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## Yiddish Makes a Comeback, at Least at Camp

by Anne S. Davidson  
Herald Editor

Yiddish morning, noon and night. That's what the campers want.

But what Yiddishcampers get is Yiddish morning and noon — Ruth Page just can't handle nighttime too.

The popularity of the week-long day camp sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Jewish Community Center never ceases to amaze Page, the adult education coordinator at the bureau, who says campers "want to make it a sleep-over." The camp is modeled after the Elder Hostel program; however, to the campers' dismay, Yiddishcamp is only a day camp.

But that seems to be enough to keep them busy — 64 campers, young and old, attended Yiddishcamp last week, divided into beginner, intermediate and advanced classes.

While many young Jews may consider Yiddish an antiquated language, used by their parents or grandparents to reinforce and remind them of their past, Page sees a revitalization of the language today.

"Yiddish isn't just a language — it's a whole culture," she told a visitor last week in the final days of camp. "A lot of people just don't know Yiddish. It was the language of their mothers and fathers. ... I think it's being revitalized ... at colleges and universities across the country. There's a sort of Renaissance."

Page sees a need for people to learn the language, so full of humor and chutzpah. "There are some things that are not translatable [from Yiddish to English]," she said. "When you can read something in its original form, you don't lose it in the translation. Yiddish can be very funny."

In the beginners' class, Lonia Fishman gives campers tips on raising children, her arms waving all the while, her face full of



MOTHERLY ADVICE — "I did the best I could until [my children were] 18, 19 [Then] they fly away," says Lonia Fishman in Yiddish, with her daughter, Eva Gutman (not shown), translating for a beginner's class at Yiddish camp last week.

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— Ruth Page, Bureau of Jewish Education

expression. "I did the best I could until [my children were] 18, 19. [Then] they fly away," translates her daughter, Eva

Gutman, who teaches the class. Fishman, a resident of Malden, Mass., is now a featured speaker at the camp, coming each year on the fourth day to teach and entertain students.

The camp combines serious studying with the lighthearted — book reviews, Hasidic tales, current events and general dis-

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## Israel Makes 'Final Cuts,' Cancels Another 4,000 Units

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The government made what it called its final housing cuts last week, announcing the cancellation of another 4,000 units, this time outside the administered territories.

According to the Finance Ministry, the new freeze brings up to 11,981 the number of housing units that will not be

built, 5,364 of them in the territories.

According to these latest figures, 1,400 fewer units in the territories are being canceled than the government had announced in its initial decision.

The construction freeze is being presented as part of the government's declared policy

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## Summer Fun And Education Combine At Torah Day Camp

by Kammie Kettelle  
Herald Assistant Editor

Where do kids have fun and socialize with their peers during the summer, while they are learning at the same time? The answer is the Torah Day Camp at The Providence Hebrew Day School.

This camp, which is now in its last of six weeks, has grown to having about 95 campers, who attend regularly throughout the session, and approximately 20 employees. It started

seven years ago as a play group of five children in Shifra Jakubowicz's front yard. Jakubowicz, who is now head counselor at the Torah Day Camp, was 11 years old at the time.

When the population of the play group grew to 35, it was moved to a dormitory. However, the camp steadily grew, and for the past two years the site has been the Hebrew Day School. Children do not have to

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## Casting Stones

(Editor's Note: This is the final in a series of stories by Mike Fink on his recent trip to Eastern Europe.)

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Wherever I set foot in Poland, throughout East Europe, at every wall, along each pathetic path, I found an inscription. Not "Kilroy was Here." Instead, president of Israel Chaim Herzog was there, just a fortnight before me. He did this tour with his entourage to mark each spot where Jews had perished.

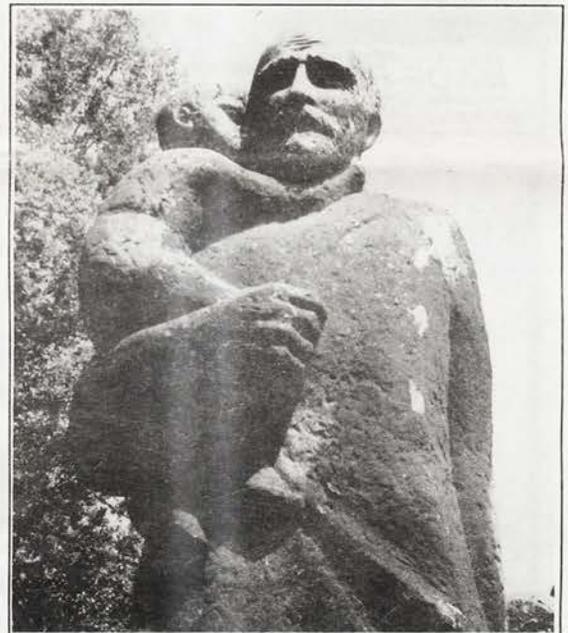
There is a war going on in Poland. It is a war of words. Not spoken, but written, cut

upon stone. On plaques, on rocks, on brick and stone walls. In ghettos, in camps, in cemeteries.

Poles felt doubly hit, by Hitler and also by Stalin, crushed between east and west, invaded by Nazi and by Communist. They resisted, alone. The emblem of Warsaw is a mermaid with a shield and spear. Every guide will tell you, "We, too, were written off as a race."

A thousand years ago kings of greater Poland invited Jews

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IN A WARSAW CEMETERY — Dr. James Korczak holds his orphan ward in a memorial to the distinguished professor.

## Bonn Considers Israeli Loan Request

by David Kantor

BONN (JTA) — An Israeli request for 10 billion marks — some \$6.75 billion — in loan guarantees and outright assistance became the focus of public interest here last week.

Well-informed sources in the German government said July 29 that Bonn was considering its response to the request as part of preparations for a visit by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to this country.

Rabin, who will attend a meeting of the Socialist International in Berlin on Sept. 10, is also expected to visit Bonn and meet with leading German officials, including Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

According to German sources, the Israeli decision to cut back on construction of homes in the administered territories has created favorable political conditions here. But they warned that Bonn is hardly in a position to commit itself to major new financial obligations.

Until now, it has been widely assumed that Germany has avoided a response to the Israeli request because the U.S. administration rejected a similar request from Jerusalem. But now German politicians and observers believe that Washington will soon agree to help Israel in its quest for the loan guarantees.

Due to the observance of the holiday on Monday, next week's Rhode Island Jewish Herald will be delivered on Friday.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Puppeteer Presents Fantasy at Zeiterion Theatre

Puppeteer Marshall Izen with Jim West presents his fantasy production, "Mozart, Monsters & Matisse," on Aug. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at New Bedford's Zeiterion Theatre. Their show is the final production of the Zeiterion's "Once Upon A Time" 1992 Summer Youth Festival.

In this collection of stories, a Mozart puppet comes to life accompanied by a piano concerto, in a program performed exclusively to the music of Mozart. The stories include a fanciful underwater tale, "Little Blue," created in the style of Matisse and featuring a friendly monster; the story of "Tamino and Dorabella," set in a giant pop-up book of medieval scenery; and a fable,

"Why the Willow Weeps," told with the artist's hands.

A favorite performer every summer at the Zeiterion, Izen studied music at Julliard and DePaul University. For five years, he had his own award-winning program on CBS in Philadelphia. He also has won two Emmys for his television work, and a coveted Cine Golden Eagle for his animated film, "The Isle of Joy."

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 (508) 931-2000 or in Rhode Island at 331-2211. Individual tickets are also available at any Ticketmaster "cash only" outlet. For information, call Zeiterion Box Office at (508) 994-2900.

The Zeiterion Theatre, a non-profit performing arts center for Southern New England, is located in a historic, landmark building at 684 Purchase St. in downtown New Bedford. The theatre is wheelchair accessible.

"Once Upon a Time" is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and with funds from the council administered by the Mattapoissett Arts Lot-

tery Council. The Zeiterion is also funded in part by the Arts Lottery Councils of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford and Wareham; the Waterfront Historic Area League; and the city of New Bedford.

## Roger Williams College Undergoes Name Change

Reflecting the opening of the state of Rhode Island's first school of law in September 1993, the Roger Williams College board of trustees voted unanimously on May 5 to change the name of the college to "Roger Williams University," effective immediately.

## Sicily, Alps, Poland Explored at Library

Slide travelogues exploring a number of areas are featured this summer at the Barrington Public Library Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 27.

The schedule is as follows: Aug. 13 - Sicily the Maligned by James Holt; Aug. 20 - Bicycling in the Alps and Rockies by Perry Jeffries, and Aug. 27 - Poland by Mike Fink.

These slide-lectures are free and open to all.

For more information, contact Lauri Burke at 247-1920.

## West High to Hold 45th Reunion

The Class of 1947, West High School in Pawtucket (renamed to Shea High School) is celebrating its 45th reunion.

The committee has reserved Oct. 16, to celebrate at a reunion dinner dance to held at the Johnson & Wales Inn, Route 44, Seekonk, Mass.

A committee of eight is orga-

nizing this major event. They include: Beatrice Lamarre, Eileen Ann Sadlier, Joan Marie Vaslet, Bernard Zisman, Carl Cohen, Barbara Jane Smith, Mary Rose Volpicella and Anthony Panichas.

Invitations will be in the mail in early September. Notices were mailed to all known class members. Those who may not have received a notice are urged to call Carl Cohen at 942-3134.

## Support Group Meets

Are you grieving the suicide of a friend or relative? The Samaritans of Rhode Island offers Safe Place, a support group where family members and friends can share the emotional pain caused by a suicide death.

Safe Place now meets every Tuesday of every month at The Samaritans Center, 2 Magee St., Providence, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. August meeting dates are Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

For information on Safe Place, call The Samaritans at 272-4516.

Safe Place is now also meeting at The Samaritans Center in Fall River, 386 Stanley St. Meetings will be held every first and third Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Meetings this month are set for Aug. 6 and 20. Call The Samaritans toll-free number, (800) 365-4044, for more information on the Fall River Safe Place meetings.

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# FEATURE



**STOOP SITTING** — Counselors Cheryl and Ilana chat with Rich at Cabin 42.

## That Reminds Me of a Story ...

by Rabbi Hershy Worch  
Special to the Herald



It was five years ago, on the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz. I was waiting to cross Christopher Street at Sheridan Square in New York's Greenwich Village, when the man next to me at the light asked: "Could you tell me what time the fast ends tonight?"

I looked at him. Now at that time, I was working as a portrait painter and my studio was on Bleecker Street at Cornelia Street. If you are at all familiar with the West Village you will know that it is home to a populous, vociferous and proud

gay and lesbian community. But even by those standards, the man standing next to me waiting for the light was "out of the closet."

I can be as blasé as the next person when the situation demands, so without blinking an eye I gave him the exact time of nightfall and did not stare. The light still hadn't changed when he startled me by remarking: "Was I craving a glass of water last night! Whew! I was so thirsty."

Without thinking, I blurted, "But the fast didn't begin last

night, it begins in the morning. Only Tisha B'Av is the 24-hour fast. ... Perhaps you confused ..."

He looked nonplussed, so I asked him the question really nudging to be asked. "Why do you fast?"

"It helps me identify with the Jewish people," he replied, continuing, "I want to join with all Yidden in the suffering. Fasting binds me to them, you know. I need to stay connected." The light had changed. He turned and waved and was gone. I was left to ponder an old Yiddish saw: "Men ken nisht schatzen a yid." You can't take the measure of a Yid, you can't even approximate.

### Some Background

Five major calamities occurred to us through history, moving us to declare the 17th of Tammuz a public fast day:

1. Moses came down from Mount Sinai, he saw us worshipping a golden calf and smashed the tablets of stone bearing the Ten Commandments.

2. After more than 800 years of uninterrupted daily ritual, the Temple Sacrifices had to be dis-

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## Camp Ramah: We Wait for the Mail



by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Some things about summer camp never change. Pine trees calm you down with their pungent, sweet, resinous perfume. You step on a soft carpet woven of fine pine needles. Your eyes gaze out over a serene expanse of lake, its still shoreline squared off by the ropes, planks and buoys of the swimming zone. A canoe, its paddles lying neatly inside, waits in its little harbor.

Empty benches stand under each grove of trees, a short stroll from the cabins. Inside the bunks, flat mattresses of classic striped ticking lie on springs under the beamed eaves. Camp Ramah makes ready to take on another group of Jewish boys and girls for a month in the country.

We drove our daughter into Palmer, Mass., by way of Harmony, R.I. We stopped for a lakeside picnic and motored on among the high green hills near Sturbridge Village. We wended our way between the stone pillars with their sign that reads, "Camp Ramah."

We pulled out the bright red footlocker I've painted and repainted for decades. I hoard towels and blankets that go back half a century. My Dunes Club towels from the fabulous '50s still fluff up thick and sturdy. But the ancient grey blankets poke through a few mothholes and wear some frayed spots. We install the box

of treasures under the lower bunk and creak open the lid. I've been robbed! My wife bought all new linens. Pillowcases are crammed with other items from an endless list.

Time to go. Three counselors chat with each other on the front stoop.

We leave our love there to fend for herself with her paints and beads. Will a loon call out its lonely lunatic cry under an August moon? I'll send a card every day.

Midsummer at Ramah, a ritual of passage. For moms and dads, if not for kids.

Some things about summer camp never change.

## She Finds Endless Joy in the 'Endless Mountains' of Pa.

by Sylvia Tippe  
Special to the Herald

July 4th weekend was a busy time, chock-full of things planned, but also not too structured so that the yearly reunion could be totally enjoyed.

My daughter-in-law, Molly Maginnis Tippe and her family, including 40 of her first and second cousins and an aunt and uncle (brother and sister) were assembled high in the Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania, in a charming village called Eagle's Mere. Arrangements for this reunion were in the making for a year. Molly's father, Harry, has a summer home which sits in this lovely

locale, surrounded by the beautiful vista of mountains, lake, fields of wildflowers and a beautiful country club with golf

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# EDITORIAL

## Just Joe

Every reporter says to himself — "Clark Kent — that's me!" We want to soar like Superman over some Fleet Industrial Trust tower and look over the troubles of the town. We'll come to the rescue with magic words.

Joe Shuster, who drew our collective icon, died a week ago. He left us his dream, our dream. He didn't make his fortune from it. Only half of \$130, that makes \$65. The other half went to his partner and friend Jerry Siegel. Others came along and made millions out of the idea they scribbled together half a century ago, when they were kids in their 20s in the Great Depression.

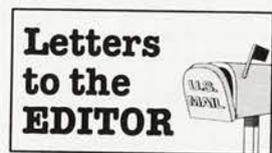
Boys our age grew up knowing that Joey and Jerry were broke. Big bucks and rich rewards went to the developers, not the inventors. Idea-folks give more than they get.

We are left to muse about the fate of the artist among us. Along come the professors and art critics. They go on about the meanings of the Superman myth Joe and Jerry set in motion.

We of the *Herald* tack on a question, in our turn. How Jew-

ish is Superman? Like the Golem of Prague, he fit a tough time. Would the Jews of America, a shy bespectacled group, fly to the rescue of the victims of an immense crime on the world's horizon? A noble concept, sketched by a guy named Joe who gave kids something to look up to. Something sweet and silly, maybe, but also something good and true. The world didn't do as much for Shuster.

A shuster makes shoes. Shuster's drawings made us fly off our feet. Thanks for the lift, friend.



### To The Editor:

It was 49 years ago that Rome was liberated by the Allied Forces under General Clark of the United States Fifth, and General Montgomery of the British Eighth Armies.

I was, at the time, with the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories (AMGOT). Two weeks later it was announced that the following Friday night would be the

## The Redemption

Once, Rabban Yochanan ben Zakkai (one of the greatest Torah leaders during the time when the Second Bais Hamikdosh was destroyed) and his student, Rabbi Yehoshua, were walking out of Yerushalayim. As they walked they saw the ruins of the Bais Hamikdosh. Rabbi Yehoshua cried out in anguish, "Woe to us that it was destroyed!"

Rabbi Yochanan said to him, "Do not despair, my son. When it stood we could repent from our sins and Hashem would

forgive us if we brought a sacrifice. Now, even without the Bais Hamikdosh, we still have a way to get forgiveness. That is by being kind and generous to others.



first Sabbath Services in the refurbished synagogue, the only one in Rome.

Services were to start at 8 o'clock sharp. By 8:15 we did not even have a minyan. The rabbi, a U.S. Army chaplain, was standing on the pulpit, obviously frustrated. He pushed his field cap back from his forehead (he was not wearing a yarmulka) and finally uttered the words I shall never forget: "Jesus Christ, where the hell is everybody...?"

It brought down the house, so to speak.

P.S. By 8:30 or so we had more than we needed for the minyan.

Hans L. Heimann  
Cranston

Hashem has promised us that when His redemption does come, we will be free forever. And when the third Bais Hamikdosh is built, it will stand forever. When that time comes, the saddest day in our calendar, Tisha B'Av (9th day of Av, the day both temples were destroyed) will no longer be a day of sadness; it will be a joyous festival.

Rabbi Chiya and Rabbi Shimon once watched the dawn. Rabbi Chiya said, "That is how the redemption will be. In the darkest night, a small ray of light will be seen. Hashem will very slowly make life better and better for us until the dark

night of exile is gone. He will not redeem us very quickly because the shock will be too great if the suffering is immediately changed into the marvelous, miraculous blessings of the redemption.

When Hashem is ready to redeem us, He will send Eliyahu the Prophet to the mountains of Israel. Eliyahu will stand on top of a mountain and weep. "Mountains of Israel, how long will you stand in a desolate land. Let peace come to the world."

The next day he will say, "Let goodness come to the world."

On the third day he will say, "Let redemption come to the world."

Then, a completely finished Bais Hamikdosh, built by Hashem Himself will be standing on the holy mountain in Jerusalem. Onto its roof will climb Moshiach and he will cry out.

"Humble, modest people, the time of your redemption has come. If you do not believe me, come and see how Hashem has made my light glow. It is the light that means He is ending your suffering."

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer of R.I. Chabad Lubavitch.

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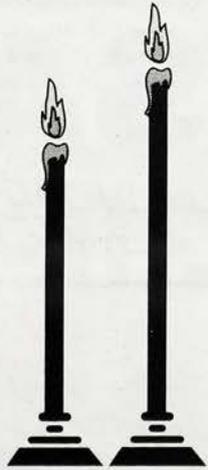
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### Holocaust Changed Visitors

by  
Ray Eichenbaum  
Special to the Herald

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A few weeks ago we received visitors from Paris in our home. The husband, a scientist, was my sister Bronia's classmate in the ghetto school in Lodz, Poland. They made the Matura (high school) degree there together before the Nazis put an end to all formal education for Jews. The wife, also a scientist, was also originally from Lodz. She was lucky to survive the war by living with peasants in a small village in Byelorussia.

The man, whom I had known as a young lad of about 18, and I have not seen each other for 47 years, thus the visit had a great sentimental meaning to both of us. There was just

not enough time to talk and reminisce about the times that we lived and suffered together "then" during the cruel war. Every place mentioned — every event remembered — all mutual friends named — all of this created a string of nostalgic revelations that were so dear to our hearts. For the bond between us is as strong now as it was in those terrible days in the ghetto, despite the fact that our appearances have changed so greatly, and we hardly recognized each other's time-ravished faces.

My wife Alice and I gave the visitors a tour of the city. They told us much about their life in Paris and about their children and grandchildren. They even

have their dream house in the country near Paris. We caught up on the news about mutual friends who survived? Are they still alive? Where do they live now?

My friends surprised me by knowing and remembering so much about our house in the ghetto, my brother Maurice and my family. He spoke about the little garden with the jasmine bushes that smelled so nice in the spring, in the back of our house on Gesia Street. We found out that their family was originally from Warsaw, but came to live in Lodz circa 1935. Time passed very fast as we were reminiscing about events gone by.

And then we asked about their lives as Jews in France. A strange, uncomfortable silence entered the room. They both replied that religion does not mean much to them any longer. After Auschwitz, the belief in the A-mighty became meaningless to them. He told us that he is the author of a book that espouses the atheistic point of view. She adroitly

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

#### Judge's Decision Stirs New York

NEW YORK — Magistrate Robert Levis after dismissing an accusation against Cyril Griffin (brother of William Griffin, publisher of the *Enquirer*) who is under indictment on charges of sedition, took strong action this week against a Jewish grocer accused of selling soap and a can of peas on Sunday.

#### WEEK OF AUG. 7, 1942

#### Consumer Supply and Maximum Prices

President Roosevelt issued a statement that every user of fuel and heating oil on the east coast "should face realistically the fact that there can be no guarantee that he will get enough oil even to meet his minimum needs."

#### Jailed for Placing Wreath on Grave

GENEVA — Because he is charged with having laid a wreath on the grave of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of the World Zionist Organization, on the latter's death anniversary, a non-Jewish florist, Albert Neumiller, was arrested, it is reported by the Vienna *Kronenzeitung*.

# OPINIONS



**CAMPAIGN SUPPORTER**—Local resident Nanette Loebenberg meets Gov. Bill Clinton recently at the Jewish Leadership Council meeting held in Washington, D.C.

## Loebenberg Reflects On Washington Internship

by Nanette R. Loebenberg  
Special to the Herald

For as long as I can remember I have had two interests, Israel and politics. I first became intrigued with Israel at Harry Elkin Midrasha/Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, Rhode Island's Community Hebrew high school, which I attended from eighth through 12th grade. My attachment grew when I spent eight weeks at Alexander Muss High School in Israel.

Working with Dee Dee Witman on Richard Licht's 1988 senatorial campaign served as the catalyst for my fascination with politics. For the past year I have been volunteering for Gov. Bill Clinton's presidential campaign. My interests had always been separate until September.

Last fall I became involved with the Tufts Israel Network. During one of our meetings, a woman announced that she re-

ceived the *Near East Report*, a weekly publication about Middle East affairs, and we might want to subscribe to it. I took down the number and called my regional field organizer, Matt Zieper, to subscribe. What happened from there is remarkable. I became a student member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) which entitled me to receive the *Near East Report* and student information from AIPAC's Political Leadership Development Program.

AIPAC is the only American organization registered to lobby Congress in support of legislation affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. Its mission is to lobby Congress and the Administration to advance the U.S.-Israeli relationship and in doing so to involve students and the wider community, Jews and non-Jews, in political activism.

Over the months that followed I continued with pro-Israel activism on campus with the resources and opportunities of AIPAC behind me. In April, more than 2,000 AIPAC members, including 1,100 students, went to Washington, D.C., for AIPAC's 32nd annual Policy Conference. At the conference, we had the opportunity to attend lectures and workshops and to lobby members of Congress. This was a truly wonderful experience, an

opportunity to participate in the political process by lobbying on Capitol Hill and meeting with pro-Israel activists from around the country.

AIPAC also offers students opportunities to gain experience through a year-round internship program. I spent 10 weeks this summer in Washington, D.C., interning for Toby Dershowitz at AIPAC. My work at AIPAC was unique because it allowed me to gain political experience by carefully following the Senate and House races, elections at the local level and the presidential campaigns. At the same time I was working for a cause I feel very deeply about, the U.S.-Israeli relationship. I was able to carefully monitor the Israeli elections in June and travel to New York in July as a volunteer at the Democratic Convention. These experiences have enriched my knowledge and understanding of our political system and the history and direction of the U.S.-Israel alliance.

I encourage anyone interested in strengthening Israel through involvement with the United States political system to contact Rachel Weinberg at AIPAC (202) 639-5200.

## George Bush and the Jewish Vote

by Rabbi Avraham Weiss

The Bush spin doctors are out in force. Their goal: To convince Jewish voters over the next four months to forget the president's Israel-bashing of four years.

It wasn't so long ago that Secretary of State James Baker was quoted as saying, "F--- the Jews; they didn't vote for us anyway" (Ed Koch column in *New York Post*). The implication: George Bush was elected without Jewish support and will be elected again without that vote — or so Baker assumed at the time.

But things are different today. President Bush is in a fight for his political life. It is conceivable that the election will turn on a few thousand votes in a small number of states where Jews vote in large numbers, like New York and California. If 10 percent of the Jewish vote goes to Bush instead of the 27 percent he received in 1988, Bush could himself be among the unemployed.

For this reason, Republicans have targeted New York and California as key states Bush must win. And the president has decided to reach out to the Jewish community.

The wooing has begun. Baker has been to Israel to set the stage for Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's visit to Kennebunkport — conveniently planned for the week

before the Republican convention. In so doing, Rabin will be playing into the hands of this orchestrated attempt to win the Jewish vote. At the meeting, the president will no doubt announce his preparedness to grant \$2 billion in loan guarantees to Israel to help absorb Jewish refugees from the former USSR and Ethiopia. He'll do this despite Rabin's decision to complete 9,000 homes in Judea and Samaria. This falls short of the complete freeze Bush and Baker have demanded.

No matter. The \$2 billion in loan guarantees is designed to convince the Jewish American community to forget. No wonder Hanan Ashrawi, the Pales-

tinian spokeswoman, has given tacit approval to those guarantees. She knows and Palestinians know that it is in their interest for Bush, who reportedly characterized himself to King Hassan of Morocco as the most pro-Arab U.S. president ever, to be re-elected.

Bush's attempt to short-circuit American Jews' memory won't work. Despite moments of support, such as his involvement in the rescue of Ethiopian Jews, George Bush has emerged as the most hostile president ever to Israel.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Israel Ready to Continue Talks in U.S.

by David Landau  
 JERUSALEM (JTA) — After an initial reluctance, Israel appears ready to accept the resumption of the Middle East peace talks in Washington toward the end of August.

The final details will likely be announced during Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's visit to the United States in the second week of August, according to highly placed sources in Jerusalem.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker recently said that he would like to see the talks resume in Washington on Aug. 10, but the Israelis did not want the negotiations to coincide with Rabin's first meeting with President Bush since taking office.

Jerusalem sources confirmed that Rome, which had previously been agreed upon as the venue for the talks, was now unlikely to serve that role, at least for the present round.

Reasons cited for the change of location include Italy's inability to handle the logistics and security arrangements for the talks, which are to take place sooner and continue longer than originally proposed.

It has also been suggested that Baker may want the talks in the U.S. capital so he can monitor them if, as expected, he soon takes charge of the Bush re-election campaign.

The Israelis, who had long favored a venue close to the Middle East for symbolic and practical reasons, are now seeing Washington in a more favorable light, as well.

In Rome, the sources pointed out, Palestine liberation Organization Chairman Yasir Arafat might enshrine himself at the embassy the PLO maintains there, which would inevitably embarrass the Israeli side. In Washington, on the other hand, this would not happen,

since Arafat would presumably be refused a visa by the Americans.

Israel says that after a further round in Washington, which

## First Woman Rabbi in Israel Ordained by Reform Movement

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — The first woman ever to become a rabbi in Israel was ordained recently in Jerusalem.

The ordination of Naamah Kelman, 37, was a historic step and brings to 11 the number of Reform rabbis ordained in Israel.

Kelman is the most recently ordained member of an illustrious family which has produced rabbinic leadership for 12 generations.

Her late father, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, was the much-beloved executive vice president of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly for nearly four decades.

Her paternal grandfather was a Hasidic leader, and her maternal grandfather is Rabbi Felix Levy, a past president of the Reform movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis. Her brother, Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman, is the spiritual leader of Kol HaNeshama, a Reform congregation in Jerusalem.

Kelman is now completing a

could last up to three weeks, the talks should then shift close to the region. That would allow virtually constant negotiation sessions, interspersed by brief visits home to consult with policymakers.

## Israel Makes

(Continued from Page 1)  
 to divert funds from the building industry to infrastructure projects within the Green Line, Israel's pre-1967 border that does not include the territories.

According to the treasury, the building freeze will save the state some \$650 million for next year's budget. The treasury intends to spend the funds to develop infrastructure, roads and industrial zones.

"This will be the real alternative to the building industry and the real alternative to create new jobs," said Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

As a general rule, the government has not touched housing units already under construction. But Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, belying the "finality" of last week's announcement, said that an additional 2,000 units in the territories, still at the initial stages of construction, may be canceled if there is no further demand for housing there.

A sharp drop in demand for housing in the territories has been reported by real estate agents since the new Labor government took office. They said apartment prices have dropped by at least 10 percent.

Construction continues on some 8,200 housing units in the territories. Many of them have no prospective buyers.

According to the Treasury, the state will honor the previous government's commitments to building contractors and will buy some 24,000 housing units if they remain unsold by the end of this year. This will cost some \$40 million.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

The "Summer Concerts by-the-Bay" series at Blithewood Gardens and Arboretum, 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, continues on Aug. 9 with a performance in the mansion by **acoustic musicians** Sandoz Astrausky and Mark Roberts. Tickets for the concert are \$7.00 and are sold at the door. For more information, call 253-2707.

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The 21st annual **Block Island House and Garden Tour** will be held at various locations throughout the island, on Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 466-2982.

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The Publick Theatre, Inc., Boston's oldest resident theatre company, opens **Cyrano de Bergerac** by Edmond Rostand and translated into English verse by Anthony Burgess, on Aug. 12. The show runs through Sept. 6. All performances start at 8 p.m., and ticket prices are as follows: Wednesday evenings, \$12; Thursday and Sunday evenings, \$14 and Friday and Sunday evenings, \$16. The Publick Theatre is located on 11 Ridgmont St. in Boston. For more information, call (617) 782-5425.

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On Aug. 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mel and Me in Garden City Shopping Center, Cranston, will host a **Karl Lagerfeld trunk show**. A representative from the house of Karl Lagerfeld will be present. Informal modeling and refreshments will be offered. For more information, call the store at 943-4646.

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Ned Connors will present a **lecture on the history of the guitar in popular music** at the Barrington Public Library on Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Connors will demonstrate samples of music with records, tapes and live guitar. The program is free and open to all. For more information contact Lauri Burke at 247-1920.

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The 316th annual **Pow Wow** will take place on Aug. 8 and 9 at the Charlestown Indian Grounds, off Route 2 in Charlestown. For more information, call 364-9832.

## Selections from Gorham on View at RISD Museum

The Gorham Collection: Selections from the Gift of Textron Inc. is on view in a major exhibition at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art now through Aug. 29. Presented by Textron in December, 1991, the collection is considered the museum's most important single gift of silver since it first began to acquire American and English silver as part of the Pendleton Bequest in 1904.

With this new acquisition, Gorham becomes the focus of the museum's American silver collection, making it encyclopedic in scope and providing valuable research material for designers and historians. It rounds out a collection ranging from Rococo Revival to Art Deco, encompassing works from 18th-century silver shoe buckles to a magnificent lady's writing table and chair in silver, wood, ivory, leather and mother-of-pearl.

Textron, based in Rhode Island, purchased Gorham in 1967 and retained the historic collection when it sold the company to Dansk International Designs Ltd. of Mt. Kisco, N.Y. in 1989. Gorham, founded by Jabez Gorham in Providence in 1831 and located

a few blocks from the RISD Museum in its early years, has had close ties to Rhode Island School of Design, which has trained many generations of Gorham metalsmiths.

The exhibition was supported by funds provided by Textron. A color brochure describing the history of Gorham will be available in the galleries and a color poster will be available for \$10 (plus \$3 handling charge for mail orders) in the museum shop, 224 Benefit St.

The Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday; and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The museum's summer hours, which are in effect from June 17 to Aug. 31, are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The suggested admission fee is \$2. The museum receives partial support for its activities and programs from an Institutional Support Grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and from the Institute for Museum Services, an independent federal agency which offers program and operational support to selected museums nationwide.

## Bluegrass Association Presents Weekend of Music

The fourth annual Connecticut River Valley Bluegrass Festival will present three of the top groups in bluegrass, as well some of the best bands in the Northeast, Aug. 7 to 9 at the Four Town Fairgrounds in Somers, Conn.

The festival is sponsored by the Connecticut River Valley Bluegrass Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and supporting this unique form of American music.

Shows will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Camping in the rough will be permitted with a weekend ticket. Concessions will be available.

Besides presenting music that appeals to all ages, a slate of children's activities is planned throughout the weekend. And children under 12 are admitted free.

The festival will be held rain or shine. In case of rain, the music will be moved indoors on the festival grounds. Security also will be provided.

Tickets are \$7 for Friday; \$15 Saturday, \$10 Sunday and \$30 for the weekend (if purchased in advance, weekend tickets are \$25).

For more information call, (203) 347-5007 or (293) 237-3966.

## RISD Faculty Show Works in Newport

Work in a variety of media by Rhode Island School of Design faculty members will be showcased in "RISD in Newport," an exhibition that opens at the Hydrangea House Gallery Aug. 12. The gallery, at 16 Bellevue Ave. in Newport, is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment (846-4435).

Established in 1989 as part of the Hydrangea House Inn, the Hydrangea House Gallery is committed to bringing significant contemporary art of all disciplines to the Newport community. The gallery represents artists from throughout the country, and is in the process of establishing an "Artist in Residence" program in conjunction with the Hydrangea House Inn with the intention of attracting individuals from the international arts community to Newport.

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# MILESTONES

## Aron Honored by War Veterans



The Sackin-Shocket Post #533 of the Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island honored Jerome Aron (second from right) of Cranston for his many contributions to Jewish Boy Scouts, and for his continued support of the Temple of the Ten Commandments at Camp Yawgoo, Rockville. A check in Aron's honor is presented by Harold Fink, past state commander, to provide continued support of the chapel. A new U.S. flag and a plaque honoring Aron's contributions and all Jewish war veterans who have been scouts and scout leaders was donated by Melvin Kahn (far left) past state commander of the Rhode Island veterans.

## Social Seniors Install Officers

Simon Chorney was installed recently as president of the Social Seniors of Warwick for 1992-93, during a luncheon at the Sheraton Tara Hotel. The installing officer was Beatrice Feldman. Ernest Coleman, chaplain, gave the benediction.

Other officers taking over their posts are: Martha Sonion, second vice president and membership; Sara Greene, treasurer; Ann Greenfield, corresponding secretary and Ann Gallant, recording secretary.

Other officers include: Ettis Raphael, publicity chairwoman; Rosalyn Stern, sunshine chairwoman; Ethel Troberman, historian and Lillian Wyatrack, visiting the sick and reporting.

No meeting will be held in August. However, on Aug. 9, members will go on a Bay Queen boat trip to Newport complete with a buffet brunch. Contact Sally Goldman for more information on this trip.

## Fried Named Head of Pediatric Neurosurgery

Arno H. Fried, M.D., has joined Rhode Island Hospital to head a newly formed program to provide expanded pediatric neurosurgery services to children in southeastern New England.

Named chief of the section of pediatric neurosurgery in the hospital's Department of Neurosurgery, Fried is also an associate professor of neurosurgery in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences at the Brown University School of Medicine.

Fried's appointment gives the hospital important new capabilities in its pediatrics program, particularly in the areas of evaluation and surgical treatment of children with cerebral palsy, epilepsy and other seizure disorders, and young peo-

ple who have tumors of the brain.

He joins the hospital from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, where as head of the pediatric neurosurgery section he helped perfect new surgical treatment for cerebral palsy — selective dorsal rhizotomy, which reduces leg muscle stiffness and spasticity, giving young patients increased range of motion and added ability to function in activities of daily life.

An active researcher, Fried has a long list of published writings in his fields of interest and he is a sought-after lecturer.

He and his wife Mindy have two children. They make their home in East Greenwich.

## Winick to Wed Karras



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Winick of Boxford, Massachusetts, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Michael Adam Karras, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon G. Karras of Highland Park, Illinois. Ms. Winick is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jacob Glantz of Providence.

A graduate of Masconomet High School and Ithaca College, Ms. Winick is studying public policy at the University of Chicago for her master's degree. She is currently the media relations coordinator for the Chicago Park District. Mr. Karras is a graduate of Lake Forest Academy and Ithaca College, and is a sales and marketing specialist with Fellowes Manufacturing in Chicago.

A September wedding and honeymoon trip to the Greek Isles is planned, after which the couple will reside in Chicago.

## Beckmann Interning

Gwendolyn Beckmann is an intern at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill. Beckmann, of Providence, is working in the Prairie Demonstration Garden. She is a graduate of Brown University and will be working at the garden until Sept. 25.

She is the daughter of Martin and Gloria Beckmann, 77 Arlington Ave., Providence.

## Lurys Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Alan D. Lury of Pawtucket happily announce the birth of their first child, Abigail Beatrice, on June 18, 1992.

The proud grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Kaplowitz of Linwood, N.J., and Harris L. Lury of Warwick. Abigail's great-grandmother is Dorothy Kaplowitz of North Miami Beach, Fla.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Casting Stones

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into their realms. They turned into tax collectors and innkeepers. The hung-over peasant could blame both his serfdom poverty and his very drunkenness upon the Jew. This part of the tale is common knowledge, ancient history.

My guide through the Martyr's Walk in Warsaw said to me, "The Pole did not hate. He was greedy. He wanted the famous Jewish money." This, by way of excuse. A bus cruises the vast area in Warsaw that held the early ghetto, which twice shrank its boundaries as Jews died or were shipped off.

## Guild Lists Coming Events

The regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild for the coming season will be held on Sept. 15. No other meetings will be held for the rest of the summer.

Aug. 24 — A most unusual two nights and three days will take travelers to Kelley's in the Poconos, featuring a Hawaiian theme with Hawaiian dancers and entertainment. Guests will participate with the Hawaiian dancers.

Reservations are nearly sold out.

Sept. 2 — A few tickets are available for the musical "Gypsy" featuring Rita Moreno. Call in your reservation.

## Film Fest, Annual BBQ Set for Temple Shalom

Temple Shalom of Middletown is conducting two summer programs during the month of August.

A "Mini Film Festival" will be held at the Temple, 223 Valley Road in Middletown, on the following evenings:

• Aug. 11 at 7:15 p.m. "Crossing Delancy," starring Amy Irving, is a charming New York lower-east-side-based story of a bubbie's matchmaking for her independent feminist granddaughter.

• Aug. 20 at 7:15 p.m. "Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt." During its heyday, 1 million New York Jews spent their summers in the Catskills. Fondly named the Borscht Belt, the Catskills became a stage for "who's who of talent." It was here that a new form of humor evolved that has influenced generations of American comics. The film concentrates on resort life and humorists.

The annual Temple barbecue and concert will take place on Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. A kosher barbecue will be served on the temple grounds. Following the meal, the Kadima Band will entertain in the air-conditioned social hall. Reservations are a must for this event and the deadline is Aug. 10. For the entire evening of food and music, the cost is \$14.95 per adult and \$7.49 for children 10 years of age and younger. Further information can be obtained by contacting the temple office at 846-9002. To secure your place at this event, send your reservations to: Barbecue, Temple Shalom, P.O. Box 4372, Middletown, R.I. 02840.

Once, all Warsaw was one-third Jewish. Jews lived everywhere, with their theaters and their businesses, their homes and their synagogues. Warsaw was razed, levelled, blasted. The city rises again in a Disneyland version of itself, cleaned up, freshly painted, meticulously reproduced. Its spirit has vanished - Magdalena, another guide, was a little too cheerful for my mood. She pointed out the statue of a child in uniform, a symbol of Polish resistance outside the ghetto. Not only Jews died, she wanted me to know.

I spent my first evening in

tions.

Sept. 16 — "Showboat" in Atlantic City on the Boardwalk. It is not too early to plan on this trip as it is filling up.

Nov. 4 — A Jewish Musical, "The Sheik of Ave B" at the Town Hall, Broadway, New York. This is a limited engagement only until October. The score is jazz, dance-filled nostalgia, music from the writers of Tin Pan Alley and also brand new at the same time, since they took great delight in the language, manners, love and struggle of the strange new immigrants. It is part Jewish and part English. Plan ahead so you can follow the crowd to an enjoyable and exciting day.

If interested in any of these trips, call Pearl Stayman, 738-0225 or Etta Swerling, 463-7166 for brochures, particulars and rates.

Poland with a colleague from RISD, Szymon Boyko, a slender man of 75 who always wears white, even a white cap.

Szymon said to me, "This was the scene of my boyhood and youth. I fought with the Polish army, spent time in a prisoner of war camp. My father wanted me to take up the trade of cobbler. Instead I am a teacher of art. Are they connected, do you think?"

We hiked between columns with stiff, straight soldiers staring out like statues, guarding a large flame for the Unknown Soldier. We marched through a garden. Szymon whispered, "It isn't safe in here. Since the end of the Communists, there really isn't any more law and order in the streets." Szymon showed me goldfish pools and groves of trees, while swans and swallows quieted down for the night. He summoned up in recall the lights and noises of a great Jewish city where he had spent a lively childhood. Now Warsaw is a somber ghost town.

I found my own Warsaw next day under the noon sun, at the center of the ghetto. "Greetings to you on the outside," were the last words of Mordechai Anielewicz, leader of the Jewish uprising. He spoke to me, an American. The little knoll, "a Polish Masada," said the guide, built over ruins, rises up among the outposts where plaques tell the story of the heroic battle for honor. I snapped words, names and details from the statues and reliefs. The opening of the sewer, through which people and goods were smuggled, holds a Hebrew letter Bet and a stone feather. The first names of all

the deported are marked in marble at the Umschlagplatz, the central place of deportation to which the Martyr's Walk takes you. 'X' marks the spot, the most somber square in Warsaw.

The Jewish cemetery on the outskirts of town offers relief from the downtown city of Warsaw. It remained almost untouched by bombardment. It holds not only real, not symbolic graves, but also a large memorial to Janusz Korczak, the distinguished professor who chose to die with his orphan charges. Not to betray their trust in him. The Nazis offered him his choice of life or death. The statue shows him with a child in his arms. He holds hands with others.

Other images of Korczak stand within the city. One youthful Jew chose to stay and run this cemetery, which had been neglected under Communism, as it had been under the Nazis. The only good Jew is a dead Jew. Let them lie. But the dead do not lie still.

The worst was yet to come for me, a visitor from the outside. I took a train to Krakow, a city less damaged by bombs. Here one young Jew keeps the flame of Jewish life alive. He

had dinner with me, stuttering and stammering in a nervous English. Henryk told me most synagogues in Krakow serve as garages or small factories.

From Krakow you take an hour's bus ride to Oswiecim, aka Auschwitz. Jews once lived here. A single elderly Jew stays put. All the way along the road you make out wild deer coming from the thick, safe forest, to graze among cows, geese.

You stand in the gas chambers. You tour the crematoria. You stroll by the gallows, the torture devices inside and outside, spaces on the walls where inmates were shot, some marked with flowers. I thought of my friends at home.

I wrote that a battle goes on in Poland, on stones, in markings. Jan Graff put his finger on a plaque to Father Kolb, Saint Maximilian. This "saint" offered his life to save a Catholic Pole with a family. Of course, not for a Jew. Across the way Chaim Herzog, on the other hand, put a stone with a plaque for the sake of the Jewish victims. The revisionists downplay the numbers who died in Auschwitz. Poles exaggerate but Israeli research tells a strange and different story.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Events at the JCCRI: Week of Aug. 7 to 13

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, at 401 Elm-grove Ave. in Providence, will offer the following activities during the upcoming week. For further information, call 861-8800 and ask for the person indicated.

### 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. 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 programs.

This week includes the following activities and programs: Aug. 7-VCR movie, "Fiddler on the Roof," Part 1, 10:30 a.m. to noon; Aug. 9-VCR movie, "Fantasia," by Walt Disney Part 2, 10:30 a.m. to noon; Aug. 11-Masonic Picnic Grounds at Buttonwoods. Bring your own picnic lunch. Refreshments provided by the Golden Age Club. Leave the JCCRI at 10:30 a.m., return by 4 p.m. Golden Age Club members \$3, non-members \$4 and Aug. 13-Golden Age Club board meeting, 1 p.m.

For further information or details, call Sandy Bass.

### Brown Bag Club

The Brown Bag Club welcomes those free for lunch to attend this month's noon meetings, which will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of August. The video of Bernard Malamud's book *The Fixer* will be shown. Sam Primack will lead a brief discussion of the film following the movie. Bring a brown bag lunch at noon; dessert and beverage will be provided. A \$1 donation is appreciated. Yiddish Vinkel will follow this program at 2 p.m. For further information, call Evy Rappoport.



DRAWING TIME — Leora Petashnick uses her artistic talents while another camper looks on last week at the Torah Day Camp.

## Summer Fun At Torah Day Camp

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attend the school to participate in the camp; any Jewish children are welcome.

The children, ages 3 to 12, are broken up into groups according to grades. Each group was responsible for creating a name for themselves, and they promote a message through this name.

For example, the Smi-Uch Mechanics created their title from an English/Hebrew combination of the word smile. Their goal is to produce happiness and smiles.

Jakubowicz said a typical day goes as follows: morning prayers are said; next the children give to the tzedakah box (she said at the end of the summer the money will be given to a charity) and then it is physical fitness time, with children of all

ages participating.

And then Jakubowicz added "We have something that is pretty unusual for camp — a time for learning."

During this learning period the first-graders are taught Hebrew, some learn Bible, chumash and the older boys learn gemara, the oral tradition. Also, a theme is chosen for each week.

For example, this week's theme is achdus (unity) and during this week the counselors focus on activities relating to the promotion of it.

When the children play games the counselors stress that it is not important who wins and loses. They tell the children: "What is important is that we are together and having fun."

Then, within their groups, all

of the children participate in sports and arts and crafts.

The campers have gone on many trips during the summer. The older groups went to a dairy farm, strawberry picking, rollerskating, bowling and to a Pawtucket Red Sox game.

Jakubowicz, who took courses in Judaic studies and education for 10 months at Beth Jacob of Jerusalem and received a teaching certificate from there, said she hopes to teach after-school Talmud Torah programs. She plans on majoring in education when she attends college in the fall.

She said it came naturally for her to pursue a teaching career. Her father, Rabbi Jacobowicz, is the Judaic Studies coordinator and a first-grade teacher at The Providence Hebrew Day

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# Holocaust Changed Visitors

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elaborated that to be a successful scientist these days, one cannot really believe in an omnipotent supreme being.

The conversation between us, after that, proceeded in a trustful, civilized manner, but a breach had been created. A strange coolness prevailed in the house for the rest of their visit.

The fact that the Holocaust affected those who survived in different ways was made clear to me one more. I could detect that the hurt and suffering in my friends had found an outlet in blaming the A-mighty for all that has happened to them. Although I have always anticipated that a substantial number of survivors would probably feel that way about religion and G-d, this was the first time that I have met those so affected in my home.

For I myself did not change my views on religion because of my Holocaust experience. Many times in utmost despair I've cried out, "Where are You — G-d?" "How can You allow all these bad things to happen to innocent people?" But already then, as a very young person, I started to believe in the free-will-type of connection to the A-mighty. All humans are is children — even those

doing evil to others. And until we all learn to act and behave like creatures who are supposedly "made" in His image, the A-mighty will not get involved in the affairs between men. For if He did, then we shall all be like preprogrammed "robots" without any decision-making capabilities. And this most of us would not desire.

I cannot rationally explain why I felt a slight degree of resentment about our French guests' religious inclinations. My intellect tells me that this

probably is the expected response in people to tragic events like those that took place in the Holocaust. Yet, despite all logical arguments, I cannot reconcile myself to the thought that some people from backgrounds not unlike that of mine, would carry out a vendetta against G-d throughout their lives.

My heart aches for my visitors from Paris, for besides losing loved ones, possessions and traditional values, they also appear to have lost their souls ...

# Singles Cruise Heads for St. Thomas, Nassau

The Jewish Community Centers Association of St. Louis, in cooperation with Brentwood Travel, is sponsoring the ninth annual Nationwide Jewish Singles SuperCruise '93. This year's seven-day cruise departs from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Norwegian Cruise Lines brand-new "Dreamward" Ship.

The cruise departs on Feb. 7 and returns on Feb. 13, 1993. The Dreamward will set sail to four ports of call: St. Thomas, St. John, San Juan and Nassau.

The cruise package includes round-trip airfare from most major U.S. cities to Florida, with transfers to the port, all meals and snacks throughout the day including a midnight buffet, a variety of exclusive singles activities, the Broadway show "Dream Girls," a sports bar, a new gymnasium and health spa, a welcome aboard rum punch party and many more activities.

The cost for all of this fun ranges from \$1,399 to \$1,709 per person based on double occupancy.

More than 700 Jewish Singles from all over the nation have sailed on past Nationwide Jewish Singles SuperCruises sponsored by the Jewish Community Association. In addition, more than 35 marriages have occurred from singles who have met each other on the Nationwide Jewish Singles SuperCruises over the past decade.

Space is limited. To reserve accommodations, participants are required to make a \$200 deposit per person with final payment due Nov. 24. Cruise prices are lowest for those who

# That Reminds Me of a Story ...

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continued (prior to its total destruction in 450 B.C.E.).

3. The massive walls of Jerusalem were breached by the invading conquerors.

4. The public desecration and burning of the Torah.

5. The installation of an Idol in the Temple Sanctuary.

I was bouncing in the back of a Yellow cab through midtown Manhattan last year around this time. Now, I strike up conversations with taxi drivers as a matter of policy since first I discovered that virtually everyone has an intelligent question looking to be voiced. I noticed the driver's name on his license. Muhammad. So, I asked him where was he from? He told me he was Palestinian. He turned, glanced swiftly at me and fired his first question: "You Jewish?"

I admitted it was possible. I'd thought momentarily of hedging and fudging. "But then, considering the way I wear my clothes," I thought, "I'll have to tell him I'm of the Amish." It didn't appear likely that all the subtle distinctions would travel well through the language barrier. The truth seemed less fraught, if you know what I mean.

"Where all Jewish yesterday?" he asked, pointing past the Rockefeller Center, to 47th Street and the Diamond district.

"Yesterday was Tisha B'Av," I answered, "a Jewish fast day." I tried to sum it up in one sentence.

"No eating, drinking or washing. Bad things happened we remember. We sit on floor, we cry, we remember."

He lent his explanation. "Germans kill many Jews."

"No," I corrected him, "We remember what happened a long time ago, when Jerusalem

was Jewish, before Germans."

It was frustrating not having facility with his language. I wanted to explain all about the Romans, Titus, the Jewish wars. I wanted to share some of my feelings, the sense of loss, the "missingness" like an amputee, of Zion, the immanence of history.

"When this happened?" he wanted to know.

"Nineteen hundred and thirty-four years ago."

He started to laugh, thumping the steering wheel in appreciation of his private joke.

"My brother in Nablus," he turned and told me. "He organize intifada in Nablus. He thinks you will go away and forget Palestine/Israel. Hah! And you crying nineteen hundred years!"

I paid him off, he was still enjoying the richness of the joke. The last thing I heard him say was "Nineteen hundred years."

I was left pondering an old Yiddish saw: "Alte liebe roset nisht. (Old love does not rust.)"

For further information regarding Jewish life-cycle events, contact Rabbi Hershey Worch at 729-1606 or Congregation Ohawe Sholam at 722-3146.

# Rosen Earns Honors

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# Summer Fun

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School. He is also the director of the day camp. Her mother is also a teacher at The Hebrew Day School.

Jakubowicz commented on the increased creativity and social skills the day camp produces in the children who attend.

Although the Torah Day Camp will come to a close for the summer this week, it will be in full swing again next year. If you would like more information about the camp, call Shifra Jacobowicz at 331-1448.



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She resided in Fall River until moving to West Hartford.

She was a member of the sisterhood of Congregation Adas Israel of Fall River.

She is survived by two daughters, Ruth Logowitz, Warren, R.I. and Lois Firestone, Virginia Beach, Va.; one son, Alan Cornell, Bloomfield,

Conn.; three sisters, Rose Bernstein; Emily Stallman and Matilda Neroslavsky, all of Providence; one brother, Joseph Lipsky, Hallandale, Fla.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services took place July 28 at Congregation Adas Israel in Fall River. Burial took place at the Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## FREDERICK FISHMAN

Frederick Fishman, 64, of 49 Meader St., Warwick, died Aug. 2 at New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston. He was the husband of Frimette (Rubin) Fishman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Ruth (Harris) Fishman, he moved to Warwick in 1955.

Fishman was owner of the former Fred's Fruit & Produce Market, South Providence, from 1949 to 1956. He then became associated with the former Save-Rite Catalog Showroom Co. and was merchandise manager at its Woonsocket store until retiring three years ago. He was previously merchandise manager at the East Providence store for eight years. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association,

and Doric Lodge F & AM.

Besides his wife, he leaves four sons, Bruce Fishman of Sharon, Mass., Robert Fishman of Scituate, Stuart Fishman of Charlestown and Neil Fishman of Glastonbury, Conn.; a sister, Minnie Gordon of Providence, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Aug. 3 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## SAMUEL HABIB

Samuel Habib, 85, of Century Village, Deerfield Beach, Fla., died Aug. 2 at the Colonial Palms East Nursing Home, Pompano Beach, Fla. He was the husband of Jennie D. (Goodman) Habib. Born in Turkey, he was the son of the late Avrum and Mollie (Gershon) Habib. He was the owner/operator of the former Jay Dee's Family Clothing Store in Bourne, Mass., for 25 years, retiring 19 years ago.

Habib was a resident of Deerfield Beach for 18½ years, previously residing in Bourne. He was a past commander of the American Legion Post in Bourne, a past commander of the Jewish War Veterans of New Bedford, chairman of the Salvation Army of Bourne for 25 years and a former member of Congregation Ahavath Achim in New Bedford.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Michael Habib of Westport, Mass.; one daughter, Frayda Zeltsar of Port Charlotte, Fla.; one brother, Sol Habib of Miami; one sister, Flora Habib of Miami Beach, Fla. and two grandchildren, Phillip Zeltsar of Nashua, N.H., and Faye Welsh of Port Charlotte, Fla.

A funeral service was held Aug. 5 at Congregation Ahavath Achim, 385 County St., New Bedford, at 11 a.m. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## BERYL (BEN) LISS

Beryl (Ben) Liss, 75, of 5020 Montreal Drive, San Jose, Calif., died July 24 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif. He was the father of Alan Liss of Providence. He also leaves his wife, Lillian, a daughter, Debra and son, Harold, all of San Jose; a brother, George Liss, and a sister, Bella Abramowitz, both of Pittsburgh, Pa., and grandsons, Brian, Gordon and Jonathan Liss, all of Providence.

## MORRIS MALATT

Morris "Moe" Malatt, 73, of 15 Hazelton St., Cranston, a salesman for Servo-Matic for the last three years, died July 29 at Roger Williams Hospital. He was the husband of Florence

"Fay" (Levine) Malatt.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late William and Jennie (Kaufman) Malatt. He moved to Cranston 20 years ago.

Malatt also was a salesman for the Rhode Island Tobacco Co. for 40 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II and was awarded a Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael. He was a member of Overseas Lodge 40, AF & AM.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Sheila Linda Malatt, and a sister, Dorothy Raphael, both of Cranston. He was a brother of the late Eli Malatt, Estelle Malatt, Sophie Rothkopf and Julia Cohen.

A graveside service was held July 31 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St.

## Casting

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Fewer, not more, than the maximum estimate, probably died here. But get this: Of those fewer, a higher percentage were Jews. In other words, the Poles claim a higher number, in order to stretch the statistics on Christians who were killed in the camp. But Auschwitz is a Jewish disaster. Priests and nuns, like their Pope, convert the dead. They distort the picture of this perverse "Jerusalem" as Elie Wiesel put it. You see them everywhere — Poland's chief export: priests.

I look at the peasants with their horsedrawn carts. I get the idea behind Claude Lanzmann's film "Shoah." Instead of using the usual archival footage, he films what stays in Poland, an infinite indifference. Before that master work, "Shoah," a French film editor Alain Resnais had made "Night and Fog." He filmed the weeds, grasses and birds of postwar Poland. He clips only tight closeups of what had happened a decade before in Auschwitz. He uses words, even music, to stir your memory. I even pick up frames in my mind from still older films about Poland in wartime. "To Be or Not To Be," Lubitsch's comedy with Jack Benny. "Conquest," Garbo's picture of desperate Poland "Golden Earrings," some kind of crazy try by Dietrich to portray Gypsy resistance. "A Song to Remember," a Hollywood effort to turn the music of Chopin to patriotic allied purposes.

I think, too, of Leni Riefenstahl's films making Nazism look good.

And I think, Auschwitz will never end. We fight for the souls of the dead. In words, on stone, in our prayers.

## ♣ CARD OF THANKS ♣

The family of the late Philip Paige wishes to thank relatives, friends and the Providence School Department employees for their kind messages of sympathy and for the many donations made in his memory. A special thanks to his doctors, the staff of the Miriam Hospital and the Visiting Nurses Association for the wonderful and loving care they gave him. G-d bless you all.

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## Yiddish

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Page finds that many in the advanced classes attend the camp for various reasons — nostalgia, wanting to brush up on their Yiddish, companionship with other Yiddish-speaking people, shared memories. "They have this skill and there's not a lot of opportunity to use it," she said. Students come from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and even as far away as New York and Ohio.

Now in its seventh year, the program was originally designed for the senior crowd, and was called Yiddish Elder-camp. By removing the "elder," many younger people were attracted to the camp this year, Page said. The camp began through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. After finding great success, it was put in as a budgeted item the following year. It now is funded by tuition (\$42).

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by Kammie Kettelle  
Herald Assistant Editor

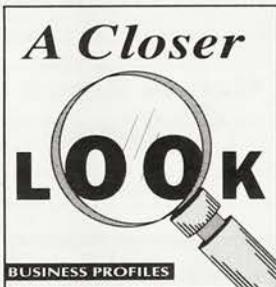
Michael Gordon decided it was time to start his own business when work with his union became slow.

"I enjoy this more," he recently said. "I've already done two concrete driveways this summer, and I'm working on my third stone wall."

Gordon, who got his start as a member of Local 271, built a business, M.J. Gordon Construction Co., which does virtually any type of construction work with stone or concrete.

The many projects he does include driveways, sidewalks, retaining walls, stone walls, cellar floors and concrete aprons around pools and foundations. Concrete repair and mason work, such as brick stairs and repair, and installing railroad ties, can also be done.

Gordon brings four years of experience of working with stone and concrete to his business. He helped build a three-mile stone wall which runs along Mendon Road in Cumberland to Woonsocket. He also worked on all the concrete



for the Ocean State Power Plant in Burrillville and he did construction work for Narragansett Improvement.

M.J. Gordon Construction Co. does work throughout the state. Gordon assures that he has quality help working for him.

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Gordon, a Rhode Island native from the East Side, lost his father, Norman Gordon, at a young age.

"I wish he was around to see my accomplishments in life and my quality work," he said.

## 'Endless Mountains' of Pa.

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course. This was the central point for the "gathering of the clan."

The youngest guest was new Baby Sam, 6 weeks old; 4½-year-old Annie and the oldest — 84-year-old Kathryn, just recuperating from hip surgery (this was not a deterrent to Kate). Inbetween were all the beautiful and handsome young men and women and teenagers, ranging from 50 years or so, to the youngest. I was there as an in-law, and a "senior" guest.

Everyone, from the start of the first day, July 3rd, together or singly, depending on one's own desires, swam in the lake, played tennis, or golf, or both; sat around and did nothing (a lot of which engaged me!); prepared a barbecue, in the rain, and so on and on until the evening waned and everyone dispersed for the night.

On the 4th, early evening, Harry led a caravan of eight cars higher into the mountains for a 20-mile ride, to a large old farmhouse, where we all sat down for a delicious home-cooked dinner. If Harry had not been certain of his route, 40 people would not have been heard of for a long time. He drove the lead car and got us to our destination, up the winding narrow roads, without any problem. Three hours later, driving back down to the home base, we all sat in the cars, filled with wonderful food and experienced great camaraderie, lots of laughter and complete contentment, even to the youngest child, asleep in his father's arms.

Another day, late afternoon, about 20 adults, many unaccustomed to daily physical strenuous activity, went off for a six-mile hike up a mountain trail, and later, on the return to home base, slipped and fell, up and down as the rains came!

Everyone returned eventually, one by one, muddied and fatigued, but with their adrenaline flowing freely, acclaiming this event the highlight of the weekend.

Flea markets in the mountains are an interesting and exciting pastime so off some of us went, instead of hiking, to join hundreds of others from the areas for miles around to seek out some bargains. We came away two hours later, laden down, barely able to fit it all into the trunks of the three cars.

After this market sojourn, we stopped for lunch at the local "Sweet Shoppe" in Eagle's Mere — we were all hot and tired, but so relaxed and feeling "good." One of the husbands showed up, but wouldn't sit for lunch — he was continuing his walk, by himself, and was happy to just say hello, give his wife a big hug, and go on his solitary way.

The big-city-frenetic pace was gone for the present. In a couple of days hence, the memories of this weekend, so lazy and yet so full of activity, would bring shivers of happy recollections.

When you are in your "descending" or "declining" years (as sociologists term them), what a privilege it is to sit on a porch, with a most varied and mixed-age group and talk away the hours — listening, also, and laughing at some witty remark or a serious statement to contemplate.

When I left for home and boarded my flight, I sat back and allowed my thoughts to run randomly. I marvelled about the wonderful attachment all of those people I had just spent five days with have for one another; how enduring this connection will be for the future children of these children who will know who they are and from whence they spring.

There will be a "tugging" of the heart going on that will always make the love that exists now between the generations become everlasting as time progresses.

Returning home, after those

whirlwind days with the Maginnis clan in the mountains of Pennsylvania, gave me unbounded pleasurable memories. People, after all, are what makes life so precious.

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