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China To Establish Relations With Israel

by Hugh Orgel
TEL AVIV (JTA) — China's establishment of full relations with Israel, the culmination of a diplomatic initiative begun more than four decades ago, represents an important achievement for the Jewish state at a strategic moment in its history, political observers say.
The two countries formally established relations at the ambassadorial level recently, when Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, signed the required protocols at a ceremony in Beijing's elaborate Diaoyutai state guest-house.
Levy was euphoric as he exchanged Hebrew toasts of L'chayim (To Life) with his host. He told reporters it was a

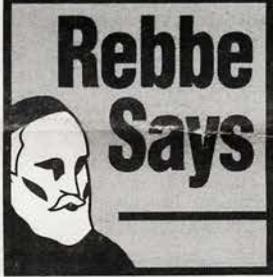
"great honor" to be the first Israeli Cabinet minister ever to visit China officially and be welcomed by the Chinese leadership.
On Friday, January 24, the veil of semi-secrecy was lifted. Blue-and-white Israeli flags blossomed suddenly all over the Chinese capital as the Israeli minister dedicated the building that will serve as Israel's first embassy in the world's most populous nation.
China, the last of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council to establish diplomatic ties with Israel, has long had friendly relations with the Arab states.
Qian promised it would use its influence to narrow the gaps between Arabs and Israelis when it entered the Middle East peace process directly for

the first time this week as a participant in the multinational conference on regional matters in Moscow.
No Chinese Role In Bilateral Talks
Speaking to Israeli journalists, Levy praised China's participation in the Moscow talks, but stressed there was no room for outside intervention in the bilateral talks between Israelis and Arabs, which recently recessed until next month.
Levy left Beijing recently for Moscow, to head the Israeli delegation to the multilateral talks.
It was the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel that provided China with its entry to the Moscow conference, since Israel refused to talk to powers from outside the
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The Attleboro Rebbe

by Mark Binder
Conversation with Rabbi Moshe Halfon of Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro occurs at a breakneck pace.
"I am a card-carrying-Reconstructionist," explains Rabbi Halfon, "but what's unique about me is that I've studied with Hasidic rabbis, and I have a very strong attraction to what I call Jewish Renewal.
"Jewish Renewal is about going deeper into our sources to find ways to make them come alive to us."
To that end, Rabbi Halfon is willing to try anything from study and prayer to singing or banging a drum around a camp fire.

like having a traditional service, but men's and women's roles are completely equal. And, they don't mind my using a guitar on Sabbath."
Halfon, who assumed the pulpit last August, is clearly proud of his congregation. As he talks, he repeatedly acknowledges the members for continuing to explore their Jewish faith in the midst of what he calls "real galut," the heart of the modern diaspora.
Agudas Achim, he says, serves about 100 families in an area that ranges from North Providence and Woonsocket to Sharon, Seekonk and Mansfield. But it is, in a way, an isolated suburban community, where Jews make up a small and nearly invisible minority.
"You don't feel that Jewish in Attleboro," he says, "There's no Kosher food in any of the supermarkets...
"My dilemma is that I want the synagogue to get exposure, and I want people to know that there is Jewish life here."
As a result, Halfon works non-stop to create a strong sense of Jewish identity. His first task was to strengthen the religious school, which immediately outgrew the two small classrooms at the synagogue, and is now held in a nearby elementary school. He has also begun adult education classes, and started an Inter-marriage Support Group and a "Jews by Choice" support group, to help those members of his congregation become a part of the whole.
"We're getting the community to take responsibility for its own Jewish growth," he explains. "We can't afford to have the kids of mixed marriages be ambivalent."
Halfon seems to feel that, with regards to Judaism, ambivalence is equivalent to death. He has helped to organize anti-racism marches in Attleboro, arranged introductory classes to Judaism, writes letters to the editor, and intends to invite the entire community Jewish and non-Jewish to the Synagogue's Purim festival.
"I'm an activist rabbi," he says, "That's what people in the community have seen. I'm the one-man A.D.L., the one-man Jewish Community Relations Committee, the one-man rabbinic presence.... So, when the mayor of Attleboro wants an invocation..."
And on the side he dabbles on the edge of what is sometimes called the New Age. Halfon can often be found on retreats, teaching the dumber — a steel drum that can be
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Hopeless No More

by Mark Binder
MT. ST. FRANCIS HEALTH CENTER, WOONSOCKET, January 24 — A dozen men and women dressed in white uniforms rose to accept their certificates. They had just finished an eight-week training program to become Certified Nursing Assistants. On their final exam, eleven of the twelve had scored in the 90th percentile, the twelfth scored more than 80 points.
What made these women and men unique was the fact that most of them were homeless, or living in the Northern Rhode Island area without an income.
As of last Friday, five of the twelve were placed in jobs, and the remaining seven were looking forward to meeting with representatives of local nursing homes and hospitals.
Peggy Ann Lemire graduated at the top of her class. A Jewish woman from New York City, whose father had been a reporter for *The Jewish Daily Forward*, she moved to Rhode Island six years ago with her husband, Michael. They had worked hard, and had gotten by until early 1991 when the company that Michael had worked for went out of business. Peggy and Michael had drifted away from their families, so when the money ran out, and unemployment ran out, they lost their apartment and ended up in the Woonsocket Shelter.



Michael Lemire and Peggy Lemire, C.N.A.

They lived there for six months. Even though Michael eventually found work at a gas station, there still wasn't enough money for the Lemires to live securely.
Then Peggy heard about the Travelers Aid Nursing Assistant Training Program.
Travelers Aid, a nonprofit agency that is in the business of giving people a hand up, and not a handout, had organized a model program with Laval Tech to provide closely supervised job training for the homeless. Since the program was funded by the Northern Rhode Island Private Industry Coun-

cil, the participants had to live in, or be willing to relocate to, Northern Rhode Island. All of the classes were held at the Mt. St. Francis Health Center in Woonsocket, and the program included hands-on work with the residents of the nursing home.
In a shelter, explained Nancy Paradee, the Executive Director of the Woonsocket Shelter Community Action Program, "There's not too many quiet places, or private places. It can't be easy [to study], because it's noisy, and not private."
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Born Martin Lewis Halfon into what he calls, "a mixed marriage," between a Sephardic father and an Ashkenazic mother, Halfon was raised in California as a Reform Jew.
Then, at the age of 19, he attended the Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad in Jerusalem, and stayed for more than a year, becoming a Ba'al Teshuvah, a person who returns to traditional Judaism.
He returned to Los Angeles, played Jewish Folk music, studied at UCLA, and organized Zionist youth activities. His resume explains that Halfon has worked as a teacher, counselor, music specialist, cantor, camp director, and religious school principal. Along the way, he learned Latin percussion with a Jewish man from Puerto Rico, and learned how to sing in Spanish, Yiddish, Portuguese, Ladino, Russian and Arabic.
In 1986, he graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pennsylvania and simultaneously received a Master's of Education from Temple University.
"Because I had so many different experiences in so many different traditions," Halfon says, "I can pray a traditional service, or I can pray a more creative one."
"This congregation, [Agudas Achim] like many other types of congregations, is searching for an identity... They have a Conservative prayerbook, they

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Lincoln School To Grant Award

Lincoln School, the independent college preparatory school for girls located on Butler Avenue in Providence, has announced its second annual award program to honor Rhode Island's 1991 "Professional Woman of the Year."

Nomination forms are presently being sent to businesses, chambers of commerce and trade associations throughout the state with requests that candidates' names be submitted by February 12, 1992.

Gordon K. Lenci, Head of Lincoln School, designated the program as a means of recognizing and honoring the many professional women whom our students not only hold in high regard but whose careers, community service and achievements in the workplace they someday hope to emulate. Lincoln Schools' students, faculty, administrators and parents also

believe that, as an all-girls school, they should do everything possible to create a closer link between women in the professions and the young people who can benefit from their experience and guidance.

The award winner will receive a \$1,000 share in her name in the Lincoln School Community Scholar program and a commemorative medalion. The Community Scholar program is a merit-and-need-based partnership between Lincoln School and community investors to broaden access to the school within Rhode Island's diverse communities.

Anyone wishing to obtain a nomination form may write or call Kay Dethlefsen, Assistant Head, Lincoln School, 351 Butler Avenue, Providence, R.I. 02906, or call (401) 331-9696.

Antique Show

The Land Preservation Society of Norton, Mass., and Country Cape Antiques Shows are proud to announce their winter Taunton Antiques Show, held at the Holiday Inn of Taunton, Exit 9 off Rt. 495 (Bay Street). The show will be on Saturday, February 1, from 11-5, and from 10-4 on Sunday, February 2.

Dealers from throughout New England will gather a fine array of 18th and 19th century furnishings and accessories for this sale. Since Valentine's Day is soon approaching, this may be the time to find just the right present for that special someone, as both fine quality and good selection can be found, and there will be items that will appeal to both the novice and advanced collector alike.

A brief listing of items includes: American Indian artifacts, American decorative furnishings (of many periods and prices), antique maps and prints of New England cities and towns, artworks, baskets, books, bottles, Connecticut clocks, Dedham and Dorchester pottery, estate jewelry, fire-place implements, fine china and glassware, hooked rugs, lighting, oils, period furnishings, primitives, quilts, Shaker items, silver, textiles, tools, and Victorian linens and watches.

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Columbian Quincentenary Teacher Workshops At Haffenreffer Museum

"At last, practical advice for teachers on what to do about Thanksgiving and Columbus Day!"

That's how Barry O'Connell, Professor of English and American Studies at Amherst College, MA, describes the first in a series of three workshops offered by the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology to teachers in Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts. The workshops are designed to help teachers prepare classes about Native American lifestyles and history in the year of the Columbian Quincentenary.

"After Columbus: Shared Histories in Southern New England" brings together faculty from New England colleges, museum specialists, archaeologists and educators - many of them Indian - to explore how the history of contact between Native Americans and Europeans can and should be taught. The first workshop is offered Saturday, Feb. 1, the second Saturday, Feb. 8. Both begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The snow date for the workshops is February 29.

The first workshop, "Native and Non-Native Views of the Past" focuses on popular conceptions of Columbus and Indians in our school systems and offers Native perspectives on the same topics. Prof. O'Connell will be joined by Joan Lester, Curator of Native American Collections at the Boston Children's Museum, Paula Jennings, a Niantic-Narragansett Indian and director of the Tomaquag Indian Museum in Exeter, R.I., and Rosemary Agoglia, a teacher at The Common School, Amherst, MA.

The history and changing lifestyles of New England Native Americans are highlighted in the second workshop, "A Continuing Presence: Native American Identity in New England." State Archaeologist Paul Robinson, Rhode Island Historical Preser-

vation Commission will discuss the prehistory of New England Indians from 4500 years ago to the time of the first English settlements.

The history of contact from the Native view, and descriptions of what it means to be Indian in New England today, are offered by Tall Oak and Melissa Fawcett-Sayet. Tall Oak is a Wampanoag-Narragansett educator, historian and specialist in Native traditions. Fawcett-Sayet is the tribal historian of the Mohegan Council of Elders and Assistant Curator of the Tantaquidgeon Museum in Uncasville, CT.

Workshop registration fees are only \$15 and enrollment is not limited to teachers, although they will receive preference. Participants must register by January 28. For more information, call (401) 253-8388.

A third workshop will be held March 11 for Providence teachers who are scheduled to bring their classes on field trips to the Haffenreffer in the spring. The workshop is taught by Nanepashemet, director of the Wampanoag Program at Plimoth Plantations; Edith Andrews, a Mashpee Wampanoag teacher and member of the Massachusetts Commission for Indian Affairs; and Dr. Helen Attaquin, Gay Head Wampanoag historian and educator. It is paid for by Providence City Schools.

A branch of Brown University, the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology has been in the education business for over twenty years. In addition to University students, more than 6000 area schoolchildren visit every year and thousands more are reached through the Museum's travelling van program. In 1991 it received a grant from the Institute of Museum Services as part of "America's alternative school system."

Dracula Lecture At Providence College

Noted Dracula historian and best-selling author Radu R. Florescu will present a lecture entitled "Searching for Dracula" on Monday, February 3, at 7 p.m. at Providence College's Moore Hall. Florescu, a member of the old Romanian aristoc-

racy, is a distant relation of the mythical "Dracula," or Vlad Tepes, a 15th-century Romanian ruler. The lecture, which is being sponsored by PC's History Club, will include a slide show and discussion. It is free and open to the public.

Nursing Center Renovated

The Oak Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 544 Pleasant Street, Pawtucket, R.I., hosted an open house and reception last week to mark the completion of major renovations and expansion of services.

Oak Hill is a progressive health care center setting the trend in meeting the complex medical and emotional needs of the elderly population. The open house featured the opening of The Harbor, a new Alzheimer's and Dementia Special Care Unit and a Comprehensive Rehabilitation Program.

Censorship Panel At Providence Public Library

In celebration of its current exhibition, "The Bonfire of Liberties: Censorship of the Humanities," the Providence Public Library will be holding an informative panel discussion on censorship, Monday evening, January 27, from 7-9 p.m. at the Central Library, 225 Washington St.

The event will be held in the 3rd Floor Banard Room and is free and open to the public.

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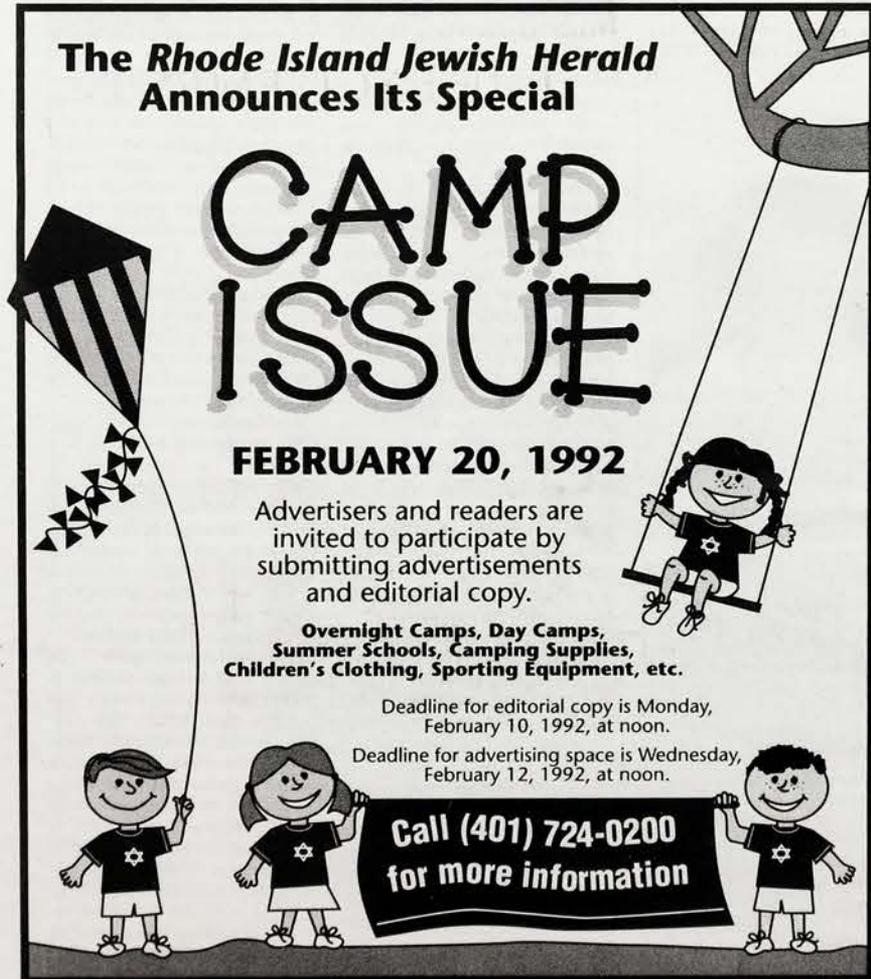
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FEATURE

Child Protection: Meeting The Challenge

by Shelley Kleiman

(WZPS) On the opening day of the International Conference on Child Abuse held in Jerusalem in November 1991, a 32-year-old Haifa policeman was charged with assault after banging his eight-year-old son's head against a wall. Unfortunately, the incident was not mere coincidence; such reports increasingly appear in the Israeli press.

Close to 25,000 children (1.5 percent of the child population) are abused in Israel every year, according to a recent survey by the American Joint Distribution Committee. While every case is regrettable, Israel's statistics are far below those of other developed countries. But fears of a possible increase have spurred Israel into legislative action. And Israel is, in fact, now amongst the most advanced in the world in terms of legislation to protect the child.

The three-day event, the first of its kind, drew over 250 participants from 14 countries, many of them leading experts in their fields. The eighty ses-

sions ranged from the various forms of prevention and handling to medical and legal issues. Dr. Hanita Zimrin, director of ELI, the Israel Association for the Protection of Children, is heartened by a mounting public awareness of the problem: "Until recently, child abuse was greeted in Israel with outright denial," she says. "When I raised the topic 20 years ago, I was dismissed as a crazy woman."

This assumption that Jewish parents don't abuse their children was so strong that up until two years ago, according to Dr. Yitzhak Kadman, Executive Director of the National Council for the Child in Israel, "Child abuse was considered an internal family matter and not even classified as a criminal offense." Today, child abuse is a felony carrying stiffer sentences when the offender is the child's primary caretaker.

According to Kadman, the turning point occurred in 1989 following the death of three-year-old Moran Danamiam from Tiberias, whose uncle had physically abused her, eventu-



ally causing her death. The incident caused a public outcry and within nine months a series of changes and amendments were enacted in the Israeli law.

The Mandatory Reporting Law obliges parents and child-care professionals, as well as neighbors, to report even a suspicion of child abuse either to the police or a social welfare agent. Says Kadman: "It is now a legal and not simply moral imperative to report such cases." Failure to report is a criminal offense.

According to Miriam Faber, head of the Social Welfare Ministry's department of child protective services, the number of

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Fare Ye Well

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

the moral weight of commandments and psalms.

I tried to steer our talk towards issues of the spirit and of faith. Frank's story has appeared all over town. Could I find a Jewish angle, a hidden point of view, here in the inner sanctum of this private club?

But Frank picked out poetry, not religion, as our focus. He had spent the evening before our noon meeting at the RISD library. You had to wear a smoking jacket, the motif of a wintersession series. He had read to a group of students and peers, the works of Robert Frost, T.S. Eliot, and Hart Crane. "I never took an English course, but the mysteries of verse strike me the same as those of the visual arts," he put it to me. "I read my Brooks and Warren texts on Understanding Poetry again and again, like my art texts."

I told him I had studied with Cleanth Brooks, the New Critic of the Yale campus a generation ago. I said, "He used the phrase 'on the other hand' in every sentence. That little interjection held his complete idea of art."

Franklin chuckled and nodded. He beams, with boyish cheeks in an open face. It feels good to look across at him. Flo-

ral neckties form his trademark. Today he wore a print of roses. "A Jewish symbol," I point out. "Hidden Jews marked it even on their tombstones, to avoid the cross, especially in Spain and Portugal. Even in our southwest." "Really?" he asks, with eyebrows raised.

Under his cheerful and amiable surface, will, energy,

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I stopped by Frank Robinson's office, a flight downstairs from the Museum lobby. We had a rendezvous at the Art Club for lunch. Frank never keeps me waiting - he took his coat from among the group of frayed leather armchairs. "You ought to get an upholsterer onto these," I said. "That's not high on my agenda," he replied back.

wanted to improve himself and his world.

"My dad chaired the classics department at Brown. He and mom made fast friends with Bill and Pen Braude, the rabbi and rebbe'sin of Temple Beth-El. Mom was Jewish and Dad was Protestant. But I went to a Quaker school. We chose culture in religion, not a single tradition."

It seemed a logical path for Franklin Robinson to pursue a career as a museum director, an outcome of that walk with Culture on his head and in his heart. I asked, "Do Art and Religion share anything in common?" Franklin answered my simple question straight. But his words surprised me. "A good question. Well, they both deal with values, how we should live our lives." I wouldn't have thought that works of craft and design carry



Franklin Robinson

But on the way out of the labyrinth of galleries, voices call out to him from floors above and below for counsel. "Be sure and hang that old wooden frame with care. It's very fragile," Frank calls down to a curator.

Over sandwiches and coffee in the dark panelled class Art Club, Frank carved in words a few images of his East Side boyhood. "I liked to walk to Moses Brown with my schoolbooks on my head. I still have rotten posture though. It didn't accomplish much." You get the feeling that Franklin always

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EDITORIAL

A Conversation With the Regulars

by Mark Binder
Herald Associate Editor

The Regular People of Rhode Island: So, what did you think of all that Bill Clinton hooplah?
Me: What?
They: You know, blaring headlines, "Presidential Candidate Fools Around!"
Me: I thought that was the Supreme Court.
They: That was last year.
Me: It's not the nephew of the Senator?
They: You're out of touch.
Me: (Protesting loudly) I haven't been to the supermarket lately.
They: That's no excuse. What if everybody had held that attitude about the Gulf War?
Me: The what?
They: Surely you don't mean...
Me: That thing on television last January? It was on around the same time as the Civil War? I watched the first ten minutes, then I turned it off. Too much violence on the tube anyway. I missed the whole shooting match. I figured maybe I'd pick it up in reruns.
They: Do you think they're going to run that one again?
Me: Well, they keep rehashing this mistress bit...

They: He's got a point.
Me: And what about the Soviet Union?
They: And what about the Soviet Union? It doesn't exist anymore!
Me: You're kidding. No Ruskies? No Commie threat? You mean Reagan might've worked?
They: (Pointing East, with a bit of a shrug) The Russians are still around, and Cuba's still holding on.
Me: China's still there?
They: Yes...
Me: And the Palestinians?
They: (A chorus) Of course!
Me: Well, I think the cat needs letting out.
They: How can you stand idly by and think of pets?
Me: If I don't, it'll mess on the floor.
They: And the global demands aren't greater?
Me: Not if you like to walk around in bare feet.
They: (Nodding knowingly, as if something's been revealed) Ahhh.
Me: (Look at them strangely, and then, after a long pause) Have you seen my keys?
They: Not this again!

Letters to the EDITOR



Dear Editors:

I want to praise your new series of feature articles, "Rebbe Says." The first one dealt with my idol, Rabbi David Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael. The good rabbi, a gentleman loaded with charm and personality, is a leader of the Jewish community here in Cranston and nearby suburbs.

But plenty has been said and written about his leadership of the congregation. What I want to discuss today, however, is the fact that Mr. Michael Kaufman attacked Rabbi Rosen in a letter to the editor printed in the *Cranston Herald*. The writer accused the Rabbi of being in violation of the Sabbath, in this case, the Christian sabbath, by

taking part in the rally at the State House. He argued that the day should have been kept holy by resting and praying, rather than being part of political activities.

Not so, Sir. Aside from the fact that it was a Sunday, an activity supporting justice and fighting corruption, is a MITZVAH, and is following God's commandments.

Carry on, Rabbi.

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston

"Waite" Before Thanking Syria

by Sam Schwartz

The world celebrated when images of the recently freed Thomas Sutherland and Terry Waite flashed across television screens. Waite was quick to credit the Syrians for his release. He opened his press conference stating, "First of all, I would like to say to the Syrian government, our grateful thanks." Waite's remarks are particularly ironic because the regime of Syrian President Assad has been responsible in part for his lengthy imprisonment in Lebanon. It is understandable that a man who has had no human contact for

nearly five years has such a poor understanding of the forces that brought him to freedom. However, it is incomprehensible that his remarks are echoed by others who weren't in chains, by people who make and enunciate U.S. foreign policy.

America and many Western nations are rushing to rehabilitate Syria, ignoring its past crimes and proclaiming it a reformed country ready to join the international community. However, by looking at Syria's behavior just in Lebanon, one can see that such actions by the U.S. are much too premature.

Syria currently occupies most of northern Lebanon, controlling the Bekaa Valley with nearly 40,000 troops. At one point Assad's army reigned over 70% of the country, but now he has installed a puppet Lebanese government to do his bidding. While the world focussed on the Gulf Conflict last fall, Syria quietly and effectively took over its southern neighbor. This is the culmination of two decades of frequent Syrian incursions which began with the Lebanese civil war in 1975. Syria's *de facto* control over much of Lebanon, (continued on next page)

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Let's Do Lunch

by Dan Shevitz

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (JTA) — "And they beheld G-d, and did eat and drink" (Exodus 24:11).

The Torah has just been given; the sin of the golden calf has not yet been recorded. Moses, Aaron and his children, and the seventy elders of Israel are invited up the holy mountain. There they experience a vision of the divine glory, a vision we can only dimly imagine. They saw G-d.

What was their reaction? Did they fall prostrate before their Creator? Did they utter spontaneous hymns of praise? Did they merge with the cosmic consciousness?

No. They had lunch.

The incongruity did not escape the classical commentators. Rashi attempts to apologize for the apparently sacrilegious behavior: "Do you think that they ate food? No, they 'feasted their eyes' on the presence of G-d."

But, I think, we need not be

embarrassed by Moses and his party. We are being taught that there is a relationship between food and theology that is far more profound than the gastronomic Judaism of later generations.



What is the source of energy for the world? The source of energy for all things is G-d, of course. But the A-mighty generally works through the food chain: big fish eat little fish. Through the combined miracles of photosynthesis, cell reproduction, human biology and good kosher restaurants, we are sustained each day: "You open Your hand and satisfy all that lives" (Psalms 145:16).

G-d is the author of human biology, and we can experience G-d's presence through our

most basic needs and sensations. The procurement, preparation, serving and enjoyment of food have always been opportunities for religious encounter. One's table is an altar, one's meals sacrifices.

An old tradition instructs the pious to make their coffins out of their dining room tables. What better possession to accompany us to the olam ha-emet, the true world, than the instrument of hospitality to strangers, of sweet Sabbath melodies, of the celebration of our holy seasons, of words of Torah being offered over tea and cake?

Moses perceived that standing in the presence of G-d was a celebration, and allowed for feast. The reverse is also true with every mealtime an opportunity to stand before G-d.

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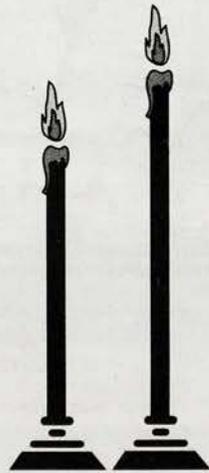
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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

Prisoners Edit Anti-Nazi Paper

London — A new twist in Russian propaganda is revealed by news here that German war prisoners in the U.S.S.R. have started an anti-Hitler, anti-Nazi paper which condemns the anti-Semitic racial laws of the Third Reich. Announced by the Moscow radio, the news broadcaster told of the anti-Nazi movement among German war captives. He stated that the newspaper, called *Des Freie Wort* (The Free Word) is but one of the many propaganda weapons of the German prisoners.

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Local Zionists Meet on Sunday

Providence Zionist District will meet on Sunday night, 8 o'clock at the Biltmore Hotel, at which time Mr. Jaffe, one of the earliest Zionists in Russia, will appear as guest speaker. While still in school, Mr. Jaffe worked closely for many years with the late Theodore Herzl.

Plan Purim Show at Ahavath Shalom

The sisterhood of the Ahavath Shalom Synagogue is now engaging in plans for a Purim Concert and Show scheduled for presentation on March 8, it was announced this week. The event is being sponsored by four co-chairmen, Mesdames Philip Blazer, Isidor Grossman, Morris Lecht and William Zelnicker, while Mrs. Harry Kopit is treasurer, Mrs. Abe Strauss, secretary, and Mrs. Daniel Chorney, hospitality chairman.

A Reawakening Of Fascism

by Dr. Kara Mandic

Ankica Konjuh, survived the infamous Croatian concentration camp, Jasenovac, where tens of thousands of Serbs, Jews and Gypsies were exterminated during World War II. The elderly Jewish woman did not survive Croatian extremists in her own village of Petrinja who in September of 1991, according to witnesses, shot her in the legs, tied her to a fence, poured gasoline over her and set her aflame after she spoke out against attacks on her Serbian neighbors. Ankica Konjuh was the first documented Jewish victim of Croatian extremists in Yugoslavia's civil war.

Virtually unrecognized by the world, there is a reawakening of fascism in Europe today that is most evident in Croatia and in a reunited Germany. The world community must be awakened to this emerging threat to humanity and stimulated to take appropriate action now.

In Germany there has been a neo-Nazi resurgence with neo-Nazi "skinheads" stoning the housing of foreign workers while neighbors cheered them on in Hoyerswerda last September. This sparked a surge of violent attacks against "foreigners" which the German government moved to deal with only after weeks of criticism. The televised images of these attacks are like an echo from Germany's Nazi past. In Yugoslavia the echo is even louder.

In the secessionist republic of Croatia President Franjo Tudjman has steadfastly refused to disassociate himself and his government from the World War II fascist Independ-

ent State of Croatia which was allied with Nazi Germany and which carried out a vicious policy against Serbs, Jews and Gypsies that claimed hundreds of thousands of victims. As Tudjman led Croatia toward secession after his election in 1990 there was systematic escalation of intimidation and violence aimed at Serbs and abuse of their human rights.

President Tudjman revived the symbolism of the World War II fascist Independent State of Croatia in a new Croatian flag, demanded written declarations of loyalty to the new Zagreb government, arbitrarily fired thousands of Serbs from their jobs, denied them the right to use the Cyrillic alphabet, and prohibited them from operating their own schools. Tudjman's Croatian Democratic Party armed "reliable Croats" and Serbs were subjected to beatings and other physical violence. More than 150,000 fled Croatia to seek refuge in Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Serbs in Croatia, not unreasonably, fear a repetition of the horror they experienced in World War II at the hands of an Independent State of Croatia. Their fears are heightened by President Tudjman's attempts to minimize the number of victims of Croatian fascist genocide in World War II and his admission that the Croatia of that period "reflected those centuries-old aspirations of the Croat people."

In his book *Wastelands - Historical Truth*, Croatia's president has argued that the figure of 6 million Jews killed during World War II "is founded, too, on both emotional biased testi-

monies and on exaggerated data." He stated that the Jewish people "became so brutal and conducted a genocidal policy towards the Palestinians that they can rightly be defined as Judeo-Nazis." The Croatian fascist extermination camps during World War II, he contended, were run by the inmates and critics are "monstrously multiplying" the numbers who died in them. He claimed complicity of Jewish inmates of the camps in many of the murders, particularly of Gypsies whose gold they coveted.

The world knows little about the genocide carried out against Serbs, Jews and Gypsies in World War II because after the war Yugoslavs were forbidden by Tito's communist government from talking about it. Decades have passed. Communism has passed. But fear of a new genocide grows.

The Jewish people suffered 6 million victims of genocide in World War II. Never again! In Israel the Jewish people took up arms to defend themselves, their children and their country. Serbs suffered 700,000 victims of genocide in World War II. Never again! Threatened with a new genocide, the Serbian people have fought back to protect themselves, their children and their country.

The first major foreign policy initiative of a reunited Germany has been to press for immediate recognition of the secessionist republics of Slovenia and Croatia. This initiative was undertaken despite the fact that recognition encouraged Croatia to continue the war and under-

cuts the efforts of the United Nations to secure a lasting cease fire to allow introduction of U.N. peace keeping forces that could protect innocent civilians and create conditions in which a fair and just settlement could be negotiated.

Despite opposition from the United States and the U.N. Secretary General, the European Community, in a concession to German demands, agreed to recognize Croatia and Slovenia on January 15, 1992, after requiring that the republics meet some requirements for democratic rule and give guarantees of human rights. But the echoes of history grow louder and in view of Croatia's history no Serb in Croatia can feel confident that such guarantees will be honored.

We are experiencing a re-birth of fascism in Croatia that is abetted by a reunited Germany. Jews cannot stand silent. We must speak out.

During World War II many Serbs took great personal risks, many died to hide and protect Jewish families in Yugoslavia from Croatian fascists and Nazis. Ankica Konjuh knew this. She took a stand when her Serbian neighbors were threat-

ened by Croatian neo-fascists. She gave her life. It is time for Jews everywhere to take a stand, time to insist that political leaders recognize what is happening.

Serbs in Croatia should have the same right to self-determination as Croatsians who wish to secede from Yugoslavia and create an independent state. Any just settlement must recognize that Serbs in Croatia cannot, with good reason, feel secure in an independent state of Croatia. Serbs have been the first victims of a secessionist Croatia. Ankica Konjuh was the first Jewish victim, who among us will be the next?

Dr. Mandic is a Jewish founder and General Secretary of the Serbian - Jewish Friendship Society, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

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(continued from previous page) makes it responsible for insuring law and order there. However, not only has Syria turned a blind eye to the terrorism and hostage taking in Lebanon, it actively supports it.

President Assad gave extensive organizational help to the Shiite Moslem terrorist groups, including Hezbollah, during the 1980's. These factions were responsible for taking Americans hostage as well as for the bombing of a U.S. Marine barracks in 1983 which left 241 dead. In 1987, arch-terrorist

Abu Nidal was reported to be living (and working) with Syrian protection, in the Bekaa town of Bar Elias. The Abu Nidal office in Damascus functioned without government interference.

Syria also harbors the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) in Damascus. This group is headed by former Syrian army captain Ahmed Jabril and frequently reports to the Syrian intelligence agency. Despite the recent indictment of Libyan agents, many still

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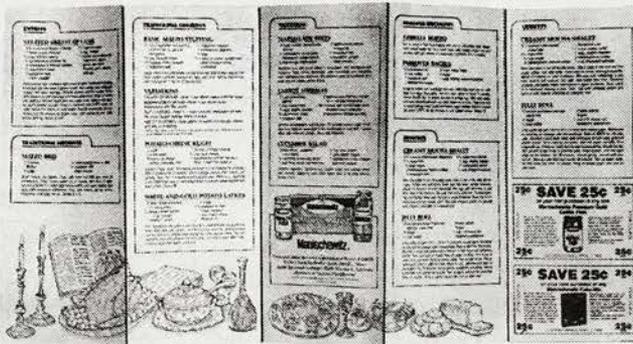
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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Jewish Women's Groups Hoping Court Will Invalidate State Abortion Law

by David Friedman
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish women's groups are hoping the U.S. Supreme Court will declare unconstitutional a Pennsylvania law that places stringent regulations on abortion.

At the same time, there is fear that the court could use a legal challenge to the law to overturn Roe vs. Wade, its 1973 decision establishing a constitutional right to an abortion.

But in deciding recently, on the eve of the 19th anniversary of the landmark decision, to hear the case, Planned Parenthood vs. Casey, in late March or early April, the court indicated it will not deal with whether Roe vs. Wade is still the law of the land.

Instead, the court will limit itself to ruling on the sections of the law found constitutional last year by the U.S. Court of

Appeals for the 3rd Circuit in Philadelphia.

These include requirements that a woman notify her husband if she plans an abortion, that there be a 24-hour waiting period and that a woman planning an abortion be shown material on alternatives, as well as pictures of aborted fetuses.

While expressing hope that the Supreme Court will overturn the appeals court ruling, Joan Bronk, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, urged all women to become aware of the importance of the case for preserving their reproductive rights.

"We believe this case has the potential to overturn the legality of abortion for all women in the United States," Bronk said.

Ann Lewis, chair of the American Jewish Congress Commission for Women's

Equality, said the case "refocuses attention on the crucial issue of the extent to which women's reproductive choices can be regulated by the government."

"The American Jewish Congress strongly believes that women have the moral capacity to make this most personal decision of whether to terminate a pregnancy," Lewis said.

Harriet Horwitz, president of B'nai B'rith Women, said that because of the composition of the court, "we are gravely concerned that Roe vs. Wade may be eroded."

Only two supporters of Roe vs. Wade are still on the court, Justices Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens. Four members of the court are known to be ready to overturn the landmark ruling.

This could leave the decision with Justice Sandra Day

O'Connor and the court's two newest members, Justices David Souter and Clarence Thomas. Any one of them could supply the deciding fifth vote to overturn Roe vs. Wade, while all three would be needed to uphold it.

Bronk of the National Council of Jewish Women said most supporters of abortion would like a decision that would decide once and for all whether a woman's right to abortion is guaranteed by the Constitution.

This is what Planned Parenthood was seeking when it brought the case to the Supreme Court.

It is not yet clear what stance Orthodox Jewish groups will take in the case. Neither the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America nor Agudath Israel of America is ready to announce a position.

China Relations

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region with which it had no formal ties.

China's move also was apparently calculated to influence American Jewish entrepreneurs and investors to help strengthen commerce between China and the United States.

But the diplomatic move also opens up long-range trade possibilities for Israel.

The first signs of thaw in Beijing's frozen attitude toward Israel came in 1980, when secret, unofficial trade contacts developed, mainly at the initiative of Israeli businessman and international entrepreneur Saul Eisenberg.

Through Eisenberg's varied contacts in the Far East and with the active support of the Israeli Defense Ministry, trade in military equipment began within a few years, though it was never officially acknowledged.

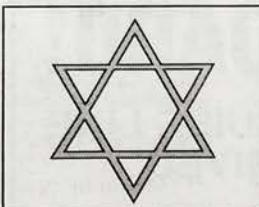
Levy indirectly confirmed the arms trade when he told Israeli reporters accompanying him on his trip that "there is an exaggeration in the defense cooperation between Israel and China."

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believe that the PFLP-GC with

The terrorists in Lebanon say another hostage will be freed soon. When this happens, Syria will certainly take credit and come a step closer to international legitimacy. The U.S. and other countries will be tempted to praise the good offices of Syria in helping arrange the release. Let us use the insight that comes from not being blindfolded and chained to a wall for five years. Let us wait before thanking Syria.

Sam Schwartz is a graduate of Yale University in Soviet and Eastern European Studies. His specialty is Soviet Near Eastern policy. He has just completed his work as Research Director for the Institute of Students and Faculty on Israel (ISFI) in New York City.



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National

New York — The 1991 State of Israel Bonds campaign closed the books on the most successful year in its history, realizing \$993 million in worldwide sales, it was announced by Israel Bonds President and CEO Ambassador Meir Rosenne and National Campaign Chairman Michael Siegal. In the Rhode Island area a record \$1,203,648 of investment capital was collected. Rhode Island's 1991 results were 126 percent higher than in 1990.

New York (JTA) — American students of the performing and visual arts may be eligible for a year of subsidized work and study in Israel under a program offered by the World Union of Jewish Students, the Israel-based WUJS announced here. Called the Arad Arts Project, it is being developed at the WUJS Institute International Graduate Centre in Arad in Israel's Negev region, with the support of the Charles Bronfman Foundation.

New York (JTA) — An Indian organization's presentation recently of a new peace prize to Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat has drawn sharp protest from Jewish organizations and a newspaper serving the million-strong Asian Indian community in the United States. Arafat received the first Indira Gandhi Award for International Justice and Harmony of the Indian Council of World Affairs at a ceremony in New Delhi.

International

London (JTA) — Yiddish may no longer be the spoken tongue of the Jewish masses, and its once flourishing theater and press have receded into history. But the "jargon" often scorned by educated Jews, has been just recognized as an international language by the European Community. The European Commission, the E.C.'s executive arm, has just been given a £8,000 grant (about \$14,400) to University College London's department of Hebrew and Yiddish studies to underwrite Yiddish courses.

Tel Aviv (JTA) — Despite the availability of cheaper, more spacious housing in the West Bank, fewer than 1 percent of householders in the Greater Tel Aviv area, Israel's most densely populated region, would consider moving there, according to a new survey by Marketest, a marketing research firm.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Fences Confronts a Moral Dilemma

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

In "Fences," running through February 16 at Trinity Repertory Company, playwright August Wilson examines the complicated inner workings of a simple, hard-working black man in the 1950's.

Troy Maxson (played by Gustave Johnson) is the opinionated but good-humored patriarch of a working-class family. At the beginning, he enjoys good relations with his wife, sons, mentally handicapped brother and his best friend.

A man who loves to spin a good yarn, Maxson relates the story of his bout with pneumonia as a wrestling match with the hooded spectre of death. He tells the story of the devil as a furniture salesman who sets a payment plan for the furniture in his house.

Maxson is a hero to his friends and family. Born the son of a vicious sharecropper, he overcomes poverty and prison to become a hero in Negro League baseball.

Later, as a garbageman, he decries the fact that blacks must handle garbage while whites drive the trucks. This earns him the job of truck driver, breaking the color barrier in that job.

But it is the demons within himself that Maxson never confronts and it is these demons that eventually overwhelm him. He shrugs off the wise advice of his best friend Jim Bono (Ricardo Pitts-Wiley) and squanders the love of his wife (Barbara Meek) and youngest son Cory (Rochel Coleman). He manipulates his insane brother Gabriel (Jomo I.J. Ray), a pathetic creature who loves and admires him.

He is bitter and hateful towards those who admire him the most. It is this bitterness that drives him toward the single most irresponsible act of his life; an act that will define him in the eyes of all who know him, except his eldest son, Lyons. Played by Allen Oliver, Lyons is a seemingly minor character. A free-spirited jazz musician, Lyons constantly argues with his father, and these arguments usually end with Maxson loaning him money. The fact that nothing is held back in this relationship results in Lyons being the one man who will always enjoy a good relationship with his father. The moral here is very clear.

About the Author

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and now living in Seattle, Washington, August Wilson has been creating award-winning plays based on truth. The play, "Fences," is similar to his past works in that it comes across with a sense of naturalness, with a straightforward approach that is simple while at the same time very complex.

Set in the late 1950's, "Fences" is part of a series that Wilson is working on in an attempt to chronicle the African-American experience in the 20th Century. His previous works include "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" based on the 1920's and "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" on the years just before World War I.

"Fences" was honored with the Pulitzer Prize, four Tony Awards, a NY Drama Critics' Circle Award, a Drama Desk Award and an Outer Critics Circle Award.

R.I. Philharmonic Announces "Best Of The Pops"

The Rhode Island Philharmonic is offering a special 2-Concert Pops Package for the upcoming "Best of the Beatles" Concert on February 8 and the "Best of Broadway" Concert on April 11. This special 2-Concert package is available for \$30, \$40 or \$50, depending upon seat location. This represents a savings of up to \$10 off the full price of tickets, and assures the best possible seating in all areas for both concerts. This limited time offer is available through Friday, February 27.

The first Pops Concert in this Package will be held on Saturday evening, February 8, at 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. Titled "Best of the Beatles," the concert will be conducted by the popular guest conductor



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Tickets for the "Best of the Pops" 2-Concert Package are on sale at the Philharmonic office, 222 Richmond Street, Providence, by phone (401) 831-3123 with Mastercard or Visa, or in person 9-5 Monday-Friday until Friday, February 7.

New Book On New England Rabbinate

The Nathan Stolnitz Archives of Worcester, MA, has recently released the book, *Chachmer Yisroel of New England*, a pictorial history of the New England Orthodox Rabbinate, by Mayer Simcha Abramowitz.

There are more than 200 photos of rabbis, past and present, with relevant biographical information. The author has for some time researched the lives of the famous, and not so famous, rabbis of various New England communities. Some very unique photos have been discovered with the research of Abramowitz.

Abramowitz, a native of New England, was educated in the Lubavitch School System of Worcester, MA. He received his advanced rabbinical education at the Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brooklyn, NY and at the Rabbinical College of America, Morristown, NJ.

He received rabbinical certification as a Shochet from two distinguished rabbis, Rabbi Meyer Gruenberg Kezmarker Rav of Brooklyn, NY and Rabbi Yisroel L. Piekarski of Forest Hills, NY. Mayer Simcha is the author of numerous articles in English, Yiddish and Hebrew concerning the American Or-

thodox Rabbinate and the history of Chassidism in the U.S.

It is the first such book to be published in the United States in over 40 years, and the first ever in New England. The book is being distributed by Israel Book Shop, 410 Harvard St., Brookline MA 02146. Tel: 1-617-566-7113 Toll Free 1-800-323-7723.



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These weekly children's art classes are held in the Museum galleries and are designed to develop young people's appreciation of art by exploring the many ways of looking at work in the Museum collection while creating their own art. For example, "Photography" allows children ages 8 to 10 to explore the medium of photography both in the Museum's collection and the surrounding neighborhood. Along with studying photographs in the Museum's collection and visiting RISD's photography studios, students experiment with composition, color, design and mixed media, as well as portraiture. All Museum art classes are taught by an enthusiastic staff of 12 professionals trained in studio art as well as art history and education.

Fees for each 11-week children's class, including materi-

als, are \$90 for Museum members and \$100 for nonmembers. The fees for adult classes vary from \$45 to \$100 depending on the program. For further information or to receive a brochure and registration form, call Carole DiSandro at the Museum's Education Department at (401) 454-6533.

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The Reuters Report

Weisses Announce Birth

Lester and Monica Weiss of Great Neck, N.Y., announce the birth of their first child, Ari Chai, on October 28, 1991.

Grandparents are Selma and Daniel Weiss of North Hills, N.Y., and Mimi and Harold Steinberg of Jericho, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Helen Weiss of North Hills, N.Y., and Mrs. Tillie Reuter of Providence, R.I.

Paises Announce Birth

Robert and Rhonda Pais announce the birth of their second child, a son, Ethan Harris on December 9, 1991. Sarah is the proud older sister.

Grandparents are Beverly and Gerald Reuter of Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Louis Pais of Menlo Park, Calif. Great-grandparents are Tillie Reuter of Providence and Molly and Harry Sklut of Cranston and Narragansett, R.I.

Reuters Announce Birth

Merrill and Pamela Reuter of Dallas, Texas, announce the birth of twin boys, Evan Daniel and Jordan Ryan on November 6, 1991. Seth and Hillary are the proud older siblings.

Grandparents are Beverly and Gerald Reuter of Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Dianne and Seymour Ginsberg of Miami, Fla. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Tillie Reuter of Providence, R.I., and Molly and Harry Sklut of Cranston and Narragansett, R.I.

Convoys Announce Engagement

Roslyn and Jerry Convoy are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Karen Convoy, to Dr. Bradley Jay Weiss, son of Selma and Daniel Weiss of North Hills, N.Y. Delighted grandparents are Mr. William Flamebaum, Mrs. Tillie Reuter, Providence, R.I., and Mrs. Helen Weiss, North Hills, N.Y.

Levins Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Levin of 33 Collingwood Drive, Cranston, R.I., announce the birth of their son, Cory Adam, on January 7, 1992. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Schreiber of Warwick are Cory's maternal grandparents. Cory's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Levin of Pawtucket and West Palm Beach, Fla. Maternal great-grandmother is Etta Swerling of Warwick.



Left to right: Leslie Gourse, Morton Gould, President and Gloria Messinger, Director

ASCAP-Deems Taylor Winner Named

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers announced the winners of the 24th annual ASCAP-Deems Taylor Awards for outstanding print and media coverage of music for 1990. The winners were honored at a ceremony on December 9, 1991, at ASCAP in New York. ASCAP President, Morton Gould, and ASCAP Managing Director, Gloria Messinger, presented the awards.

Among the writers of magazine articles, and the publication honored at the ceremony was Leslie Gourse for her series "Women in Jazz" in *Jazz Times*.

Ms. Gourse, a native of Fall River, Mass., is a free-lance writer living in New York City. Her latest book, published in June by St. Martin's Press, entitled *Unforgettable: The Life and Mystique of Nat King Cole*, is a major biography of a 20th century songster. Leslie, a graduate of the Lincoln School in Providence and Columbia University, is the daughter of Mrs. Harry A. Gourse of Providence, formerly of Fall River, and the late Harry A. Gourse.

The ASCAP-Deems Taylor Awards are given in honor of the late Deems Taylor who was a composer, music critic and editor. He served as ASCAP's

President from 1942-1948.

A distinguished panel of ASCAP composers and lyricists served as judges for the competition.

Ms. Gourse has learned, recently, that her Cole biography has been appointed for an award called the Ralph J. Gleason Award sponsored by Broadcast Music, Inc., New York University and *Rolling Stone* magazine. The prize is named in memory of Mr. Gleason, an outstanding jazz writer who wrote for the *San Francisco Chronicle* before he died in a car crash in the late 1960's.

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Schechter Teacher Wins Award

Marcia Kaunfer, Judaic Studies teacher at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School, is this year's first place winner of the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities Public Access and Local Organization Cable Television Video Production Contest.

Mrs. Kaunfer's winning video series is entitled "The Genesis Project." The Genesis Project has been hailed as a dynamic series of 30 half-hour videotapes of Bible study classes designed for teacher training, classroom, community and home use.

The series provides a total of a full year's lessons for teaching the book of Genesis, Chapters 1-23 (from Creation through the stories of Abraham) according to the method developed by the Melton Research Center.

The Genesis Project, including a Teachers' Guide of 60 lessons and 30 videotaped lessons, is available through the Melton Research Center, 3080 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Marcia Kaunfer received her award at the fourth annual Awards Presentation sponsored by the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities.

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Food From the Heart

by Sven

I like Chinese food. No, I love Chinese food. If I had to eat one particular kind of ethnic food, day in and day out, 52 weeks a year for the rest of my life, my choice would be Chinese food.

But only good Chinese food. The Emerald Inn in Seekonk is a family-style Chinese restaurant that combines hearty cooking with reasonable prices.

Enough said? Not quite. In order to convince you, allow me to lead you through a meal that I recently ate there.

We began with the Hot and Sour Soup. A rich vegetarian broth, the soup was served steaming with nutritious tofu, mushrooms, scallions, and all those other funny bits of things that make this my one pick for a wholesome but delicious dish. Served fairly mild at the Emerald Inn, the soup has a nice slow back kick — the kind of gentle burning sensation that warms you up on a cold day.

Then came the appetizers. Dumplings are always the heart of a Chinese restaurant. These appetizers, once only found during Dim Sum lunches, can make or break a meal. Emerald Inn Chef Chi Gang Chin, who was trained to cook in Hong Kong, creates thick noodle skins that are then lightly fried, to be dipped in a salty but sweet dumpling sauce.

"I know my dumplings are too big," says owner Kenny Tieu, who also owns the Szechuan Garden restaurant in Coventry. But he's entirely wrong; they're just big enough to fill your mouth with delight.

Then came the cold noodles in spicy sesame sauce. Served with sweetly seasoned cucumber and red peppers, cold noodles are an acquired taste that can prove dangerously addictive. I think during college I gained 20 pounds from late night cold-noodle runs alone. At the Emerald Inn, the cold noodles are mixed with a thick peanut butter and soy sauce (the sesame sauce refers to the sesame oil that is added to the mixture) and then served with a bottle of hot oil to add extra spice.

On to the main course. (Oh, might I add that the service at the Emerald Inn is both courteous and attentive. Both Kenny Tieu and waiter Alan Wong take the time to greet each and every customer, and to make sure that their meals are utterly enjoyable.)

We ordered two house specialties, Emerald Seafood and Chicken and Steak Hunan Style. Both were tasty and cooked just right.

Allow me to quote from the menu, "Juicy beef seared over a high flame, combined with sliced chicken, garnished with fresh vegetables in a pungent sauce." Who could say more?

With each dish came a beautiful flower made of Chinese radishes. They added an extra touch that made the entire meal more than just an ordinary Chinese dinner.

"I've always wondered if these were edible," asked Boston comic, Lou Michaels.

Most definitely, answered



Emerald Inn

Tieu, but most people don't eat them.

"I like the New York City feel," said Providence resident Eric Weiner, who visits the Emerald Inn from Providence about once a week. "I like the Chinatown feel, and the fried noodles they serve on the table, instead of bread."

The Emerald Inn is located on Route 6 in Seekonk between Pier One and Herman's, near the Showcase Cinemas, and about 6

miles from downtown Providence. Entrees average between \$6 and \$9, and vegetarian and diet dishes are available. MSG is not found in most dishes, but will be omitted on request. Although many menu items are designated as hot, those who like to burn their mouths completely should request extra-spicy. There is plenty of room here for large parties, and take-out orders are available. For information, call (508) 336-8116 or 336-8351.

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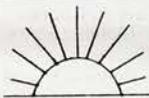


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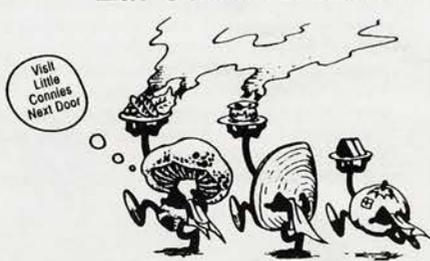


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AROUND TOWN

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder

On a visit to the Jewish Family Service Kosher Mealsite Program at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, coordinated by Gladys Kaplan, participants were asked what President Bush and the American people should do to improve our economy.



Harold Fishman: "We should take care of things here in the United States to improve the economy. I think Bush made a big mistake going to Japan. It's very hard to understand that in 50 years the two countries defeated by the United States are now so economically powerful. This is something which should never have happened. Reagan and Bush started all our problems. Fifty years ago, you could buy a nice house for between \$12,000 and \$15,000. That same house today costs over \$100,000. Cars are the same way. In 1980, I bought a car for \$6,000. That same car today is \$15,000. Where is all the sense to this? In order for people to keep up, there has to be two working parents. That leaves the children out in the cold as far as discipline is concerned. It's not the same as having one parent at home. I would really love to see us go back to the good old days, when there were more values. I sincerely believe it would make a wonderful change from what we have today."



Ben Angert: "We all know how much time Bush has spent on international affairs. He doesn't seem to respond to the American people the way he should. What we Americans can do is change the entire outfit of politicians, get rid of the ones that aren't doing anything, and put in those we think will do something. We were told by Japan that our people are lazy and receive high pay. I believe the Japanese are right about American people being lazy because we're spoiled. We had it too good in the last 20 or 30 years. Look at the money spent on gambling, football, a hundred million dollars spent making movies. Attention isn't paid to detail. The idea is to produce every minute the car is being made. The Japanese are running American automobile factories with American people, and they're doing a terrific job. American people working under Japanese management aren't lazy anymore, which goes to prove that their ways are 100% better than ours."



Harry Nash: "There isn't much that Bush can do unless he does what he says, and keeps his word. He won his election on a lie, 'Read My Lips.' He has actually done nothing. Even the Desert War was wrong. Companies losing their shirts should be backed up to the point where they can go back into business. The only way to do that is to stop importing Japanese products and manufacture our own. Products are being manufactured in Mexico. No more American TV sets will be made here. You can't buy American. Parts are being made outside, even if the product is manufactured in this country. Stop buying Japanese goods. Buy American. One TV commentator spoke about people driving foreign cars into their jobs at American auto businesses. Are there rainbows out there over the economic clouds? Maybe you can see rainbows, but there isn't any pot of gold at the end of it!"

Americans Must Support America



Shirley Weiss: "Bush has to try to do more for our economy. He flip-flops all over the place. I'm afraid what's going to happen will be all political moves. This really frightens me because I can see what's happening to our economy here. As a business owner, I know it's happening to us. I think Americans should buy American items first. If we don't buy our own and build our own economy, we're never going to make it. I'm firmly convinced Americans must support the American economy. I've always believed that. I'm a World War II veteran, and I just cannot see buying anything from any other country. That's the only way we can strengthen the economy. Bush should pay a little more attention to what's happening at home, and clean up government on all levels."



Alice Peisach: "I don't think Bush has any idea of what the middle man or the working man feels. I think he was wrong in sending billions of dollars to other countries, while our own people are out in the streets. They're in shelters. I don't think there's been as many soup kitchens as there are today. I don't think the Republicans understand the working man. I think we have to get rid of Bush. I don't see how it's going to get any better if he stays as president. It's important to write to our senators and representatives about improving the economy. Bush thought his popularity would stay because of the war, but that disappeared when people lost jobs, their homes, and have nothing to eat. Years ago, we wanted our kids to have better lives than we had. If you had a job and worked your way up, you stayed with that company for 65 years, and even got a gold watch. There's no job security today. I feel so bad for those kids starting out, who have had homes, and all of a sudden, there's nothing. I think that's terrible. We're in a bad way right now. I really think if a democratic president gets in, it would be better than now."



Morris Gorden: "I just hope President Bush stays healthy; otherwise, we're in trouble. Bush is no bargain. We would be in for serious problems with Quayle as president. The more Bush talks, the worse he gets. I just can't see the logic to 90% of the things he says. I thought Reagan was bad, but Bush is 40 times worse. It doesn't make sense that we've given other countries so much money, and nothing for the poor people in America. They say Bush is a global president. Do what you want there, but stick to your own country. He had no reason to go to Japan. Each day gets worse. I'd like to see Bush get his mind back on the United States, not on foreign affairs. We need a democratic president. I'm not sure people will buy American. People are very selfish. If they can benefit themselves, they're going to buy a Japanese car, or an Italian car, whichever is cheaper. It's complicated to figure out how things will improve, but something has to be done."

LOCAL NEWS

Temple Emanu-El The Institute Of Jewish Studies Second Semester

Classes 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

January 28 at 7 p.m. - Institute Registration

7:30 p.m. - Classes begin

February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24

First Hour: 7:30-8:20 p.m.

1. Congregational Choral Club
Cantor Brian J. Mayer
2. Hebrew Reading (cont.)
Leah Eliash
3. Siddur Fluency (cont.)
Fania Gross
Note: This course will meet 7:00-8:20 p.m.
4. Parashat Hashavuah -
The Weekly Portion
Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer
5. Genesis
Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin
6. Holidays at Home
Rabbi Elana Kanter
7. Panorama of Jewish History:
The Talmudic Period
Professor Joshua B. Stein

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

1. Jewish Culture in Russia
Pavel Zaslavsky
2. The Jewish Messianic Idea
Rabbi Lawrence M. Silverman
3. Haftarah Trope
Cantor Brian J. Mayer
4. Media Portrayals of Jewish
Life - Accurate or Misleading?
Toby G. Rossner
5. Ben/Bat Torah (cont.)
Rabbi Wayne M. Franklin
Rabbi Alvan H. Kaunfer
6. Israeli Dancing
Kanti Patel

BJE Israel Trip Forum

An Israel Trips forum for high school students, sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island's Israel Committee, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the Senior Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Past participants in Israel study/travel programs will be on hand to give firsthand accounts of their experiences. Trips represented will include High School in Israel, Let's Go Israel, Betar Bar Mitzvah Program, USY in Israel, Masada, Kibbutz and Tour, Eisendrath International Exchange — and others.

Miriam Plitt, Chair of the Israel Committee, will introduce the forum. Also, an explanation of the grants available to all Rhode Island high schoolers traveling to Israel will be given. All Rhode Island students can receive incentive grants from the Leonard I. Salmanson Endowment Fund of JFRI. Those students who apply for the Salmanson grants are required to take an Israel test, scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the BJE. In addition, students may apply for the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island's Ross Scholarship, a need-based grant. Deadline on the Ross Scholarship is March

16. A community service project which is required of all grant recipients upon their return from Israel will also be discussed. Students who receive grants must participate in two orientation sessions, Sunday, May 3, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 12, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

All interested students and parents are invited to attend this informative evening where details about all of these programs will be given. Coffee and ... will be served. Please call the BJE at 331-0956 if you plan to attend, or call Ruth Page at the BJE for further information or to register for the Israel Test on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Sephardic Video Program at Touro

Touro Synagogue's February 3 Monday Evening Torah Night this year will feature a special program of two excellent video films dealing with Sephardic heritage. The 7:00 p.m. class will view the film "The Disputation — 13th Century Spain," a dramatic presentation by several noted English actors, of the famous debate between the Ramban (Rabbi Moses Ben

Nachman of Gerona) and the Dominican monk, Pablo Christiano.

The 8:00 p.m. session will feature a delightful musical voyage through Sephardic history, entitled "From Toledo to Jerusalem," in which the noted Sephardic stage star, Yohoram Gaon, presents a potpourri of Ladino music against a panoramic backdrop of Sephardic

historic sites.

Although Rabbi Shapiro obtained these films for the Adult Education program's "Sephardic Odyssey" class, he has invited the community to attend this unique program. Brief discussion periods will follow each session, as well as a "snack break" between the two sessions. For further information, contact our office at 847-4794.

Events At The JCCRI: Week Of Jan. 31-Feb. 6

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

February Vacation Camps

Whether it's because their parents work, they're bored at home or ski conditions are bad, kids enjoy Vacation Camps at the Center. Club Feb offers preschoolers a varied program of swimming, dancing, crafts and more from Monday, Feb. 17, through Friday, Feb. 21. The fee for the week (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) is \$115 for full members; \$160 supporting members. Campers who register by February 3 receive a discount of \$15. Early arrival (8-9 a.m.) and extended day (3-5 p.m.) are available at an hourly rate of \$3.50. Kid-Space Camp (for children in kindergarten through grade 3) and Preteen Connection Camp (grades 4-8) offers special events, activities and programs for each age group. The daily fee (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) is \$20 for members; \$30 for nonmembers. Early arrival and extended day are available at an additional fee. Because enrollment is limited, registration by February 7 is strongly suggested. Please call Debbie Blitz for information about Club Feb. For information about Kid-Space and Preteen Connection Camps, call April Peters.

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 Meal-site. The doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. Seniors can try their hand at bridge on Monday afternoons from 12:30 until 3:45. A women's group meets every Tuesday morning from 11-11:45. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played on Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sun-

days begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs.

Friday, January 31 - VCR program, "Louisiana," 11 a.m.

Sunday, February 2 - VCR program, "America, Money on the Land," 11 a.m.

Thursday, February 6 - Golden Age Club Board Meeting, 1 p.m.

Call Sandy Bass for more information.

Emanu-El Presents Ethics In '92

Join Temple Emanu-El in the continuation of "Ethics in '92." "The Ethical Dilemma in the AIDS Crisis" with Dr. Rick Reamer, Professor of Social Work at R.I. College will be on Sunday, February 2, 1992.

"Final Exit - Jewish Ethics at the End of Life" with Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Dr. Bruno Borenstein is scheduled to be on Sunday, February 9.

All programs will begin with bagels and coffee and tea at 9:15 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El in the Bohnen Vestry, and will end by 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Comedy Night At Am David

On Saturday, Feb. 22, Temple Am David Men's Club is sponsoring a Comedy Night featuring top local comedians, an open mike (with advance reservation) and a full course kosher chicken dinner. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. followed by dessert and the comedy

show. This fabulous evening is taking place at Temple Am David Social Hall, 40 Gardiner Street, Warwick, R.I. Cost is \$18 per person. Tables can be reserved with parties of 8. Reservations are required by Feb. 7. For more information, call Joyce at 463-7944.

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“Survival English” For Soviet Seniors

In the Soviet Union, they were well-educated and literate. They attended the universities and held respected positions, professionals, physicians and teachers. When they emigrated to the United States, however, they became unable to read the simplest street sign. A free press was inaccessible. Negotiating the supermarket was overwhelming and frustrating. With limited, if any, knowledge of English, they had become illiterate in America.

“For many senior Soviet emigres, there is a loss of self-respect because they do not know the language. Here, they are elderly and unemployable, and without English skills they cannot enter the mainstream of American life,” says Temma Holland, Resettlement/job and volunteer co-ordinator for Jewish Family Service.

“Although there have been ESL classes in place, they are geared for employable adults. We needed volunteers to teach English to seniors, not for jobs but for survival,” she explains. “Fortunately, there are members of the community who have made the commitment to help.”

For the past several years, Howard Silverman and Eva Sapolsky have been volunteering their time, teaching English to small groups of Soviet seniors. Dr. Leo Cohen, a Taunton resident who is a retired professor of education, also teaches as does Dr. Nathan Rakatansky.

Last September, when an already established class lost its instructor, Selma Stanzler and Inna Rubin joined “the faculty” as co-teachers. The two women are an effective team. Mrs. Stanzler taught for 12



Senior emigres from the Soviet Union find learning English to be both challenging and enjoyable with the help of JFS volunteers/teachers.

years in a Jewish, Conservative day school in New York and brings that experience to her lessons. Mrs. Rubin, a retired clinical social worker, has the skills to help the students feel positive about themselves and the progress they are making.

She also understands learning English as a second language from personal experience. She was born in the Soviet Union, emigrating with her family when she was a toddler. “I was translating from English into Russian for my mother from the time I was 3,” she explains. Although most of the class is held in English, there are times when the native speaker explains concepts in Russian. “And of course, when we really get stuck, there is Yiddish.”

“Our class focuses on teaching English skills that will help these politically aware and intellectually curious people to enjoy their freedom. We want them to learn conversation, to be able to talk to their doctors or to locate the items on their

shopping lists in a grocery store,” says Mrs. Stanzler, “or to become U.S. citizens.”

The class content covers much more than vocabulary and grammar. “We are teaching about being Jewish in America,” Mrs. Stanzler continues. For Hanukkah, the teachers prepared latkes for the class. They are already planning lessons about Purim.

“The classes are also an important social outlet,” comments Mrs. Rubin. “They truly enjoy the interaction with each other and us.” It is her hope that as the students become more comfortable and trusting, they will write their lives’ stories.

“The English classes for the Soviet seniors in our community helps to keep them from falling between the cracks,” comments Temma Holland. “Instead of only being able to feel pride through the success of their children and grandchildren, the New Americans can take pride in themselves. Every word is an accomplishment.”

Craftpersons!

On March 8, 1992, the Temple Sinai Nursery School is sponsoring a Craft Boutique & Rummage Sale. If you or someone you know is interested in renting a table to sell your craft items, please call the temple office at 942-8350.

Simcha Singles Events

Simcha Singles will be holding a stress-reducing relaxation techniques seminar on Thursday, February 6, 1992, at 7:45 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Guest speaker will be Martha Fish. Martha Fish is president of the Rhode Island Chapter American Massage Therapy Association.

Ms. Fish will demonstrate massage techniques to use on

ourselves as well as friends to reduce stress, tension, and tight muscles. Also included will be a seated massage chair demonstration.

Admission is \$5. Light refreshments will be served.

For information call Judy at 1-401-943-7272 or Sid at 1-401-751-1264.

The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston.



Minda Tilchin's Killer Kugel

contributed by Art Gold

“If she can't make a kugel — divorce her!”

Folklore by Uri Sella from *So eat, my darling, A guide to the Jewish kitchen*

These days, anybody who looks at this recipe is going to see fat — it's full of cheese, cream cheese, and eggs. I make it anyway, because it's great. Although I had thought this was my Aunt Belle's recipe, when I tracked it down, I found out it really belonged to my cousin, Minda.

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8 oz. cottage cheese
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup melted butter
1/3 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups milk
3 eggs

Mix everything together.

Bake for 40 minutes (at 350 degrees) and then mix together and spread on the following topping:

1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup slivered almonds

Bake another 15 to 20 minutes until golden and not jiggle. (I know that jiggle is not a scientific term, but that's the best way to describe it.)

Serve hot to feed many happy people.

Art Gold is an Associate Professor of Water Resources at the University of Rhode Island.

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

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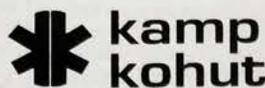
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School Beat



Preschool, Kindergarten Registration At The JCCRI

Registration for September 1992 preschool and kindergarten classes at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will open to JCCRI members on February 3 and to the community on March 2.

The JCCRI Preschool is a fully accredited program that offers classes for children aged 28 months through 5 years. The maximum enrollment is 20 children per classroom, with smaller classes for younger children. Classes with ten or more children have two teachers. The curriculum is "hands-on," according to Preschool Director Eva Silver.

Children attending the Preschool use the Center's physical education facilities. Swimming and gym are important components of the overall program, encouraging development of physical skills and establishing fitness as an inte-

gral part of life.

Morning, afternoon, 3- or 5-day programs are available, allowing flexibility in meeting each child's and his/her family's needs. Early arrival and extended day are also available.

In response to the requests of families with school-age children who also require day care, the JCCRI will begin a certified, full-day kindergarten program in September, 1992. The school day will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with options for early arrival and extended day available. A maximum of 22 students will be enrolled with 2 teachers, giving children an advantage of learning in a small classroom setting.

For further information about the preschool or the new kindergarten program, call Eva Silver, Early Childhood Director, at 861-8800.

Rabbi Silverman To Speak On Trip To Soviet Union

Rabbi Lawrence Silverman of Congregation Beth Jacob in Plymouth, Mass., and Jewish chaplain at Bryant College will present "To Russia with Luggage," a recount of his recent trip to five cities in Russia in November 1991.

Silverman will be speaking in the lecture hall of the Management Resource Center in the unistructure at Bryant College from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on

Wednesday, February 5. Highlighting his talk will be slides and video of the trip.

Silverman went as a representative of the Northeast region of the Central Council of Rabbis. The trip is open to the public. Anyone interested in attending should contact Randi Abrams at the Rhode Island Hillel Council at 272-3475.

Schechter Teacher Publishes Article

Lorilynn, fifth grade General Studies teacher and Middle School Projects Coordinator at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School, has recently had an article published in *The Leaflet*, an educational journal.

Lorilynn's article is entitled "Cutting Elementary and Middle School Down to Sizer: Theory and Practice." In it she delineates methods derived from the book *Horace's Compromise* by Dr. Theodore R. Sizer of Brown University which can be used successfully in the classroom.

"Each year," says Lorilynn, "dedicated teachers are beset with the task of how to help their students become more effective learners." In that quest, Lorilynn identifies the classroom environment, teacher expectations and student empowerment as crucial elements. She believes that "if we desire effective, independent learners, we must expect that they will learn independently, allow them to do so, and create opportunities in which 'real' choices are available to them."

Among the classroom programs which promote choice-making and encourage a more independent learning style Lorilynn cites: learning centers, independent research projects, free choice, and free play, brainstorming, surveys.

Dr. Sizer recommends that students become *problem seekers* — identifying a need or concern and then going on from there. The next step

would be an investigative one, with students gathering knowledge and obtaining information. Students move on to the organization of accumulated material.

According to Lorilynn, such a model "can offer a safe environment, lead the student to take initiative, acquire knowledge, develop organization, become more flexible and aid (the leaner) in the evaluation process. Learning will be well on its way to maximum effectiveness. A student who has confidence, know-how, and reflection will be one who seeks, solves, and creates."

A Reason To Celebrate

Rabbi Mordechai Nissel's fourth grade class at Providence Hebrew Day School had a "siyum" party. This party was held in honor of the class's completion of the entire book of Beraishit. D'vrai Torah were given by Rochel Jakubowicz and Chanina Szendro. A full-course meal, including hors d'oeuvres, "champagne," spaghetti with le meatball, condiments, and gateau de chocolat, was prepared by Chef Mrs. Nissel. Everyone was in formal attire for the gala event, with live music and dancing; Rabbi Nissel was at the keyboard. Former teachers, who were instrumental in getting the class to this momentous occasion, were also present. A memorable time was had by all. Chazak, chazak v'nitchazaik.



PHDS fourth grade celebrates the completion of Beraishit with their teachers (from left to right) Mrs. Lynn Jakubowicz, Mrs. Carol Fried, Rabbi Abraham Jakubowicz and Rabbi Mordechai Nissel.

Schechter at Jewish Home

On January 7, both second grade classes from the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School visited with residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island accompanied by their teachers, Susan Adler and Hope Schachter.

This was the first of a series of visits to the Home as part of an inter-generational project. On this visit a pair of students teamed up with a resident of the Home and worked together on a crafts project — making vases. After the vases were completed, flowers were put into them and were taken to the residents' room as a reminder of the visit.

When it was time for refreshments, the students helped hand them out to their hosts. Everyone enjoyed the good food and enthusiastic conversations.

After returning to school, many students chose to write letters to their "new friends." They commented: "I liked one of the men because he was funny and great." "The people were nice and very friendly." "I liked the cookies and the chatting."

The second graders look forward to their next visit to the Jewish Home.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM HOCHMAN

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — William Hochman, 74, formerly of Pawtucket, R.I., died Friday, January 17, 1992. He was the husband of Lucy Hochman.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Richard Hochman of Boston, Mass., and Larry Hochman of London, England; a daughter, Nina McPherson of Providence, R.I.; three brothers, Albert Hochman and Arthur Hochman of New London, Conn.; and Edward Hochman of Providence, R.I.; and a grandson.

Funeral services took place in Hollywood, Fla., January 20.

DONALD JOSEPHSON

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Donald Josephson, 79, of 725 North Riverside Drive, an independent manufacturer's rep-

resentative for several jewelry companies for 25 years, died Wednesday, January 22, 1992, at Vencor Hospital, Fort Lauderdale. He was the husband of Carol (Rubens) Josephson.

Born in New York, a son of the late Haskell A. and Sarah (Jess) Josephson, he lived in Pompano Beach and Grand Rapids, Mich., for many years.

Besides his wife he leaves a sister, Evelyn Josephson of Providence. He was father of the late Patricia Linder.

A graveside service was held Monday, January 27, at the Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, Providence. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

LEAH TROOB

PROVIDENCE — Leah Troob, 82, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Monday, January 20, 1992, at the home. She was the widow of Max I. Troob.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Sarah (Pavlovsky) Gordon.

Mrs. Troob worked for the Outlet Co. for more than 17 years before retiring just before its closing in the mid-1980s. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood. She had been a volunteer worker at the Jewish Home for the Aged for many years, and a member of its Women's Association. She was a member of Hadasah.

She leaves a daughter, Seena J. Stern of Barrington; a son, Bruce J. Troob of Framingham, Mass.; a sister, Lillian Bessell of West Warwick; and two grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were held January 22 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

Child Protection

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cases reported over the past two years has doubled, and in some areas has increased five-fold. This is in part due to the tremendous publicity the law has received. The law, however, has opened up a Pandora's box, as teachers, health-care officials and parents are coming to the slow realization that child abuse cannot remain behind closed doors. In fact, 80 percent of the calls to ELI's hotline are made by the perpetrators themselves.

Children under 14 are protected by Israeli law both from police interrogation and from testifying in court. A closed interview is carried out by a special youth interrogator, who may even testify in court on the child's behalf.

Other innovations in the law empower the court to remove

the offender from the courtroom when a child does testify in court and order a violent family member out of the home, as opposed to the more common practice of removing the child from the threatening environment.

Notes Jerusalem attorney and pro-child activist Philip Marcus, "These laws are considered highly progressive by legislators and lawyers in other countries."

But, as Kadman warns, "Legislation is not the final word if it is not matched by progress and appropriate funding."

The issue is a painful one. Israel has always upheld the family as an ideal unit - the myth of the Jewish mother was not just hyperbole - and it was an unchallenged premise that parents don't abuse their children. But Israel has admitted it has a problem and taken extensive steps to address it.

Rebbe

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heard in many Yemenite and Arabic songs. He has also developed a Jewish men's retreat, similar in its beginnings to the work of Robert Bly's men's movement.

"There are men across the country searching for new models to live by," Halfon says. "Men talk about their fathers, teachers, and mentors — what they didn't get and what they wanted." But, instead of digging into the lives of the American Indians, or the Norse mythos, Halfon tries to open up the possibility that archetypes from the Bible can be equally fulfilling.

On his retreats, Halfon discusses the Patriarchs, and creates modern versions of ancient rituals, engages the participants in Hasidic chanting, in Middle Eastern drumming, and in a symbolic blessing of the young by the old — a recreation of the chain of Elders that has always been a primary vehicle of the transmission of Jewish faith.

"All this relates to what I said about Jewish Renewal," Halfon says. He quotes Rabbi Isaac Kook, "The old will be made new, and the new will be made holy."

Halfon relates the story of being on vacation in Jamaica, and holding a Sabbath service on the beach. All sorts of people, including other Jews on vacation, came over to see what was happening, and the Rastafarians stroked their beards and said, "Yea mon."

In a way, Rabbi Halfon is like a chameleon, willing to blend in to any situation, but he is simultaneously unwilling to hide in the background. If all the different aspects of Rabbi Halfon seem a bit at odds, or a little bit beyond the traditional boundaries, that is because he is a provocateur.

"My task as the rabbi in this particular community is to enable people. To empower the Jews to take ownership over the rituals in their life. To enable people to take an active role in creating ritual."

And if he is successful, then he would move on to other tasks. He smiles and rocks back in his chair.

"Would you like me to sing you a song?" he says.



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Shalom Religious School Partakes In Sabbath

The post graduate class of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School will participate in a late Sabbath eve worship service on Friday evening, January 31, 1992, at 8 p.m. in the main sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will officiate. The service has been created by the students with the help of the Rabbi. The service reflects both traditional and

contemporary prayers and readings as well as original ones.

Those persons involved in the service include: Danielle Sarao, Jeremy Sarao, Charles Jagolinzer, Susan Hicks, Rex Byrd, Leah Fisher, Victoria Gilmore, Jackie Grossman.

All are welcome. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the worship.

Fare Ye Well

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strongmindedness and curiosity surge out. I don't have the Barbara Walters touch. That is, I don't try to dig deep for his pain at leaving his native city, his longtime post at RISD, or even the line of his roots in his mother's family. We both stay bright about the Zen nature of transitions. You go on from where you are towards the next rock or shrub along your way.

The waiter, a former student of mine with a parttime job at the Club, fills my glass of water. Frank had long ago finished up his plate, leaving me stranded with mine. "I always eat too fast, it's rude of me," he apologizes. But it's just his firm work ethic speeding up our collegial ritual. In fact, it's a sign I was doing too much talking.

Wherever he goes, people go up and make speeches to him. I add in mind. "I'll miss you, too, like everybody else. You always sent me kind notes. You build people up, you never bring us down."

As we pull on our coats and step up the hill and along the bricks back to his beloved museum, I add in a few final questions. "Why do some of my RISD colleagues claim that Jews have never been in the forefront of the visual arts? They proclaim that Jews think abstractly, in the areas of music, math or philosophy, not art."

Franklin gave me a swift response. "It's just because Jews weren't allowed to join the guilds in Europe. It was the same way with women." His "defense" of the Jews gave some touch of support to my wish to put his achievements into a Jewish context.

"You're leaving town just when your own person Canaan, the addition to the museum on the little wasteland of a lot next door, is coming true. You make me think of Moses, who never

got to his Promised Land." "Funny you should say that. I've been thinking about Moses lately."

Hopeless

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"It's an experience I wouldn't wish upon my worst enemy," said Michael Lemire about living in the shelter. "But I'm glad it was there when we needed it."

As a result of hard work, study, and the support of a list of people too numerous to mention, the Lemires have moved into a new apartment, and Peggy has a job working at the St. Francis Health Center.

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Really. Pastiche began about 10 years ago, when Eileen Collins started baking a few pastries for the restaurant Three Steeple Street. She, and her associate, Brandt Heckert, soon were doing all the desserts for Steeple Street, and their small apartment had turned into a flour-covered factory.

Recalling these first few years, Heckert said, "We were

working in a residential oven with tiny mixes and pans, and flour everywhere. It could get very stressful."

So, Pastiche moved to Spruce Street on the back of Providence's historic Federal Hill.

Initially, the business was completely wholesale. Collins and Heckert designed recipes that were transportable and able to be refrozen. Their carrot cake, still one of their most popular desserts, dates all the way back to the early days.

"Eventually," Heckert said, "people started to hear about our desserts through the restaurants. They started asking the restaurants, and then they started knocking on our door."

"I'd be making the mousse, and someone would walk in, and I'd have to stop, sell them a slice of cake, and give them change from a cigar box."

In 1986, Pastiche moved to

its current location, next door to the old wholesale factory. Now they had room for both a bakery, and a storefront cafe. A few tables, a refrigerated counter, they added a fireplace for the cold winter days, and soon business was booming.

Known for their phenomenal desserts, and their delicious Ocean Coffee Roasters' java, the cafe is the perfect place to relax, conduct business, or impress a date.

What has remained stable throughout the years, and what Heckert and Collins have built their reputation on, is quality.

"When we first started this business," Heckert said, "Eileen and I, both consciously and unconsciously, decided that we wanted to do the best we could. Basically, we cut no corners, and use the best ingredients we can."

Best ingredients include quality chocolate, real cream, real cream cheese, and always using butter — never margarine.

"We use a vanilla that comes from a vanilla company in the Midwest that just makes vanilla," Heckert said, "They've been in the business for 100 years."

In addition to premier ingredients, Collins and Heckert take time to develop a recipe. They'll start with an initial idea or inspiration, discuss the ingredients, and then try it out, keeping minutely detailed notes for each step of the way.



Brandt Heckert, a slice of torte and Eileen Collins

Pastiche's Marscapone Cheese Torte starts with Italian cream cheese blended with heavy cream, eggs, sugar and vanilla. It is placed between sponge layers, brushed with rum and espresso, then surrounded with imported Italian ladyfingers, and garnished with cocoa and freshly made chocolate curls. It tastes as impressive as it sounds, and every step along the way is assembled with scientific precision, and artistic care.

A slice of torte from Pastiche is like a visual masterpiece. Every piece of shaved chocolate (a special technique) is placed just so, and the layers of filling are so sharply defined, that it seems like a shame to cut into it with a fork.

There is, however one drawback.

"We're not going to cut corners at all, for any reason," Heckert said, smiling. "If you

really want to eat dessert, you can come here, and eat the best. If you have dietary restrictions, our recommendation is to stay away."

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(1) Make your contributions as early as possible: The deadline for 1991 IRA contributions is April 15, 1992. But you should not wait until the last minute to make your contribution. The sooner you put the money in an IRA, the more tax-free compounding you build up. In fact, you may want to make your contribution for 1992 now. The extra compounding can make a big difference.

(2) Have your spouse make the maximum contribution: A married couple with only one wage-earner can put up to \$2,250 in an IRA each year. But two-income couples can salt away as much as \$4,000

\$2,000 each - in their IRAs.

(3) Use the refund to make your contribution: If you file your return early on, you can use the money you receive as a refund as part of your contribution. All that is required is that you meet the April 15 deadline. The IRS has previously approved this technique.

(4) Deduct the custodial fee of an IRA: In some cases, you may be able to deduct the fee you are charged to set up and manage your IRA. The fee is claimed as an investment

expense on your tax return (subject to the 2% floor for miscellaneous expenses).

(5) Use a tax-free rollover to your advantage: You can avoid current tax on a distribution from a company retirement plan by rolling over the funds into an IRA within 60 days. In effect, you get a tax-free loan of the money for 60 days. (However, once it is in the IRA, the distribution is no longer eligible for special ten-year averaging.) You may also roll over funds from one IRA to another - again, within 60 days - and avoid any tax. But you can only make this rollover once a year.

(6) Consider a "trustee-to-trustee" transfer to shift funds: As we just noted, you can make only one rollover per year per IRA account. One way to get around the one-year restriction on rollovers is to make a "trustee-to-trustee" transfer. As the name implies, the funds are passed from one IRA trustee to another. You never touch the funds.

(7) Evaluate your IRA's performance: Don't put your money in an IRA and simply forget about it. It's a good idea to keep a close eye on your investment's track record. If the investment is not performing well, it's usually fairly easy to move funds to another investment within the same financial institution. If you want a different IRA custodian, you

can make a tax-free rollover or use a trustee-to-trustee transfer.

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