clarify the decisions made there, and further meetings to firmly establish the logistics and administrative support that allowed more than 6 million to perish. Later, Eichmann reported that Heydrich was pleased with the results of the meeting. He had expected some resistance to his plans. Instead he found, according to the *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*, that "the state secretaries of the ministerial bureaucracies were committed and enthusiastic about doing their part."

"The 'Final Solution' was consciously planned and implemented," reads a poster printed by the Simon Wiesenthal Center. "Mechanical, technological, and bureaucratic, it was a coldly executed and

deadly efficient system of mass murder, carried out with the help of thousands of civil servants, soldiers, railroad employees, policemen, clerks, industrialists — ordinary people."

At Wannsee, fifteen men, eight of whom held Ph.D.'s plotted the "evacuation" of 11 million Jews. By the end of World War II, they had reached more than half their goal.

Research for this article was conducted at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. Sources included: *War Against the Jews 1933-1945*, by Lucy S. Dawidowicz; *Nazism: A History in Documents and Eyewitness Accounts*, edited by J. Noakes and G. Bridham; and *The Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*. The Museum is located in the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm-grove Avenue, Providence. The hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sunday noon - 4 p.m. or by appointment.

## Germans Blame Jews For Their Own Persecution

by David Kantor

BONN (JTA) — A half-century after the Nazis embarked on the "Final Solution," 32 percent of Germans believe that Jews themselves are at least partly to blame for being persecuted and hated by others.

That is one of the findings of a public opinion poll published recently by the Hamburg-based weekly *Der Spiegel*.

Of the 3,000 respondents, 36 percent thought Jews have too much influence in the world.

Asked about their sympathies for Jews, 38 percent indicated neither positive nor negative feelings. Poll analyst Klaus-Peter Schoepner suggested that "among those (polled) are some who shied away from revealing their negative views."

The poll was conducted as a run-up to the 50th anniversary of the Wannsee Conference, the gathering of top Nazis at a villa in a Berlin suburb on Jan. 20, 1942, which set the Holocaust into motion.

A parallel poll was conducted among 1,000 Israelis. Its results indicate that Germans are not well liked in the Jewish state.

A majority felt a full reconciliation with Germany is impossible and that Germans are as obnoxious as Palestinians.

Among the German respondents, 76 percent said Israel is like any other state to them; 62 percent believed it is time to put the Nazi past behind them; and more than 40 percent thought that Germans no longer have special obligations to Jews.

## Directory Promoting Jewish-Arab Coexistence

by Larry Yudelson

NEW YORK (JTA) — A 700-page directory listing Israeli groups working for Jewish-Arab coexistence has been issued by the Abraham Fund in the hope of encouraging increased funding for the programs.

After an exhaustive survey, Slifka said, "we discovered that less than \$10 million annually is going into helping coexistence," he said.

The directory defines coexistence as "the minimal, least demanding way for people to relate to one another positively," an attitude of "live and let live" rather than love or even friendship.

The directory lists nearly 300 projects, in 22 categories ranging from child care to environment to community renewal to peace groups.

Some, like Givat Haviva Institute for Arabic Studies, work solely to promote coexistence. "A very pragmatic thing," says

Slifka, given that one-fifth of Israeli citizens are Arab.

Other institutions are listed only because of certain programs, such as Bar Ilan University's Department of Arabic or the various hospitals.

This broad net contrasts with that of the New Israel Fund, which generally supports only those groups devoted mainly to coexistence, or to other pro-democracy causes it espouses.

The difference is no accident.

To this aim, the Abraham Fund spent \$200,000 researching and preparing the book.

The fund is also accepting donations for the programs in the directory.

Copies of the volume, titled *The Abraham Fund Directory of Institutions and Organizations Fostering Coexistence Between Jews and Arabs in Israel*, are \$75 each, plus \$3.00 for postage. They may be ordered from the Abraham Fund, 477 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022.

## Israeli Cabinet Will 'Buy American'

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Without benefit of a visit by President Bush and the heads of Detroit's "Big Three," Israel is doing its bit to help America's ailing automobile industry.

Plans are afoot to change the official cars provided to Cabinet ministers from the expensive Swedish-made Volvo 740s to a mid-range American model, make as yet unspecified.

The Volvos cost over \$48,000 new, compared to \$35,000 for the American car. But Israeli officials see more than economic benefits from the switch.

They hope the United States will appreciate the gesture. While the number of cars involved is small, the sight of government ministers driven in American-made cars could stimulate public demand for more U.S. imports.

## WANTED: YOUR OLD WEDDING PHOTOS

The Rhode Island Jewish Herald is busy preparing its 1992 Bridal Issue. We're interested in your old wedding photos. If you'd like to help, please send your photo to the Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940. We'd prefer photos that reflect how much bridal fashions have changed over the years. Please include your name, address and phone number, along with the date of your marriage.

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## AROUND TOWN

by Dorothea Snyder

The youngster's heart beat faster as rainbows of light shone on the velvet curtain. The band rose out of the pit playing their familiar theme song.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Loew's Orpheum and Boston brings you Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra," came the baritone voice filling the hollows of the magical emporium.

That week it was Tommy Dorsey; another week, brother Jimmy, followed by the big band sounds of Carmen Cavallaro, Harry James, Frankie Carle, and all the greats.

Going to the Loew's Orpheum and Metropolitan Theatres was a ritual and a thrill this kid loved. Who would have ever thought great big bands would fade into the night, out of popularity, over-shadowed by other musical trends.

Fifteen years ago, the Glen Miller estate gave rights for the late bandleader's music to be heard again under leader Tex Beneke.

It was an evening to remember, hearing the striking sounds of Glen Miller played by excellent musicians, no more than mid-twenty, giving it their all! Perhaps it was a sign the big band was on the rise.

Not long after, Count Basie and his Orchestra came to Providence, playing to an excited full house who couldn't stop clapping.

The Big Band is right up Joe Giorgianni's alley.

He's a trumpet player, band leader and music director of the *Loew's Big Band* series bringing three concerts to the Providence Performing Arts Center on February 1st and 29th, and April 4th.

Joe's musical career has been far from dull. "Sure, I love doing different things," he said in between bites of bagel and sips of coffee at Michael's.

Not only does Joe like bagels, but he's become adept at playing trumpet in Mordy Nissel's Jewish orthodox band, Tzahala, "a whole new experience for me musically and culturally.

"We play 40 minutes without stopping, which is amazing. I have a strong lip anyways," he laughs,

Until Joe became a musical contractor eight years ago, conductors coming in with musicals faced terrific disappointment with the mediocre quality of local musicians. "Providence had a bad reputation nationally, but I've turned that around," he says proudly.

"Conductors come in expecting a bad band, and at the first rehearsal, they're totally thrilled. I love playing, and I love the feeling when a good job has been done!"

Joe's reputation has earned requests for his musical contracting expertise, and for his own musicianship from Henry Mancini and Johnny Mathis at Great Woods. "Our musicians got glowing reports. They thought our band was from Boston."

The idea for a *Loew's Big Band* series surfaced while speaking with Lynn Singleton, PPAC executive director. "One thing led to another and the concept was formed."

He's been given free rein in music selection, designed the bandstand, and has created some of the series' ads.

The first program, "Trumpet Legends" begins on Saturday night, February 1st at 7:30 p.m. with the music of Bunny Berigan, Harry James, Ray Anthony, and Maynard Ferguson.



Phil Wilson

Featured will be a tribute to Louis Armstrong by renowned trumpet virtuoso Byron Stripling, who played the role of Louis Armstrong in the Broadway show *Satchmo*. "When the show folded," Joe says, "Byron continued going out, acting, singing, and playing Louis Armstrong."

A native of Rhode Island, Joe graduated from Boston's Berklee School of Music. His life's goal was to play with Buddy Rich's band. Talented and lucky, he went on tour with the band fresh out of college.

"It was the biggest thrill of my life," he says. "I was like a kid playing baseball, who two years later, plays with the Yankees!"

"It was a tremendous learning experience. Buddy Rich was a real temperamental guy, intense, eccentric, but I got along with him well."

Joe played for Maynard Ferguson, "my idol as a trumpet player and still is. He was like God at the trumpet. There's nobody in the world better. It was a thrill to be standing next to him in the trumpet section, when he came out to play. It was heaven on earth."

Mel Torme, Frank Sinatra, Louis Belson, Petula Clark, five years with Liza Minelli, the dance bands of Hugo Winterhalter, Sammy Kaye, Lee Castle of the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, on the road a year with Blood, Sweat and Tears, Broadway shows and recording sessions ... Joe has played with them all!

## The Big Band Is Back



Joe Giorgianni, band leader and music director of the *Loew's Big Band* series at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Providence Performing Arts Center photos.

Other musicians in the *Loew's Big Band* series at PPAC are in good company with Joe. They've worked with Buddy Rich, Woody Herman, Mel Torme, Louie Belson, Maynard Ferguson, Harry Connick, Jr.

Joe refers to many of today's musical groups as media productions rather than quality music. "So many musicians will fade. They don't add to the musical culture."

"They're not Miles Davises, Dizzy Gillespies nor Frank Sinatras. American music developed in this country isn't deeply appreciated. Everybody should have balance in their lives."

"They didn't use microphones. You could feel the sound ... four trumpets, three trombones, five saxes. You heard what was being generated out of someone's body through that instrument, not through a secondary thing of a sound system."

The quality of musicians is still around, and the music is still available, Joe says. All they had to do was come up with a format.

"The *Loew's Big Band* series is a service to local musicians and to the community, who have an opportunity to hear local talent playing classic American music the way it's meant to be by quality musicians."

(The Saturday evening series and special guests are *Trumpet Legends* with Byron Stripling, February 1; *Trombone Triumphs* with Phil Wilson, February 29; *Sax Appeal* with Gerry Niewood, April 4. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at PPAC. Subscription prices: \$24.00-\$39.50; regular tickets \$9.50-\$15.50. (421-ARTS)



Byron Stripling

delighted about the two weddings he played recently at Providence Hebrew Day School and the Marriott.

Fishel Bresler was instrumental in bringing Joe into the band. They discovered they share a mutual friend in New York, a trombonist who played with Buddy Rich's Band.

Besides playing trumpet for shows coming into the Providence Performing Arts Center, Joe hired musicians for last year's shows, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Chorus Line*, and recently, *Bye Bye Birdie*.



Gerry Niewood

"Kids certainly don't get balance on MTV or VH1," he regrets with an optimistic note that *Loew's Big Band* brochures are being sent to music educators in the state.

"We hope kids will come and listen to different music. It's like eating the same food all the time."

Joe first heard Buddy Rich's band in 1967 at Lenny's On The Turnpike in Danvers, Massachusetts. "I 18 and a real jazz buff."



# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## The Players Present "The Diary of Anne Frank"

Anne Frank, a teenage girl, her family, and a few friends hid in an attic in Amsterdam during World War II, but ultimately fell victim to the Nazis. Her diary survived, and the play is based on that diary. It is a piercing and poignant indictment of racism and a hoped-for testimony to the human spirit in the face of tremendous odds.

Following the two Sunday matinees will be the "Sunday Symposium" - a panel discussion of the play with audience and cast participation. The panel consists of two Holocaust survivors, Ellen Zitkin of Cranston and Heinz Sandelowski of Providence; Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom; Rabbi Aryeh S. Ober-

stein of the Newport Navy; Reverend Father Robert Bullock, Reverend John Condon and community residents. An exhibit on loan from the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam will be displayed in the lobby for all performances. Reservation number: 274-8227.

Tickets are \$8; reservations are recommended.

The Community Players of Pawtucket, R.I., will present the award-winning play, "The Diary of Anne Frank" on January 31, February 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. Curtain: 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Performed at Jenks Jr. High Auditorium, Division St., Pawtucket, across from McCoy Stadium. Director, Bob Mitchell.

Trinity Repertory Company's Downstairs Theatre starts 1992 with the New England premiere of a Broadway hit, as two company mainstays come home to the theatre for the production. "Prelude to a Kiss," a magical love story by Craig Lucas, will be directed by Trinity Rep founder Adrian Hall, with company veteran Richard Kneeland in the pivotal role of The Old Man. The production begins previews on January 31 and runs through March 8. Press night is February 4 at 7 p.m.

"Prelude to a Kiss" is a fairy tale for and about adults by playwright Lucas, author of last season's popular Trinity Rep production of "Reckless." "Prelude" opened Off-Broadway in 1990 and later trans-

ferred to Broadway where it enjoyed a long and critically acclaimed run. Called a "lyrical alchemy of bright comedy and deep feeling" (Frank Rich, *The New York Times*), the tale centers on a young couple, and the mystical twists and turns that propel their relationship from an ordinary love story to the ultimate test of "for better, for worse." Trinity Rep regulars Barbara Blossom, Howard London, Ed Shea, Dan Welch and Jack Willis round out the cast, with Nance Williamson of the Dallas Theatre Center joining the company for this production.

Eugene Lee designs the set, with lighting design by Natasha Katz. William Lane provides the costume design.

Performances are in the

Downstairs Theatre at Trinity Repertory Company's downtown Providence location. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays and 2 p.m. on selected Wednesdays and Saturdays. Individual ticket prices range from \$22 to \$30, with student, senior citizens and group rates available. 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.



## Rocky & Gomhorrah

by Stephen Ben-Allen

"Get the guy from the newspaper!"

Ordinarily, when you hear a threat like that, the instinct is to run. But, at the 453rd performance of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Meadowbrook Cinema, the best reflex was to duck.

The dedicated barrage of toilet paper that followed, momentarily buried this reporter in a wash of soft-scented tissue.

The "Rocky Horror Picture Show" (or just plain "Rocky" as it is known to its followers) is an exercise in barely controlled chaos. The film, which combines parody of science fiction horror movies from "Frankenstein" to "King Kong" with unabashed decadence has been running almost continuously in Rhode Island since 1978. The plot involves two bland heroes, Brad and Janet, who stumble on the dark castle of the mad transvestite scientist, Frank N. Furter, where they become more and more involved in the musical mayhem that runs through the Transylvanian's castle. The cast includes several actors who have since become stars: Susan Sarandon of "Thelma and Louise" fame; Barry (George Washington) Bostwick; Tim Curry, who played Mozart in "Amadeus" on Broadway; and rock singer Meatloaf portrayed the cannibalized biker, Eddie.

Based on the stage musical written by Richard O'Brien, what has sustained "Rocky" over the years, making it the longest running show in Rhode Island, is the audience participation.

Every Friday and Saturday evening, hundreds of darkly dressed denizens of the night pay five dollars to become a part of the only movie in town with a simultaneous live floor show. They bring with them water pistols, newspapers, toast, playing cards, and an exuberant foul-mouthed wit that takes talking back to the television screen (as seen in the Comedy Network's Mystery Science Theater 3000) to vicious and sometimes hilarious extremes.

Most of what is shouted is unprintable for a family audi-

ence. A mild example: since the main course at dinner is the repulsive corpse of the dead biker, the audience yells, "Meatloaf again?"

In addition to the mayhem in the audience seats, at the front of the theater, and up and down the aisles, a cast of live actors mimic every move and word as it happens on the screen.

And some very strange things happen on screen. Frank, a self-described "sweet transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania" seduces both the hero and heroine, and then is executed by his servants, following a Busby Berkley swimming pool sequence. The performance this reporter witnessed featured a young woman playing Frank N. Furter, who was often dressed as a woman - Shakespearian theatricality, or sick psychosis?

What was most difficult about the evening, was trying to figure out how to represent the event, which was attended by more than 300 people, to both a religious and nonreligious Jewish audience.

On the one hand, the mass participation in this twisted ritual could be seen as a symptom of a perverse and debauched society. On the other hand, all the shouting, screaming, and lewd behavior, could be viewed as a catharsis for the pent-up hostilities and sexual hangups of the young. Above all, the weekly performances of Rocky serve as a Dionysian social meeting place for the young and old.

Meadowbrook Cinema owners Burt and Marilyn Vanasse make sure that things don't get too wild. Everyone in the audience is searched for alcohol, and rice (which is hard to clean

up), and a series of rules are read to maintain at least a semblance of order.

"We don't want it to get out of hand," Burt Vanasse said, "but we don't censor the audience. They come out with things you wouldn't want your grandmother to hear."

"It's the people," said Sandi Prosnitz, the one Jewish cast member, about the reason she has been performing in the show for more than two years. "A lot of people think that if they come more than once, they'll see the same thing over and over. But if they come back, they'll always see something different."

For something truly different, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" plays Friday and Saturday evenings at midnight at the Meadowbrook Cinema, 2452 Warwick Avenue, Warwick. Be sure to bring newspapers, because there's someone in the audience who likes to aim his or her squirt gun right into your ears.

## The Music School Presents Mychal Gendron

The Music School presents "Music for Guitar and Strings" featuring guitarist Mychal Gendron, the Hope Trio and violinist Elizabeth Monacelli.

The program will include works by Haydn, Boccherini, Giuliani and a newly commissioned "Elegy for Guitar and String Quartet" by Rhode Island composer Paul Nelson.

The concert will take place on Sunday, January 26, at 3 p.m. at Westminster Unitarian Church, 110 Kenyon Avenue, East Greenwich. General admission is \$5.00. For information call 885-9117 or 946-6366.

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# MILESTONES

## New Federation Exec

Steven A. Rakitt, Providence, has been selected as the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

David M. Hirsch, president of the Federation, said that Rakitt joined the Federation staff in 1983 and has directed its fund-raising efforts for the last five years. During that time the campaign, which raises money for Jewish social service agencies worldwide, grew from \$3.8 million annually to over \$4.7 million.

Prior to coming to Rhode Island, Rakitt was planning and budgeting director at the Rochester, N.Y., federation for four years. He had also served as part-time director of the Jewish Council of Howard County, Md., from 1977-79 while simultaneously engaged in graduate studies.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers College, Rakitt earned two master's degrees simultaneously from the University of Maryland and Baltimore Hebrew College in social work and Jewish studies, respectively. Currently, he is a



Steven Rakitt

student in the University of Rhode Island Executive MBA program.

Rakitt succeeds Elliot Cohan who served as the JFRI executive for over 11 years.

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## Local Student Receives Honors

Dawn Pollock, a senior in the School of Speech at Northwestern University, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter of the 1991-92 academic year.

Students on the Dean's List have attained a grade point average of at least 3.67.

Northwestern University is one of the nation's leading private teaching and research institutions, enrolling more than 15,000 full- and part-time students on lakefront campuses in Evanston and Chicago.

Dawn is the daughter of Bruce and Sheri Pollock of West Warwick, R.I.

## De Spiritos Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. David De Spirito of Fordson Ave., Cranston, R.I., announce the birth of their first child, Regina Debra, on Dec. 9, 1991.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Sally Soren and the late Robert Soren of Narragansett, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony De Spirito of Cranston, R.I. Great-grandparents are the late Dorothy and Charles Horenstein and the late Max and Ida Soren.

## Roiffs Announce Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roiff of Cranston, Rhode Island, announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Dana Roiff of New York to Stuart Scott Bergen, also of New York, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bergen of Cranbury, New Jersey.

Susan is a graduate of The American University in Washington, DC. She is employed as a make-up artist for Elizabeth Arden in New York City. Stuart is a graduate of Monmouth College in New Jersey, and is President of the I.T.I. Group, Inc., an executive search company in New York City.

Susan is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rae Young of Cranston, Rhode Island. Stuart is the grandson of Mrs. Rose Berkowitz of Del Ray Beach, Florida.

The couple will be married in March of this year.



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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roiff of Cranston, Rhode Island, announce the engagement of their daughter Dr. Laura Gail Roiff of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, to Mr. Harlin Gerald Adelman, also of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Adelman of Beachwood, Ohio.

Dr. Roiff is a graduate of Boston University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She is currently doing a residency in Pediatric Dentistry at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Adelman is a graduate of Boston University and Boston University School of Law. He is an attorney with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Arnoff.

Laura is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rae Young of Cranston, Rhode Island. Harlin is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Milton Cohen of Beachwood, Ohio, and Mrs. Shirley Adelman of South Euclid, Ohio.

A June 1992 wedding is planned.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Events At The JCCRI: Week Of Jan. 24-30

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

### Outdoor Club Superbowl Party

Teens 12-17 years old are invited to the Outdoor Club's Superbowl party on Sunday, January 26, starting at 5:30 p.m., in time for kick-off. The fee, \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers, includes food, fun and the chance to cheer for your favorite team.

### A Thank You From JFS

In these times of budget cut-backs and reduced financial resources, support from institutions in the community are appreciated more than ever. This winter, Jewish Family Service received gifts that helped some of the families we serve.

As a result of Councilwoman Rita M. Williams's advocacy, the City Council of Providence awarded Jewish Family Service

for further information, call Alisa Yanow. The Outdoor Clubs are sponsored by the Youth Dept. and the Robbie Frank Fund.

### Brown Bag Club

Rabbi Arnold Samlan, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Bureau of Jewish Education, will give timely presentation about the expulsion of Jews from Spain 500 years ago on Tuesday, January 28. Learn about the historic significance of this time.

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

Friday, January 24 - VCR program, "Northern/Central California," 11 a.m.

Sunday, January 26 - VCR program, "Argentina - Land of Natural Wonder," 11 a.m.

Call Sandy Bass for more information.

six gift certificates from Almacs. The certificates were distributed to Soviet families.

Old Stone Bank selected JFS as one of the beneficiaries of a recent food drive, sponsored by the bank. Five cartons of food, gift certificates and a check helped families who face difficult times.

On behalf of Jewish Family Service and the families that

benefitted, I wish to thank Councilwoman Rita M. Williams, the City Council of Providence, Ms. Fran Pacheco-Fogarty and the staff of Old Stone Bank for their generosity and humanity.

Paul Segal  
Executive Director, Jewish Family Service

## National Council Of Jewish Women Give A Hand To Lifeline



Laurette Troger (left) and Elaine Lieberman, members of the National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Chapter were among those volunteers trained at JFS. The women are updating information on Lifeline subscribers.

For many elderly and medically at-risk, Lifeline Rhode Island provides the security and safety of a 24-hour emergency response system. Funded by Miriam Hospital and administered by Jewish Family Service, Lifeline provides a pendant that, with a push of the button, signals for help through a special device at-

tached to the telephone. When activated, the telephone dials "central monitors" that have pertinent information about

the subscriber including medical history, physician's name and family members to be contacted. The service provides emergency assistance that is often lifesaving, and certainly contributes to the peace of mind of the subscriber and his/her family.

The information held by the monitors needs to be accurate for the system to be most effective. Eight members of the National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Chapter formed a volunteer effort called CHAI (Community Help for the Aged In-Home) to help update subscribers' records. After attending three training sessions at Jewish Family Service, the volunteers started calling Lifeline subscribers to be sure that information is current.

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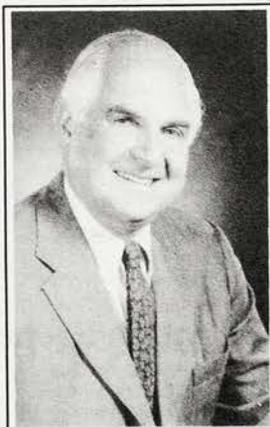
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## Robbins Elected To Hospice Board Of Trustees

Arthur S. Robbins of Providence has been elected president of the Board of Trustees of Hospice Care of Rhode Island, the oldest and largest hospice program serving the entire state. His election came at the annual meeting of the Board held Monday, November 25, 1991, in Providence at which Dr. Barbara A. DeBuono, Director of the Department of Health was the keynote speaker. In addition, Governor Bruce Sundlun presented Robbins with a Governor's Citation on the occasion of his election which he read before the audience of more than 100 in attendance.



Arthur S. Robbins

Arthur Robbins was named to the Hospice Care of Rhode Island Board in 1987, and also currently serves as the first chairman of the Greater Providence Convention Authority in addition to holding Board membership on the Jewish Federation of R.I. and on other civic organizations. He is also presently serving as Treasurer of the Providence Hebrew Day School. President of Robbins Properties, Inc. which specializes in the development and management of commercial real estate, Robbins is best known as the general partner

and developer of the 350-room Providence Marriott and the Charles-Orms office building, as well as co-developer of other Marriott hotels in the Northeast.

Robbins is also the recipient of numerous civic awards including the 1978 National Jewish Hospital of Denver Humanitarian Award; the Shalom Peace Award in 1980 from State of Israel Bonds; and the 1981 Amudim Award from Providence Hebrew Day School.

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## Federation Brunch At B'nai Israel

Stephanie Gurwitz, Director of the Federation's Community Relations Council, will be the featured speaker at a discussion on "The Media and Israel: Fact or Fiction" on Sunday, January 26, at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket.

This 9:45 a.m. Pioneer Division breakfast program, especially developed for members of the Jewish community who live in the northwest region of the state, is co-sponsored by the Federation

and the temple, according to Edythe Wittes and Rabbi Wasserman who are coordinating the event.

Gurwitz, who constantly monitors media coverage of events that are particularly important to Jews, will discuss how the media covers the Middle East peace talks, the immigration of Ethiopian Jews and Jews from the former Soviet republics, and the economic tensions that beset Israel.

## Providence Hadassah Orange Sale

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## Ethical Scholarship

by Mark Binder

"I've always looked at ethics as being at the center of our Jewish concern," said Rabbi Jack Stern speaking at Temple Sinai last Friday evening.

Stern, who is the Chairman of the Task Force on Jewish Ethics of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, gave two talks as part of Temple Sinai's seventh annual Scholar-in-Residence Sabbath weekend.

Stern took as his topic the questions, "Do you have to be ethical to be Jewish — Do you have to be Jewish to be ethical?" and he used both biblical and current events examples to engage the nearly full Friday synagogue.

A thin, elderly man, Stern used a cane to walk from the bimah to a lectern set in the aisle in the middle of the congregation. But as soon as he began speaking, his eyes lit up, his hands became alive, and he quickly left both cane and lectern to roam up and down the aisle, firing questions at the worshippers.

Discussing the insider-trading scandals that swept Wall Street a few years ago, Stern asked, "What would be my response when name after name was a Jewish name?... [It] made it worse. One deal was made at a UJA dinner, another done at a shabbat dinner before they sat down to eat.

"I didn't feel that it was



Rabbi Jack Stern

enough to simply lament the problem... There had to be an organized effort to respond."

So, Stern said, he spoke up at a UAHC conference and as the squeaky wheel, he was appointed chairman of the committee.

Stern laughed as he told the story, but his point was clear, "I've always looked at ethics as being at the center of our Jewish concern."

Temple Sinai's Scholar-in-Residence program is an opportunity for synagogue members to continue their own education by studying, as scholars, a particular topic of concern. To that end, the congregants worked with the Rabbi, and engaged in the questions and theories that he posed.

There is a pattern to ethical problems, Stern said, beginning with cynicism, or the justification that, "You cheat because you can get away with it."

This corruption is then masked or compounded by public ignorance or blindness. Then, when at last the crimes and violations come to the surface, Stern pointed out, "The exposure is shocking."

However, there is strength in

this exposure, because once the moral dishonesty is recognized, then the protests and the corrections can begin.

Stern cited Rhode Island's recent spate of fiscal and governmental corruption, and the growing public backlash and involvement that has resulted from the exposure.

"According to Jewish tradition," Stern said, "the two principles of ethical behavior are, that we are endowed with the capacity to think in terms of what is ethical or unethical, and then make the choice."

These are the choices that we are held accountable for on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, he said, and the choices that our judicial and electoral systems are designed to correct.

The final element in the Jewish ethical dilemma, Stern explained, is the responsibility of the Jewish people to the community that they live in.

"We have to say that, as Jewish people, the mandate has been to deliver that ethical message, and stand for that ethical behavior."

Answering the questions that he posed at the start of his lecture, Stern said, no, you don't have to be Jewish to be ethical. However, "It's not that the Jews are more ethical, it's just that we think we should be."

On Saturday morning, Stern led a crash course in ethical recognition. He posed specific hypothetical questions to the congregation, who then debated answers in small discussion groups.

"My purpose in coming," Stern said, "was to help Jews in the course of their ethical decision making."

From the individual to the family to the congregation to the nation, Rabbi Stern said, quoting scripture, "You will be a light to the nations."

## Learn To Read Hebrew At Beth Sholom!

Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course and Level II reading courses will be offered at Beth Sholom.

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to learn the language of your people!

Free course begins on Wednesday, February 5, at 7 p.m. A Level II Hebrew reading course begins January 29 at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in Hebrew Ulpan studies in actual spoken Hebrew, call the Beth Sholom office immediately for details.

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## Winnebago Aliyah

by Carol Ungar  
UJA Press Service

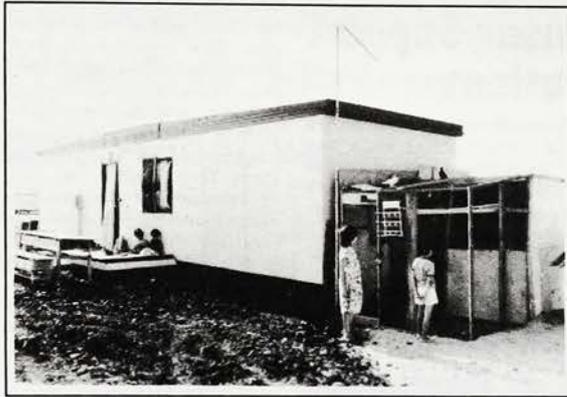
There is no nearby grocery store, pharmacy or health clinic. The trailer park is centrally located off the old Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road, but the closest public phone is a 10-minute walk. For 165 Soviet immigrant families, this is pioneering Israeli style. For their children, which number 120 in all, it's more like a summer camp. The parameters of the park hug Moshav Beit Hashmonai, whose members have opened their homes, as well as their swimming pool and tennis courts to the newcomers.

Alla Hudaidatov, 24, a Soviet-trained accountant and aspiring model, would have opted for the pulse of Tel Aviv over the calm of the rural park. But her parents, David and

Svetlana, who are casting a wide net in order to find employment, are more impressed with economic realities. For \$75 a month they have a comfortable, two-bedroom caravan.

The low-cost housing is made possible through a special government-funded program for new immigrants. They will be allowed to take advantage of this program for five years, after which it is hoped that they will build homes in the same area. The absorption of all Soviet immigrants in Israel is supported by American Jews through the UJA/Federation Annual and Operation Exodus Campaigns.

The Hudaidatov's home, Caravan No. 105, has the feel of an Uzbekistan apartment, the region from which the fam-



It's enough to make Soviet immigrant Yuri Yitzchakov happy in Israel. Yitzchakov brought his pigeons with him, as well as a St. Bernard dog, from Uzbekistan. The Yitchadovs are another family living at a new trailer park which is already home to 165 Soviet immigrant families.  
Photo: UJA Press Service/Shai Zakai

ily emigrated. Heavy, Soviet-style draperies enclose a living space filled with upholstered

arm chairs and a sofa purchased from a thrift store. Tiny chandeliers cast a soft glow

over the room. But the Eastern European illusion is dispelled by a table laden with fresh Israeli produce and by the fledgling garden surrounding the caravan.

Economics aside, pastoral quality of life suits the elder Hudaidatovs. They know that services will improve and point out that already there's a social club, a social worker and a small playground for the children. And the doctor to patient ratio may soon be one of the largest in the country. There are 10 Soviet physicians living in the park who hope to be licensed to practice in Israel.

While listening to her daughter Alla's plans to eventually head for the city lights, Svetlana has been quietly preparing bowls of fruit and cakes. As she carves a large watermelon, she glances over her shoulder and with a satisfied smile, says, "For me this is the life. Everything is just fine."

### A Reel Ace

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

My Yale roommate, Joel Freedman, was one of the guys who rang out the hours of Freshman Year in the bell-chamber of the Harkness Tower. He once took me up the winding stairway and showed me how it was done with ropes and pulleys. Although he played tenor sax and marched with the Yale band at game intermissions, he kept quiet. While Joel studied at his desk, I might spend the afternoons or evenings at matinees and double features at the New Haven cinemas.

After he got a law degree at Harvard, however, Joel returned to his native Connecticut and his hometown, Stamford. He now makes his living through real estate, but his true love is owning and operating the State Cinema, a restored movie palace in downtown Stamford.

When he picked up the pieces of the dying theatre, he kept the projectionist and receptionist, who had served the place for decades.

He stores his tidy collection of old and new films along one wall of the basement of his suburban ranch-style house. Jewish films make one group, films shot in Stamford another — notably, "Scenes from a Mall" and "Boomerang." He shows off the big classics of our boyhood, "Pinocchio," "Snow

White," and even "Oz."

If you look through the window on the opposite wall from the films, you may stare at a spoiled Canadian goose. Joel's backyard is often filled with Canadian geese. Joel says he feeds them shamelessly and they forget to roam and migrate.

Joel had asked me to introduce the first of a current Jewish film series. He took down "The Pawnbroker," 1965, by Sidney Lumet, like a big volume from his library.

After dinner with his old friends and his cousins, we stepped over to the theatre. He

escorted me through the deco lobby and pointed out the fresco ceiling in the main theatre with its faux clouds and blue sky.

I got up on the podium and gave out a little gossip and namedropping. The director had sent his daughter Amy to RISD. Amy Lumet is also the granddaughter of Lena Horne. She mounted a slide show for my class on her famous dad. Sidney acted on the Yiddish stage as a boy. Like his child, his famous film brings blacks and Jews together in a taut drama taken from a lyrical and tragic book by the late Edward Lewis Wallant.

I hadn't seen "The Pawnbroker" in years. I once thought it had not stayed faithful to the text. But I was stunned and shocked by its harsh beauty, its courage, and its inventive style. Also by how little it has dated, despite its period profile, in theme. When the lights came on I had found new respect both for the Jewish director and for his Jewish star, Rod Steiger. No superstar can

hold onto such inner turmoil, such conflict. Movies haven't gotten better, just longer and more gross.

Before we took off, Joel guided me up into the projection booth. It hit me as the same gesture of sharing he had shown me in the high Harkness Tower.

I murmured, "Hey, you didn't need me. You could have said the same things I did, yourself." But Joel's a behind-the-scenes type of guy. His Yale nickname was "Ace." Chums still call him that. He's like the Ace of diamonds, hearts, spades and clubs all in one. You can't top him.

The Jewish Film Festival, including "Anne Frank," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Cabaret," and "The Graduate," is playing through the spring at the State Cinema, 29 Knapp Street, Stamford, Conn. 06907. For more information or schedule, call (203) 348-2200.

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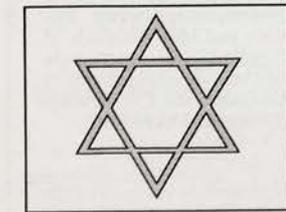
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# OPINIONS

## Fight Anti-Semitism; Support Jewish Organizations

by Steven T. Sholes

My 14-year-old son came home from school the other day where he is studying the Holocaust, which to his teacher and him, seemed like ancient history. He reported to me that his teacher listed the top ten men in the 20th century. These men reshaped our history. Among them were Hitler, whose impact unfortunately was negative and another man that he had never heard of, Winston something. . . His first comment to me was, I can't understand why Elvis or the Beatles weren't included on the list.

My 14-year-old son has been exposed to Judaism his entire life. Because we as parents attempt to protect our children from the horrors of the Holocaust, they unfortunately really don't understand the history and emotion.

History can't be forgotten or else it recurs. I'm not saying it should be dwelled upon every moment of our lives, but also it can't be dismissed.

Do you realize that there were other young adults in that

classroom that were not Jewish and actually didn't know any of the horrors of World War II? They feel it was just a war fought to save some unfortunate people.

It seems many of us have forgotten the importance of the establishment of the Jewish

### Presidential Notes

institution and organizations. There is power and protection in numbers. Joined together the Jewish community has a voice that can be heard. Whether it be in legislature or community actions, numbers do have an influence.

The entire mentality of everything seems to have changed. I have read that all Jewish organizations are having similar problems. From a temple's standpoint, it's a lack of affiliation and interest. From the perspective of women's organizations, many that were formed after the war, people are just

too busy and their priorities and their preferences have been adopted to meet their busy lifestyles.

Everyone wants these institutions to exist, but yet many do not want to aid in preserving them. They attribute this lack of attention to the fact that many have forgotten or disregarded the prejudices and anti-Semitism that surfaced during World War II. We feel very secure in our lives and feel such a threat could not exist here and now.

The threat is now, there is more anti-Semitism coming forth throughout the world. In some countries there is a computer game that's focus is to gas Jews in the gas chambers. How long do you think it will take for this game to be here? How many children will play this game and not realize what its basis is? I have also heard that some computer networks have been plagued by people putting neo-Nazi messages on their public service bulletin boards.

The only way to fight anti-Semitism is to unite and not just belong, but support the Jewish organization.

Steven T. Sholes is president of Temple Am David in Warwick.

## Who Will Be Left?

by Morris Gastfreund

On a recent evening I watched two television programs. One was "48 Hours," where I had a chance to see the resurgence of the Neo-Nazi movement throughout the globe. As a Jew, and Holocaust survivor, I was saddened to see the rise of anti-Semitism and racism, which we thought was dead after the Nazi Third Reich was crushed. To our sorrow, they are raising their ugly heads again.

My thoughts at the moment were wandering back to the days before World War II, in Europe, when the Jewish people were living in fear in the face of the Nazi propaganda that had engulfed most of Europe. While watching the resurgence of the neo-Nazis, I became concerned about their threat to the Jewish people in America.

Later, that same evening, I watched "The McNeil-Lehrer Report," featuring a program about the high rate of interfaith marriages between Jews and non-Jews. The rate of these interfaith marriages has reached 52 percent, and on the West Coast 68 percent.

I was outraged to watch the spectacle of an interfaith marriage ceremony in a church conducted by a so-called "Rabbi" dressed in a talit and yarmulke alongside a priest. My blood started to boil when this "Rabbi" recited the Hebrew blessings, invoking G-d's name. The ceremony was concluded with the following words: "According to the laws of Moses and the blessings of the Savior, Jesus Christ, I pronounce you man and wife." The bridegroom even broke a glass for Mazal-Tov.

In the same program, I also had the opportunity to observe the confused children of such interfaith marriages.

A young freckled boy practicing for his Bar Mitzvah was holding a long shofar. (I don't know why a shofar for a Bar Mitzvah.) The tunes coming out of the shofar resembled that of a harmonica. When asked if he plans, after the Bar Mitzvah, to practice Judaism, without hesitation he answered, "No, I will go back to the church." I was so upset by this scenario I could not fall asleep that night.

The desecration of G-d's name, by the "Rabbi," in a church reminded me of the high priest, Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, whom G-d struck down for introducing "strange fire" into the sanctuary.

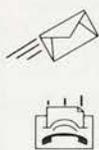
These "strange fires" which the so-called "Rabbi" is introducing to the Jewish people is consuming our youth in alarming proportions through assimilation and intermarriages. They destroy our inheritance beyond recognition in the name of ecumenical brotherhood. They end the continuity, and sacrifice the eternity of the Jewish people.

It was not so long ago that Jewish parents "sat shiva," mourning the death of a child who married a gentile. Now, all the barriers are being removed. In fact, we are telling our children that it is okay to intermarry - they will be accepted anyway.

The Conservative movement, which has adhered to the Halacha and Jewish traditions, has lately been revising its stance on intermarriage. (continued on next page)

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I am the founder of the Oasis, a consumer-run (one of the first in the country) drop-in center for people who have been through the mental health system. It's a coalition of consumer advocates that works for education, stigma busting and lobbying for change, and the Manic Depressive Association, a family support group included with patient group. I find little opportunity to speak to and in-

form local temples and Jewish organizations.

We have many Jewish members and leaders, but Temple social committees import outside people on social issues.

I would like to see more articles on what is going on here in R.I. which is a state on the cutting edge of mental health and #2 in the country in consumer progress. Thank you.

The public is invited to the grand opening next month of the new Oasis at the corner of Smith and Chalkstone Avenue in Providence. It's handicapped accessible, comfortable with many exciting free and innovative programs to offer our mentally disabled adults.

Carolyn J. Schwartz

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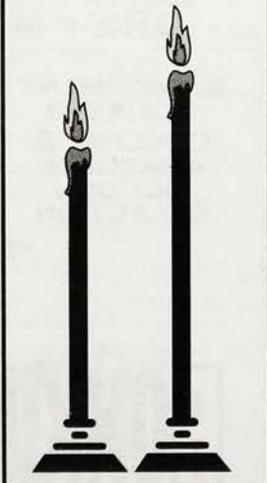
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#### Palestine in Hitler's Path

Cleveland — Evidence of the fact that the American Government is deeply concerned with the protection and strengthening of Palestine to thwart any attempt on the part of Hitler's forces to overrun the Middle East was expressed by Secretary of the Navy Knox, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, Admiral Yates Stirling, Jr., former Chief of Staff of the United States Fleet, Federal

Security Administrator McNutt and the Hon. Alben W. Barkley, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate in speeches and messages at the second day's sessions of the National Conference for Palestine convened under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal for the purpose of giving all-out aid to Palestine as a stronghold for democracy in the Mediterranean theatre of war.

#### Emanu-El to Offer Sabbath of Song

A Sabbath of Song will be offered at Temple Emanu-El on January 30 at regular Friday night services, it was announced today. The program in which Cantor Hohenemser, Arthur Einstein and Mrs. Abraham M. Percelay will participate, will include compositions by Lewandowski, Dunajewsky, Zilberts and Goldfarb.



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## Alperin Schechter News

### Community Service

The Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, along with schools across the country, has joined StarServe, a nonprofit organization with the goal of making community service part of school life.

Through community service, students are helped to build self-esteem, develop a sense of civic responsibility, develop problem-solving skills, improve cooperation and teamwork skills and develop mutual respect.

StarServe, an agency of the Kraft General Foods Foundation, provides teachers with project ideas, curriculum suggestions, video bibliographies, and suggestions for network-

ing to enhance any school service program.

Among the many programs suggested by StarServe which are already part of the Schechter program are: Outreach program to the Jewish Home for the Aged, Big/Brother, Big/Sister program at the Jewish Community Center, tutoring at the Nathan Bishop School, school-wide recycling effort, peer tutoring, peer counseling, adopt-a-zoo resident program, collection of food donations, oral history projects, and drug-free programs.

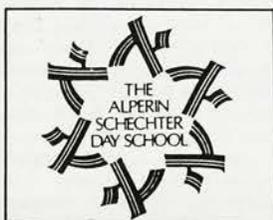
Students at Alperin Schechter are proud to be part of StarServe and to be taking positive action to make the world a better place.

### Open House

The annual Open House of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, held on Thursday morning, January 9, attracted an overflow audience and was a tremendous success.

Parents and grandparents of prospective students examined and enjoyed the display of curriculum materials, art work and student projects from all grade levels. At the same time, they also had an opportunity to meet and talk with School Director Rabbi Richard Israel, Assistant Director Jennifer Miller, Judaic Studies Coordinator Rabbi Elana Kanter, and Admissions Director, Penney Stein.

Joel Roseman, School President, stressing in his remarks the extraordinary track record of accomplishments the school has amassed, as well as the achievements of our students and graduates. Rachel Alexander, an alumna from the



school's first graduating class, also attended the Open House, talking about her experiences with visitors and leading tours of the school.

Rabbi Israel opened the morning's formal program with a witty and enlightening discussion of some of the needs and expectations of today's parent body as well as the possibilities offered by day school education.

A slide show followed, highlighting the Schechter program and unique offerings. Jennifer Miller outlined the General Studies curriculum, noting the school's commitment to meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of each child.

### Debate Elective

by Gordon Liss, Grade 8

The Alperin Schechter Middle School is offering a very exciting debate elective on Fridays. The elective offers the students an opportunity to become involved in the issues of today. It also gives the students a chance to express themselves and see each topic in a perspective different from their own.

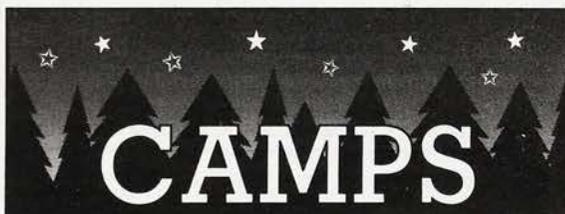
Last elective term, seven students were involved in debating about whether the recent unrest in Crown Heights, New York, was racially motivated. One group made up of Roman Altshuler, Rachel Isenberg, Melissa Mann and Jonathan Snow argued that the event was indeed racial. The group made up of Zahava Cohen,

Zachary Marwil and Marc Sultzter debated that the circumstance was not a racial issue.

After forty minutes of creative, accurate and spirited statements, the "pro-racial conflict" team was voted the winners. The judges, Deborah Miller, Gordon Liss and Jeremy

Sadler, voted two to one in favor of the "pro" team. All the judges were very impressed by the preparedness of both teams.

Everyone is awaiting the next, when another controversial topic will be discussed. This debate should be even more exciting.



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# OBITUARIES

**DAVID AGELOFF**  
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — David Ageloff, 87, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and West Palm Beach, Fla., is survived by his wife, Eva.

He was a past noble-grand of Young Americans Lodge, International Order of Odd Fellows.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Lester Ageloff of

Pawtucket, R.I., and Longboat Key, Fla., and Alan Ageloff of Jupiter, Fla.; and four grandsons.

Funeral services were held on January 14, 1992, at Menorah Gardens and Funeral Chapels of West Palm Beach, Fla.

**SADIE C. ARKEN**

PROVIDENCE — Sadie C. Arken, 88, of Charlesgate

North, 670 N. Main St., a secretary-bookkeeper for the former E.W. Goldstein Importing Co. for 25 years before retiring in 1982, died Tuesday, January 14, 1992, at home.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Sema (Olch) Arken.

Miss Arken was a member of the Women's Associations of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital. She was a member of B'nai B'rith.

She leaves cousins.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

**ZELDA EDITH BLACK**

CRANSTON, R.I. — Zelda Edith Black of New London Avenue, died Saturday, January 18, 1992, at the R.I. Medical Center. She was the wife of the late Henry Arnold Black.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Bella (Kroll) Hodosh. She had lived in Cranston for 10 years previously residing in Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Black was a psychiatric social worker in Springfield for many years, retiring 20 years ago. She was a graduate of Pembroke College, now Brown University.

She is survived by two sons, Douglas G. Black of Los

Angeles, Calif., and David Black of New York City; two daughters, Meredith Ann Hoffman of Menlo Park, Calif., and Naomi Ruth Black of New York City; one sister, Kay Falstein of Chicago, Ill.; and two grandchildren, Susannah Haden and Tobiah Samuel McKee.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, January 21, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

**FAYE FELDMAN**

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Faye Feldman, 73, a resident of Boca Raton, Fla., since 1975, died Friday, January 17, 1992, at Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton, Fla.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Rose Mittleman, she was a lifelong resident of Providence prior to moving to Florida in 1975.

She had been a member of Temple Emanu-El and its sisterhood. She is survived by one daughter, Rayna S. Rosow, Stamford, Conn.; one son, Henry Feldman of Mercer Island, Wash.; two sisters, Dora Cohen of Newton, Mass., and Irene Rozenzweig of Concord, Calif.; one brother, Irving Mittleman of Delray Beach, Fla., and five grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery and were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence, R.I.

**ROSE FREEDMAN**

WARWICK — Rose Freedman, 82, of Villa Del Rio Apartments, 303 Greenwich Ave., a pianist, died Thursday, January 16, 1992, at the Jewish Home for Aged, Providence. She was the wife of Michael Freedman.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Etta (Pollock) Millman. She moved to Warwick nine years ago.

Mrs. Freedman had studied piano with the late Hans Schneider, and was known in Rhode Island music circles as an accomplished pianist and accompanist.

She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for Aged. Mrs. Freedman was a former member of the Congregation Shaare Zedek Sons of Abraham.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Stanley L. Freedman of West Warwick; a daughter, Carolyn Shine of Los Angeles; two sisters, Esther Rothberg of Warwick and Beatrice Fishbein of Palm Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Max I. Millman.

The funeral was held Sunday, January 19, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**LESTER FRIEDMAN**

PROVIDENCE — Lester Friedman, 82, of 158 Tenth St., a retired teacher, died Saturday, January 18, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Frances (Robinson) Friedman.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a son of the late Maurice and Ida Friedman.

Mr. Friedman was a graduate of Brown University in 1932, and later Rhode Island College. He taught at the Nathan Bishop Junior High School for 20 years before retiring in 1975. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the Philippine Islands, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the Jewish Community Center.

Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Sylvia Mellitz of St. Petersburg, Fla.

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

**MYER GREENBERG**

PROVIDENCE — Myer Greenberg, 85, of 27 Mayflower St., died Saturday, January 18, 1992, at the Oak Hill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Pawtucket. He was the husband of Irene (Heller) Greenberg.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Abraham and Eva (Hollander) Greenberg.

Mr. Greenberg was founder and owner of the Old Colony Painting Co. until retiring in 1984. He was active with the company for 50 years.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Community Center, and the Knights of Pythias.

Besides his wife he leaves four sons, Dr. Melvin Greenberg, Irwin R. Greenberg, both of Providence, Richard D. Greenberg of Pawtucket, and Dr. Allan G. Greenberg of Warwick; a sister, Jean Ginsburg of Encino, Calif.; nine grandchildren and a great-grandson.

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

**JACK HARRIET**

PROVIDENCE — Jack Harriet, 79, of 67 Savoy St., a co-proprietor of Jack and Irv's Hardware Store on Dexter Street in Central Falls, died Thursday, January 16, 1992, at home. He was the husband of Bella (Kanopkin) Harriet.

Born in Romania, he was a son of the late Lazarus and Rachel Harriet. He lived in Providence 33 years, and previously had lived in Lincoln 7 years and in Central Falls 11 years.

Mr. Harriet and his brother, Irving Harriet of Pawtucket, were co-proprietors of the hardware store for 40 years.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El. Mr. Harriet also was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Nancy Harriet of Providence and Rayna Nave of Newton, Mass.; another brother, Max Harriet of Pawtucket, and a grandson.

The funeral was held January 19 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**DAVID HASSENFELD**

PROVIDENCE — David Hassenfeld, 77, of 310 Block (continued on next page)

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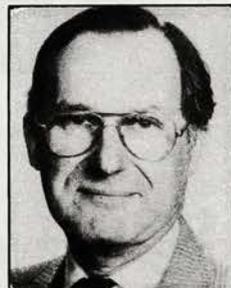
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stone Blvd., a lawyer, died Saturday, January 18, 1992, at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. He was the husband of Tess A. (Zwiebel) Hassenfeld.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Herman and Pessel (Laufer) Hassenfeld, he lived in Providence since 1920.

Mr. Hassenfeld was a graduate of Brown University in 1935, and Harvard Law School in 1938. He served as a sergeant in the Army Air Forces in World War II.

He maintained a law practice in Providence with emphasis on debtor/creditor law, and later specializing in bankruptcy law. In the early 1970s, he represented plaintiffs in the first class action law suit brought to Rhode Island. In the 1980s he was a lawyer in plaintiff classes in three other law suits challenging credit practices of a number of Rhode Island banks as well as the City of Providence.

In 1988, the Rhode Island Bar Association honored him for 50 years of service. He was a member of the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association, and was honored by the Rhode Island Bar Association, and the Rhode Island Legal Services for participating in the volunteer lawyer program.

As president of the former Robinson Street Synagogue in 1954 he participated in the merger of four synagogues. The congregation was Shaare Zedek, Broad Street, of which he became president at that time. He was a member of the board of directors of the Providence Hebrew Day School, and served as chairman of the education committee and as legal counsel for the school.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Daniel Hassenfeld of Newton, Mass.; two daughters, Brenda R. Abramovich of Newton, Joyce Y. Gomolin of Plainview, Long Island, N.Y., and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Mount Sinai Memorial

Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### JULIUS PENN

PROVIDENCE — Julius Penn, 71, of Morris Avenue, died Friday, January 17, 1992, at the Roger Williams Medical Center. He was the husband of Pauline (Bernstein) Penn.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Harry and Sadie (Zura) Penn.

He was employed by the Jewish Home for the Aged for 15 years.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El and a member of Touro Fraternal Association.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two sons, Wayne Penn of Cranston and Craig Penn of Massachusetts; four brothers, David Penn and Raymond Penn, both of Pawtucket, Robert Penn of Warwick, and Samuel Penn of Florida; a sister, Esther Berson of Providence; and two grandchildren. He was brother of the late Leo Penn.

Funeral services were held January 19 in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### JOSEPH I. STEINER

PROVIDENCE — Joseph I. Steiner, 75, a resident of the Wayland Manor, 500 Angell St., Providence, died Friday, January 17, 1992, at home. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Morris and Bessie (Pulver) Steiner.

He graduated with honors from Brown University in 1937, and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Rhode Island Department of Public Utilities, the Department of Rehabilitative Services and the Jewish War Veterans of America.

He was a volunteer in many civic, animal welfare, and environmental organizations.

He is survived by a brother, Dr. Leroy Steiner of Richmond, Va., and several nieces and nephews, all residents of

Rhode Island.

The funeral was held January 20 from the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### JESSIE TORGAN

PROVIDENCE — Jessie Torgan, 87, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Thursday, January 16, 1992, at the home. She was the widow of William Torgan.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Jacob and Minnie (Denholtz) Freedman, she lived in Providence for 62 years.

She was associated with Mrs. Robinson's, Wayland Square, for over 20 years, retiring in 1969.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, a member of the Hadassah and a member of the Women's Associations of Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves one son, Dr. Philip A. Torgan of Providence and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held January 19 in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Ave.

### MAURICE WOLFE

WARWICK — Maurice Wolfe, 89, of the Shalom Apartment, 1 Shalom Drive, a security guard at Brown University for six years before retiring in 1965, died Tuesday, January 14, 1992, at Kent

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## Grocer on Wheels

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

Cliff Shatz, owner of **Grocer on Wheels**, accompanied by part-time employee, Eileen Waterbury, arrived at his appointment at least twenty minutes early, handed this reporter his business card and whom, the interview began.

Just as the company's name suggests, delivering groceries is the main service this former RISD culinary arts graduate offers. Shatz delivers food for a flat fee of \$8 for any \$50 or less order; 15% for any \$50 plus order, and a \$20 cap on his fee thereafter. He'll pick up and drop off almost anything except people and animals — too much insurance. If it's not food you need, all he requires is advance notice and prices for special orders are negotiable.

Shatz is frequently called upon to pick up an order of wholesale Kosher food which he delivers to the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence. He will even deliver light furniture cheerfully and quickly.

Basically people call Shatz to let him know that they need his services. If the customer is new, he makes a point to interview them, then he will pick up a detailed order including brand names, sizes and/or amounts, coloring, etc. After, he personally delivers the goods so you'll never see a strange person at your door. If there is any product that does not meet the cus-



tomers' satisfaction, Katz will return it free of charge.

He doesn't think twice about performing light errands like picking up an order from a florist, a pharmacist, or the post office. Nothing is beyond Shatz. He strives to satisfy his customers in any way possible.

"I will help them put their groceries away," explains Shatz. "I feel it is necessary to do extra work. I'll go pick up ice cream at Newport Creamery or take out the garbage."

Efficiency is Shatz's middle name. He keeps detailed files on all his clients. He arranges his shopping trips so he can pick up several orders at a time, keeping track of the weekly sales, using his customer's coupons at opportune times. If a store is out of stock of a preferred brand of product, Shatz will usually pick a known favorite alternative brand. He's always prepared to return anything that is unsatisfactory and special orders are never a problem.

Same-day delivery is not unusual with Shatz and he guarantees next-day deliveries.

Environmentally conscious people can request that all orders be delivered in paper or

plastic bags. He tries to reuse bags as much as possible.

For the most part he uses the East Side IGA Foodliner on Pitman Street because, "I get special treatment," says Shatz. "I'm such a good customer with IGA that I get higher quality products on a regular basis than the general public and quicker."

He also prefers IGA because they carry a large variety of foods for people on special diets.

Ninety percent of his clients are elderly people who find it taxing to venture out on their own (especially in the winter months), and don't wish to burden their neighbors, friends or family, and cannot afford to use a cab to help with the groceries.

He also serves a business clientele. There's the Superior Court judge, the *Providence Journal* reporter, a local lawyer, a busy doctor — all of whom haven't the time to attend to the mundane tasks of their personal lives. Shatz caters to a clientele who expect a very high level of professionalism. He has, in the past four years, seen similar businesses come and go.

After being a chef for over 20 years, Shatz found himself wearing thin from the typical late-night hours that he had to pull. Besides, he had this desire to become his own boss. Although he realized that owning his own restaurant would subject him to having no social life



Cliff Shatz and Eileen Waterbury

again, he knew he still wanted to be in the service industry.

Working out of his home in Providence this entrepreneur mostly delivers to Cranston, East Providence, downtown Providence and the East Side.

Shatz explains that his future is constantly changing, as he's working towards expansion.

"I'm in it for the long run," says Katz. "I'm not a get-rich-quick schemer. I'm willing to work with the people."

Shatz takes pride in the fact that he's "your personal grocer." He believes that eating is a very personal part of people's lives and he intends to keep it that way.

## Art of Talmud

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ing, and image is carefully chosen from the words and images of Pirkei itself, from the later commentary on it, from the oral tradition of the Jewish people, and occasionally with anachronisms from our own age.

One particularly striking page contains a simulation of an accountant's ledger sheet. The page represents the balance sheet of life.

"God is basically saying that life is a business," Weinrib said. "We can borrow, but there is a hand taking down everything...."

As a rabbi, Weinrib utilizes every opportunity to teach, and he has chosen as his medium the arts of calligraphy and illumination. These ancient forms had been made obsolete by the advent of the printing press, but now, with modern reproductive technology, it has once again become practical to invest so much time and effort into a work, because it can be transmitted to a wide and receptive audience. Utilizing diverse techniques from watercolor, gouache, paper cuts, and even a modern airbrush, each and every one of the pages in the new Pirkei lives with vivid color and text.

"This is not only glyphs," said Rabbi Baruch Korff, one of the hosts of the event, "this is the scripture of his soul.... He had an obligation to perform well. If his art did not perform well, then it would reflect on the content."

As a work of art, this manuscript is not meant simply to hang on the wall. And, as a book it is not meant to sit on a shelf. Many of the pages show letters on fire. Gold and red, they burn with Rabbi Weinrib's love and knowledge of the Torah.

The Pirkei Avos, as interpreted by Yonah Weinrib is meant, as the artist said, "to

bring the text to light."

Yonah Weinrib's *Pirkei Avos* is available in a limited edition of 613 copies, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the New England Rabbinical College. For more information, contact Mrs. Esty Gottlieb (401) 272-5174. Weinrib is also working on an English translation, so that the important words of the *Ethics of Our Fathers* can reach an even wider audience.

## Real Fun Beowulf

The Real Fun Theater Company presents "Beowulf", a reading, with music by The Whompers. Two shows only - Friday, January 31, 8 p.m. and Saturday, February 1, 8 p.m.

Admission is \$5. The Real Fun Theatre, 270 Broadway, Providence, R.I. "We have our own separate entrance." For information and reservations call: (401) 331-4FUN.

## OBITUARIES

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County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Esther (Tetelbaum) Wolfe.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, a son of the late Eli and Bessie (Ginsburg) Wolfe, he lived in Warwick since 1982. He previously lived in Providence for 50 years.

Mr. Wolfe had also been a truck driver for Benny's Auto Supply Stores for 15 years.

He leaves a sister, Hilda Woolfe of Boston, and a brother, Bernard Woolfe of Canton, Mass.

A graveside service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

### ALFRED ZACKS

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Alfred Zacks, 73, of 2062 Exeter, Building D, founder and proprietor for 30 years of Lad and Lassie Shoe Store in Providence before retiring in 1975, died Wednesday, January 15,

1992, at Boca Raton Community Hospital. He was the husband of Aline (Sass) Zacks.

Born in Taunton, Mass., he was a son of the late Philip and Freda (Gaffin) Zacks. Mr. Zacks had lived in Pawtucket for 32 years before moving to Boca Raton in 1987. He also had lived in Taunton and Providence.

Mr. Zacks was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the Pacific Theatre.

In addition to his wife he leaves a daughter, Fredda Sender of Sharon, Mass.; a son, Michael Zacks of Pawtucket; one brother, Clinton Zacks of Providence; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held January 19 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.



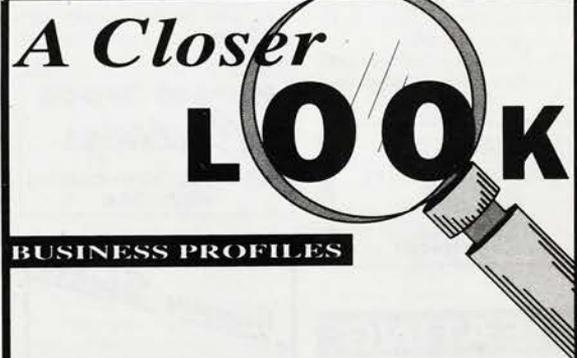
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