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## Rabin Outlines View On Settlements At Jewish Gathering

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Yitzhak Rabin began mending fences with the Bush administration last week, with his first speech before an international Jewish gathering since his recent election victory.

While in the weeks prior to the election, the Bush administration made moves to repair its relations with the American Jewish community, the Labor Party leader's remarks represent the first Israeli effort at healing the wounds inflicted by the bitter battle over loan

guarantees.

The battle was instigated by President Bush's opposition to the settlement policies of the outgoing Likud government, which Rabin opposes as well. Rabin has distinguished between "political" settlements and "strategic" ones, saying he would freeze construction of those that have no security purpose.

But in Washington, a senior State Department official recently refused to make that distinction when pressed by law-

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## Al Flies -the Coop-

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Al Hawkes flapped over to rule the roost at Audubon townhouse headquarters on Bowen off Benefit 37 years ago. He'll be migrating off come December.

When Al took over as Audubon Society director, the malls were wiping farmland off the face of the earth to make room for parking lots. Shoppers gave up on downtown, and storekeepers put the blame on birds. Starlings and pigeons got the rap for the big bust. Al Hawkes piped up to the press. "Drive them away if you like. They're imported pests, not native to New England." The Hawkes Doctrine dealt with larger environmental problems — zoning, resources, reservoirs, the balance of species. He lobbied for logical policy in a stubborn state.

I still stuck to my sentimental boyhood views. My best *bar mitzvah* gift had been a double subscription, to *National Geographic* and to *Audubon Magazine*. I had read in an Audubon monthly a story about a Jewish kid from Brooklyn who had raised and tamed a founding English sparrow. It went to public school with him like Mary's little lamb. *Reader's Digest* picked it up and reprinted the piece. The other day I came across the sweet story in a hardback collection of animal tales on the shelves of a summer library. That small Jewish sparrow made me want to do ornithology as a vocation. I wrote my career book on bird-watching. However, with my bookish eyesight and dreamy disposition I gave it up as a lost cause.



One of Al Hawke's haunts — the nature lab at RISD.

But I took up my pen to defend my feathered friends when Al betrayed the flocks of Westminster and Weybosset. I sent in my first letter to the editor, the start of my substituted profession in journalism. "Hey," I wrote, "my Mom and Pop weren't native fowl either. They, too, were imports from Europe." The page editor dug up a photo of a peaceful dove and slapped it over my protest. Al Hawkes rang me right up. He backed down and smoothed my ruffled plumage. He even sent me an honorary membership in the Audubon of Rhode Island. I've never let it lapse throughout the Hawkes years. Al and I worked out an alliance and a pact of mutual respect and good will.

Al fit into my RISD routine. By myself or with a group of students, I would stroll over to his office with its tables and shelves of stuffed birds, books and papers. He would grab his briefcase and hike over to my classroom to join a crit or a seminar. With his straight black hair, soft footstep and poised posture, he guided me like an Indian chief through my questions and challenges about

wildlife, landscape design and political history.

He won the confidence of the college undergrads with his easy good sense about earth-day issues of pollution and animal rights. Al Hawkes could advise the custodians of the nature lab, the architects and the liberal-arts classrooms. He could find as much to marvel at in the cycle of a bug or a weed as in the nobler species and grander schemes that get better PR notice.

I got a grant from the Committee for the Humanities to form a panel on the effects of World War II on the home front. Al spoke up at the lecture table. He brought up the damage done to the Pacific atolls by airstrips, oil spills in the Atlantic, and the breakdown of Depression conservation in the post-war period. Never caught up in his own rhetoric or winging way out in extremist slogans, Al brought calm and serene sense to the hot topic of "nature." Like a lost bird or an animal orphaned on the highway, I'll feel sunk without Al. I guess I'll have to make it on my own.

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## Gorbachev Plants A Tree In JNF Peace Forest



Mikhail Gorbachev, flanked by Moshe Rivlin, Jewish National Fund's world chairman (left), and Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem (right), plants a tree in the JNF's Peace Forest in Jerusalem during his recent visit to Israel. "Planting a tree is too serious a matter to be disturbed by posing," the former leader of the Soviet Union responded to the many photographers who asked him to raise his head.

On their travels throughout the country, the Gorbachevs saw the results of JNF work in desert afforestation and in the preparation of land for immigrant housing.

## Clinton Pledges To Oppose Palestinian State

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) —

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton pledged recently that if elected president, he would oppose the creation of an independent Palestinian state and launch a joint high-technology development program with Israel.

The expected Democratic nominee also attacked President Bush's "relentless pressure on Israel," protesting that "this is no way to treat a steady friend and consistent ally.

"As president," he prom-

ised, "I will put an end to this."

The governor delivered his remarks June 30 in a bicoastal talk to the newly formed Clinton National Jewish Leadership Council. Clinton appeared in person at a meeting of the group in Washington, and his words were transmitted via satellite hookup to a similar gathering in Los Angeles.

Clinton appeared upbeat on a day that saw him leading independent candidate Ross Perot and President Bush in the polls for the first time.

In his talk, frequently punctuated by the applause of the partisan audience, Clinton stressed nine points of his Middle East platform:

- Provide loan guarantees and other aid to Israel to assist in the ingathering and absorption of Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union. "The dream must not be deferred," he said.

- Advance the peace process, but without Washington pre-determining the outcome or imposing conditions.

- Oppose creation of an

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# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Cruise Offers Close-Up View Of Tall Ships

An opportunity to get a bird's-eye view of Newport Tall Ships '92 from the decks of the Vista Jubilee is being offered by Bay Queen Cruises of Warren.

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America, more than 15 ships and six 12-meter America's Cup boats will converge on Newport Harbor in full sail July 17 through 20.

The ships taking part in the celebration include the Eagle, the U.S. Coast Guard training ship. Aboard Eagle, cadets have a chance to apply navigation, engineering and other training they receive at the academy. The U.S. Brig Niagara will also be participating. The square-rigged, two-masted warship took part in the successful Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Other tall ships in the fleet include the Esmeralda, the Spirit of Massachusetts, A.R.A. Libertad, Providence, Rose and Sagres II.

A number of classic 12-meter boats will also add to the festivities, including the 1962 America's Cup winner Weatherly and Intrepid, winner in 1967 and 1970.

Tall Ships cruises are scheduled morning, noon and night. On July 18 and 19, the ship will depart for Newport at 8 a.m.

and return by 12:30 p.m. Afternoon and dinner-dance cruises will depart at 2 p.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. Evening trips, complete with a buffet, will leave Warren at 8 p.m. and return at 12:30 a.m.

The Vista Jubilee is offering a full-day cruise to view the Parade of Sail as the ships depart July 20. Departure for the parade will be at 9:30 a.m., with a 4 p.m. return. For more information, call (401) 245-1350.

## ID Cards To Claim Frozen RISDIC Money Processed This Month

To help people 60 and over who need identification to claim funds previously frozen in RISDIC institutions, the state Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA) will process identification cards daily during July.

Cards will be done Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 160 Pine St. in Providence. Cards will not be

processed in Providence on July 20 or July 30. On July 20, the department's mobile ID card unit will be located at the West Warwick Senior Center, 20 Factory St. from 1 to 3 p.m. On July 30, the mobile unit will be at the Woonsocket Senior Center, 84 Social St. from 1 to 3 p.m.

Proof of age, such as birth certificate, driver's license or

Blue Cross Plan 65 card is required. The DEA identification card contains its owner's photograph, date of birth, Social Security number, address and signature. DEA identification cards may not be used for free transportation on RIPTA buses. A \$2 donation per ID card is requested.

For information, call 277-2880.

## Waiters' And Waitresses' Race

The Omni Biltmore Hotel will host the 11th annual Bastille Day Waiters' and Waitresses' Race on July 14, at noon. The event will be held in Baltimore Park, across the street from the hotel and all proceeds will be donated to the Providence Journal-Bulletin Summertime Fund, an endowment established to send underprivileged children to summer camp. The race will be co-sponsored by WPRO Newstalk 630.

Waiters and waitresses from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts restaurants will compete by running the length of the race course while holding a tray of wine-filled glasses. The red wine used in the race will be donated by Gasbarro Liquors of Providence. The participants will compete in individual heats and at the end of the race, the waiter or waitresses measuring the most wine in their glasses will win.

The general public is encouraged to join the fun for an exciting lunchtime event on Bastille Day, July 14 in Biltmore Park to witness determined waiters and waitresses compete for great prizes. (Rain-date is July 15).

## First Annual Diamond Ball

The first annual Diamond Ball to benefit the Leukemia Society of America will be held July 25, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Astors' Beechwood Mansion in Newport. One lucky winner will receive a \$5,000 genuine Quadrillion diamond ring donated by Providence Diamond Company. The entertainment for the evening will be Urban Renewal from Boston. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available.

The "Guilded Age" is an era in Newport's history known for its lavish parties. It has been said that a Newport family once threw a party and gave each of their guests a sil-

ver pail and shovel from Tiffany's filled with sand. Upon digging through the sand, the guests found diamonds, rubies and emeralds. The Diamond Ball Committee will duplicate this fairy tale party.

At some point in the evening, Barry Diamond, from WPRI Television Channel 12, will draw 10 tickets and the 10 people holding these tickets will then dig through a sand pail for a lucky colored stone. The person who finds the winning stone will receive a \$5,000 Quadrillion diamond ring. There will only be 1,000 tickets available for this evening, and you must be present to win.

The ticket price has been set at \$50 per person. For ticket information, call the Leukemia Society at (401) 943-8888.

## Clean Out Your Attic

Clean out your attics, garages and basements. Dispose of items you no longer want.

Friendly's of Cranston will be having a Flea Market for the benefit of Meeting Street Center. The event is scheduled for Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Friendly's on Reservoir Avenue in Cranston.

Items that are needed include: costume jewelry, tools, small furniture, records, books, baseball cards, comic books and other attic accumulations. No clothing please.

If you have items and are interested in donating them to the Friendly's Flea Market, call Mary Ann Murray at 461-9676 or 739-8190 to arrange for pickup. For more information, call 438-9500, ext. 238.

## Boston Collectors' Paintings Come to MFA

For the first time in 53 years, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston is presenting an exhibition of European paintings exclusively drawn from private collections. It includes eight Monets, two Goyas, a Rembrandt, a pair of Frans Halses, a Canaletto, Constable, Courbet, as well as works by Degas, Cezanne, Pissarro, Leger and Mondrian.

Borrowed mostly from Boston-area homes, this dazzling special exhibition, "Prized Possessions: European Paintings from Private Collections of Friends of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston," will be on view through Aug. 16.

"Prized Possessions provides an opportunity to view masterpieces of European paintings that are rarely seen outside the collectors' homes. It offers a glimpse of local and regional taste, and attests to the ongoing vitality of American private collectors at a time when conventional wisdom wrongly assumes that the great era of collecting is over," said Peter C.

Sutton, the Mrs. Russell W. Baker curator of the European paintings at the museum.

About 160 paintings gathered from nearly 60 collectors will fill the walls of the museum's Gung Gallery. The works survey European art history from the 15th century to the 20th century. "While there is no typical collector," Sutton said, "several clear patterns and tastes emerge, above all a very strong interest in both 17th-century Dutch and 19th-century French paintings."

"Some omissions are also obvious," he said. "Boston probably boasts more collectors of contemporary art than of any other type, but there is still a dearth of collectors of what are now often called 'modern Old Masters,' or early 20th-century painting."

Works by artists from nearly every region of Europe have found their way into the homes of New England collectors and will be represented in "Prized

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## Of Mountains and Molehills



by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Most mountains loom. The one down here hides. Pettaquamscutt Rock hovers and haunts. You don't spot it till you're face to face.

I bumped into it and crawled up to its peak over 30 years ago. With my mom.

My folks had just bought a glassed-in California-style retreat on the banks of Narrow River, all tangled in by fields of wild blueberries. I myself had wound my way to this marshland summer house after searching for something-or-other in the great cities of the wide world. Middlebridge, with its muddy, murky shores and dark woodlands, took me in.

Middlebridge Road, also known as Pettaquamscutt Road, lay still as ever, a secret dusty trail between Post Road and Route 1. Lonely dead-end alleys off the road ended at stream and at forest.

My mom took comfort and refuge in her "modernistic" solitary space that looked out only at the river. Birds would fly across the stream and knock themselves silly in the glass panes, as if the dwelling wasn't there at all.

Some days my mother and I might hike out past our property. It was a couple of summers before she died. She got into a mood to try nearly anything once. She rode a horse, skied on water. Why not scale a mountain? As for me, unlike some young people, I loved going out and being seen with my mother.

We spotted the small sign that read, "Treaty Rock, Where Roger Williams Met with Narragansetts. Round Rock, perhaps the site of the Purchase of Providence." We carved our curved way not so far in, to the high grey shelf of granite. From that eyrie we could take in the lay of the land where our grey cabin hugged the inlet.

There's even a whiff of lover's-leap lyricism about the boulder with the beautiful view. Hannah, a colonial lovelorn maiden, ailing and anguished, asked her slaves to carry her up to this vista to breathe her last. It served also, centuries later, as a lookout in World War II.

Those 30 years ago, I was maybe seeking some wisdom, or at least some style, to live by. By now, with my silver beard,

I've turned into the very image of Old Man of the Mountain. I find only myself at the peak of Pettaquamscutt Pike, nothing else. Each July, I go on up. It's only a few footsteps from my own humble hut in Middlebridge. My shack fits into a close block of bungalows, at the corner of two streets. Macadam now smooths over the dirt trails. Our tiny teacup cottage is built like a Swiss chalet. Since we nestle at the base of our alp, our Gibraltar, the form follows a function, I mean it makes sense. I only have to cross over and move right along to the promontory. The chalet goes with the territory.

A playground and a basketball court have pushed aside the wilderness. But the path to Pettaquamscutt demands some effort nevertheless. Hurricane Bob threw broken trunks over the footway. You have to push aside a broken branch, or stoop



Pettaquamscutt Rock hovers and haunts.

## B.U. Alumni Hosts PawSox Game

The Boston University Alumni Club of Rhode Island will host an evening of baseball at McCoy Stadium as the Pawtucket Red Sox take on the Toledo Mud Hens on July 31, at 7 p.m. The stadium is located

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under a low limb or prickly vine. Step carefully around the poison ivy. The revenge of the Narragansetts thrives thickly. Keep one hand free to swat bugs. An oldtimer told me deer come down at dusk. No such luck so far for me. But bird-songs keep me company. And my thoughts.

In Israel, nobody will say for sure which cliff was the Mount of Moses where the tablets of the Ten Commandments came from. A poet, unlike a scientist, settles for romantic rumor. This mound makes my own personal Zion where I seek my seconds of solace. My three kids prefer to swing on swings, not stars. They bounce a ball on the court. They skip up the side of the hill anytime, just like that. I'm really making a mountain out of a molehill.

The Jews of July fit a Colonial niche. We came down only for a few weeks, to live more simply, not to expand. We didn't winterize. We rented a room or so, or bought a modest abode for a touch of old Europe, simple as the Baltic and Mediterranean properties in Monopoly. They're the cheap little properties near "Go." Or maybe we all shared in the immigrant leftover thrifty dream of a cottage small by a waterfall. We make do. We make believe.



Irving Stern placing a mezuzah on doorpost of the Jewish Community Meditation Room in Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, N.Y.

## A Jewish Community Meditation Room In A Catholic Hospital

by Eleanor Roth

During my recent visit to Spring Valley, N. Y., I visited a friend who was recovering from surgery in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, N. Y. This major hospital, located on 25 acres, services 500,000 residents in New York and New Jersey.

After I entered the first floor I stopped short in surprise. Midway between the chapel and the cashier's office I saw a mezuzah affixed to the doorpost of a room with a plaque stating, "Jewish Community Meditation Room."

How thoughtful! I marvelled. A Jewish Community Meditation Room in a Catholic hospital!

My curiosity was piqued, but after I asked a few questions at the information desk I was told to contact Jules Stern in Spring Valley. After I called him, he and his wife Lila agreed to meet me and provide the information I wanted.

"The Good Samaritan Hospital is the regional medical center in Rockland County," Mr. Stern told me, then went on to explain that the hospital's Foundation for Better Health was established in the mid 1980s. "Since my father, Israel Stern, was a notable

member of the Jewish community, he was asked to serve on the Board. My father had felt for some time that the Jewish community needed a room in the hospital where a member of the Jewish faith could rest, meditate peacefully, and pray for a loved one.

"Unfortunately, in March of 1988 my father suffered a stroke which all but took his life. He had the stroke in Florida, and when permission was

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# OPINIONS

## Hooray For The Supreme Court!

by Rabbi Avi Shafran

Well, now that all the surprise, relief, anger, frustration — and editorialization — over the Supreme Court's recent ruling about prayer at public school graduations has died down, and the case gone on to its eternal reward of footnote-hood, I'd like to weigh in myself, if I may.

I'm happy with the ruling.

It might seem somewhat incongruous for an Orthodox rabbi and educator to applaud a Supreme Court decision banning, essentially, the mention of G-d at public high school graduations. But the decision pleases me, no less than did, say, the Reform movement's adoption of patrilineal descent as a determinant of "Jewishness." For each, you see, resolves an unclear issue, each presents a much needed, honest and informative picture.

In the latter case, of course, the picture is that of a large Jewish movement opting to jettison one of the last and most important elements of its connection to Judaism's past, in a desperate attempt to render a potentially fatal malady — inter-

marriage — nonexistent. By severing whatever tenuous bond may have remained between the Reform movement and talmudic Jewish law, that group at least had the honesty to show its true colors; Jewish law, it decided, is not of primary importance. And so the Jewish public now has the information it needs to perceive that a large part of the next generation of "Reform Jews" will not, by Orthodox (and, one presumes, Conservative) standards, really be Jewish at all, with succeeding generations even less so. We may not like that news, but facts are facts, and they are important, even when they are sad.

Now to the recent Supreme Court decision.

It may have been bad law. "Unconstitutional," after all, seems to imply that the Constitution's drafters would have disapproved of the mention of G-d at a school function, and few contentions could be sillier than that. But the law it is, and our recognition of that fact is healthy; it should make us all think.

G-d has been persona -

Deus? — non grata for years now in public schools; the encouragement in any way of prayer in that environment has long since been outlawed. But some of us may have assumed that the decision to ban prayer in schools hinged on a reasonable assessment of what might be considered "coercion," that mere mention of G-d at, say, a school function, would never be considered similarly taboo. Well, now we know that the frenzy to separate church from not only state but school has devoured any and all references to what, for most of us, gives life its very meaning and its direction.

It is, after all, only our belief in G-d that empowers what we call "morality." Oh, certainly, I am aware that homosexual acts have come out of the closet and that anti-blasphemy statutes seem quaint vestiges of a bygone era; even abortion on demand and assisted suicides have become part of what many of us have come to accept, for better or for worse.

But do we not, as a society, still subscribe to something called morality? What else prevents the acceptance of infanticide or the neat disposal of the elderly, sick and "nonproductive" — both practices not unheard of

in even recent history — into our modern enlightened, de-G-d-ed world? What, for goodness' sake, makes incest or rape so reprehensible to most of us, if not a moral system whose roots descend firmly into the human recognition of the Divine? What makes child molesting or bestiality wrong? Must the point really be belabored? It is really a very simple one: We are, however we may trash and turn, a society that subscribes to moral norms that rely on the idea of a Divine Being. And once G-d has become an unacceptable notion in a public school, the very idea of education as most of us conceive of it — the molding of young people to be not only informed but good human beings — becomes meaningless.

And that is a very valuable piece of information for any parent, and (one hopes) in particular for a Jewish parent. The public school can no longer — if ever it could — be counted upon to instill even the most basic moral ideals in its charges. G-d no longer lives within its walls.

A Jewish parent concerned with his or her child's moral development would have to be unhinged to consider public school a valid educational option. Children, youngsters

and teens alike, are veritable sponges; they soak up both the blatant and subtle values and attitudes that surround them where they live and learn. You can't expect to have your kid live in the elephant's cage for a decade or so and have him emerge smelling like a rose.

I recall a mother who once explained her decision to send her daughter to a public school by maintaining that to keep her in a Jewish school would be "brainwashing" her. So, to avoid "brainwashing" her daughter with the moral system, laws and tradition of our common and celebrated Jewish heritage, the older lady placed the younger one in an environment where the world's pillars were not Torah, Prayer and Kindness, but Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n Roll. And, to ensure the youth's "open-mindedness," she was free, for the balance of her shortened school day, to access the very epitome of vacuous, mindless immorality: television.

Every child is "brainwashed"; a nicer term would be "acculturated" or "made part of society." And Jewish parents need to come to terms with the burning question of just how they would like their kids "brainwashed" — by schools where the very mention of G-d at a rite of passage has been declared illegal, or by (continued on next page)

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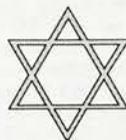
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### Candlelighting

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### Stretch-Limos

You go past a spanking new, sparkling clean, stretch-limo and wonder why anyone needs one. Is this oversized luxury vehicle not the ultimate example of pretension and ostentatious consumerism?

Then you think again about when a stretch-limo could be used and you come up with an answer that makes sense. You imagine, with a laugh, a group of people: men in tails, women in long gowns and furs, climbing out of a van and into an elegant ballroom. You realize that, despite the extra cost of a stretch-limo, there is a time and place for elegance.

Without too much digging, you can find this concept within Judaism, too. It's called, in general terms, beautifying a mitzvah. "Why spend \$35 on a mezuzah when you can get a 'kosher' one for \$15?" people ask. "Where are your priorities if you aren't rich but spend money on a silver Chanuka menorah?" others question.

In the old country, people scrimped a whole week to have challah on Shabbat instead of black bread, a little piece of fish and a bite of chicken. They did without so



they could honor the Sabbath in a manner they felt was fitting.

Today, adding beauty to a mitzvah can take the form of buying more expensive objects with which to do those mitzvot. It can mean doing a

mitzvah more carefully, thereby adding honor or glory to its performance. It can even be giving charity with a genuinely warm smile.

It is not mandatory to enhance the way we do a mitzvah. This concept does have a basis, though. At the splitting of the Red Sea, upon witnessing miracles and actually seeing G-dliness, the Jews proclaimed: "This is my G-d and I will glorify Him." The Talmud comments that this verse refers to making sure one has a beautiful talit, tefilin and mezuzot. We can discharge our obligation by just doing the mitzvah. But, it's certainly nicer to add to its beauty. It's a little like driving to a \$1000-a-head evening in a van: you'll get there just like everyone else. But wouldn't it be a lot nicer if you arrived in style?

Submitted by Rabbi Y. Laufer of R.I. Chabad Lubavitch with permission of L'Chaim Publications.

### Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

#### 50,000 Expelled

ZURICH — The expulsion of the entire Jewish population of the Bulgarian cities of Sofia, Varna, Plovdi, Rustchuck and Burgas, where the majority of the 50,000 Bulgarian Jews reside, is reported here this week in Sofia. The report states that the Bulgarian government has ordered the deportation of all Jews from these cities, on the charge that they were allegedly communicating with the enemy.

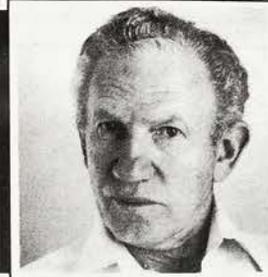
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#### Parents Wanted

With the closing of the Jewish Children's Home, the Jewish Family Welfare Society, by arrangement with the Providence Community Fund, will have the responsibility for developing the future child care program for the State of Rhode Island.

#### Nazis Are Conscripting Jews, Prisoners reveal

CAIRO — Two German prisoners, aged 30 and 31, told Richard McMillan, United Press correspondent, that the Germans are now conscripting Jews. They informed him of this startling fact when he questioned them why had the Germans waited so long to call them. "We are Jews," one of them said. "They have just begun conscripting Jews in Germany."



## Pride, Purpose And Tomatoes?

by  
Ray Eichenbaum  
Special to the Herald

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If one would ask my sons, what was the advice that their father gave them as they were growing up, they will undoubtedly reply that it was the 2 Ps — have pride and purpose — in whatever you do.

For I am a firm believer that these two human characteristics are the quintessential values of a civilized person. And what's more, one begets the other. If you have lots of pride, usually the purpose in your actions will come about, and vice versa, if you purposefully tread your way through life and achieve your goals, pride will somehow develop.

But from the title of this article — how did the tomatoes get into the act? Therein lies a true story.

In the spring of the year 1939, just prior to the outbreak of World War II, I was stricken with severe pneumonia. How it came about I don't recall — my mother claimed that it was the ice-cold water that I drank after playing a vigorous game of soccer and sweating profusely. Anyhow, there I was lying listless in bed with a high fever for three days and would not eat a thing. There was no penicillin, sulfa drugs or I.V.s available, not even a stay in the hospital. I received an auto-transfusion, that is, they took blood from the lower part of my body and injected it into the area next to my lungs. I had gotten a little bit better, but still I would not eat.

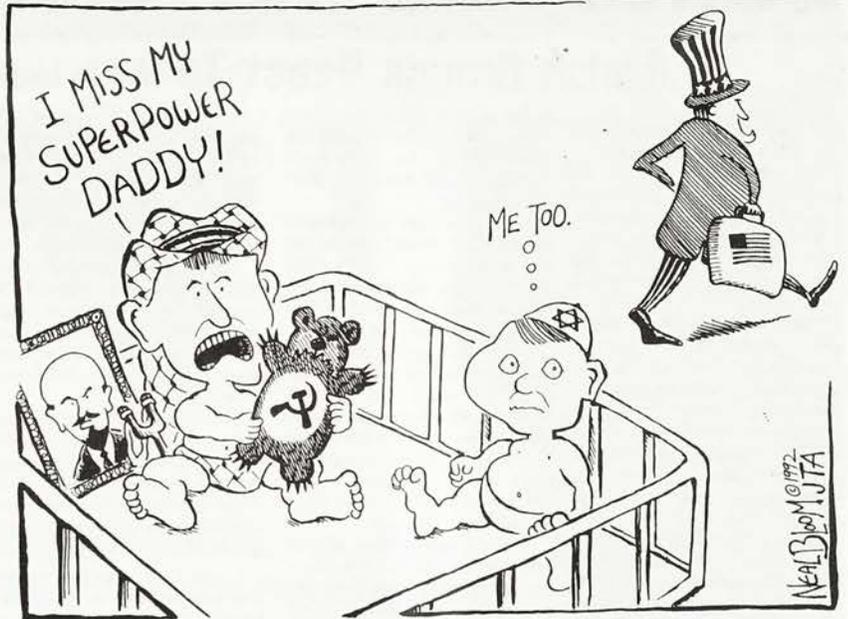
I did not like to eat tomatoes up to that point of my life, but my dear mother, in utter desperation, bought one tomato from the grocer and made me a delicious sandwich with it on a kaizer roll. I'll have you know that this one tomato cost a "for-

tune" that spring in Lodz, Poland, where refrigeration and/or hothouses where they grew tomatoes were at a premium. And my family was not rich. To come to the point, a miracle happened — of all the things to eat — I preferred only the expensive tomatoes as I was regaining my appetite for food. But these darn vegetables were very expensive.

My rich uncles — my mother's brothers — must have heard about my progress in the illness, and sent in (with their servant girl) some tomatoes for me. That was very nice, wasn't it? But somehow, somewhere there was a "hook" attached to the "gift tomatoes," which consisted of a message that I better get well soon, before my rich uncles go broke.

As long as I live I shall never forget the afternoon when my beloved older sister Bronia came to my bed, and told me that our family could not accept anymore "gift" tomatoes from our rich uncles, and why. In very simple terms she conveyed to me the meaning of family pride. How, sometimes we must sacrifice things that we would like to have very much for the sake of living with integrity and honor. And this was not a ruse to get me to eat other things either. I immediately told my mother to call my uncles to send the servant girl to fetch the tomatoes, which she did. Soon thereafter I started to eat other things and got well again. But the lesson of family pride was never lost on me.

The pride learned there that afternoon gave me the integrity and purpose so necessary to lead a decent life. It served me well in all the years of struggle and tribulation in the



## Why Attend Minyan?

by Harold Silverman,  
President

Congregation Sons of Jacob

**Question:** Why is it important that I attend our synagogue 6:45 a.m. daily morning *minyan*? I don't consider myself so religious or observant, why should I pull myself out of bed earlier to participate? Why should I rearrange my schedule to commit to attending at least once a week?

**Answer:** The *raison d'être* of our daily *minyan* is to provide us with an opportunity to inject something spiritual into our lives on a daily basis. Jews believe that deep down we all need and yearn for a feeling that G-d is "close-by." If we make time for G-d and allow Him into our lives, we will be enriched and feel that our lives have meaning.

**A Few Types That Attend Daily Minyan**

1. The learners - feeling somewhat inadequate in terms of their Jewish knowledge and skills, they decided that they want to learn the basic prayers. They come because they feel an identification with parents and grandparents and previous generations, or because they want to develop proficiency and skills, and they recognize that requires practice and discipline. They decide they want to grow - not stagnate. By attending, they become more familiar with and comfortable

at services.

2. The "Enjoyers" - this type of person gets joy from feeling and knowing that his day started out with a boost of Judaism and Jewish strengthening. He feels that he is now able to live on a higher plane of life. He walks out at the conclusion of the service refreshed and invigorated, feeling closer to G-d, and ready to face the day ahead.

3. The "Givers" (not money but givers of kindness and sensitivity). They realize that by attending, they enable a person to say *Kaddish*. It is difficult to describe the look of disappointment on the face of a mourner or someone who has *yahrzeit* for a parent who may have just recently passed away because only nine worshippers are present. One more person could have made the difference - and that one could have been me or you. It is also impossible to describe the look of appreciation on that mourner's face when you arrive and make the *minyan*. Your presence will, in fact, make all the difference, and it is greatly appreciated by all.

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## Hooray For The Supreme Court!

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Thank you, Judge Kennedy, for the extra push.

The writer, a frequent contributor to the Herald has recently published a book entitled, *Migrant Soul* (Targum Press). The book is available from the local Feldheim distributor (861-7356) as well as from Jewish bookstores everywhere.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Jewish Groups React To Abortion Ruling

by Cynthia Mann  
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish pro-choice groups expressed deep disappointment over the Supreme Court's ruling recently giving states sweeping powers to restrict abortion.

They said it is now more urgent than ever to pass the Freedom of Choice Act, federal legislation guaranteeing abortion rights.

The court upheld most parts of a Pennsylvania law restricting abortion that had been challenged as unconstitutional by Planned Parenthood. At the same time the majority of the court claimed to have reaffirmed Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 landmark ruling that legalized abortion, voting 5-4 against allowing states to outlaw all abortions.

But pro-choice experts challenged that claim. They said the justices have given state legislatures the green light to impose burdensome restrictions on abortion, overturning the essence of Roe vs. Wade. Access to abortion is no longer the fundamental right it once was, they argued.

The ruling "may well have been a highly political decision designed to avoid political backlash from the pro-choice

majority in the country," said Ann Lewis, who chairs the Commission for Women's Equality of the American Jewish Congress.

"It is a decision which maintains Roe vs. Wade by title but not in substance," said Lewis, whose group, like many of the others, filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case.

"I am outraged," said Joan Bronk, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, who spoke at a pro-choice rally opposite the White House following the announcement of the decision. "The rights of all women have been diminished," she said.

"And no matter how slyly it was couched in the language, the effect will [be to] hit poor, rural and young women" especially hard, she said. "It will cause them tremendous turmoil and financial strain."

The Pennsylvania law that was upheld requires women to receive counseling prior to abortions on fetal development and alternatives to abortion. They are then required to wait 24 hours before receiving abortions, and doctors are required to submit detailed reports to the government on each abortion performed.

The justices also upheld the requirement that a minor obtain the consent of at least one parent or a state judge, but struck down, 5-4, a requirement that husbands be notified prior to the procedure.

"It is clear that even if Roe vs. Wade has not been formally overturned, the restrictions being imposed on women who may seek an abortion are such that we are being denied our fundamental right to choose," said Joan Kort, president of B'nai B'rith Women.

The ruling "certainly will encourage other states to pass more legislation weakening, if not negating Roe vs. Wade," said Harriet Green, president of Na'amat USA.

Pro-choice groups are partic-

ularly concerned with language in the majority opinion by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor adopting an "undue burden" standard to be used to determine the legality of a state's abortion restriction.

A restriction enacted "in the state's profound interest in potential life" can pass legal muster if it does not impose "an undue burden" on women seeking abortion, O'Connor wrote.

This standard is weaker than the one in Roe vs. Wade, which provided for an absolute right to an abortion in the first three months of pregnancy but allowed some limits in the last six months.

Diana Aviv, associate executive vice chair of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, said the definition of undue burden was "so narrow, it would enable states to enact all sorts of restrictions," including those

that pressure women not to go forward with abortions.

Jewish groups on the right were also upset with the ruling — because it did not go far enough. Abba Cohen, Washington director of Agudath Israel of America, said he had hoped the court would "reconsider and overturn Roe vs. Wade. To the extent that it did not, we were disappointed."

Aviv said NJCRAC would focus on organizing support for the Freedom of Choice Act, which would ensure that abortion remains legal nationally. Aviv said there is nearly complete consensus on the issue among member organizations.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, also protested the decision. President Deborah Kaplan said she "deplored" it and pledged to enlist her organization's grass-roots ranks in the "battle for reproductive freedom."



### International

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has turned down a request from Moscow to release from jail Shabtai Kalmanowitz, a Russian-born Israeli convicted in 1987 on charges of spying for the Soviets. Kalmanowitz, 46, who suffers from acute arteriosclerosis, is serving a nine-year prison sentence but spends most of his time in a prison hospital. Last week he underwent major surgery. Shamir insisted that Kalmanowitz would not be released, despite reported heavy pressure from the Russians and an alleged promise to them by Israel's ambassador to Moscow, Arye Levin, that Kalmanowitz would be released following the renewal of diplomatic relations between Israel and Russia.

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — A senior Egyptian Foreign Ministry official visiting here last week urged Israel to freeze the construction of Jewish settlements in the administered territories. Ambassador Fawzi el-Ibrashi, who is an assistant to Egypt's foreign minister, said such a move would be seen as a confidence-building measure and would be reciprocated by the Arabs.

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BONN (JTA) — Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks, received a pledge for Germany's full support for her cause after meetings here with top-level officials last week. Germany's deputy foreign minister, Helmut Schaeffer, who was among those who met with Ashrawi, told her that Bonn shares the Palestinians' belief that the recent Israeli election victory by the Labor Party has increased chances for progress in the peace process.

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## Albanian President Visits NYC



Albanian President Sali Berisha (right) is congratulated by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, after addressing religious and business leaders of the Foundation in New York. President Berisha is his country's first democratically-elected head since the 1920's.

The meeting was held at Park East Synagogue in Manhattan, where Rabbi Schneier is the senior rabbi. A Muslim by religion and a physician by profession, Dr. Berisha told Rabbi Schneier he was "pleased and honored" to be making his first visit to a synagogue. The Albanian leader was praised by Rabbi Schneier as "a courageous leader who has captured the hearts of his people with his commitment to democracy and freedom." Photo by Rivka Pergament.

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## AROUND TOWN

Story by Dorothea Snyder

# Annie Get Your Gun On Target

Musical comedy American style is this summer's billing at Theatre-By-The-Sea.

The folks at Matunuck are harmonizing with Broadway's nostalgic Tony-Award winning revival of those great musical hits from way back.

That old favorite, *Annie Get Your Gun*, is stirring up the musical memory banks of Theatre-By-The-Sea fans, never mind warming up their hearts.

Set in 19th century America, this Rodgers and Hammerstein production opened at the Imperial Theatre on Broadway in May, 1946 with Ethel Merman as Annie Oakley. The road company starred Mary Martin, who played the Annie role in London, where it was a smash for four years.

Jerome Kern was initially tapped to write the show's music but he died days before he began composing. Irving Berlin was called in, and in the short interval between that moment and rehearsals, he wrote his greatest score.

Irving Berlin's wonderful songs are now being performed at Matunuck by Virginia McMath, peppy and peppery as the sharpshooting country gal, Annie Oakley, and the object of her affections ... Chris Invar as Frank Butler. Invar is a powerhouse with a knock-out voice.

Years ago, I remember coming out of a Boston show staged with breathtaking costumes and set, but not one melody had staying power.

When the curtain fell on *Annie Get Your Gun*, common after-show chatter was "Do you realize how many great songs came from this show?"

Look at them all. Annie, a poor but happy country girl, chimes with the joyous "I Got The Sun In The Morning."

Explaining how she and her family have made do on country common sense, Annie sings with a lilt, "Doin' What Comes Naturally."

Her gun totin' ability makes her the rage of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, but love walks in and Annie falls head over heels with the competition, sharpshooter Frank Butler (Chris Invar).

His image of a femme fatale isn't the extrovert, rough 'n' tough blatant Annie; thus, the song "The Girl I Marry."

She replies with "You Can't Get A Man With A Gun." Annie and Frank concur about the subject of romance with "They Say It's Wonderful."

Annie's dexterity wins her the admiration of a Sioux Indian chief, Sitting Bull. He adopts her into his tribe as his daughter, and she sings "I'm An Indian Too."

Jealous of Annie's superior marksmanship, Frank sings "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better."

They remain at odds until Chief Sitting Bull turns affairs-of-the-heart counsellor and subtly advises Annie to let Frank win. And that's how she'll win his heart.

Many musicals have weak stories, but Herbert and Dorothy Fields' well-done book is the glue that holds it together along with the terrific Theatre-By-The-Sea cast. Dale Radunz stands out as Chief Sitting Bull as does Matt Bogart (Wild Horse), a strong dancer in the Indian Ceremonial number.

## Curtain's Up!



Virginia McMath and Chris Invar who star as Annie Oakley and Frank Butler in *Annie Get Your Gun* at Theatre-By-The-Sea. Photo: Theatre-By-The-Sea.

TBTS regular Richard Bell is good as promoter Charlie Davenport. Playing the comedic Dolly Tate, Marilyn Farina, the Dolly of *Hello Dolly*, can't seem to shake her stage nom de plume. Robert Molnar, Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) has mellifluous delivery, but miffed up his lines at times perhaps due to opening week jitters.

Director and choreographer Chet Walker gets a bull's eye for guiding *Annie Get Your Gun* on a leapy pace. Nothing lags.

Exciting are set designer David Sumner's startling surprises along the way, Deborah Newhall's marvelous

costuming, especially the Indian attire, and Tom Sturge's lightning splashes that dance magical moods.

A hearty wave of five batons for Judy Brown's musical direction and her TBTS orchestra.

*Annie Get Your Gun* is so much fun, lighthearted, and lively. Add another leaf to the laurel of blockbusters at Theatre-By-The-Sea.

Performances through July 26th are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 p.m.; Saturday at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$17 to \$24. (401) 782-TKTS.)

## Events Around And Out of Town

### To Ship and Shore from Matunuck

One lucky winner will be picked from the ticket stubs at Wednesday night performances of *Annie Get Your Gun*.

Then, two lucky ticket holders will be drawn from the winners circle when the show ends July 26. The prize: four Annie Oakleys to the 1993 opening night performance of *Phantom* at Theatre-By-The-Sea.

Annie Oakley, legendary sharpshooter star of Bill Cody's "Wild West Show," lives on today as the slang term for a free pass or a complimentary ticket.

### Children's Magical Mornings At Theatre-By-The-Sea

Children will love *Wendy Brackman's Wacky Hats* on Friday, July 24, at 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Theatre-By-The-Sea.

This one-woman whirlwind can transform paper plates into intricate, one-of-a-kind hats, magnificent masks and entire costumes for young audiences to wear and take home.

Wendy continues the traditional Children's Festival held each summer at the Matunuck theatre.

Coming up on July 31st is Squeaky Clean, a rock and roll trio who combines a live performance of classic songs from the '50's with stories about rock and roll pioneers, followed

by The Hudson Vagabond Puppets who present *Cinderella* on August 7; The Bennington Marionettes featuring *Tales From The Arabian Nights* on August 14; and Tom Callinan, *Something To Sing About* on August 21.

The kids' favorite friend, Cedric The Seahorse, mingles with the youngsters and signs autographs at each performance.

Tickets: \$6.00. Call Cedric at 782-8587.

### Old Fashioned Tent Raising For Big Apple Circus

The Big Apple Circus kicks off their 1992 performances with an "Old Fashioned Tent Raising" in Charlestown on Monday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Ninigret Park, off Route 1.

Kids and their parents will be entertained by a Big Apple Circus elephant and clown. On hand will be Salty Brine of WPRO radio, who is "Guest Ringmaster" for the opening night performance of The Big Apple Circus on Tuesday, July 14.

The Rhode Island based Bess Eaton Donut Company has donated donuts for the Tent Raising, the proceeds of which will benefit the Galilee Mission to Fishermen, Inc. based in Narragansett.

The Big Apple Circus performance

schedule for *Greetings From Coney Island* is July 14-19. Tickets are \$20, \$16 and \$10.

Tickets available at Charlestown Tourist Information Center, off Route 1 in Charlestown. For reservations and group sales, call 364-0890.

### Manhattan

Manhattan has relocated to Boston. *Manhattan, A Musical Bite of The Big Apple*, which opened mid-March at Diamond Jim's at the Lenox, is extended for the third time. The reason? The audience and the critics love it.

Playing through July 31st, the show is directed by Sam Jerris. Dante Sciarra of Theatre-By-The-Sea was one of five actor-singers in the show this past Spring.

This unique revue presents tunes from Gershwin, *Gypsy*, *42nd Street*, *Cabaret*, *Les Miserables*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, and *The Will Rogers Follies*.

Summer performance schedule: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.; Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday, 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$15.00 for weekdays and \$20.00 weekends. For dinner in The Upstairs Grill and a Manhattan performance, tickets are \$30.00 for weekdays and \$34.00 for weekends. Group and Senior Citizen discounts.

For reservations, call (617) 536-5300, or write Diamond Jim's, Lenox Hotel, 65 Exeter Street, Boston, MA 02116 for brochure.

### Update: The Phantom Of The Opera

Tickets are still available for Andrew Lloyd Webber's long-awaited show to arrive early next month at The Wang Center For The Performing Arts.

*The Phantom Of The Opera* begins on Tuesday, August 4, with the official opening on Sunday, August 9.

Performances are Monday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. with matinees Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

There will be performances on the following Sundays: August 9, opening night, at 6 p.m.; August 16 at 3 p.m.; and September 13 at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$27.50-\$60.00. For group sales only, call (617) 482-1242. Ticketmaster: (617) 931-2222.



# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Downtown Providence will host the grand opening of the "Downcity Farmers Market" July 11. The event will feature local produce, crafts and music by the Mayor's Concert Series. The market, located at Kennedy Plaza, is held each Wednesday and Saturday through October. Market hours are from 11 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information about the "Downcity Farmers Market," contact Helen Drew, SCLT, 288 Dudley St., Providence, R.I. 02907; 273-0419.

The Wickford Art Festival will be held July 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to dusk. More than 200 fine artists will present their works on the sidewalks of historic Wickford (Route 1A). Six works of art will be raffled off. For more information, contact the Wickford Art Association at 294-6840.

The Providence chapter of Parents Without Partners presents a dance on July 12 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Valley Country Club, New London Avenue, in West Warwick. The dance is open to the public. For more information, contact the chapter at 621-3816.

"Off The Record: From the 1992 Newport Music Festival" will air on WGBH radio 89.7 FM July 13 through 17 at noon. The program will present five broadcasts from the Newport Music Festival's chamber music programs. Highlights will include the opening-night performance at The Breakers.

Helen and Russell Marshall will tell members of the Eden Garden Club "How We Grow Our African Violets," at a noon luncheon July 16 at the home of Bess Lindenbaum. The couple will also conduct a garden clinic for members' troubled plants. Reservations are required by July 12. Call 884-2903 or Fran at 942-7796.

## New Book Fosters Understanding

In *Dialogue*, a new publication of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), is designed to widen and foster serious discussion of theological and social issues between Christians and Jews.

"Religious understanding entails the recognition of the other person as part of G-d's design," said Robert G. Sugarman, chairman of ADL Inter-group Relations. "We must surmount two thousand years of prejudice and memory."

The publication contains two monographs, one written by Monsignor Michael J. Carroll of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which provides a brief history and basic information about Christianity. The other monograph, written by

Rabbi Leon Klenicki, ADL director of Interfaith Affairs, gives a Jewish perception of the Christian faith.

"The possibility of an understanding of Christianity beyond disputation is a new phenomenon in Jewish life," said Sugarman. "It challenges the feeling that Christianity will never recognize the evolving validity and faith of Israel."

ADL will publish three issues of *In Dialogue* in 1992.

## Zeiterion Theatre Presents

The Gingerbread Players and Jack's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" comes to New Bedford's Zeiterion Theatre July 22 at 10:30 a.m. as part of "Once Upon A Time," the 1992 Summer Youth Festival.

"Once Upon A Time" continues for the next three consecutive Wednesdays with the following shows — the "Magic of Lyn" on July 29, "Beauty and The Beast" on Aug. 5 and "Mozart, Monsters and Matisse," presented by puppeteer, Marshal Izen on Aug. 12.

Single tickets are \$5 each, general admission. Group rates

are available. Individual tickets and subscriptions are available at the Zeiterion Box Office. To charge tickets over the phone, call Ticketmaster in Massachusetts at 1-931-2000 or in Rhode Island at 1-331-2211. Individual tickets are also available at any Ticketmaster "cash only" outlet.

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## American Artists Tour Israel

A group of American writers, producers, directors and actors spent a week in Israel recently as participants in the 1992 Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Theatre and Arts Mission. Emanuel (Manny) Azenberg, the award-winning Broadway producer of Neil Simon's plays, led the group in meetings with their counterparts and in seeing Israel firsthand.

Joining this year's study-tour were: "Driving Miss Daisy" author Alfred Uhry; *The New York Times* theater critic David Richards; theater chain owner Joseph Nederlander; conductor/composer/singer Jerome Graff; stage and screen actor, writer and director Todd Graff; film, stage and television actor Stephen Macht; stage director Michael Montel; Washington's National Theatre publicity director Alma Viator and lyricist David Zippel.

Members of Gesher, a Russian-language theater company, told the American artists how the immigrant experience affected them professionally — the need to adapt to a new language and having to face a very small audience. The Americans then attended Gesher's first Hebrew performance of Moliere.

The group met with fiction writer Emile Habibi, the Arab-Israeli who recently won the Israel Prize, and with Sefi Rivlin, Israel's most popular comedian. Their trip included a visit to the Cameri Theatre in Tel Aviv where they saw rehearsals of "Hamlet."

They also met with Palestinian actor George Ibrahim, playwright Abdul Lateis Aqel and other artists at Al Kasaba, a small Palestinian theater in East Jerusalem.

## MELANIE GRIFFITH A STRANGER AMONG US

Dear Friend,

It isn't often that a mainstream movie comes along that deals with the concerns, hopes and dreams of the Jewish Culture in America today. To that end, having made many films set in New York, including *THE PAWNBROKER*, *DOG DAY AFTERNOON*, *SERPICO*, and *PRINCE OF THE CITY*, I decided to make a thriller set in a community, only a few minutes from Manhattan but a million miles away from the world we know: the Hassidic Jewish community. The film is called, "A Stranger Among Us," and it stars Melanie Griffith.

Because the Hassidic world is both mysterious and fascinating, directing this movie was a revelation for me both personally and professionally. I think we have made a film that is entertaining yet provocative, and deals with issues that affect us all. The challenge of keeping faith alive in a time when everything in our culture is changing at a dizzying rate is the underlying theme of "A Stranger Among Us." I think, no, I know, that this movie will be controversial. I can only hope that out of the controversy comes conversation... and a better understanding of our commitment to the past and future. I hope you'll make an effort to see "A Stranger Among Us" when it comes to theatres on July 17. I guarantee it will give everyone something to talk — and hopefully — think about.

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# MILESTONES

## Trinity Awards Local Students

Trinity College conferred bachelor's degrees on 477 students and master's degrees to 34 students at the College's 166th Commencement exercises held on Sunday, May 17.

The Class of 1992 comprises 199 men and 224 women undergraduates, and an additional 15 men and 19 women who were candidates for the master's degree. The students are from 30 states, 15 foreign countries, and the District of Columbia.

The following local students graduated:

### CRANSTON

Elana Kirshenbaum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kirshenbaum of 157 Sweetbriar Rd., a 1988 graduate of Cranston West High School, received a degree in literary writ-

ing. Kirshenbaum, who has previously received the James A. Whitlock Prize in Playwriting and been named to the Faculty Honors list three years in a row, was also a 1992 recipient of the John Curtis Underwood '96 Memorial Prize in Poetry.

### CUMBERLAND

William Dennen, son of William and Barbara Dennen of 189 Sun Valley Dr., a 1988 graduate of Cumberland High School, received a degree in political science. Dennen was the recipient of The Ferguson Prize in Government.

### PROVIDENCE

Cameron Biller, son of Lana Israel of 29 Greation Dr. and Henry Biller of 227 Crestwood Rd., a 1986 graduate of Toll Gate High School, received a degree in political science.

## Gershon Receives Award

Michael Gershon, Ph.D., director of the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Clinic at Psychological Associates in Warwick was presented with the Children's Friend Award. This award, given by the Rhode Island Youth Guidance Center, was in recognition of Dr. Gershon's work with children at Rocky Hill School, St. Andrew's, Moses Brown and the Wheeler School. The award was presented to Dr. Gershon on June 2, by his partner, Barry Josephson, Ph.D., also of Psychological Associates. The ceremony took place at Alumni Hall on the Brown University campus.

## Jones and Marcus Wed



Temple Sinai in Cranston was the setting for the June 14 wedding of Renee T. Jones and Steven L. Marcus of West Warwick. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Jones Sr., of Coventry. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Marcus of Cranston are parents of the bridegroom.

Rabbi George Astrachan officiated at the 11 am ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Cranston Country Club. Cantor Rennie Brown also officiated at the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was attended by her sister, Doris A. Hall, matron of honor. Other attendants were Louise Healis and Hollie Curtis, cousins of the bride. Crystal Hall, the bride's niece, served as a junior bridesmaid. Best man was John Dorsey. Ushers included William H. Jones Jr., brother of the bride, Robert Marcus, brother of the bridegroom and Steven Jones, the bride's nephew.

Wearing a 25-year-old gown decorated in lace, pearls and sevens, the bride carried a bouquet of white and green roses.

The bride is assistant manager at Royal Discount Books in Warwick. Her husband is employed in the Cash Management Department of Citizens Bank in Riverside.

The couple honeymooned in the Poconos in Pennsylvania. They will make their home in West Warwick.

Let the community know about your organization's functions. Announce them in the *Herald*.

## Bernsteins To Hold Reunion

The descendants of the late Gertrude and Solomon Bernstein, who migrated from Russia in the late 1800s, will meet for a gala first reunion, on July 11, 1992 at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk at 6 p.m.

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mately 50 people will be present from Rhode Island, Arizona, New Jersey, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and Florida. The only living aunt is Rae Pickar of Providence. A brunch will be held the following morning.



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## Kosher Consumers May Face Problems

Responding to an inquiry by Congressman James Scheuer (D-N.Y.), the American Jewish Congress has pointed out possible conflicts between the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (H.R. 3865) and Jewish laws covering the handling of kosher foods. The bill would require food packagers to use recycled materials in their packaging.

Marc D. Stern, co-director of the organization's Commission on Law and Social Action, noted in a letter to Scheuer that the bill calls for almost all packaging materials to contain specified percentages of recycled materials. Stern noted that for Jews who observe kosher food laws "[s]ince some of these ... materials may have at one time been used to hold nonkosher foods ... the subsequent use of such material in packaging which comes in direct contact with kosher foods may be problematic."

*Kashrut*, the complex series of laws governing the foods Jews may eat, also dictates how food containers must be treated in order to be considered kosher. Stern noted that in determining whether recycled material will be problematic it "matters how packaging materials are recycled —

whether they are simply washed; whether they are heated ... whether chemicals are added to the broken down materials, and the like." The answers to these questions are not yet known.

"Others more knowledgeable in [recycling and kosher food] matters than we will have to address these issues," admitted Stern, concluding that "no one questions the need for increased recycling and resource conservation." The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act is "not inherently incompatible with the needs of those like Jews, Moslems and others whose religious obligations include dietary restrictions. With time and good faith ... the problems can be worked out."

Stern expressed the organization's gratitude to Congressman Scheuer "for being alert to the needs of those Jews who observe the kosher food laws."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Events At The JCCRI: Week Of July 10-16

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Ave. 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, call 861-8800 and ask for the person indicated below.

### Brown Bag Club

The Brown Bag Club will be meeting at the entrance of the Johnson and Wales University Culinary Archives and Museum at 10:30 a.m. on July 14. Call Evy Rappoport for directions. If you would like to stay for lunch, there is a place

where food and beverages may be purchased. There will be no Yiddish Vinkel. For further information, call Evy Rappoport.

### Dungeons and Dragons Class

New summer session open to youths in grades six to 12. Explore exotic lands and magnificent castles every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Space is still available for this class which started July 7 and will be ending August 11. The cost for the "D & D" summer session is \$50 for full members and \$75 for supporting members. Contact Alisa Yanow for further information.

### 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 noon until 3:45 p.m. A women's group meets every Tuesday morning from 11:15 to noon. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played on Thursdays from 12:45 until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and breakfast cake at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR pro-

grams. This week will include the following activities and programs:

**July 10** - VCR movie, "West of Hester Street," Part 2, 11 a.m.

**July 12** - VCR program, "The Kennedy Center Honors," Part 2, 11 a.m.

**July 14** - Project H.O.P.E. Picnic at Colt State Park, Bristol. Call Sandy Bass for information. Rain date - July 15.

For further information or details, call Sandy Bass.

## Giant Yard Sale Planned

Dvorah-Dayan Club of Na'amat/USA is planning a Giant Yard Sale the first week of September. Members will be working throughout the summer months on this project. The club is in the process of collecting merchandise and appeal to its many friends in the community to help in collecting saleable items.

The club can use any items you might have around the house that you are no longer using — except for adult clothes. If you know of people moving from Rhode Island with a good amount of household items they would like to be rid of, the club will be willing to take them off their hands and pick them up. Call Ceil and Seymour Krieger at 351-2139 or Florence Silver at 751-6897.

Proceeds from the yard sale will be used for the Na'amat fund which helps cover absorption expenses for Soviet Jews who choose to live in Israel. Moneys received also help provide day care, high school scholarships, seminars on Judaism, holiday celebrations at our community centers and special guided tours to acquaint the new arrivals with life in Israel.

Again, the club asks all of its friends throughout the summer to collect merchandise for this sale.

## Community Jewish Study Program Opens This Summer In Dozens Of Cities

A private audience with Moses, Maimonides, Rashi and Rabbi Akiva will be offered this summer in dozens of cities.

The SEED learning program, sponsored by Torah Umesorah - The National Society for Hebrew Day Schools - provides the opportunity to study Jewish history, philosophy, ethics and Talmud with outstanding scholars-in-residence. The program, now in its 18th year, is free and open to the community. No background in Jewish knowledge is necessary.

The intensive Jewish study program for men, women and children, is available days and evenings through classes, private tutorials, study groups, and workshops, on a wide range of Jewish subjects. The SEED program has also become a successful outreach program.

The SEED Program is taught by outstanding Torah scholars who give up their summer vacations to teach in communities around the world for several weeks. To date, 150 communities, from Venezuela and Mexico to California and Kansas, have been enriched by the program. Many have welcomed the program back for successive summers.

Why do people take the time to study on a sunny day? "Maybe their children are growing up and they realize they're not transferring any Jewish values. Maybe they're wondering why their grandmother's kept Kosher," said Mr. Avi Shulman, SEED Director.

"Television says, 'Come and sit and we'll do the thinking for you.' Torah says, 'Come think with us,'" he explained.

In communities which have

hosted the SEED Learning Program, it has intensified synagogue attendance, developed an appreciation of Torah study, reached out to the non-affiliated, provided Jewish role models, and encouraged enrollment in Jewish Day Schools.

Communities which will be hosting the program are: Alabama: Birmingham; California: Sacramento, San Jose; Connecticut: Hartford; Florida: Jackson, North Miami Beach; Illinois: Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Lakeview Park; Indiana: Munster; New York: Coram, Patchogue, Plainview, L.I., Staten Island; Ohio: Solon, Youngstown; Pennsylvania: Harrisburg; Rhode Island: Newport; Texas: Dallas, San Antonio; Virginia: Norfolk; Canada: St. Laurent, Quebec.

The SEED Learning Program opens in different times at each location. For a full schedule of programs in your area and for further information, please call Torah Umesorah - The National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, 160 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10038, (212) 227-1000/FAX 212 406-6934.

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## Congregation Sons Of Jacob

**Friday, July 10** - Nine days in Tammuz. Candlelighting is at 8:02 p.m.

**Saturday, July 11** - Ten days in Tammuz. Shabbos Parshas Chukas. Shacharis morning services are at 8:30 a.m., followed by kiddush. This week kiddush is given by Rabbi Dubovick, just prior to his leaving for Israel. Again, all of the community prays for the

Dubovick family to arrive safely and have the best success.

Shabbos is over at 9:12 p.m.

The Havdalah service is at 9:15 p.m.

**Sunday, July 12** - Morning services at 7:45 a.m.

Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m., and for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:45 a.m.

## Singles Weekend At Camp Shalom

The Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center presents the New England singles weekend event of the summer season: Camp Shalom. Join adults ages 21 to 40 in Windsor, Conn., on July 31 to Aug. 2 for a fabulous fun and sun-filled weekend. Activities include canoeing, softball, volleyball, swimming, waterskiing, tennis, massage, aerobics, palm-reading, yoga, movies, entertainment, dancing, music, bonfire, creative Shabbat Services plus

much, much more! Six meals (all food is kosher) and two nights cabin lodging are provided. (Bring your own sleeping bags or sheets.)

Space is limited to the first 75 men and the first 75 women who register. Don't miss out on this fantastic singles' camp. Registration fees are \$120 for members and \$150 for non-members. For more information, contact Howard Cooper at (203) 236-4571, ext. 320.

## Gan Israel Day Camp

Gan Israel Day Camp and Learning Program is off to a great start under the direction of Rabbi Menachem Piekarski, who recently returned from coordinating study programs in Minsk, Russia.

We would like to bring to your attention the camp schedule and some of the exciting activities being planned. The program for boys ages 4-5 consists of a learning unit including: Aleph-Bet and reading readiness, weekly Torah portion, Mitzvahs, and Midos Tovos. Activities include water fun, ball games, Judaica arts and crafts, stories, music, and trips.

Boys ages 6-11 are learning Mishnayos Shabbos - Ch. 12, Parshas Korach, and Pirkei Avos. Activities include: swimming, outdoor sports, kiting, air hockey, ping pong, picture taking, arts and crafts, music, drama, and special trips.

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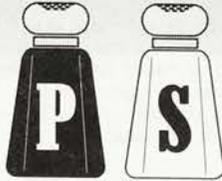


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# DINING GUIDE



## Chabad-Lubavitch To Host Community Picnic

The Chabad-Lubavitch is sponsoring a community summer picnic to celebrate the *bris* of a newly arrived Jewish boy from Russia. This picnic will take place on Sunday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chabad House located at the Jewish Heritage and Hospitality Center, 360 Hope St. (on the corner of Olney St.)

This picnic will mark the

### R.I. Haddassah Announces Events

The Rhode Island Chapter Haddassah calendar for July and August is as follows: **July events:** National Convention-Washington D.C., 12-15; Kent County 25th Reunion- 6:30 pm, home of Debbie Gordon, 16; Rhode Island Chapter Board Meeting 7:00 p.m., @ office, 21; Newport Pool Party @ Margolis home, 1:00 p.m., Newport Group, 26; Cranston/Warwick Board Meeting 7:30

release of Rabbi Joseph Issac Schneerson, of blessed memory, from exile and prison in Russia. Also, farewell will be bid to Rabbi and Mrs. Dubovick and family on the occasion of their *aliyah* to Israel. Live music, free balloons, family fun and food (for a small donation) will be all part of the day.

p.m. @ office, 27; Kent County Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ office, 29. **August events:** Nurses's Council Steering Committee 7:45 p.m. @ office, 3; Cranston/Warwick-New Member Event, 12; Workshop for Programming, Fundraising, Membership @ Sturbridge, 19; Cranston/Warwick Board Meeting 10:00 a.m., @ office, 24; Cranston/Warwick Member's meeting 7:00 p.m.



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

The "Summer Concerts-by-the-Bay" series at the Blithewold Gardens & Aboretum continues July 12 at 7 p.m. with a performance in the mansion by Margo Emery of Boston. Accompanied by pianist Bill Merrill and joined by baritone Eddie Tapper, Emery will present a program of American popular songs from the 1890s to the present. Tickets for the concert, held at 101 Ferry Road in Bristol, are \$7 at the door. For more information, call (401) 253-2707.

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The Preservation Society of Newport County will hold its annual children's party at Green Animals Topiary Gardens in Portsmouth on July 14, from 2 to 8 p.m. Admission to the party is free for children under the 11. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$5 for members of the society, and \$10 for nonmembers. The party will be held rain or shine. Members are asked to present their membership card at the door. For more information call (401) 847-1000.

"The Marrano," a world-premier musical inspired by Simon Wiesenthal's "Sails of Hope," will be presented July 15 through 19, and July 22 through 26 at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Auditorium in North Dartmouth, Ma. Directed by Mark Bramble, the musical explores the theory that Columbus was of Jewish heritage. The Marranos were Spanish Jews who were forced to convert to Christianity because of the Inquisition. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. Matinee performances will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets range from \$5 to \$15. For more information or to make reservations, call (508) 999-8893. Dinner theater packages with area restaurants are available at Kate Cory's in Westport, the Sail Loft Inn in New Bedford and the Mattapoisett Inn. Call (508) 999-8893 for more information.

The Newport Art Museum celebrates its 80th anniversary with the opening of two new world-class exhibitions: **Newportraits: Three Centuries of Newport People and Nine Rhode Island Masters of Modern Furniture.** The exhibitions are open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sept. 13. **Newportraits** includes more than 240 portraits of Newport residents from the Colonial period until the present

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# School Beat



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## ASDS Middle School Students Win Awards

At a gala ceremony students of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School Middle School received awards and recognition for scholarship, citizenship, creativity and special achievements.

The two highest honors were prizes recognizing individual students for their accomplishments in specific academic areas.

The Simon D. Wegner Award for Excellence in Mathematics was generously endowed this year by Professors Judith and Peter Wegner in memory of their son. Simon Wegner was a brilliant mathematician with a strong interest in computers. The Wegners wished to recognize the outstanding graduating eighth grade student for achievement in Mathematics. The Simon D. Wegner Award was presented to Joey Subotnik.

The Klara Lowy Memorial Award was established two years ago by the Adler family to recognize outstanding achievement in Judaic Studies. Klara Lowy is remembered by her family as a woman for whom both education and *tzedakah* were very important. Education was a high priority, not only for herself and her family, but also for those whose studies she supported. The Klara Lowy Memorial Award was presented to Gordon Liss.

Three awards were given for citizenship — that special spirit of cooperation and caring that are so very helpful in the classroom. Aja Morningstar, grade 6, Zahava Cohen, grade 7, and Abby Berenson, grade 8, were presented with Citizenship



The Adler family presents the Klara Lowy Memorial Award for achievement in Judaic Studies to Gordon Liss. Also pictured are Wendy, Trudi, Edward and Susan Adler.

### Awards.

Creativity — the gift for generating ideas and projects, for going beyond the expected and the required — was also recognized. Mariana Levchinsky, grade 6, Lisa Silver, grade 7, and Melissa Mann, grade 8, received Creativity Awards.

Also noted was Academic Growth, a category which is often overlooked. "What is so important," says Assistant Director Jennifer Miller, "and what we must emphasize, is growth, not just achievement. We recognize individual differences and learning styles. Here we also recognize the growth, maturation and development of particular students as learners." Sara Peiser, grade 6, Jon Mirochnik, grade 7, and Wendy Brown, grade 8, won Academic

### Growth Awards.

Service Awards, for those who had exceeded their service requirement were presented to Jessica Sultzer, Joey Subotnik, Irina Goman and Ari Missry.

Elliott White, grade 6, was singled out for recognition as the one Middle School student with perfect attendance this year.

Athletic Awards, for sportsmanship as well as accomplishment, were awarded to Jessica Sultzer, grade 6, Ari Alexander, Grade 7, and Gordon Liss, grade 8.

Students who won Math League Awards for their performance on a competitive exam included Ari Alexander, Roman Altshuler, Jacob Feldman, Melissa Mann and Joey Subotnik.

## The King Greet The Lord



King Juan Carlos of Spain (left) welcomes Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, president of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, and other leaders of the Foundation to his summer residence on the outskirts of Madrid. The Foundation leaders presented the Spanish Monarch with copies of the Spanish and English editions of *The Sephardic Legacy*, a monumental two-volume work documenting the contributions of Sephardic Jewry to Jewish and world culture during the past thousand years. Other participants shown are Dr. Jerry Hochbaum (second from left), executive vice president of the Memorial Foundation and Professor Haim Beinart of the Hebrew University, editor of *The Sephardic Legacy*.

## Why Attend Minyan?

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On some level each and every one of us is a learner, an enjoyer and a giver. We all want to be more comfortable in shul at services and feel more confident about our knowledge and understanding of the prayers. We all feel and enjoy being exhilarated and spiritually uplifted after service, on Shabbat, Yom Tov or weekday and we all care enough to give to another Jew the ability to say *Kaddish* for a

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For these and other reasons it is very important for us all to make a commitment to attend the daily morning *minyan* at least one day a week, and, more if possible!

## Collectors' Paintings Come to MFA

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Possessions." One of the special treats of the show, according to Sutton, are two small paintings on ivory by Spain's Francisco Goya. Others include two "Cloud Studies" by the English painter Constable, "The Rice Gleaners," by Italian Angelo Morbelli, several works by the German expressionist

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# OBITUARIES

**GERTRUDE ASHER**  
SOUTH KINGSTOWN — Gertrude Asher, 83, of 187 Litterest Rd., Kingston, died Saturday, July 4, 1992, at South County Hospital. She was the wife of Ivan Asher.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Isaac and Selda (Bonime) Rodstein, she lived in Kingston for 15 years. She previously lived in Baldwin, Long

Island, N.Y. Mrs. Asher was a member of Hadassah, and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Dr. Ira Asher of Kingston; a brother, Dr. Manuel Rodstein of Westchester, N.Y., and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday, July 6, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**BESSIE BEKELMAN**  
LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. — Bessie Bekelman of 6 Pin Oak Drive, a sales clerk for the former Boston Store and the Outlet Co., Providence, for 20 years before retiring, died Wednesday, July 1, 1992, at home. She was the wife of the late Harold Z. Bekelman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Fannie (Musen) Blattle, she lived in Lawrenceville a year. She previously lived in Warwick and Providence.

Mrs. Bekelman was a den mother for Cub Scouts. She was a member of the Congregation Sons of Abraham, and its PTA when it was on Prairie Avenue. She was a member of the PTA of the Providence School Department. She was a member of Temple Am David, and its Sisterhood, Warwick, and a member of Temple Adath Israel.

She leaves a daughter, Toby Robinson, with whom she made her home; a son, Alan M. Bekelman of Bethesda, Md.; a sister, Martha Blattle of Providence; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday, July 5, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**PAUL FISHER**  
CHICAGO, Ill. — Paul Fisher, aged 32, a resident of Chicago for the past 20 years, died Friday, June 26, in Chicago as a result of an accident that took place while he was driving his motorcycle.

He was born in Providence, a son of Charlotte (Sherman) Fisher of Los Angeles and the late Harvey Fisher.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his brother, William Fisher of Chicago.

Funeral services took place Monday, June 29, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street, Providence. Burial took place at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

**LAWRENCE A. LEACH**  
STUDIO CITY, Calif. — Lawrence A. Leach, 51, of 12851 Moorpark, a private investigator for 22 years, died Tuesday, June 30, 1992, at the Medical Center of North Hollywood. He was the husband of Cecile (Warsaw) Leach.

Born in Providence, a son of Eleanor (Goldberg) Leach of Las Vegas, and the late Irving Leach, he lived in Encino, Calif., and Studio City for 25 years.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He attended Los Angeles City College.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves a sister, Jamie Leach of Cranston.

A graveside service was held Sunday, July 5, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

**MARY OSTROW**  
PROVIDENCE — Mary Ostrow of 15 Boylston Ave. died Sunday, July 5, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Philip Ostrow.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Israel and Gertrude (Guren) Sydney.

Mrs. Ostrow was associated with the Rhode Island Department of Social Welfare, and the American Universal Insurance Co. for many years before retiring. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Sisterhood, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Hadassah.

She leaves nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, July 7, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

**DANIEL WEISENGER**  
PROVIDENCE — Daniel Weisenger, 82, of the Bay Tower Nursing Center, Plain Street, a self-employed painter for many years before retiring, died Saturday, July 4, 1992, at Roger Williams Hospital.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Jacob and Clara (Geller) Weisenger.

Mr. Weisenger was a member of the Golden Agers Club of the Jewish Community Center. He was a member of the Providence Fraternal Association.

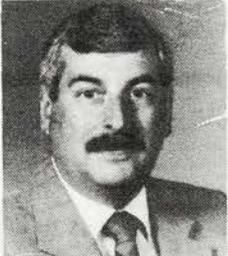
He leaves a sister, Freda Rabold of Providence; a niece, Joanne Connell of Acton, Mass.; and two nephews, Frank Rabold of Pensacola, Fla., and Gary Rabold of Midland, Mich.

The funeral service was held Monday, July 6, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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**Clinton Pledges** (continued from page 1)

independent Palestinian state.

- Create a U.S.-Israel high-technology commission for the 21st century, to help apply "the genius of Israel's people."
- Ensure that any peace settlement guarantees the security of Israel's boundaries.
- No support for "dangerous, despotic regimes," such as Iraq and Syria.
- Enhanced logistical cooperation with Israel and assurances that Israel will retain its qualitative military edge.
- Completion of the Arrow missile defense program, based on American-Israeli cooperation.
- Ensure that Jerusalem remains Israel's undivided capital.

But during a question-and-answer period linking Washington and Los Angeles, Clinton hedged when asked if he would move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"Not if it would affect the peace process," he answered. "Timing is crucial, and nothing should be done that might destabilize the process."

The Arkansas Democrat warmly praised Israel's com-

mitment to democracy, as shown in the recent elections, and said he looked forward to working with Yitzhak Rabin as the likely prime minister.

He added that he would await Rabin's initiative on the peace process. The United States, he said, should act as a catalyst in the peace process and later as a guarantor of any settlement, through the United Nations.

In response to another question, Clinton said he would support any changes proposed by the new Israeli government to streamline the country's economy and make it more competitive.

Clinton responded cautiously when asked if he would "undo the injustice" to Jonathan Pollard, the former U.S. naval intelligence analyst serving a life-prison sentence for passing classified information to Israel.

"In good conscience, I cannot commit myself, but I will review the case in good faith," he replied.

He also predicted that Bush would make some pro-Israel gestures in the near future.

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## Rabin Outlines

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makers. The Bush administration has conditioned the loan guarantees on Israel adopting a complete settlement freeze.

Speaking before the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors here, Rabin stressed America's longstanding support for Israel.

"I've seen in this relationship a unique asset to Israel," he said. "For Israel, this rela-

tionship has opened and produced tremendous opportunities to strengthen our military capabilities, to enhance our stance on the international scene and to benefit us economically."

He attributed any strain in relations between the two countries to the Likud's settlement activities in the territories and added: "We have to forge a better relationship between the leaders of the two countries."

"It doesn't mean we have to agree with every one of America's policies," he said. "It means sometimes there can be ups and downs in the relationship."

The Labor Party leader played down Washington's refusal to grant Israel the loan guarantees, which would cover \$10 billion in funds needed for immigrant absorption.

"Let's not forget that in the last eight years, we received \$24 billion in grants from the United States, mainly to maintain our military strength," he said.

"I don't think the United States has offered any country in the world government guarantees for \$10 billion, especially not to a small country with 5 million people."

The presumed next prime

minister warned that Israel cannot bank on getting the American loan guarantees, even with the change in government.

"I don't know what changes will take place in the international scene," he said. "I can foresee the U.S. turning inward to cope with its own socio-economic problems. Who knows what will happen with the readiness of the American people to continue to offer us the \$10 billion?"

Therefore, Rabin asserted, "we must change our priorities and use our own money to create the environment that will encourage investment from outside. This will help us secure loans on a large scale."

In a clear attack on the Likud's policy of establishing settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Rabin stated, "You can argue about whether to return or not to return territory, but to spend the amount of money that was budgeted in the last 2½ years on political, rather than strategic settlements, is unacceptable."

"For us to spend money, it has to be clear that these are strategic settlements," he said.

But whether that distinction will be unacceptable to the Bush administration remains unclear.

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## Jewish Meditation Room

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given by the doctors there my father was transferred by air ambulance to the Good Samaritan Hospital for further treatment. While visiting him, the need for an area with a Jewish atmosphere in the hospital was further impressed upon us as we realized that my father, along with the other Jewish patients, would feel reassured knowing that the needs of "those who were waiting" were also being attended to.

"After my father's release from Good Samaritan, and subsequently, from the Helen Hayes Hospital where he received rehabilitative therapy, my wife Lila and I established the Israel and Pearl Stern Jewish Sponsors Fund in order to proceed with his plan of a Jewish Community Meditation room."

"There was an impressive dedication ceremony," Lila Stern interjected. "It was attended by senior hospital administrations and local politicians as well as members of the Jewish community. Jules' uncle, Irving Stern, placed the *mezuzah* on the doorpost as part of the ceremony. The room is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide a comfortable place for the families and friends of patients."

"Besides having added this room," Mr. Stern added, "the fund also raises money to buy special equipment for the hospital."

Mr. Stern went on to explain that "Chesed" of New Square is a participating sponsor of the Jewish Community Meditation Room. (New Square, near Spring Valley, is an incorporated village of Chasidic Jews). The Hebrew word "chesed," meaning good will, grace and kindness, actually appears in the hospital's board of trustees' mission statement in the following context under a heading of mission values: "Charity of Christ" is listed, with the subheading, "Kindness/Chesed."

Later that day, when I read the Good Samaritan for Better Health Brochure which is printed by the hospital-affiliated Sisters of Charity, I was touched to see the Israel and Pearl Stern Special Equipment Fund receiving prominent attention. "With the assistance of the Stern family, the fund will offer equipment gift opportunities to donors and will play a prominent role in ensuring Good Samaritan's ability to keep pace with innovative and rapidly changing technology," it stated, then went on to conclude.

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## Solutions To Summer Problems: New England Pest Control

by Kammie Kettelle  
Herald Associate Editor

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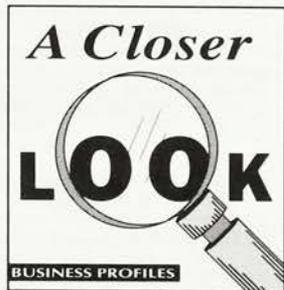
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The warm weather also brings out fleas and hornets, wasps and bees. Fleas can infest homes rapidly, and in just a few short weeks adult females are able to lay hundreds of eggs.

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Stinging menaces such as hornets, wasps and bees can be annoying and even deadly to



some who are allergic to them. The nests these creatures make can be found virtually anywhere from under shingles to behind shutters.

White-faced hornets, for example, are found in grey, cone-shaped nests which sometimes

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by Dr. Steve C. Imber  
Dear Dr. Imber:

After struggling through the seventh and eighth grades, my son has just barely passed the ninth grade, through an administrative promotion. His principal believes that he might do well in a vocational program. I am concerned that he is just being passed along. He has received some special education services. I am concerned that he will no longer be able to have special services and that he will gain nothing by this transfer. What do you think?

Troubled

Dear Troubled:

You have raised several important concerns. The first issue pertains to being "passed along." There are many educators who are concerned that retention of a student at a particular grade level is unproductive and, in some cases, even destructive. If your son has struggled hard to achieve, then simply retaining him in the ninth grade may be counterproductive.

However, if your son has invested little if any energy, then a promotion to the tenth grade may send him another message, viz., "It doesn't matter whether you try to legitimately pass, because you'll pass anyway." If your son has figured out that in his particular school an unwritten policy to pass stu-

dents along exists, then his lack of motivation could be reinforced.

Retention can reinforce feelings of low self-esteem, low ability, and failure. In some cases, especially where modifications are made in general and/or special education programs, retention may ease academic and social pressure and provide an opportunity for growth.

A second issue raised is whether your son can continue to obtain special education services should he be enrolled in a vocational school. Should your son continue to need special education services to address academic or behavioral difficulties, he can continue to participate in a self-contained or resource program. You can request a review of his individualized educational program (IEP) to explore the appropriateness of his goals, objectives, and services.

Perhaps the most important issue for your son's future concerns the appropriateness of his participation in a vocational program. Several factors need consideration: his interest and motivation to pursue study in a vocational area, his

aptitude, and his prerequisite academic skills. If your son is older than fourteen, then he should have participated in a vocational assessment (as a special education student).

It is very appropriate to explore vocational education with him. He may have an interest in some area of work such as auto body, robotics, or cooking. He may also have an aptitude to pursue such study.

Vocational programs provide a wide range of alternative educational opportunities. Faculty within such programs have been successful in training students in general as well as special education programs. Many students have been able to pursue further vocational study or qualify for employment in their respective area of training.

In summary, vocational education should be explored as a very positive and meaningful alternative to more traditional programs. Your son may find an area of interest which kindles his desire to learn. Should the time come when he would be able and willing to pursue college instruction, his participation in vocational education will not preclude such post

secondary education.

Dr. Imber is a professor of Special Education at Rhode Island College, a Past President of the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, a member of the Professional Advisory Board for the Association for Learning Disabilities, and President of Psychoeducational Consultants, Inc. Questions about learning or behavioral problems may be addressed to him at 145 Waterman Street, Providence, RI 02906 (401) 421-4004 or (401) 276-5775. All communications will be held strictly confidential.

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