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## Wiesel Visits Pollard

by Larry Yudelson

NEW YORK (JTA) — Elie Wiesel has become the latest Jewish figure to speak out on behalf of Jonathan Pollard.

On April 7, the Nobel Peace Prize winner visited the former U.S. Navy analyst in his Marion, Ill., prison cell, where he is serving a life sentence after being convicted of spying for Israel.

And later that evening, Wiesel raised Pollard's plight in his keynote address to the 600 people gathered in Washington to honor the 90th birthday of the Lubavitcher rebbe.

"Let's be honest: What he did wasn't right," the Nobel laureate said.

"The thing was a mess. He shouldn't have done it. But he was punished. And once he was punished, who am I to add to his punishment?" Wiesel said.

"The fact that this man is alone, is in solitary confinement 6½ years already. I thought: How is he going to celebrate Passover?"

Wiesel is raising the issue "only on humanitarian grounds," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "A Jew who is alone in solitary confinement, when the seder is approaching, he deserves that other Jews should comfort him."

During his 2½-hour visit with Pollard, Wiesel discussed the Passover seder and sang songs from the Haggadah. Pollard was "sad but strong," said Wiesel. "Self-controlled. Aware of the tragic situation which is his. To visit him is to visit tragedy."

Wiesel noted that "to visit a prisoner is one of the greatest mitzvot in the Jewish tradition."

The writer had paid the visit at the request of Rabbi Avi Weiss, a New York activist who has been among those leading the fight for Pollard's pardon.

With them as well was Seymour Reich, former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, whose previous visit to Pollard last year made him the first figure from the mainstream organized Jewish community to take a high-profile position for Pollard's release.

Pollard plans soon to appeal last month's federal appellate court ruling denying his request for a new sentencing. He contends the government breached its plea-bargain agreement with him by asking for, and getting, the harshest possible sentence: life, with a

recommendation against parole.

Both Weiss and Reich said that Wiesel's remarks at the Washington ceremony brought sympathy from at least three of the attendant senators and a promise of aid from one of them.

But David Luchins, an aide to Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.), disagreed with that assessment. "The senators and congressmen were appalled by the inappropriateness of it. This was supposed to be devoted to the 90th birthday of the Lubavitcher rebbe," he said.

Another observer agreed with Luchins. "I don't think it belonged," said U.S. Ambassador Max Kampelman, who has been active in various Jewish causes. "I thought it was in bad judgement. But it's not my business to make an issue - it's not my dinner."

In New York, Lubavitch officials said they were not bothered by Wiesel's remarks. They pointed out that Wiesel had mentioned Pollard as an illustration of how the rebbe inspires him to perform acts of kindness.

(JTA correspondent Howard Rosenberg in Washington contributed to this report.)

large, well-built structures containing furniture. Human organisms in gas chambers were killed with Zyklon B.

Hoss's use of Zyklon was the product of a rivalry with Christian Wirth, the commandant at Belzec. In Belzec, Wirth had chosen to use carbon monoxide gas, which was notoriously unreliable. According to Hilberg, Hoss and Wirth became fierce enemies in a hierarchy of originality in "mass-death devices."

Stored in metal canisters, Zyklon was deadly in doses of 1 milligram per kilogram of body weight.

Towards the end of the war, with supplies running short, in order to speed the production process, Hoss ordered the removal of the special odor that German law required to be added to the gas.

Scentless, Zyklon B was "administered" by an SS man wearing a gas mask, who would empty Zyklon crystals through a small opening into the hermetically sealed gas chamber.

According to Wiesenthal, Zyklon was very effective. "The number of victims ... between 2 and 3.5 million people."



spearheaded by Rudolph Hoss, the Auschwitz camp commandant. Throughout the war, Hoss was forced to scramble for supplies of Zyklon, which was also used for fumigating ships and warehouses. TESTA, one of the corporations which sold Zyklon, offered Zyklon in various potencies and prices. According to Raul Hilberg's, *The Destruction of the European Jews*, "It was required for the eradication of specially resistant vermin, such as cockroaches or for gassings in wooden barracks. The 'normal' preparation D was used to exterminate lice, mice, or rats in



Their first Seder together. (L to R), Isaac, Jacob, Boris and Semyon Gomen.

## The Door Is Open

by Mark Binder

"We have to help our Russian brothers, we taught this to our children." Jani Rosen spoke in her kitchen, four days after hosting a Seder for 28, including 14 recent Russian immigrants. "We can march on Washington, or give our money to the Federation for Operation Exodus, but it can't just stop there. They came! And you can't just stop there."

On Friday evening, 14 members of the Gomen family from Gomel, Russia, arrived at the Rosen house armed with package after package of matzah and Manischewitz wine. Although the weather was dark and rainy, inside the house was warm with the smell of chicken soup. Everyone shrugged off their coats, and hugs and kisses were exchanged.

This is the third year that Jani and her husband Rick have hosted members of the Gomen family.

Jani teaches first grade at Providence Hebrew Day School, and two years ago little Rita Gomen had just arrived in America, and had begun classes in the early spring. Then, after less than a week of living in their new country, Rita and her mother, Anna, were window shopping at Douglas Drug, when they bumped into Jani, who invited them to share the Seder.

That first year's Seder was the hardest. Anna brought her husband, Boris, and their daughters, Rita and Ellina to the Passover Table, but even with the help of a Russian Haggadah, much of the meal was spent awkwardly.

"It was really difficult," Anna Gomen said. "We understood nothing. The taste of food was different."

"You could see in their faces that they had no idea what was going on," Jani Rosen said.

"But it was nice," explained Anna. "We were excited at

how Jewish people here know they're Jewish, and they know everything. The children here could read and sing [Hebrew], and it was touching and very exciting to me."

After the first year, Jani discovered that Boris's parents and brother Sam were also living in Providence, so the next year, instead of four Gomens, there were suddenly ten.

"It felt a little weird at first," said Leon Rosen, 15, "because we were all shy. But now it's really great having them."

This year's Seder was still fresh, spiced with the new arrival of Jacob, the final brother from Gomel, and his family. Suddenly, the house was filled with talk. Boris, Jacob and Sam posed with their father, Isaac for photographs. Eva Gomen, the clan's matriarch chatted in Yiddish with Jani's mother, Bobbie Lun.

When the meal began, the veteran seder-goers helped out the first timers, and the food seemed less strange. There were more Russian haggadahs, Russell Rosen explained the story of Joseph, and at the four questions, the Gomen girls were joined by Toby Rosen in the recitation.

When it came time to open the door for Elijah, Rick Rosen added a special prayer from the United Jewish Appeal *Exodus Haggadah*.

"Now, though Elijah yet tarries, the door has swung open and through it have poured tens of thousands of Soviet Jews. Their Exodus is our Exodus, their freedom our freedom, their joy our joy."

The long tables fell silent. In Gomel, the Gomens had good jobs, friends, and a language that they knew and understood. Here, they are struggling, working to buy houses, and most of all to understand their adopted home.

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## Death Gas

by Stephen Ben-Allen

On September 3, 1941, the first test of Zyklon B, an insecticide, was tested on a group of Russian prisoners of war. The experiment took place at the Birkenau site in Auschwitz to determine whether the gas, which had previously been used only for fumigation, would be an effective tool of mass extermination.

On May 4, 1942, according to Simon Wiesenthal, "The gassing in the Auschwitz extermination camp in Poland began."

The commercial name of hydrogen cyanide (HCN), Zyklon was not manufactured by the SS. Its production and distribution was handled by a firm named *Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Schadlingsbekämpfung mbH* (DEGESCH), which translates as "German Vermin-combating Corporation." One of the primary stockholders and manufacturers was the I.G. Farben Company, which turned a 200 percent profit on the sales of the gas during the war.

The use of Zyklon B was

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE —

## "Citizens For Responsible Government"

Rita M. Williams, Councilwoman Ward 2 (Prov.) will be moderating a citywide meeting of "The Citizens For Responsible Government" on Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the State House in Room 313.

All concerned taxpayers and citizens of Providence are invited. Councilwoman Williams

has invited Mr. Stephen Day, president of the Providence Firefighters, Ms. Marcia Reback, president of the Providence Teacher's Union, Mr. Joseph Virgilio, president of Local Union 1033 Laborer's and Sgt. Richard Dicuccio, president of the Fraternal Order of Police.

This is a great opportunity to

have a constructive dialogue with information sharing and discussion of common concerns.

In addition, Mr. Scott Nova, the executive director of Ocean State Action will be present to discuss the Working Families Tax Fairness Act of 1992.

This will be a solid "Questions and Answers" meeting.

## Something's Afoot In The Park

The pitter-pat of feet, large and small, will grace the paths and roadways of Roger Williams Park on Saturday, May 9. Mayor Vincent Cianci, Jr. will host the first "Something's Afoot in the Park" Walkathon to benefit the Samaritans of R.I.

Over 100 walkers of all ages are expected for the event which will be the culmination of the Samaritans' activities for national Suicide Prevention Week.

"The nicest part of this

event," said Samaritan Executive Director Anthony Maione, "is that getting out for some fun and exercise in a beautiful place like Roger Williams Park really does reduce stress. Ultimately people need to understand that taking care of stress on a regular basis, through exercise or by talking it out, is just as important to the prevention of depression and suicide as is a call to our hotline at 2 a.m. in the morning! This is a great way to express the prevention aspect of our mission and to raise awareness and dol-

lars as well!"

The event will kick off with registration at 8:30 a.m. and walkers will complete the ten kilometer course by 11 a.m. with ample time for lunch and other activities in the park. Walkers who register by returning their pledge sheets prior to April 27 will receive a t-shirt specially designed for the event by Kurt Van Dexter of Van Dexter Design. For additional information or to receive a pledge sheet, contact the Samaritans at 272-4516.

## Blithewold Starts New Season

Blithewold Gardens & Arboretum, 101 Ferry Road (Rte. 114), Bristol, R.I., opened its mansion for the 1992 season on Saturday, April 11, with guided tours of both mansion and grounds available from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A combination of two Middle English words, the name "Blithewold" means "happy woodland." Originally the summer home of Brown University graduate and Pennsylvania coal baron, Augustus Van Wickle, the estate includes the mansion and 33 acres of landscaped grounds overlooking Narragansett Bay.

The mansion, built in 1908 in the style of an English country manor, still contains cherished family possessions and portrays a gracious summer lifestyle; the grounds feature varied gardens and a collection of native and exotic trees which includes a bamboo grove and the east coast's tallest giant sequoia. Now owned by the Heritage Trust of Rhode Island, the entire property is on the National Register of Historic Places as an important example of the building and landscape design popular at the turn-of-the-century, and 1992 will be its 14th season as a museum open at specified

times to the public.

The following special events will be highlighted at Blithewold in April:

**Annual Spring Bulb Display:** early April through mid-May, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Thousands of crocuses, scilla and daffodils and hundreds of tulips in bloom in gardens and along woodland paths.

**Daffodil Week:** April 11 through April 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. With over 30,000 naturalized daffodils in peak bloom, Blithewold celebrates one of the largest daffodil displays in New England.

**Arbor Day at Blithewold:** Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours, tree planting advice and refreshments will be offered, along with special outdoor activities for children. All children under 15 will be admitted free.

### General Information

Grounds open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily all year for self-guided tours. Guided tours of mansion and grounds April 11 through October 31 daily except Mondays and holidays. Gift Shop open April 11 through October 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Admission charged. Group rates available. Telephone (401) 253-2707.

## CCRI Summer

Community College of Rhode Island will offer over 300 courses this summer during two six-week sessions. Credit courses can be taken during part 1, which begins May 18 or part 2 which starts June 29.

CCRI serves all of Rhode Island and will offer summer courses at its main campuses in Warwick, Lincoln and Providence and at satellite locations in East Providence, Middletown, Westerly, Woonsocket and Newport Hospital.

CCRI will offer courses for college credit in accounting, art, biology, business administration, chemistry, computer studies and information processing, economics, electronics, engineering technology, English, French, health, history, human services, instrumentation technology, Italian, law, liberal arts, mathematics, music, oceanography, office administration, philosophy, physical education, physics, political science, psychology, retail management, sociology, Spanish, speech and theatre.

Non-credit courses, offered through the Office of Community Services, provide participants with an opportunity to explore such areas of interest as assertiveness training, ballroom dancing, calligraphy, flower arranging, self-defense and more. For information on registering for non-credit courses, call CCRI's Office of Community Services at 333-7070 in Lincoln and 825-2000 in Warwick.

Telephone registration for credit courses is scheduled through May 21. In-person registration is May 6-7 for part 1 and June 22-23 for part 2.

A brochure outlining course offerings for the summer session and registration procedures may be obtained through the Office of Admissions and Records at the Knight Campus (825-2125) in Warwick, the Flanagan Campus (333-7097) in Lincoln or the Providence Campus (455-6017).

card as sufficient identification for the cashing of checks and other banking transactions involving municipal, state, or federal funds in amounts less than \$750.

In addition, the DEA mobile ID unit will be at the following locations in February:

Thursday, Feb. 6, 1 to 3 p.m., Sparrows Point III, 3 Hardig Road, Warwick.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 1 to 3 p.m., John Fogarty Manor, 214 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket.

Senior housing units, senior centers, and other agencies interested in hosting the DEA mobile ID card unit at their site should contact Carmen Albert at 277-2880.

## East Side Y Spring Registration

The East Side \* Mt Hope YMCA begins its Spring Session of classes April 27. All classes run seven weeks. Programs are available for all ages.

Special spring classes include Tee Ball for the little people; archery for 7-12 year olds; stroke clinic for the swim teamers feeling lost after a busy season or teenagers.

training for summer fun. Family swim lessons bring the family together in a sharing experience that is great preparation for a safe summer at the beach or the backyard pool.

Please call for more information at 521-0155 or come by at 438 Hope Street on the corner of Doyle Ave., Providence.

## CORRECTION

In last week's announcement for Peter U. Wolff, D.M.D., it should have read that he will also continue to practice dentistry in his Cranston office at 611 Budlong Road. We regret any inconvenience the error caused our readers or Peter U. Wolff, D.M.D.

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Also the article in the Passover insert entitled, "Traditions are Sacred," should have been credited to Rabbi Chaim Shapiro of Touro Synagogue. We regret the error.

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**FEATURE**

# Experiencing The Land

**by Alan Axelrod**

Disembarking from the plane at Ben Gurion Airport, the fresh air felt wonderful - warm and slightly humid, but reviving anyway. Clearing customs and security took less time than I'd expected, and soon we were on buses for the 20-minute ride into Tel Aviv. The next nine days, with the U.J.A. Winter Family Mission, were to be an intensive tour of Israel, which would leave me so overwhelmed with sights and experiences and history, that I could not internalize it all at once. A few key points of the trip will always stand out in my mind as the defining elements of my vision of Israel - until I have occasion to revisit there, at which time I'm sure that new experiences, new wonders will take their place.

Among the most enlightening experiences of the mission, for me, was the Diaspora Museum, located on the grounds of Tel Aviv University. The campus could be that of any college or university in America, and the students were dressed in western styles. The museum depicts all aspects of Jewish life in the many countries where Jews settled, over the course of centuries, after being displaced from their homelands. What struck me was the centrality of intellectual and cultural pursuits in maintaining the Jews' continuity as a people. The exhibits illustrate the literary and journalistic endeavors, the practice of music, dance, and drama, the ongoing secular and religious education, which characterized Jewish life in rural villages and urban ghettos throughout the Diaspora. This cultivation of mind and spirit persisted even in the face of privations which would demoralize any other people. While religious practice was undoubtedly the single most important element in the Jews' survival, I believe that this pursuit of arts and letters - a continual quest for mental and aesthetic refinement - has played an equally vital role in this miraculous saga.

While I was still absorbing this expansive view of Jewish life before the State of Israel, we travelled north into Galilee. The land becomes hilly, verdant, and agricultural. Suddenly, crossing the side of a particularly large hill, the Sea of Galilee, or Lake Kinneret, emerges into view. It is placid, and the mists hovering over the surface nearly conceal the ridge of mountains on the other side. The road descended into Tiberias, a resort town on the western shore of the Kinneret. This city could be Fort Lauderdale or Atlantic City, except that there is no beach. Stores and restaurants of every sort crowd around the main square and up the nearby streets. Hawkers stand in the doorway of each establishment, beckoning to us to patronize their establishments (this being off-season, there were few other tourists).

The next morning, a brilliant red glow rose over the Heights,

and sunlight spilled over, gradually burning off the mist and illuminating the lake. (Being an early riser, I took a sequence of photographs of this impressive sunrise from our hotel room balcony, and watched a pair of fishermen row their boat along the shore and start casting their net.) Our travel that day took us around the northern end of the Galilee, and up into the Heights. From a vantage point about halfway up to the top, I could visualize the strategic situation which Israel faces: Just over the top of the heights, a few miles to the east, is the border with Syria, and Damascus is a mere 40 miles further. Below us, is a narrow strip of fertile land along the eastern shore of the Galilee, an important part of Israel's agricultural heartland. Moreover, the Galilee is Israel's principal water source; these heights, and the mountains to the north, are the source of the waters flowing into the lake. This view enabled me to grasp the geopolitical realities which make the Golan so critical to Israel's security. More importantly, for the first time I could feel a sense of oneness with *Eretz Yisrael*; heretofore I had felt somewhat of a stranger in a land which was supposed to be mine.

The narrow strip of agricultural land continues south along the Jordan River valley. We recrossed the Jordan - not a massive river, as I had expected, but just a meandering strand of rivulets - and entered the West Bank. No guardposts or warning sign or security fence demarcate the crossing point from Israel proper to occupied territory. The geography, however, changes dramatically as one drives south, along the river valley. I dwell upon this part of the trip, because one of my goals had been to better understand the disputed issues between Israel and her neighbors; experiencing the land is a key to such insight.

To the east, cultivated farmland and fishponds stretch down to the river (which is itself scarcely visible). Sophis-

ticated agricultural techniques pioneered by the Israelis enable these farms to thrive on the meager water supplied by the river, and the occasional rains. (The marvelous fruits and vegetables which we enjoyed throughout the tour are testaments to this agricultural prowess.) A security fence, electronically monitored by Israeli security forces, parallels the road; farmers must pass through gates in the fence to work their farms by day, and then return in the evening, locking the gates behind them. Beyond the river, the barren, purple-gray mountains of Jordan dominate the horizon.

To the west stand equally barren mountains of Samaria, these more beige and brown. (The difference in colorations probably results from one side being in the sun, and the other side its own shadow.) Many Palestinian towns lie on the other side of those mountains, as do many of the new Israeli settlements. I found it hard to believe that anyone would want to live in such dry desolation. Scattered encampments, which look like tent villages or shantytowns, dot the landscape on both sides of the road. We were told that some of these are migrant Palestinian farm workers, seasonally employed on Israeli farms, and others were Bedouin goatherds. The one Palestinian town through which we passed, Jericho, is reasonably well-kept and tranquil; only the bright reds and greens of the produce stand (and the ubiquitous Coke machine), break the monotony of beiges and browns. The people glared at our buses, but no rocks were thrown.

Ascending the steep and dusty hills south of Jericho, the tent encampments and nomadic goatherds give way rather suddenly to modern concrete apartment blocks, as the road enters the outskirts of Jerusalem. Our buses climbed to the top of Mt. Scopus, the site of Hebrew University/Hadassah Medical Center, where we alighted at an overlook. Jerusalem spreads out before the onlooker, up and

over the nearby hills. The Old City is just barely discernible in the midst of the cityscape, its gray walls and domes blending with the surrounding monotonous. Only the gold Dome of the Rock stands out. As we recited the *shehechianu*, sang, and shared a cup of sweet wine, my eyes filled with tears; this was to be the most emotional experience of the trip for me.

To recount all the sights and experiences, all my impressions of Jerusalem, would take another lengthy article. The Jewish Quarter, the Western Wall, the labyrinth of alleyways and shops of the Moslem Quarter, the Israel Museum, the Shrine of the Book, the Holocaust Memorial, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and a side trip (not part of the mission) to Bethlehem... It took weeks for me to digest so much of our history, biblical and 20th century, and it would take many more weeks to put it all in writing.

Reflecting back upon the mission, I think of how it has affected my thinking on Israel. My view of the annexation of the Golan Heights was certainly changed by having stood on the slope and envisioned the untenable security and economic risks of those hills in the hands of a nation sworn to Israel's destruction. As for the West Bank, my reservations about Israel's occupation have not been so readily resolved. For the situation there is complicated by the human consideration: the presence of over one million Palestinian residents. (The Golan area, in contrast, is sparsely populated.) Our mission did not afford the opportunity to meet either Palestinian villagers or Jewish settlers. Thus I lack the insight and empathy to come to terms with Israel's continued occupation, and my uncertainty about that vexing situation continues.

But my most cherished memory remains that of the

first glimpse of Jerusalem from Mt. Scopus. After our prayer and song, our guide had told us that from this very spot, some 2000 years ago, the Roman emperor Titus had decreed the destruction of the Jewish Temple and the enslavement of the Jews. Now, with the bustling New Jerusalem spread before us, encircling the Old City, we were truly observing the unfolding of a long continuum of Jewish survival and renewal.

*The writer resides in Providence, is an employee of United Way of Southeastern New England and proprietor of Axelrod Music, Providence.*

## Lost and Found



Jewish National Fund officials are relieved at the recovery of a seven-foot replica of the space shuttle Challenger (above), on display at the JNF's Challenger Forest, dedicated in 1986 in memory of the seven Challenger astronauts. The forest is located in JNF's American Independence Park, established outside Jerusalem during the U.S. bicentennial. After JNF notified the police about the theft, a sharp-eyed colleague noticed the "shuttle" in the yard of a private home in Jerusalem. The fiberglass model was retrieved and will be installed in its rightful place after repairs are completed.



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# OPINIONS

## Jews In Russia Need More Religious Choice, Says Rabbinical Team

by Tamar Kaufman

After 74 years of deprivation, the Jews of the former Soviet Union are finally able to sit at the banquet of Jewish life. But most of the dishes being served there have a similar flavor, according to Rabbis Einat Roman and Arik Ascherman, a husband-and-wife rabbinical team who recently returned from a two-week trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

The choices, according to the two Northern California rabbis, range from Chasidism through modern Orthodox, while more liberal branches of Judaism are almost unknown and sometimes even discouraged.

It's very clear they're really hungry for Jewish teaching," says Rabbi Ramon, the first Israeli-born woman ordained a rabbi, "but Orthodoxy is too far from the reality of their lives." Rabbi Ramon is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Modern Jewish Thought at Stanford University.

While the two rabbis - Rabbi Ascherman leads Reform Temple Beth Hillel in Richmond,

Calif. - applaud all efforts to bring Judaism to Russian Jews, they see the Israeli experience as a warning. There, Jews have traditionally had only two choices: being Orthodox or secular. Most have chosen the latter.

Still, even the most secular Israeli remains immersed in Jewish culture, speaking Hebrew, celebrating Jewish holidays and learning Jewish history and literature even in nonreligious public schools. That is not the case for Jews remaining in Russia, who were robbed not only of their religion - and any religious development - but also of their culture, history and language.

Rabbi Ramon expresses the concern that their new interest in Judaism might be squelched by uncompromising attitudes about observance. "They are going back to dealing with questions of faith and G-d," she observes. "Once you get to faith, you want to connect to tradition. But what if you don't feel comfortable with Orthodox images of G-d and its institutions?"

"And," she asks rhetorically, "what if Orthodox institutions don't accept you?"

The returning rabbis noted that some of the people they met reported being turned away because one of their parents was not Jewish. Others said that even though both of their parents were Jewish, they had been rejected for marrying non-Jews.

### The Reform Alternative

Fortunately, according to Rabbi Ascherman, some Russian Jews, uncomfortable with Orthodoxy, are seeking alternatives and "Reform groups are starting to spring up all over the place." There are now about 20 such bodies from the Urals to Siberia, he adds.

But Rabbi Ramon notes that some of them are not yet congregations. "They are like little chavurot (prayer-study groups) that meet in people's homes."

She observes that Hineni, the large Reform congregation in Moscow, attracts between 100 and 400 people every Friday night and had about 500 at Chanukah services, in spite of the fact that it lost its building

to Chabad, which argued before the Moscow authorities that Reform Jews were not Jews and therefore had no right to property that had belonged to the Jewish community before the Bolshevik revolution.

Further evidence of the surge of interest in Judaism was a conference in Moscow held by the World Union of Progressive Judaism, in which they took part. "People approached us with the most interesting theological questions," says Rabbi Ramon. "These are very intellectual, intelligent people whose minds are fresh on these questions."

Adds Rabbi Ascherman: "People knew a lot more (about traditional texts and Jewish philosophy) than we expected." In Moscow, the couple participated in a Shabbat service, led discussions,

attended a bat mitzvah and spent a great deal of time conversing with Russian Jews. They also attended a bat mitzvah in St. Petersburg. "Gender," says Rabbi Ramon, "was not an issue, showing that they feel comfortable in a non-Orthodox congregation." Nor did they feel uncomfortable with a woman rabbi, she notes. "There are already women in Moscow who want to become rabbis.

"Everywhere we went, people wanted to know about liberal Judaism," she says, adding: "It is crucial that more rabbis do what we did. Different institutions should send rabbis and other educators, because we need to work for the spiritual freedom of former Soviet Jews in the same way we fought for their freedom to emigrate. It's the next step of our commitment to them."

### Correspondents Wanted

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## Syria's Human Rights Abuses

by Harold Silverman, President Congregation Sons of Jacob

Syrian foreign minister Farouk Al-Sharaa declared last year in Madrid: "Jews have lived among Muslim Arabs - without ever suffering any form of persecution or discrimination." This is furthest from the truth, which has been exposed in a new book published by Middle East Watch (MEW) and Yale University Press, *Syria Unmasked: The Suppression of Human Rights by the Assad Regime*. The book is a comprehensive study, based on hundreds of anonymous interviews and one illegal visit to Syria, of the systematic oppression employed in this dictator country. The MEW study shows the Syrian regime's public image as not resembling a benign state.

Facts bear out that Jews suspected of travelling "illegally" or ever planning to do so have been arrested, interrogated, and subjected to possible lengthy imprisonment, as noted by the senators. Further, the now infamous case of Eli and Selim Sowad who were arrested in late 1987 on suspicion of travelling illegally to Israel, was also noted by the

senators. The Soweds were held incommunicado for almost two years. Finally, in June 1989 the Syrian government acknowledged that they indeed were alive, but it was

### Presidential Notes

not until September 1989 that any family member was permitted to see them. Accordingly, the senators wrote that the Soweds never had been granted legal counsel and had never been legally tried. The health of Eli and Selim Sowad had deteriorated. Eli suffered from tuberculosis contracted from being held in dark underground cells.

As a result of pressure from the Bush administration, Congress and human rights organizations, some single Jewish women have been allowed to leave Syria and the Soweds were then moved to above-ground cells and permitted to have visas for the first time in 2½ years.

Earlier that year, 131 House

members led by Representative Wayne Owens (D-VT) signed a letter to President Assad demanding the Soweds release.

Most of the credit for publicizing the plight of Syrian Jewry must go to Alice Harary, a Manhattan attorney, who continues to head the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews.

On November 30, 1990, New York City mayor David Dinkins proclaimed "Syrian Jewry Day." NYC has 30,000 Jews who trace their origins to Syria. The mayor noted in that proclamation "New Yorkers of diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds realize that no person is free until all people are free and support Syrian Jews in their struggle for freedom."

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It is common practice for the Syrian regime to justify the denial of human rights to its citizens because of its ongoing conflict with Israel. It is all too probable an overwhelming presumption that the 'emergency' is simply an excuse for the regime to suppress legitimate domestic opposition.

## Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

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WASHINGTON — Brigadier General Herbert R. Dean, State Director of Selective Service, today designated 121 registration places for the Fourth Registration Day for men age 45 ... through age 64 ... not previously registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

ZURICH — A report from Finland states that the position of the approximately 2,000 Jewish inhabitants of that country has not deteriorated in spite of the anti-Jewish campaign conducted there by new publications started with financial support from Germany.

PROVIDENCE — The Men's Club of Temple Beth Israel will culminate its current Bowling League season with a banquet to be held at the Cabana Club on Monday night. Wives and friends of members have been invited to attend.



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# The Bottom Line On Loan Guarantees

by Geraldine Ferraro

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the lengthy debate over U.S. loan guarantees to Israel is how misguided much of that debate is in the first place. Opponents of the guarantees, led by the White House, have seized upon a variety of reasons why they should be withheld. For one, there is the canard about the U.S. dispensing additional foreign aid when our domestic ills require increased attention. Then, there is the issue of "linkage," which would tie the guarantees to a commitment by Israel to halt settlement activity in the territories.

I don't question the urgency with which America must address its own domestic concerns. And I know there is a variety of informed opinion on both sides of the debate over settlements. What I don't understand is what any of this has to do with loan guarantees.

First, many Americans still believe - largely because the White House has made no great effort to inform them otherwise - that the loan guarantees are tantamount to a foreign aid expenditure made directly out of the U.S. Treasury. This, of course, is not the case. Israel has agreed to reimburse the U.S. for any costs incurred in making the guarantees. Besides, unlike the savings and loans, which the Bush Administration has plied with billions of dollars, Israel has never defaulted on a loan.

Second, Israel needs the guarantees to begin critical work on its infrastructure and economy. One year ago, Israel was welcoming several thousand Jews from the former Soviet Union each week. During the April week I visited Israel, only nine immigrants landed. Today, 65,000 would-be emigrants wait, visas in hand, to make their aliyah. They wait simply because there are no jobs for them in the promised land. The national unemployment rate of 11 percent obscures Israel's staggering unemployment among former Soviet olim. As many as one in two cannot find work. Though nearly half of these people possess advanced degrees, those who can find work generally end up performing menial labor for low wages.

The predicament of the newly arrived immigrants - and of those who still wait to emigrate from former Soviet lands - is perhaps the most distressing aspect of the Bush Administration's stubborn refusal to sign the guarantees. After decades of American pressure on the Soviets to let the aliyah proceed, 65,000 Jews remain hostage to the pressure tactics of George Bush and James Baker. As the danger of anti-Semitism rises around them in former Soviet nations, economic problems in Israel, stemming from the huge absorption of refugees, keep them from leaving. The Administration's stance makes a mockery of years of effort, in the U.S. and internationally, to



force successive Soviet regimes to permit emigration. Is this what all of the marches in front of Soviet embassies, all the letters to the United Nations, all the passionate appeals for help, have come to?

The obvious injustice of the Bush Administration's position has fostered a unanimity of opinion that I had never before encountered on previous trips to Israel. Israel, after all, has never lacked political diversity. But on my recent visit there I met with officials of the Likkud and Labor parties, with liberals, moderates, and hardliners, and with many ordinary citizens on the streets. If there was one point on which everyone agreed - Sephardim, Ashkenazim, Likkud, Labor, hawks, and doves - it was this: Israeli settlement policies are for Israelis to decide.

It is interesting to note that many Israelis both oppose the continued construction of settlements in the territories and oppose the condition - no settlement construction - that the Bush Administration is placing on the loan guarantees. The Israelis, at least, understand that this is not an issue of settlements, but an issue of raw power.

Israel is now attempting to address many of the same domestic initiatives that are required in America. It needs money for investment to create jobs; research and development of new technologies to improve its industrial base; and large investments in infrastructure to accommodate the 400,000 Soviet Jews who have arrived since 1990, and the million more projected to arrive by 1996. Scarce resources and glaring infrastructure problems have weakened support for the Shamir government's expansion-at-any-cost approach to the territories. But they have not weakened support for the democratic principles that guide very legitimate govern-

George Bush and James Baker, in their self-appointed roles as Israel's big brothers, fail to grasp that fundamental premise: like Americans, Israelis want to make their own decisions. One of the most moving moments of my lifetime occurred at Camp David, when Menachim Begin and Anwar Sadat realized their historic peace accord. The catalyst for that inspired occasion was President Jimmy Carter, whose

granite patience and intelligent persistence stand in stark contrast to Mr. Bush's clumsy attempt at billy-club diplomacy. For all of his avowed experience in foreign affairs, Mr. Bush seems to understand little of the gentle art of persuasion. Is it any wonder Israelis are offended?

It would be interesting to observe the Administration's reaction were Japan to attempt to place restrictions on American policies as a way to protect Japan's billions of dollars in investment in this country. How would America react if, for instance, Japan attempted to dictate American policy on deficit reduction or infrastructure investment by linking such policies to Japan's willingness to continue financing our deficit through its purchases of U.S. Government bonds?

Geraldine Ferraro ran for Vice President in 1984. She is now running for the U.S. Senate.

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## Abortion - Maintaining The Status Quo

By Representative  
Linda J. Kushner  
District 4 - Providence

Some Rhode Islanders who know their way around the State House and the General Assembly expressed surprise last week when the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare voted out a bill (H-7549, Sub A) that would preserve, in the event that the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, the availability of safe, medical, and legal abortions in Rhode Island.

They were surprised at the size of the vote - 13 to 3 to approve. I, however, think the vote simply reflects the reality of what this legislation does - it continues the status quo on abortions in Rhode Island. The bill does not enlarge or diminish abortions in Rhode Island. Rather, H-7549, Sub A, codifies what has been the medical practice in our State regarding abortion, as outlined in the existing regulations of the Rhode Island Health Department.

Because of the protection afforded by the *Roe v. Wade* decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Rhode Island medical community has been able, for the past 19 years, to provide safe and legal abortions to those Rhode Island women who found it necessary to make the difficult, and often painful, decision to terminate their pregnancy.

In Rhode Island, as throughout the United States, the vast majority (92%) of these abortions have occurred within the first 12 weeks of the pregnancy. Some abortions have occurred between the 15th and 20th weeks of pregnancy. According to vital statistics records of the Health Department, no therapeutic abortions have occurred in Rhode Island after the 24th week.

*Roe v. Wade* and Rhode

Island Health Department regulations allow a woman to have an abortion until fetal viability - the time when a newborn can survive outside the womb with full medical help. After fetal viability, which generally occurs about the 24th week of pregnancy, depending on the health of the mother and the fetus, an abortion is allowed only if the life or health of the mother is at stake.

What must be stressed is that H-7549, Sub A, specifically maintains the existing Rhode Island practice on abortions. For example, the bill continues the current Rhode Island requirement that minors (unmarried women under 18) must have either the permission of one parent or the permission of the Court in order to obtain an abortion.

It also continues the Rhode Island exemption, granted to individual physicians, from performing sterilization or abortion procedures. Nor is the Rhode Island practice of non-payment for abortions through medicare funding changed. The legislation simply continues the status quo.

It is my belief, that the vote of the HEW committee reflected the fact that legislators recognized that the difficult decision of whether to undergo an abortion is a deeply personal decision of the pregnant woman, not a government decision.

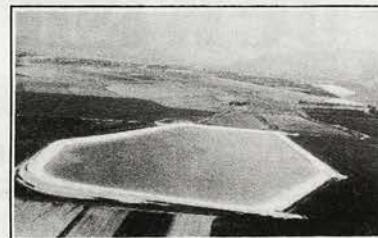
Although most people hope they never find themselves in the position of needing to use this medical procedure, they want to be sure that should they need to have an abortion, it will continue to be a safe medical legal procedure performed by licensed doctors in Rhode Island.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Russians Celebrate Openly

by Sandy Wolofsky

MOSCOW (JTA) — For years, Rosa Shulinova and her daughter, Faigie Aminova, celebrated Passover in secret.

They would go to the synagogue on Bolshoi Bronnaya in the center of Moscow, where Jews huddled clandestinely around a small oven to bake their own matzah.

Then Rosa and her daughter would hurry home to hold a traditional seder, in secret with curtains drawn.

Those were in the old days. Times have changed since the demise of the authoritarian state which frowned on all religions, but most of all, it seemed, on the Jewish faith.

Celebrating Passover in Moscow is still hard, but for different reasons.

Matzah is readily available, thanks to the generosity of donors in the United States, Canada, Israel, France and Switzerland.

But like everything else, it is in short supply, and getting it to the consumer is a formidable task.

For the second year, the Lubavitch movement is operating a supply network that sends 60 tons of matzah from overseas to central points in 100 cities and towns all over the former Soviet Union, where it is distributed to people by armies of volunteers.

In Moscow, Rabbi Berel Lazar supervises 30 men and women who pick up the matzah at the airport, collect the 10-ruble fee (about 10 cents) and distribute 1 kilo per family. That works out to three matzah squares.

As Rosa and her daughter waited patiently in line outside the Marina Roscha Synagogue for their 1 kilo, they and other Jews may have recalled what life was like for Jews here not too long ago, or the stories told by their parents or grandpar-

ents about the early days of the Soviet regime.

After the Revolution, all but one synagogue in every major city was shut down.

Those permitted to stay open — showplaces of Soviet "tolerance" — were actually run by the Cheka, the secret police preceded the NKVD and the KGB.

This particular synagogue, opened in defiance of the laws, became a center of Jewish resistance and a target of the KGB. When a mikveh was opened, the KGB tore it down.

Everyone who attended services was reported to the authorities. Not a few who showed their faces in shul disappeared. Stories abound of worshippers fleeing to the nearby cornfields, where they hid for days. When a circumcision had to take place, the infant's parents were blindfolded and driven to an unknown location for the ceremony and blindfolded

again then they were driven home. While those involved were rarely the famous refuseniks, they kept up the outside links. The network was immense and nothing ever was written down.

These days, life has changed.

The Lubavitchers now have a yeshiva, where about 50 students are enrolled, evenly divided between men and women.

They have a Jewish day school with an enrollment of 175 children who are taught Russian, Hebrew and Jewish traditions.

A few waiting in line complained that the matzah cost 10 rubles now while last year it was free.

But most rejoiced at merely being able to obtain matzah openly. "Seeing so many Jews together in one place, socializing together, preparing for the holiday together just makes me want to cry for joy," said one.



### NATIONAL

San Antonio, Texas (JTA) — Reform rabbis must take the lead in confronting intermarriage, the most perplexing and challenging issue affecting the American Jewish community today. That was the message delivered to the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis by Dr. Steven Bayme, director of Jewish communal affairs for the American Jewish Committee.

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New York (JTA) — In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Jewish expulsion from Spain and the voyage of Christopher Columbus, the Anti-Defamation League is sponsoring an exhibit about the history of Jews in Latin America. The exhibit, "Voyages of Freedom: 500 Years of Jewish Life in Latin America and the Caribbean" follows the path of the Jews to the New World, culminating with a view of life in the region in modern times.

### INTERNATIONAL

Tel Aviv (JTA) — Military cooperation between Israel and the United States appears alive and well regardless of the recent strains in their political relations. The U.S. will continue to fund development of Israel's Arrow anti-missile system by the government-owned Israel Aircraft Industries, despite its history of failure to date.

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Jerusalem (JTA) — Palestinian support for the peace process has plummeted since the first direct talks with Israel began in Madrid last October. A survey conducted by Dr. Saleh Abdul Jawad of Bir Zeit University in the West Bank showed that nearly as many oppose it as support it.

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Bonn (JTA) — Months of protests by Jewish groups here and abroad apparently have failed to save a 350-year-old Jewish cemetery in a Hamburg suburb from being bulldozed. Developers planning a shopping mall on the site announced recently that construction would be resumed.

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Rome (JTA) — One of Rome's leading Jewish citizens was elected to Parliament in the general elections last week. Enrico Modigliani, a 54-year-old businessman, ran on the Republican Party ticket, one of the smaller of Italy's political parties and the only one that has been consistently supportive of Israel.

## Angola Becomes Latest Nation To Forge Relations With Israel

by Larry Yudelson

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — The People's Republic of Angola has joined the growing list of countries to have full diplomatic ties with Israel.

The move was announced by the U.N. ambassadors of the two countries during a ceremony recently at the Angolan Mission to the United Nations.

The step was agreed upon in January, when Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy met in Lisbon with his Angolan counterpart, Pedro de Castro dos Santos Van-Dunem.

This brings to 18 the number of African countries with ties to Israel. Following the 1973 Yom Kippur War, all but four African countries broke their ties with Israel. Angola,

however, did not become independent until 1975.

An exchange of ambassadors remains to be discussed between the two countries. Israel's foreign service, and Foreign Ministry budget, has been strained by the rapid burst of diplomatic ties since the end of the Cold War.

In recent months, Israel has established relations with

China, India and several newly independent republics of the former Soviet Union.

And recently, Israel recognized the independence of the Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

As for the strain on Israeli resources, "it's a problem we like facing," said one Israeli diplomat, adding that negotiations are under way to establish ties with other African countries.

## NCSY Summer For Teens

The Summer Program brochure of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) division of the Orthodox Union reads like a menu in an exclusive restaurant; there is an exciting selection for virtually any taste.

Six of the programs offer a variety of fun and learning experiences in Israel and Europe. High school young adults can experience and explore the land of Israel with the 5-week Israel Summer Seminar; it combines hiking Masada at sunrise, snorkeling along the coral reef of Eilat, absorbing the sanctity of Jerusalem through archaeological digs and learning with prominent Israeli rabbis. Those who want to explore their Jewish Heritage in depth can relive a thousand years of European Jewry and the return of the Jewish People to Israel with the Jewish Overseas Leadership Training (JOLT) Seminar; teens in this program spend two weeks in Poland and three weeks in Israel. A major NCSY innovation is the new six-week Michlelet NCSY program for girls, along with the Israel Summer Kollel for boys; each program combines touring with in-depth learning for high school teens.

For more information or to receive a brochure, please write: NCSY Summer Programs, 333 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001; or call Beth Kaplan at (212) 563-4000, ext. 235.

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## 'Maus' Comic Strip Wins Pulitzer

By Alexandra J. Wall

NEW YORK (JTA) — Cartoonist Art Spiegelman, creator of an unconventional comic series depicting his father's experiences during the Holocaust, has been awarded a special Pulitzer Prize for his work.

*Maus: My Father Bleeds History* and *Maus II: A Survivor's Tale. And Here My Troubles Began* chronicle the life of Vladek, an Auschwitz survivor, from his life in Poland to his immigration to America.

What makes Vladek different from other characters in Holocaust literature is that he is a mouse - Spiegelman metaphorically portrays Jews as mice, Nazis as cats, Poles as pigs and Americans as dogs.

Vladek's tale of survival is fused with the present. As he recounts his story to his son, Artie, references alluding to a temperamental relationship with his son and the suicide of his wife, Anja, abound.

Spiegelman is the founder of *Raw*, a New York-based arts and comics magazine which he edits with his wife, Francoise Mouly.

In an interview last November with City on a Hill Press, the campus newspaper of the University of California, Santa Cruz, Spiegelman said he never expected the acclaim the *Maus* books have received.

described his having won the Pulitzer as "swell. It was completely unexpected, because my work is so peculiarly uncategorizable."

Spiegelman's name was submitted to the Pulitzer committee in the category of editorial cartooning by Jonathan Rosen, executive editor of the Jewish English-language newspaper *The Forward*, where *Maus II* was serialized in a weekly format.

The committee saw the merits of the *Maus* series, but did not think of it as within the bounds of this category. It chose instead to give Spiegelman a special award.

In an interview last November with City on a Hill Press, the campus newspaper of the University of California, Santa Cruz, Spiegelman said he never expected the acclaim the *Maus* books have received.

"I really believed that we would publish it ourselves and take it around in a knapsack to bookstores, and that in a hundred years, someone would read it," he said.

The author, who lives in New York, is currently a guest lecturer at the California

school.

Spiegelman acknowledged that at first there was difficulty for many in accepting a Holocaust comic book. "It sounds like some kind of oxymoron, but to me it was just a very natural thing. I do comics, that's how I think, that's the shape to which I give my thoughts.

"So it was natural that if I was going to deal with something intimate and important in my life, I would give expression to it in the medium that I'm comfortable with," he said.

Even when *Maus II* made the *New York Times* best-seller list, he had to write to the book review editor to express his appreciation for having made the list but protest the fact that his book had been placed in the fiction category.

He was told it was an error. But categorizing the work was still difficult, the editor admitted.

Spiegelman said that when he first heard he had won a special award, he thought it was not on par with other Pulitzer Prizes, perhaps "something like the Special Olympics."

Council of Jewish Women, to mobilize their memberships to buy consumer products with the "Made in Israel" label.

"The quickest way to create new jobs in Israel is by boosting exports," he said. "Every Jewish organization should make buying Israeli goods a top priority."

### What Prime Minister Shamir Should Do

Mr. Winter also outlined a six-point program that he said Prime Minister Shamir of Israel should "immediately undertake":

- Issue a clear-cut statement pledging that the government will take all necessary steps to bring about economic reform leading to a free-market economy.

- Stress Israel's commitment to the Middle East peace process — "an issue of major importance to foreign investors."

- Appoint a blue-ribbon committee of American and Israeli chief executive officers to develop a strategic plan for attracting U.S. investors.

- Send Israeli executives — similar to the dollar-a-year men who have served the U.S. as volunteer executives — to the U.S. as representatives of the Government of Israel to explain the advantages of doing business in the Jewish state.

- Step up the sale of Government-owned companies and

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## United Synagogue Launches Voter Registration Project

With as many as one million eligible American Jews not registered to vote, The United Synagogue has launched Project Registration and Vote to encourage and facilitate voter registration among the members of the organization's affiliated congregations.

Under this program, The United Synagogue will distribute to synagogues in each state the appropriate registration information and will devote an issue of the organization's social action newsletter to that subject. Further, each congregation has been asked to appoint a chairman to oversee the campaign in its community.

According to Sarrae Crane, Director of Special Projects, "It is fairly clear that we need to organize two parallel campaigns — one for the older generation and one specifically targeted to those between the ages of 18 and 25, emphasizing issues of particular relevance to this group."

With regard to the latter, "We will certainly involve those members of USY who will be 18 by Election Day as well as the members of KOACH, our college-age organization," notes Rabbi Jerome Epstein, Executive Vice-President of the organization.

Alan Tichnor, United Synagogue International President, points out that "particularly now, when forces in American society are acting to threaten the continuation of the rights which American Jews and other minorities presently enjoy, voting is not only a right but an absolute obligation and an essential responsibility of citizenship."

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, established in 1913, is the association of 800 Conservative congregations in North America. With 2 million members, the Conservative Movement is the largest branch of the Jewish faith.

## Reform Social Action Conference

The first national training program for social action leaders sponsored by the Commission on Social Action (CSA) of Reform Judaism will take place July 10-12 in Washington, D.C.

The conference will bring together leading Jewish activists, from across the United States and Canada, to plan strategy and exchange ideas for the future. The meeting will also provide comprehensive skills training on organizing synagogue social action committees and activities.

Pushing for early registration, Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, said, "By bringing together social justice advocates from throughout North America to meet, network, and strategize with each other, we will be better able to transform our vision of *tikkun olam* into the life of our community."

This meeting will be historic. Never before has a national Jewish social action convention taken place. We will focus our energies on how we can be more effective in the work of social justice through the synagogue that the Commission on Social Action has undertaken."

The First National Social Action Training Convention will take place July 10-12 on the campus of Gallaudet University.

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# AROUND TOWN

Story by Dorothea Snyder

# Larger Than Life

She packs plenty of punch through her puppets and storytelling!

Marilyn Price gave her "premiere performance in Rhode Island" for the Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island at Temple Beth-El on April 7th.

After speaking to the National Convention of Sisterhoods in Baltimore, interested Rhode Islanders invited her to come and present her program.

Over the breakfast table, the petite puppeteer expressed her delight over a revitalized interest in Jewish theatre. "People are willing to listen to Jewish stories told in a Jewish setting."

While researching for "Golden Threads: A Tapestry of Sephardic Experience," Marilyn gained a broad understanding of how Jews have always been on a journey from the beginning, not necessarily of their own choice.

"Wonderful things came out of this Expulsion. Not having lived through it, I can only imagine the horrors."

"Much to my surprise, the Inquisition lasted until the middle of the 19th century, so we were hiding and running, the reason why some strange customs we find peculiar have lasted for so long."

"There are Marrano Jews still practicing in private what they should be doing publicly because the arm of the Inquisition went all the way into the United States until the mid 1800's. I don't think most of us realize that."

"From the Sephardic experience came music, theatre, philosophy, theology, which wouldn't be if we weren't forced to disperse. I hadn't realized the impact of the Expulsion!"

In "Golden Threads," Marilyn interweaves history and stories of the Sephardic experience, "a golden age of Judaism," she said. "One story I tell, 'The Shabbat Queen,' came from a Sephardic Experience. I use three voices with little dialect."

Marilyn doesn't work in a Punch-and-Judy style. She's front, center, and always visible. "I'm the director. The puppets are the actors."

She works with two puppets at a time, though she can do "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" with clever programming and choreography. The seven dwarfs are on a mitten, she explained.

Coming from a college background in fine arts, Marilyn concentrated in sculpture and painting. Her puppets aren't traditional. She makes her own. Her interest in the earth inspires her use of recycled objects. A cow puppet is innovatively created from a milk carton.

Her entry into puppetry began 20 years ago, when Marilyn's girlfriend asked her to assist with a promotion at their synagogue. "I had absolutely no background in puppetry, just fine arts, all visual, and art history."

"I was a management consultant after college. I certainly didn't do puppet shows, even as a kid. I don't know if I owned a puppet."

After presenting a string of puppet shows to temples, schools, libraries, and museums, the puppet show duo parted. Her former partner/friend now runs an archaeology hands-on museum. "We still daven together," says Marilyn.

Her first big break happened 12 years ago when she staged "Pompeii: Can You Dig It?" at the Art Institute, heightening her visibility.

Puppetry and young motherhood worked well for Marilyn. While her children were in nursery school, she performed in nursery schools. As Matt and Sara grew older, her flexibility increased.

After their school hours at home, Marilyn made puppets in her studio.



Marilyn Price with her friends in "Peter and the Wolf." The puppeteer recently performed "Golden Threads: A Tapestry of Sephardic Experience" for the Women's Division, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Her hands-on puppets were fun for the kids, too.

One story Marilyn performed for the Women's Division was "Challahs in the Ark" about Jacobi and his wife, Esperanza, who left Spain and landed in Jerusalem. "He only speaks Spanish and the rabbi speaks Hebrew, so there is a lack of communication," said Marilyn.

"Many times, what he hears isn't necessarily true. He hears the rabbi tell that when the temple was built, one of the things offered was 12 loaves of bread. Jacobi hears 'bread.' Esperanza makes 12 loaves of bread for the Lord as a gift." Marilyn fashioned her puppets to look like loaves of bread.

Home for the Price family is Evanston, Illinois. Her children attend the University of Michigan, her husband's alma mater. Matt is a theater major, comedy his forte. "Sara wants to save the world and change it around," mom Marilyn says.

Married 24 years, she praises "my supportive staff of husband, though my travelling isn't his favorite. It's mine, because I get to reach new audiences."

Marilyn travels from synagogue to synagogue using puppets to promote a camp for the Reform Movement. "I talk about kids going to Jewish camp and interweave stories while I'm doing that."

She teaches puppetry in schools, though most of what she does is secular.

"I've always enjoyed being Jewish. I love being Jewish," she says. "I try to convey that to the children I visit, especially in religious school, which isn't always a happy place."

"By doing that, the kids begin to see Judaism in a new light. Adults do too. We never had to hide our Judaism like the Marranos did. The fact we didn't have to is also to our detriment, because we are assimilated. Some of it is lost."

"My mission is to sell Judaism through stories to everybody, even to those who don't care."

When not performing, Marilyn teaches rabbis, teachers, and librarians how to tell stories, "a skill we should all have," she stresses.

Other interests include the Reconstructionist Movement. Her husband is a past president; she is

Reform Movement's National Task Force for AIDS and does charity therapy work in her area.

In between puppet show travels, she writes her scripts, designs and makes puppets, and handles her own management.

She loves working with preschoolers. "There's hardly anything you can do wrong with little children. It's wonderful."

Eventually, Marilyn would like to teach a college course in storytelling. Her career is moving towards more adult work. "I love working with seniors."

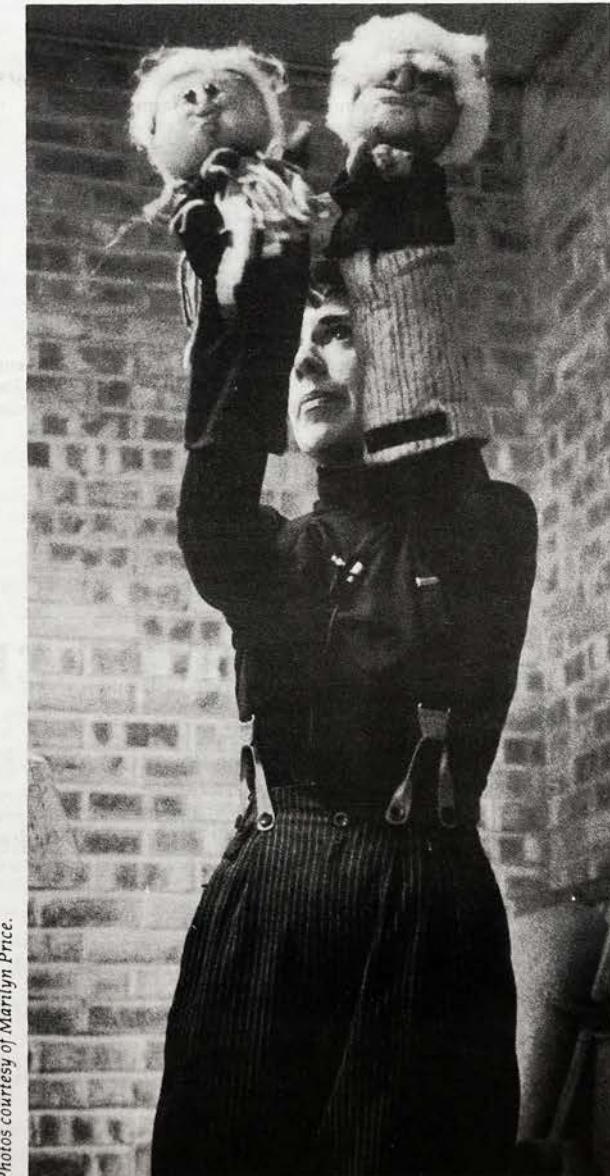
"They're an incredible audience, and so appreciative that it's painful to leave them."

Their imaginations get sparked, and they remember things they forgot. It makes them happy to remember."

Applauding Marilyn's performance for the Women's Division, one young woman admired the way she wove historical facts in between her light tales. "She even gave out Sephardic Passover recipes along with a time line of the Sephardic Jews."

"Marilyn made her dolls come to life in her dialogue with them," she said. "I felt they were real people, not just objects."

"She imbues her objects with a sense of human qualities and truly makes them come to life. Marilyn is very lively, and larger than life!"



Photos courtesy of Marilyn Price

Chazan Cantor and his wife with Marilyn.

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Performance Art Haggadah

by Mark Binder

In an old office near the Massachusetts Gas Company, Leland Vall and four actors are rehearsing *Passover Play*, an original performance art piece based on the Passover Haggadah.

"I've long seen theatricality in the Passover holiday," Vall explains, "and I wanted to explore it more. I wanted to explore the spiritual areas of it, and I also wanted to celebrate it, because I'm a theater artist, and I thought this would be a way to celebrate."

Nomi Hurwitz, a social worker and activist turned actress moves slowly across the linoleum floor. She has in her hand a feather and a spoon, and is picking up pieces of chametz, putting them into a bag. But the bag has a hole, and the bread falls back to the floor. She turns, and begins the slow scooping process again.

Describing the piece as a "surreal performance event about the difficulty of waiting," Vall says that the major theme of *Passover Play* involved waiting for the Messiah and for the

world to change.

"In Passover, we are asked to imagine ourselves as these people in Egypt, waiting for the signal to leave," Vall says. "They just wait. In many ways they're reluctant, and then they're just freed [by G-d]."

Vall, who has directed plays in restaurants, active subway cars, and with En Garde Arts in New York City, came to Providence from San Francisco in order to study with Anne Bogart at the Trinity Rep Conservatory. He was the assistant director for "On The Town." Since then, he has directed plays for the Perishable Theatre's Director's Lab.

Seeing his work as an experimental celebration, Leland Vall explains that he hopes to recreate the event next year.

"Don't be skeptical," Vall says. He smiles warmly. "This is another way of experiencing Passover. Probably not the one you'll have at home."

*Passover Play will be performed at Street, Providence, at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 30, May 1 and 2, and at 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 3.*

## Laura Berkson Performances

Saturday, April 25 - Laura will perform at Stone Soup Coffeehouse, in the Undercroft of the Church of the Redeemer, 655 Hope St., Providence. Show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Sunday, April 26, 12:45 p.m. - Laura will perform her new song "One World" with the Unity Choir, a 400-voice children's choir, as part of the Earth Day festivities at Roger

Williams Park, Providence. The song is a hopeful telling of young people's contributions to environmental action worldwide.

Monday, April 27 - 7:30 p.m. - Berkson presents a program of labor and work-related songs, entitled "The Movement of Labor's Music," in Hoffman Lounge, Independence Hall; admission is free.

## Yiddish Songs At Temple Am David

On Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. Temple Am David proudly presents "Yiddish Songs" performed by Cantor Charles Ross and accompanied by Fischel Bressler. Selections will be accompanied by English translation.

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## Poetry, Polish, And Pith

by Michael Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Woody Allen's "Shadows and Fog" (at the Cable Car cinema) tips its hat to directors from long-ago and faraway, from Fritz Lang with his morbid cityscapes to Fellini with his sideshows, circuses and brothels.

In "Fog" Woody shares his private dream. He moves through a murky movie set of lantern-lit bridges and alleys, like Edward G. Robinson or Peter Lorre, like Richard Barthelmess or Anthony Quinn in familiar classic or foreign films. Woody flails about, trying to play his right role in a vague "plan" to trap a murderer. Lots of old men, both wise and foolish, push him around. He bumps into his boss, who sits on a trashcan peeping at a sexy shadow on a tenement window-dash. He calls the lordly pervert "Your Majesty."

He also meets up with a pretty lady sword swallower, none other than Mia Farrow, who finds her truth in a brothel and in a gutter.

The film reads like a fairytale, lyrical, nostalgic, reaching, marked by magic objects like mirrors and trick props. It looks and sounds a bit like a living comicstrip, where all the characters speak in the same voice. I get a bit tired of the

whiny way with words that makes all the actors blend back into Woody himself.

You can divvy up most Jews into those who dig Woody and those who don't. I straddle the fence a bit. I share many of the maestro's tastes in music and movies. But in the old twenties through forties features to which he pays homage in this one, there was a high seriousness of some crazy kind, which is missing this time around. The jokes and the pure poetry clank and clank.

Even so, everything Woody does has polish and pith. His latest deserves more than the lone star he got at the hands of the *Journal*.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

On April 30, *Yom HaShoah*, the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum will unveil, *From Death Row to Freedom*, a collection of 30 framed sketches and 13 oils by concentration camp survivor David Wainapel. The Museum is located at 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington. For information, (202) 857-6536.

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**Momix**, a company of dance-illusionists will be at Rhode Island College's Roberts Hall Auditorium Tuesday, April 8, at 8 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$15, with discounts for students and seniors. To charge tickets, 456-8194.

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The Newgate Theatre presents the musical, *Jacques Brel is Alive & Well & Living In Paris* through May 23, 134 Mathewson Street, Providence. Tickets are \$8 to \$10. For information and reservations, call 421-9680.

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The Zamir Chorale will present a concert of Sephardic music sung in Hebrew, Ladino, and Aramaic at 3 pm on Sunday, May 3, at Sanders Theater, Harvard University. Tickets \$8 to \$20. For information or to order tickets, call (617) 965-6522.

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The Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology in Bristol has extended its hours to include 10 am to 5 pm Sundays. The extension is a response to increased visitation caused by the exhibition *Entering the Circle: Native Traditions in Southeastern New England*. Beginning June 2, the museum will extend its weekday summer hours to 10 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday. For more information (401) 253-8388.

Art lovers won't want to miss the RISD Alumni Spring Sale on Saturday, April 25, from 10 am to 4 pm. Handcrafted items designed by more than 100 RISD graduates can be discovered at RISD's Upper Refectory, through the archways at 55 Angell Street or 30 Waterman Street. For further info, call 454-6349.

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More art... An art course for nonartists at the Barrington Public Library on four Thursday evenings, April 30 through May 21. Limited to 12 people, so call Lauri Burke at 247-1920 for more information.

# YOM HA SHOAH

HOLocaust REMEMBRANCE DAY

## Reminiscences From The Archives Of The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association



### OUT OF THE PAST

by Eleanor F. Horvitz

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In the late 1930's the first Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria came to Rhode Island, victims of Hitler's regime. The Jewish Refugee Service organized and assisted them with the basic needs for living. Jewish Family Service later assumed that responsibility, which it has continued to assume for those Jews who emigrate from Russia.

These displaced persons with few, if any, personal possessions left behind family, friends, an established lifestyle, their history, to face completely new surroundings and language. They were anxious to start a new life, to become independent. In the beginning they found comfort in each other, in sharing similar problems. This they did in each other's homes and in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island where they would meet. In 1944 they founded Rhode Island Selfhelp as an independent chapter of the New York Selfhelp organization. One of the aims of the Rhode Island Selfhelp group

was to help the newcomer become a part of the economic, social and cultural life of Rhode Island. With the aid of the established Jewish agencies the group was often successful in providing employment, housing and some financial assistance.

The Rhode Island Selfhelp group also provided social and educational activities which included lectures by well-known speakers and artists, installation dinners, dances and outings during the summer months. The most important event was the Annual Memorial Service in memory of relatives and friends and for the six million Jews who had perished under the Nazi regime. This was held on or about November 11 in the synagogue of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence. On November 11, 1953, a Memorial plaque was dedicated which now hangs in the R.I. Holocaust Museum (reproduced here). In addition to this ceremony for those Jews who lost their lives between 1933 and 1945, the memorial service

in 1981 was dedicated to the memory of those Jews who sacrificed their lives in defense of the State of Israel.

Membership in the Rhode Island Selfhelp group ranged between 120 and 150 individuals. The success of the organization is due to its excellent leadership. The one individual who stands out as the dominant personality is Ludwig Regensteiner. He served as president from its inception until 1971 with one exception of a short period in the mid-1950's. His admirable leadership was carried on by Bruno Hoffman, who assumed the presidency. He had been a founding member and served as Vice-President/Treasurer.

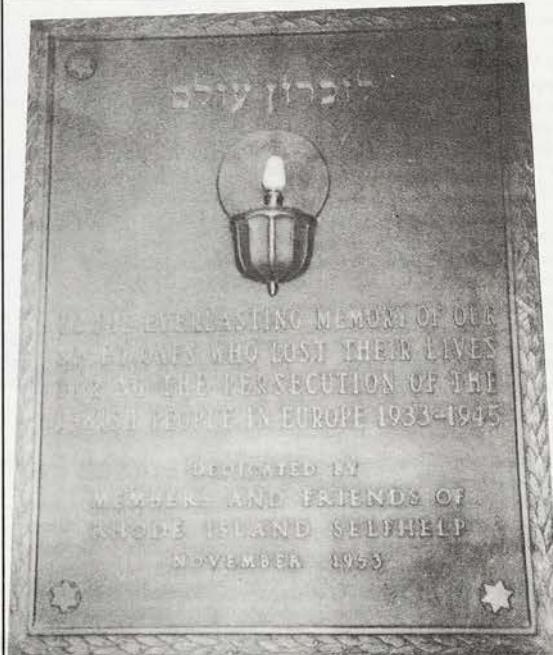
This organization of dedicated individuals became acclimated and involved in the Jewish community. They now encompassed into the Selfhelp group those Jews who began to arrive from Cuba, Egypt, Hungary, Roumania, etc. These later refugees benefited from the experiences of those who had come to Rhode Island from Germany and Austria.

The years took its toll and the membership of the Selfhelp group dwindled. It was decided to liquidate as a state registered nonprofit corporation. There was a last function to say farewell on October 6, 1985, at the Jewish Community Center but they made plans to continue the annual November Memorial service. The records of this important Rhode Island Selfhelp group are on file in the Rhode Island

Jewish Historical Archives, testimony to a group of men and women who were successful in achieving their goal of self-help.

Sources for the material in this article are: An article by two members of the Rhode Island Selfhelp group, Herta

Hoffman and Bertha Engelman entitled, "The Life and Death of a Worthwhile Organization," and an article by Stanley B. Abrams, "A Brief History of the Selfhelp Organization of Rhode Island," Volume 9, Number 4, November, 1986, *Rhode Island Jewish Historical NOTES*.



"To the everlasting memory of our loved ones who lost their lives during the persecution of the Jewish people in Europe 1933-1945." Dedicated by members and friends of Rhode Island Selfhelp, November 1953.

## A Father's Blessing

by Ray Eichenbaum

In a few months I'll be commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of my father — Chaim Jehoshua Eichenbaum.

My noble forebear came from modest, almost humble, origins. He was self-educated and achieved quite a bit for a fellow who hardly received any formal education. He was an avid reader, and was very ambitious for his children to become well educated.

There is hardly anything remarkable about the demise of my father during the Holocaust in the ghetto of Lodz, Poland. Thousands like him perished from hunger, cold and disease in similar, unbearable circumstances. However, one event which occurred just prior to Chaim Jehoshua's death will forever remain in my memory.

For it was at that time in the ghetto when my father was singled out to receive an exceptional gift from our leader of the ghetto, one Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski, the eldest of the Jews appointed by the Nazis when they marched in and occupied our town. For his faithful and diligent work in the ghetto administration, my father was to receive a week (7 days) of "kolacjy" (evening meals) at a special kitchen in

the center of our enclosure. This was a very valuable and cherished reward at a time of great hunger, and my father, who was almost always ravenously hungry in those days, was eagerly awaiting the specified week. However, just prior to that time, he was stricken with a terrible disease caused by general malnutrition. We called it "the galloping tuberculosis" in the ghetto, not knowing the specific term of this sickness. Anyway, once you were stricken with it, your days on this earth were counted. Without any medication whatsoever - we were not even aware of the existence of sulpha drugs at that time - and even if my sister, Bronia, who was a nurse, knew of them, they were not available to Jews. This terrible disease proceeded to ravish my father's body to an extent that in a matter of six or seven days he started to spit up parts of his lungs and the end became visible to everyone, even to himself, when he perceived that his flesh and his strength were very quickly vanishing. And just at that time, the long-awaited specified period for the "kolacjy" (evening meals) was upon us.

Imagine my surprise when my noble father, of all of us, chose me as the one who

should use the precious coupons for these cherished meals. He could have given them to his firstborn daughter, Bronia, who was beloved and praised by all. She was the pride of the family and deservedly so, for her devotion to us all knew no limits. Or he could have given them to my brother, Maurice, who was stronger, shifter and had a greater chance at survival than I. However, he chose me. I refused at first with the words, "Oh no, Father - You'll get better soon, and you'll be able to go to consume the meals yourself." Although looking at his emaciated face and body, I inwardly knew that this would not come to pass. I recall that he answered - "No, my son. You go and strengthen yourself with the food. The time is past for me. You are the future. You'll see the end of Hitler, and you'll live to continue our family's name."

I cried bitterly when I took the coupons, and during every meal at the elaborate (for those times) kitchen on Dworska Street my eyes were filled with tears and my thoughts were with my dying father who was virtually being consumed while we watched by this terrible disease.

We buried Chaim Jehoshua Eichenbaum a few days after

the seven-meal period was over in the cemetery in Marysin. A simple wooden marker was placed on his grave. The local Hevra Kiddusha could not and would not do anything for us. They were overworked and overextended with the hundreds of burials which took place daily as more and more victims succumbed to the oppressive conditions of our lives in the ghetto.

When we went back to Lodz in 1989, I visited the Marysin cemetery. There was neither grave nor marker for Chaim Jehoshua Eichenbaum to be found. I said a tearful Kaddish in the vicinity of

the grave as I remembered it. The time and the seasons have changed the place almost beyond recognition, perhaps to make the pain more bearable for me.

As I grow older, I would like to read something very significant into the "meals" that my father bestowed upon me. I see them as a "blessing" of sorts passed on from generation to generation as in times long ago. Like Abraham to Isaac . . . Isaac to Jacob . . .

For I was the only one of us to survive. My father's premonition has come true, or is it a mere coincidence . . .

## Brown/RISD Yom HaShoah Events

Tuesday, April 28 - "The Witness of Memory: Honoring the Dead and the Living," the Petteruti Lounge at noon. Rev. Dr. Flora Keshgegian, Associate Chaplain at Brown University, will deliver the annual Holocaust Memorial Lecture. Sponsored by the Chaplains' Office and Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation.

Wednesday, April 29 - "Reflections of a Survivor," Hillel House at noon. Mrs. Leah Eliash, a Providence resident and educator, will share her

experience of living through the Holocaust and reflect on its meaning for her and for the world. Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee.

Wednesday, April 29 - "Holocaust Memorial Service," Hillel House at 10 p.m. Join the community as we remember the millions of Jews and others who perished in the Holocaust. Participate in this moving candlelight service and communal reading. Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee.

# YOM HA SHOAH

HOLocaust Remembrance Day

## Polish Prime Minister Promises Jews: Holocaust Will Be Taught In Schools

NEW YORK (JTA) — "Polish children will learn about the Holocaust," the prime minister of Poland, Jan Olszewski, pledged at a meeting with Jewish leaders at the World Jewish Congress headquarters here recently.

Poland's educational curriculum and textbooks will "faithfully and honestly" portray the tragic fate of Polish Jewry during the Holocaust, the visiting prime minister said recently, according to Elan Steinberg, executive director of the WJC.

That will end four decades of silence on the subject during which Polish youth learned nothing in their schools of the history of the Holocaust or even of their own national history, while Poland was under Communist rule, the prime minister said.

He was responding to Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering/Federal

tion of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, who urged the Polish leader to make sure Polish children are properly taught about terrible events of the Holocaust.

When Ruth Popkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, spoke of seeing swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti on a recent visit to Poland, Olszewski blamed the lack of education of Polish youth on the history of those times.

Speaking for members of his own generation, he said the sign of the swastika was as horrible for them to behold as it was for Jews.

Olszewski recalled that this month marks the 47th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which he witnessed as a 13-year-old.

He said he saw ghetto fighters defy the Nazis by hanging Star of David banners alongside the red and white national colors of Poland.

Responding to Kalman Sulitanik, president of the Federation of Polish Jews, the prime minister said that Jewish claims to property will be taken into account in the drafting of privatization legislation.

Olszewski was asked to ensure that the dispute over the convent at Auschwitz would be resolved quickly with the transfer of the nuns to a new building off the site of the former death camp.

He replied that the possibility of government intervention was limited by the nature of the dispute but it would do what it could to expedite the implementation of agreements already reached on the issue.

Olszewski told WJC Secretary-General Israel Singer that he would be honored to address the international contingent of Jewish youth who will arrive in Auschwitz later this month to participate in the "March of the Living" commemoration.

## Yom HaShoah

### Holocaust Remembrance Day - April 30, 1992

The twenty-seventh of the Hebrew month of Nisan, called Yom HaShoah, was in 1951 set aside as a day of mourning for the victims of the Holocaust by the Knesset (the Israeli Parliament). The Central Conference of American Rabbis in June 1977, called for the annual commemoration of Yom HaShoah on this date.

Anti-Semitism and Nazism did not die with the end of World War II. The Shoah is a constant reminder of the potential for evil which lies below the veneer of civilization. The seeds of the Holocaust must not be allowed to find fertile soil again.

The Jewish community will gather with Christian neighbors and clergy in a Yom HaShoah service co-sponsored by

the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis. The service begins at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El.

It is a *mitzvah* to attend special memorial services as a way of remembering the six million Jews who were murdered in the Shoah. With the six million, we should also remember *Chasidim Umot Ha-Olam*, the righteous non-Jews who gave their lives in attempts to save members of the Jewish people.

In order to fulfill the *mitzvah* of remembrance, it is suggested that a memorial candle be lit. Either as preparation or as part of the observance, one should spend time reviewing the events which led to the Shoah and discussing ways of

preventing its recurrence.

In keeping with the spirit of Yom HaShoah as a day of mourning, weddings should not be scheduled. It is further suggested that one eat a very simple meal on the eve of Yom HaShoah as an act of identification and solidarity with those who were in the concentration camps and slowly starved to death. Particularly important is providing for a permanent memorial to the *Kedoshim*, the holy ones who perished. Therefore, our *tzedakah* on Yom HaShoah should be directed to institutions which preserve their memory.

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## At Brandeis University

A workshop on prejudice, a Holocaust survivor's story and a special memorial service are a few of the highlights of Holocaust Remembrance Week at Brandeis University starting April 29.

The Brandeis Hillel and a student committee have planned a wide range of free events, which coordinator Michele Levy said promote awareness and education about the Holocaust.

"It's unbelievable to me the monstrosities that can be committed against human beings," said Levy, a sophomore from Providence, R.I.

The prejudice workshop is designed to help people break through the many stereotypes about ethnic groups. Participants will examine how rumors get started and how destructive they can be, Levy said.

Other public events include a lecture by Israel Arbeiter, a Holocaust survivor, and the showing of "Au Revoir Les En-

fants," a French film about a Jewish boy hidden in a Catholic school during the Holocaust. Keynote speaker Laurel Vlock will discuss her documentary about Holocaust survivors and how she gathered their oral histories.

### Week Events

Wednesday, April 29: Memorial Service, 7 p.m., Alumni Lounge, Usdan Student Center.

Thursday, April 30: "Au Revoir Les Enfants," 8 p.m., Ziv Commons Building.

Friday, May 1: Holocaust Survivor Israel Arbeiter speaks on his experiences, 9 p.m., International Lounge, Usdan.

Sunday, May 3: Prejudice Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m., Ziv Commons. A 24-hour candlelight vigil starts at 7 p.m., WBRS, Usdan.

Monday, May 4: Laurel Vlock speaks on making a documentary about the oral histories of Holocaust survivors, 8 p.m., Alumni Lounge, Usdan.

## R.I. Interfaith Commemoration

downtown Providence to Temple Emanu-El where they will attend the service.



The service to remember the Holocaust will include members of various faiths, survivors of the Holocaust, as well as 2nd and 3rd generation descendants of survivors, a candle-lighting ceremony, poetic readings, cantorial presentations, and memorial prayers. Principal speaker of the eve-

ning will be Father Jude McGeough of St. Martha's Parish in East Providence. The "Never Again Award" of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will be presented to Jenny Klein, one of the founders and current co-chair of the museum. Jennifer Brandt, winner of the essay contest sponsored by the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, will read her winning essay.

At the conclusion of the service in the sanctuary, a candle-light procession will proceed to the Garden of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, located at the Jewish Community Center on Elmwood Avenue in Providence. The service will continue with memorial prayers and reading of the names of relatives of those who perished in the Shoah.

The Commemoration Service is open to the public.

## In Remembrance

by Lenka Rose

Survivor, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Bergen-Belsen

Let us remember and never forget,  
The "six million" Jewish men, women and children,  
Who perished at the hands of the Nazis  
During the Holocaust.

To achieve this mass destruction,  
The Nazis required a colossal cooperation.

In Auschwitz, alone,  
Doctor Mengele the beastly killer of mankind,  
Waved his stick at will.  
Who shall live and who shall die.  
After liberation, and all the carnage  
There were nations, with knowledge,  
How many thousands he condemned to death,  
And yet he was given haven under the sky.

Such awesome brutality,  
Unleashed upon a defenseless people,  
By a mighty nation,  
Lost touch with creation.

Then, General Eisenhower proclaimed,  
"This horror must go down in infamy.  
There should never be a question,  
about its credibility."

When hate is taught,  
It kills in a most sadistic way.  
Moral decadence follows along the way.  
Parents' inability to shield their children.  
The tears they cried,  
Could have filled an ocean.

The noxious gases used for the "final solution"  
Could have eclipsed the sun  
With the Nazis resolution.

For the living remnant,  
Rage, hunger, pestilence, ever present.  
The extreme suffering  
Could have shattered  
The axis of the earth planet.

The profound mystical bond,  
Of one Holocaust survivor to another,  
Is that we bear witness of man's inhumanity to man.  
We speak of the unspeakable, at best,  
Until our last breath.

Teach the children.  
LET IT NOT HAPPEN AGAIN  
In the name of humanity  
And human decency.  
May their memory serve as a guardian,  
For further generations.  
We owe at least that much to them.

Remember!

# MILESTONES

## Jenny Klein Honored With "Never Again Award"

Jenny Klein, a driving force who helped establish the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, will receive this year's "Never Again Award" during an interfaith, communitywide Yom Ha-Shoah commemoration. The service will be held in Providence on April 29 at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue and the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, 401 Elm-grove Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

"No other honor that I have received equals this," says the soon-to-be 85-year-old woman. The award is given annually by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island to an individual who has impacted the community so that the Holocaust should never recur.

Mrs Klein speaks passionately about the vision and achievements of the Museum.

Besides serving as the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum's chair of operations and co-chair of program committees, Mrs. Klein has many credits to her name. She is currently a vice president of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, having chaired several committees for the organization. She is an active member of Temple Emanu-El and helped establish the synagogue's successful Institute for Adult Education. She taught religious school there, "everything from aleph-bet (the Hebrew ABC's) to Talmud," she laughs. She served as president of the Pawtucket chapter of Hadassah and at

one time was the educational director of Hadassah programs in Canada. A graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, this vital woman is listed in the Who's Who in World Jewry. She was also the first woman in the history of the Conservative movement's Camp Ramah to become a director.

Mrs. Klein will receive the award in the garden of Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. With symbols of life and growth surrounding her, she will be publicly recognized for her commitment and effort.

For further information about the Yom HaShoah commemoration or the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, please call 861-8800.

## Abrams Marries Miller

Marlene Libby Abrams of Albany, CA and Stephen Joseph Miller of San Francisco, CA, were married on April 12 at Congregation Beth Shalom in San Francisco. The bride is the

daughter of Victor and Leah Abrams of Providence. She graduated from the University of Michigan and received her Master's in Linguistics from the University of California, Berkeley. She is currently employed at the University of California, San Francisco. The groom is the son of Grace Miller and Leon R. Miller (deceased). He graduated from the University of Cal-

ifornia, Los Angeles, and received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Illinois. He is currently employed by Chevron Research and Technology Corporation.

The maid of honor was Linda Coleman, and the best man was Ray Nelson. The canopy was held by Joseph Miller, Aaron Miller, and Lee Miller, sons of the groom, and by Mark Jarrett, cousin of the bride.

The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

## Kulik Accepted To West Point

Congratulations to Brandon Jeremiah Kulik, son of Robin Kulik and brother of Shayna and Joshua for his recent early appointment of admission to West Point Military Academy.

Brandon was nominated by Florida senator Connie Mack. Nominees must meet exceptionally high academic and athletic requirements; of the 15,000 that apply nationally each year, only 1,190 are accepted.

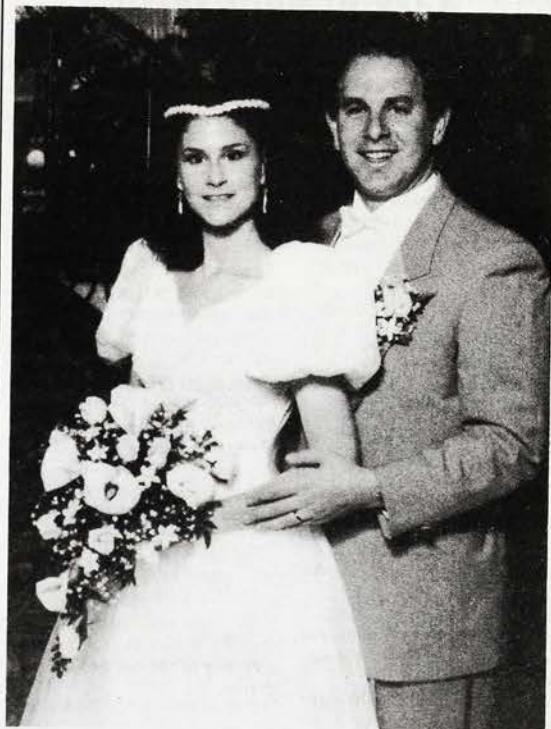
Brandon will be a member of the class of 1996. His proud grandparents are Sylvia and James Shocket of Cranston.

## JCCRI Celebrates Oldest Member's 100th Birthday

A member of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island for over 35 years, he walks from a bus stop on Hope Street to the facility most weekdays for a kosher hot lunch. "We offered transportation," says Senior Adult Coordinator, Sandy Bass, "but he is too independent to accept."

Peter "Pesah" Strelow, the Center's oldest member, will be the guest of honor at a special celebration on May 1 at 10 a.m. in the facility's social hall

## Tcath-Yale Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Yale of Skokie, Ill. announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Amy Lynn, to Jay J. Tcath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris A. Tcath of Hamden, Conn., at The Chateau Ritz in Niles, Ill. Rabbi Joel Hirsch, cousin of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, a graduate of the University of Illinois, received her Master's Degree from the National College of Education of Evanston, Ill., and is presently teaching school in Palatine, Ill.

The bridegroom, a 1981 graduate of Hamden High School holds a B.A. from American University in Washington, DC and an M.A. from the University of Chicago. A Veteran Army Officer, he is presently the Coordinator for International Affairs for the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

The bride's sisters, Carol Yale and Meryl Abramson, were maid and matron of honor respectively. Bridesmaids were Joyce Grannick, Debra Kronowitz and Julie Steinberg, all of Chicago. Deena and Ariel Abramson, nieces of the bride, were flowergirls.

The best man was Spencer Burkholz of Hamden, Conn. and Los Angeles, Calif. Captain Brian Fues of Fort Carson, Col., Michael Doman of Chicago and Jon Forstot of Fort Lee, N.J. served as groomsman. Max Sterling, nephew of the groom was ringbearer.

Mr. Tcath is the grandson of the late Jacob and Gertrude Tcath of Providence, RI, and William Hendel and the late Lillian Hendel of New London, Conn.

The newlyweds now reside in the Lincoln Park section of Chicago.

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## Goldstein Receives Award

The 51st Annual Meeting of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate, was held on Monday from 6-10 p.m., April 6, at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, Warwick.

The theme of the meeting was "Women and Heart." It celebrated the role women

have played in the 51 years of volunteerism with the AHA in Rhode Island. The risk of heart disease among women was discussed.

Doris R. Goldstein was presented the "Volunteer of the Year" award for her two-year service as Membership Chair-

he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War I that the Strelow family was reunited.

Settling in Providence with other family members, Strelow opened the "New York Tailoring Company," a business he operated first on Camp Street then on Hope Street. "Everybody knows me in this city," Strelow says. "They all came to me to fix their pants or to make suits and dresses."

For further information about this special May birthday celebration at the JCCRI, please call 861-8800.

person on the Board of Directors and her involvement in fundraising for the past seven years in the Cardiac Arrest Program.

Goldstein is a resident of Pawtucket.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Events At The JCCRI: Week Of April 24-30

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

### Brown Bag Club

Those free for lunch are invited to the noon meetings of the Brown Bag Club. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to discuss current events, participate in workshops or to take field trips. Those wishing to attend are asked to bring their lunch; dessert and beverage are served. A donation of \$1 is appreciated.

As Yom HaShoah approaches, the Brown Bag Club will remember with a special program. On Tuesday, April 28, Heinz Sandelowski will share his personal experiences as a Holocaust survivor. For further information, please call Evy Rappoport.

### JCCRI Singles Events

Singles can experience Thai

food with old and new friends on Thursday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Thai Rama, 175 Putnam Pike in Johnston. Call Bruce at 232-0588 for information and reservations.

### Seniors/Kosher Mealsite

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

**Friday, April 24 - Closed for Passover.**

**Sunday, April 26 - VCR program, "A World Away, Turkey/Egypt," 11a.m.**

**Wednesday, April 29 - Yom HaShoah, Temple Emanu-El, 7:30 p.m.**

For further information or details, call Sandy Bass.

## Annual Meeting Of The Jewish Historical Association

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, May 3, at 2:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, R.I. The 22nd annual David Charak Adelman lecture will be delivered by Marion Wilner, artist-educator, who will speak on, "The Jewish Artist in the Western World."

Marion Wilner received her Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree from New York University. She held membership in the Art Students League and attended Parsons School of Design. She retired as Professor of Art at Bristol Community College in Fall River after an association of 23 years. Her watercolors, drawings, etchings and monotypes (defined as watercolor painted on plexiglass) have been exhibited in several art galleries including the Providence Art Club and the Newport Art Museum. A research grant from the Gulbankian Foundation enabled her to travel to Portugal where she studied art and architecture and showed 25 of her own works in the Belas Artes School of the University of Lisbon.

As artist, teacher and lecturer Marion Wilner has a many-faceted career. Her lec-



Marion Wilner

ture and slide presentation at the Annual Meeting will focus on several Jewish artists including Barnett Newman, Ben Shahn, Max Weber, Larry Rivers and Leonard Baskin. She will demonstrate how their heritage and background influenced the content of their works of art.

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association honors its founder and first president, David Charak Adelman by continuing to present distinguished speakers at its annual meetings.

The public is invited to the meeting and to the social hour which will follow.

## Congregation Sons Of Jacob

**Thursday, April 23 - Seventh day of Pesach.**

Eruv Tashillin      Candlelighting      7:18 p.m.  
Mincha              7:20 p.m.  
Maariv              8:20 p.m.

**Friday, April 24 - Seventh day of Pesach**

Shacharis      8:30 a.m.  
(Kiddush follows at approximately 11:15 a.m.)

Candlelighting      7:19 p.m.  
Mincha              7:25 p.m.  
Maariv              8:25 p.m.

**Saturday, April 25 - Eighth day of Pesach**

Shacharis      8:30 a.m.  
(Followed by Kiddush at 11:30 a.m.)

Yiskor              10:45 a.m.  
Mincha              7:25 p.m.  
Maariv              8:25 p.m.

Havdalah End of Pesach

8:25 p.m.

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## Family Life Education Workshop

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are jointly offering a Family Life Education workshop, "Making Marriage Work," co-led by Rabbi Leslie Y. Guterman and Bryna Bettigole, clinical director at JFS.

"This is for couples to assess the skills necessary to sustain the working give-and-take that is the essence of a successful marriage," says Rabbi Guterman.

Ms. Bettigole explains that this workshop will give marriage partners the opportunity to recognize and think about the many variables affecting their relationships. How do families of origin impact their marriage and family values? What effect do careers and finances have? What about children? What Jewish values do

partners hold and what influence do they have on home life, parenting and the relationship? Other topics for discussion include communication and what to do when conflict arises, sexuality, working and sharing roles.

This three-session workshop will be held on Wednesday evenings, May 13, 20 and 27 from 7:30 to 9 at the offices of Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street in Providence. The fee is \$35 per couple and pre-registration is required. This workshop, as all others in the Family Life Education Series, is open to all. For further information or to pre-register, please call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.

## Congregation Ohawe Shalom End Of Pesach Schedule

**Thursday, April 23 -** During preparations for the last days of Pesach on Thursday, April 23, an eruv tavshilin must be made in order to allow preparation of food on Yom Tov for Shabbos. Candlelighting is 7:18 p.m. Mincha followed by Maariv is at 7:20 p.m.

**Friday, April 24 -** Shacharis at 9 a.m. Candlelighting at 7:19 p.m. Don't forget to say shel shabbos v' shel yom tov in the brocha over candlelighting. The Yizkor memorial candle must be lit before 7:19 a.m. from an existing flame. Mincha at 7:20 p.m. followed by Maariv.

**Saturday, April 25 -** Shacharis at 9 a.m. Shir HaShirim is chanted. Yizkor at approximately 10:30 a.m. Mincha will be at 7:15 p.m. followed by

learning, Maariv and Havdalah. Pesach is over at 8:23 p.m., but do not touch chometz

you sold before 9:30 p.m. in order to allow time for its re-purchase.

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## NCJW Annual Luncheon



Rosalie B. Fain

Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will hold its 15th annual Community Service Award Luncheon on Tuesday, May 12, at the Providence Marriott.

This year's honoree is Rosalie B. Fain. A former president of Planned Parenthood of R.I., Mrs. Fain has served on the executive committee of Jewish Family Service for 20 years and is a sustaining member of RISD Museum Associates. Her long and varied career in community service has led her to the boards of Hospice of R.I., the Newport Music Festival, the Rhode Island Philharmonic and the Handicraft Club of Rhode Island. She has organized and sponsored numerous fund-raisers for Temple Beth-El, Miriam Hospital and Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Presently, she is on the board of the Rhode Island Zoological Society which is largely responsible for the expansion and improvement of the Roger Williams Park Zoo.

Dr. Phyllis R. Brown, a former recipient of the Community Service Award will be the featured speaker. Her topic will be "Women Can Make a Difference," the power that women have to make changes.

Reservations can be made by calling 273-6869. Categories are: Sponsor-\$25, Patron-\$35, Benefactor-\$50, Angel-\$75, Special Gifts-\$100 plus.

Proceeds from the major fund-raiser directly support NCJW's community service projects benefiting the elderly, children and newly arrived Russian families. They also provide scholarship assistance to college students who exemplify a sense of community service.

Chairing the event is Margaret Lederer. Her committee

includes Gussie Bakst, Minna Ellison, Bonnie Goldowsky, Sylvia Fain, Ruth Fain, Elaine Kroll, Barbara Long, Marcia Riesman, Lillian Zarum, Ruth Wolf, Mardelle Berman and Marion Goldsmith, Ex Officio.

Founded in 1893, National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest Jewish women's volunteer organization. Its 100,000 members in 200 Sections nationwide are active in the priority areas of children and youth, women's issues, Jewish life, aging, Israel and constitutional rights. The Rhode Island Section has approximately 500 members.

In 1978 the Community Service Award was established by the Rhode Island Section to honor individuals who best exemplify the ideals of NCJW and whose commitment to human need has been outstanding.



Standing are Margaret Lederer, chairperson, and Lillian Zarum, treasurer and decorations chairperson. Seated are Marion Goldsmith, president RI Section NCJW and Sylvia Fain, program chairperson. Absent from picture is Barbara Long, advisor.

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as a Brownie leader and Cub Scout den mother, participated in a Divorce Support Group, and been active in community organizations. She attended Bryant College and owned and operated her own business prior to returning to the workforce. Ruth was office manager at Lincoln Controls Company before her current position as administrative assistant to the clergy at Temple Emanu-El. She is sensitive to the needs of the Temple and has exciting ideas about how Sisterhood can provide a support network for Emanu-El and its members.

Reservations are required for the luncheon. Please call the Temple Office at 331-1616.

## Miriam People Dinner To Be Held On Tuesday, May 12

Miriam People Dinner co-chairs, Bea and Martin Temkin, announced that the Miriam People Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Providence Marriott. The event is held each year to acknowledge the generosity of a select group of benefactors at the hospital known as the Miriam People.

The event will feature guest speaker Robert B. Patterson, MD, director of the Division of Vascular Surgery at The Miriam. Dr. Patterson will give a talk entitled, "Health

Through Gastronomy: In Defense of Garlic, Olive Oil and Red Wine."

The Miriam People Dinner is held under the leadership of The Miriam Hospital Foundation, the hospital's fundraising arm. The Foundation is chaired by Edwin A. Jaffe with additional guidance from the Foundation's Development Committee, including: Jane S. Nelson, Chairman; Joseph L. Dowling, MD; Sidney F. Geenwald; Stanley Grossman; Arthur Hurvitz; Benjamin Paster; and Arthur Robbins.

## Lincoln School To Hold Fair

Lincoln School, an all girls' independent school in Providence, will welcome spring on

Friday, May 1, with the "Friendly Fair," a festival of fun, food, and flowers to be held on the school grounds. Scheduled to coincide with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, the Fair will be open to the public.

The festivities will begin at 7:00 a.m. with a mile "Friendly Fair Run" for all interested, followed by a Continental May Breakfast in the Levinger Dining Room. From 1:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m., plants and garden items will be for sale, a silent auction will be conducted, and alumnae will host a showcase of work by members of the Lincoln community. At 3:00 p.m., the real fun will start when the Middle School presents midway games, a moonwalk, and music by Bahama Bob's, and the Lower School will conduct a bazaar including face painting, T-shirts, hats, May baskets, jewelry, used books, tapes and posters, food and even a dunk tank. At 4:30 p.m. the Lincoln Food Company will serve a gourmet lasagna buffet inside and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs outside, along with beverages and dessert. Alumnae are invited to attend a reception honoring the Class of 1942 and retired faculty at 5:00 p.m. To cap off the festivities, at 8:00 p.m. Dan Moretti and The Psychic Horns will present a contemporary jazz concert featuring Rebecca Parris, Boston's premiere jazz vocalist.

Lincoln School is located at 301 Butler Avenue, Providence. For more information call 331-9696, Ext. 124 and ask for Meryle Santopietro.

## "The Arab/Israeli Conflict"

by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

On Thursday, April 16, at 7 pm at Brown University's Salomon Learning Center, Professor William Quandt, former National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter and one of the principal framers of the Camp David Accords lectured on "The Arab/Israeli conflict." The talk was sponsored by the Brown Middle East Lecture Series and their Political Science Department.

Before looking into the present and future, Quandt spoke about the history of the Arabs and the Israelis, that they always had their differences to sort out and that the conflicts were always brokered by the two superpowers: the United States and the Soviet Union.

"What I'm going to talk about tonight is what difference could we make in this particularly difficult conflict now that the cold war is finally over," Quandt explained.

"I've become convinced over the years that this particular conflict was made more attractive by the U.S./Soviet rivalry. It always is going to be difficult for the Arabs and Israelis to sort out the conflicting flames in Palestine and I'm not trying to minimize the difficulty of achieving that, but in the 1950's this conflict was, in a sense appropriated by the superpowers, with the Soviets on the one side of the conflict, and over to the other, the United States drawing closer to Israel."

"The really big breakthrough in the relationship between the two Middle East countries," Quandt said, "was when president Anwar Sadat broke their relationship with the Soviets and came to America for help in the Arab/Israeli relations."

The collapse of the Soviet Union will have impact on the Arab/Israeli relationship. Today the regional conflicts have their own dynamics without the rivalry of the two superpowers.

Quandt feels that there are three reasons to negotiate.

"First, Syria and Israel had to reassess their political stand after the collapse [of the Soviet Union]," said Quandt. "President Assad said yes to the



Prof. William Quandt

peace talks so he could find his place in the political arena."

"The Israel/United States relationship changed after the Soviet collapse. Shamir found it difficult to say no to the United States. During the post cold war Shamir thought he might be considered the odd man out."

Second, the Gulf War. Palestinians, having supported Saddam Hussein, collapsed relations. Palestinians and Jordanians found they had to get back into the game.

Third, the U.S. is a dominant power in the Middle East. What Washington says is taken very seriously. The Israelis are uneasy because there is so much in the hands of the U.S.

Israel's transformation with massive immigrants is a high priority and will be a big issue in the upcoming campaign. The Russians are looking for a good economy and Israel is going to have to take charge.

In the Arab countries, politics has taken on an anti-establishment tone. Regimes are under pressure for political reform and fundamentalism.

"I believe most Arabs are ready to settle the Arab/Israeli conflict," said Quandt.

Israeli polls show a sharp divide between land for peace and those opposed.

"There is fatigue between the two people. The conflict has drained the energy in the past 40-plus years, but this doesn't promise success [in the peace talks]."

### Plantation/Roger Williams Unit No. 5339 B'nai B'rith

Plantation/Roger Williams Unit No. 5339 B'nai B'rith has postponed their scheduled sponsorship of an Oneg Shabbat at Temple Beth-El from Friday, April 24, to Friday, June 5, at 8:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

A yard sale is planned for May 3 at the home of Adrienne and Martin Uffer, 30 Potter

Street, Cranston. WE NEED MERCANDISE. Please call Adrienne at 461-5243 or Carole at 831-6220 or Larry at 861-0888 to arrange for pick up of merchandise.

Our plans are being finalized for our trip to Tanglewood on Sunday, July 26. Call Carole at 831-6220 or Rhoda at 831-1573 for further details.

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The Summer Institute will

commence on July 1 through July 10 with the Sixth Annual Rabbinic Seminar on the themes of "Prayer" and "The Status of Women." Between July 12 and July 24 the Summer Institute will organize seminars and major lectures on Bible, Talmud, Jewish philosophy, theology, and ethics

The Israelis are going through a difficult period with the election, says Quandt. Analysis is difficult because there are so many parties. They have the most right-wing, hard-line government ever. If it remains that way there will be no chance for the peace process.

"I expect the labor movement will do better in the elections than anyone thought it would several years ago," said Quandt. "Never has a party won majority so it's a matter of whether the balance will lean slightly in one direction."

"The U.S. is stuck being a mediator because no other country has the pull that we have. The biggest concern is whether we lean to either side. Both the Arabs and Israelis are concerned about this."

The reason "Americans put forth a proposal, is because each side would not accept each other's proposals."

Quandt feels a ray of hope will emerge sometime next year for a peace process, but each party needs to take things seriously.

To end the conflict, there "needs to be creative political concepts. A classical state solution won't work. There will have to be different layers of sovereignty. There will be no neat line dividing both sides."

Both identities have to be met.

"The fact that the Middle East is seeped in oil (of which

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### Kidz Expo '92

The Elmwood Chapter at Large of Women's American ORT is pleased to announce KIDZ EXPO 1992 to be held on Sunday, October 25, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence.

KIDZ EXPO is a unique community service event featuring activities for children of all ages as well as numerous exhibits of the goods and services available in our area.

Women's American ORT is a nonprofit organization of 140,000 members supporting a worldwide network of vocational and technical schools including three in the United States. ORT educates over 200,000 students annually round the globe.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our exhibit coordinators - Jodi Miller (401) 946-4594 or Robin Baron (508) 399-7098.

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For further information, contact Rabbi Donniel Hartman at the American Friends of the Shalom Hartman Institute, 280 Grand Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey 07631. Telephone (201) 894-0566.

### Cranston Senior Guild Meeting Date Changed

The next regular meeting of the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on May 13, the SECOND Wednesday, at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Ave., Cranston. This change of date was unavoidable, so please take note.

Harry Portney will conduct the meeting in the absence of Leonard Lyons, President.

Mel Levin, Program Chairman, will present the guest speaker, M. Charles Bakst, journalist and political analyst.

Lillian Gilstein, nominating chairperson, will present the slate of officers for the year 92/93.

Co-members are urged to call one another to advise of this change in date.

Refreshments will be served.

### Women's Division, Jewish Federation Of R.I.

Women's Division, Jewish Federation of R.I., will hold its Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers on Monday, May 4, at Temple Emanu-El, Providence. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. will be followed by the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Roberta Holland will be the installing officer.

A special tribute will be paid to Women's Division's resettlement volunteers, serving under the direction of chairpersons Hinda Semonoff and Flo Tilles. These women help newly arrived Russians adjust to the community by providing trans-

portation necessary for essential errands and appointments.

Mitzi Berkhamer and Lynn Markoff are chairpersons of the Annual Meeting. They are assisted by Jill Cohen, Barbara Greenberg, Herta Hoffman, Susan Odessa and Roohi Radparvar. Doris Feinberg, President of Women's Division, and May-Ronny Zeidman, Director, are ex-officio members of the committee.

The event is open to the public. Interested parties should RSVP to Jewish Federation of R.I., 130 Sessions St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

### Torat Yisrael Families To Enjoy A Day At The Zoo

Torat Yisrael School will be holding another "Hands-On" session on Sunday, April 26. The program, one of an ongoing series of participatory days of learning and fun, will take place at the Roger Williams Zoo.

Family Workshops, although designed for those currently enrolled in Torat Yisrael Schools, are open to families throughout the community. Registration is a prerequisite and interested families may register by calling the school office (785-1890).

The April 26 session (Raindate, May 3) will culminate this year's focus upon preserving our earth and making it a better place for all living creatures. While previous ses-

sions concentrated on our environment, this one will center around compassion for animals.

Registration is limited to family units. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Activities will be geared to families with children from pre-school through the seventh grade. Materials and Workshop guides will be available only to those who are pre-registered.

Remember - Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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## Wellness And Spirituality Seminar

There is a craving for spirituality in our world today. To answer this need, an innovative program entitled "Wellness and Spirituality" has been developed at Temple Beth El, Fall River, Mass.

The organizers of this seminar are Rabbi William E. Kaufman, Ph.D., spiritual leader of the Temple and Mrs. Renee Lipson, M.A. in Human Development and M.A. in Holistic Counseling.

The program is held bi-monthly, following Sabbath morning services. The format is informal and relaxed. There are no texts to read or notes to take. Mrs. Lipson presents a specific topic such as Wellness and Self-Responsibility, Love, Breathing, Feeling, Thinking, Sensing, Finding Meaning, Communication, Sex, Transcending (based on *The Wellness Workbook* by John Travis, M.D. and Regina S. Ryan).

Rabbi Kaufman then connects each topic with Jewish spiritual teachings as they relate to the inner self. The Jewish concept of sanctifying ordinary daily activities through blessings and prayer promotes an attitude of mindfulness - an awareness of God's gift in the present moment. Rabbi Kaufman lays emphasis on the study of sacred texts, stimulating the

infusion of positive affirmations into our thought patterns. He points out how the observance of the Sabbath restores a sense of stability to one's inner being, liberating the individual from bondage to the mundane world.

This dual presentation stimulates spontaneous response and discussion from members of the group.

The focus is on how our attitudes and perceptions affect our health, based on the premise that mind, body and spirit are one. Thus Judaism and spirituality are both based on the principle of Unity: the foundation of Judaism is the Unity of G-d (Hear O Israel), The Lord Our G-d, The Lord is One, and the essence of spirituality is unity of the human spirit with the Oneness of G-d.

This approach to spirituality enables each participant to become aware of his/her unique needs. Subsequently, one can learn to modify negative behaviors by reducing stress and maintaining wellness. Attention is directed toward health promotion and disease prevention.

Due to the stress endemic in our culture, many people are functioning at a low-level, fight-or-flight condition. This program facilitates personal growth and strengthens self-

esteem, leading to a more productive, healthy and enjoyable way of life.

Learning practical techniques to enhance consciousness, combined with a better understanding of Jewish spirituality, helps individuals gain a higher quality of life. Various members of the group have described its impact: "I have gained much insight from these sessions. I wish they had been available years ago." "I have gained the self-confidence I so desperately needed." "The discussions are helping me through my grieving period."

This seminar answered a need in our community to develop a program enabling people to utilize Jewish teachings to a greater sense of purpose and appreciation of life. Therefore, this unique program has been designed at Temple Beth El, giving its participants the opportunity to add quality life to their years. Due to the great success and positive feedback engendered by this program we offer an invitation to all who are interested. For further information, contact Rabbi Kaufman at Temple Beth El. Tel. (508) 674-3529. Each seminar is free to the public as they are offered during temple morning services followed by a lunch.

## UMass Dartmouth Talk On Portuguese Jews

"Crypto Jews of Portugal and the Colonization of Brazil" is the topic of a free, public lecture at 7:30 p.m. on April 22 in Room 117 of the Liberal Arts and Business Bldg. at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

The lecture by Prof. Nelson Viera of Brown University is sponsored by the Department of Foreign Literature and Languages and the Center for Jewish Culture at UMass Dartmouth. A fellow in Judaic

Studies at Brown, Viera is at work on a book titled *Jewish Voices in Brazilian Literature*.

According to Prof. Robert P. Waxler, co-director of the Center for Jewish Culture with Rabbi Bernard Glassman, the talk is part of the Center's "ongoing efforts to explore relationships between the Jews and the Portuguese. Given Professor Viera's wide interests both in Portuguese culture and in literature, his talk should have a wide appeal to many

different audiences. Certainly the Sephardic Jewish culture is an important area of Jewish interest today."

Prof. Francisco Sousa of the Foreign Literature and Languages Dept. said, "The event should also remind us of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage of discovery, and, more generally, the whole interesting adventure of exploration that begins on the Iberian Peninsula."

## Pawtucket Group Of Hadassah

The Pawtucket Group of Hadassah will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmwood Avenue, Providence.

Dr. Lori Herman, dermatologist, will discuss skin care. Her topic will be "Your Skin and the Sun."

Dr. Herman attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving bachelor of science degrees in both chemistry and biological life sciences. She also served as class president. Dr. Herman graduated in the first Dartmouth-Brown combined Program in Medicine. After an internship in internal medicine in Boston she completed her dermatology training in the combined Tufts and Boston University program.



Dr. Lori Herman

There will be a full course meal, entertainment, dancing and prizes.

## Science Fair Winners At Alperin Schechter

Five students from the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School won high honors at the Rhode Island State Science Fair. Ari Alexander, Grade 7, was a finalist in the "Best in Fair" category, one of only eighteen finalists, with his project, "How Angles Affect Radar." Ari also won the "Best in Category-Physics" prize. Jeremy Sadler, Grade 8, the first place winner of the Schechter Fair, also received a First Grant at the State Fair.

Second grants were awarded to Gordon Liss (Grade 8), Roman Altshuler (Grade 7) and Lisa Silver (Grade 7).

Mazal Tov and Kol Ha-Kavod to all the Science Fair winners!

The winners of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School Science Fair include:

### Eighth Grade

First Place - Jeremy Sadler, "Streamlining for Minimum Drag"

Second Place - Gordon Liss, "Disinfectant Power of Common Household Substances"

Third Place - Joshua Ellison, "Are You in Your Right Mind? How Hand Dominance Affects Learning"

Fourth Place - Abby Berenson, "Save the Trees"

### Seventh Grade

First Place - Roman Altshuler, "The Mystery of 3D Vision"

Second Place - Lisa Silver, "Responses to Rorschach Inkblots"

Third Place - Ari Alexander, "How Angles Affect Radar"

Fourth Place - Zahava Cohen, "The Effect of Light on Seed Growth"

### Sixth Grade

First Place - Debbie Mann, "Battle of the Papers"

Second Place - Jamie Singer, "What Holds the Mold"

Third Place - Jacob Schiffman, "The Invisible Seeds"

Fourth Place - Elliott White, "The Effect of Music on Exercise"

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Camp JORI serves children ages 6 through 13. Children must be 6 by July 1, and cannot turn 14 prior to the last day of camp.

For further information about overnight or day camp programs at Camp JORI, please call 521-2655.

## Majestic Senior Guild

The Majestic Senior Guild will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, April 28, at Temple Torah Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, at 12:30 p.m. Try to attend. There will be a musical program and refreshments. Tickets for the Zeigfeld

Follies on May 17 will be distributed.

Make your reservations and seating arrangements early for the gala luncheon and installation of officers to be held on June 30 at the Marriott Hotel, Orms Street, Providence.

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(Gordon) Gomberg.  
A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Joseph and Anna (Fierstein) Gomberg.

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association.

He leaves a sister, Ruth A. Phillips of Warwick, and two nephews.

A graveside service was held Monday, April 20, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and had been a member of the Jewish War Veterans of America. He was a ballroom dance instructor for 40 years and was accompanied by his wife in the last 29 years.

The funeral service was held Monday, April 20, from Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### MILTON L. GOMBERG

PROVIDENCE — Milton L. Gomberg, 81, of Cathedral Square, a furniture finisher at the former Biltmore Furniture Co. in Pawtucket for 20 years before retiring 15 years ago, died Friday, April 17, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Frances

### SHELTON HORENSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Sheldon Horenstein, 80, of 74 Payton St., a letter carrier out of the Providence Post Office for 18 years before retiring, died Sunday, April 12, 1992, at home. He was the husband of Beatrice (Chester) Horenstein.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Joseph and Sadie (Bazar) Horenstein.

Mr. Horenstein also had been a supervisor in a Boston supermarket for 10 years.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans.

Mr. Horenstein also was a member of Touro Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Joyce Robinson and Lynda Braga, both of Warwick; a sister Irma Green of Santa Monica, Calif., and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, April 14, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### ABRAHAM LETT

PROVIDENCE — Abraham Lett, 87, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a shipping clerk for the Arden Jewelry Co. for 30 years before retiring four years ago, died Thursday, April 16, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Ruth (Woled) Lett.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Morris and Sarah (Pollack) Lett.

He leaves four nieces, Iris Myers in Florida, Miriam Russak, Mildred Fain, both of Cranston, Mona Gughier of Providence, and a nephew, Donald Kaplan in Florida.

A graveside service was held Monday, April 20, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max

Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

### M. DAVID SCHEINMAN

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Attorney M. David Scheinman, 80, a member of the New Bedford bar for nearly 55 years, died Friday, April 17, 1992, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Mr. Scheinman, who had made his home at 13 Chancery St., New Bedford, was the husband of Sophie S. (Matenberg) Scheinman.

Born in New York, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Scheinman, the future attorney lived in Willimantic, Conn., prior to moving to New Bedford.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and his law degree from the Boston University Law School. He also attended the University of Connecticut Law School and Southeastern Massachusetts University, where he studied languages.

Mr. Scheinman began his legal practice in New Bedford in 1937 and maintained his office in the Olympia Building, 888 Purchase St., during the years. He had been admitted to practice before the federal bar and the United States Supreme Court.

In 1987 Mr. Scheinman was honored by the Massachusetts Bar Association in recognition of his 50 years of legal practice.

Active in Jewish affairs, Mr. Scheinman was a member of both Ahavath Achim and Tifereth Israel Synagogues in New Bedford and had served as president of the Ahavath Achim congregation for a decade.

The attorney was elected president of the New Bedford Zionists District in 1953. In the mid-1960s Mr. Scheinman was named a national director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Mr. Scheinman was honored by the New Bedford Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at its 1971 Humanitarian Awards banquet.

The attorney was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Massachusetts Trial Lawyers Association and the Aleppo Shrine.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Brenda Winston of Belmont; and a son, attorney Alan L. Scheinman of Northampton.

Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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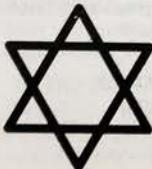
**"Remember The Children"**

"Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," the first major Holocaust exhibition developed for children and their families, will open at the New York State Museum in Albany on June 1 and remain through September 18, 1992.

Organized and circulated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., the exhibition is on national tour. Other planned venues for the exhibition include New Orleans, where it will be sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews; the Indianapolis Children's Museum; the San Diego Children's Museum; and the Children's Museum in Seattle. An expanded version of the exhibit will open at and with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in April, 1993.

The exhibit memorizes more than 1.5 million children murdered by the Nazis during World War II and is designed to teach American children between the ages of eight and thirteen about the Holocaust. Using a combination of video, re-created environments, music, photographs and interactive, participatory activities, "Remember the Children" recaptures the events of the 1930s and 1940s through the eyes of "Daniel" - a composite central narrator, a fictional German Jewish boy whose experiences embody what happened to so many children. While the exhibition does not contain depictions of gas chambers, corpses and crematoria, it does convey to young visitors the power and full weight of the historical episode known as the Holocaust.

The New York State Museum is located in the Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day when it is closed. For more information, call (518) 474-5877.

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by Kathy Cohen  
Herald Associate Editor

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