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Program 'Bridges' the Gap Between R.I. Jewish Teens

by Kammie Kettelle
Herald Assistant Editor

On Sunday night Davi Grubman, an eighth-grade student from North Kingstown, got to do something she never does; she met other Jewish teens.

"The only people I know who are Jewish are my family," she said this week. "I'm not used to meeting other Jewish people."

Grubman, who never went to Hebrew school, attended a unique new program called Geshher on Sunday. Geshher is a Hebrew outreach program for

"I'm not used to meeting other Jewish people."

— Davi Grubman

13- to 17-year-olds, sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education, that seeks to heighten Jewish education, identification and commitment in an informal setting. It provides an educational context for Jewish teens, many of whom have had no formal or informal Jewish education at all. It also creates a social setting for them to interact with one another and helps get them involved in the Jewish community.

"It's a whole brand-new program we have been dreaming about for a long time," said Evelyn Brier, coordinator of the

program and secondary education coordinator at the Bureau of Jewish Education. "The point is to bring them in during the formative years so they can formulate their Jewish identity."

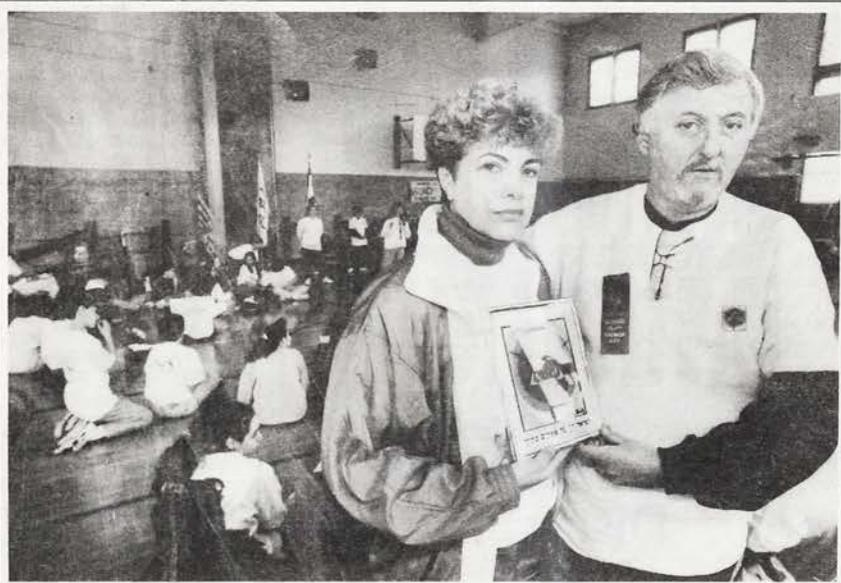
The word geshher means bridge in Hebrew.

Brier said that the program is targeted to reach teens who live in communities outside of the greater Providence area, because it is often harder for them to become involved in Jewish activities with their peers if they have no contact with the Harry Elkin Midrasha. "We weren't servicing kids living outside the Providence area," she said.

For part of the evening Sunday, the students walked around on crutches, threaded needles wearing awkward thick gloves while having a single tissue held over their eyes, poured a bowl of cereal and milk wearing those same gloves, fed each other the cereal and walked one another around blindfolded.

The students were role playing, trying to understand what it feels like to be older, with failing health. This is all part of a five-week "The Caring Society" series, led by Wendy Garf-Lipp, a teacher at the Alperin Schechter Day School and in-

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A Fitting Tribute

Frank and Elaine Shatz hold the Star of David their son made before his death earlier this year. The Shatzes awarded the star to the winning team Sunday at the Steve Shatz Olympics, organized by the United Synagogue Youth Group of Temple Am David in Warwick.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

New Round of Peace Talks Begins

by Cynthia Mann
States New Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The seventh round of Middle East peace talks began here Oct. 21 amid reports that the Israelis would for the first time make explicit at the negotiating table their willingness to

withdraw from at least part of the Golan Heights.

Israeli officials would not confirm those reports, but the negotiating delegation's spokesman did tell reporters last week that Israel was offering a

"new set of formulations that touch on the central issues."

The spokesman, Yossi Gal, said the document "could and should serve as a basis for dialogue."

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Coalition Crisis Eases As Parties Adopt Lower Profile

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The crisis threatening the stability of Yitzhak Rabin's government appears to be easing somewhat, with the prime minister's two contentious coalition partners adopting a lower profile.

The Sephardic Orthodox party Shas and the left-wing Meretz bloc stepped back in anticipation of some quiet bargaining earlier this week.

Shas is under pressure to quit the 3-month-old Labor-led government whose education minister, Shulamit Aloni of Meretz, has made controversial statements on religious issues.

But the religious party was rethinking a plan to call out supporters in a mass meeting this week that would step up pressure on its leadership to quit the coalition.

For its part, Meretz let it be known that it is ready and willing to resume the dialogue with the prime minister this week, even though a meeting

last week proved fruitless in resolving the crisis.

The crisis is scheduled to come to a head Nov. 2, when the Knesset debates a series of no-confidence motions submitted by opposition religious parties over Aloni's statements.

Shas wants Aloni shifted from the sensitive education post. But Meretz parliamentary faction Chairman Yossi Sarid insisted in a television interview Oct. 21 that his party would not agree to this.

Rabin, meanwhile, dismissed as "rubbish" media speculation that he plans to resign after the Nov. 2 vote, receive a new mandate from the president and set about rebuilding his coalition with the same partners and possibly also — in a move to the right — the United Torah Judaism bloc and/or the right-wing Tsomet party.

Sarid said his party would reject this as a transparent ploy if it entailed a portfolio other than education for Aloni.



Breathless

Staci Fleisher, 17, from left, Jessica Cohen, 14, and Brian Schneider, 15, are breathless while competing in the balloon blow-up at the Steven Shatz Memorial Olympics at Aldrich Junior High School in Warwick Sunday. The youths helped organize the event to honor Shatz, the adviser they adored and respected.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Group Urges Prov. Voters To Read Referenda Before Nov. 3

Three Providence referenda questions will be on the ballot on Election Day, Nov. 3, and are a must for every Providence resident and voter to carefully read and vote on.

The Rhode Island Taxpayers Association urges Providence residents to read the three referenda below in preparation before Election Day. The following is the exact language that will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot:

10) Amendment to the Providence Home Rule Charter

(Resolution of the City Council) "Should the Charter be amended to require that all City employees newly employed after January 1, 1983, reside in the City of Providence?"

(Amendments to Sec. 1210 and 903 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980).

11) Amendment to the Providence Home Rule Charter (Resolution of the City Council)

"Shall the Charter be amended so as to:

(a) Require that the power and duties of the Retirement Board be established by City Ordinance and that Retirement funds be invested in 'marketable securities unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of the City Council;

(b) Add as Retirement Board members the City Treasurer and another member elected by the City Council, in addition to the current members, which include the Mayor, the chairperson of the City Council Committee on Budgetary Matters; the City Controller; two (2) members elected by the City Council, who shall not be officers or employees of the City; four (4) members representing active City em-

ployees and two (2) members representing retired employees; and

(c) Designate the Mayor as the Chairperson of the Retirement Board?"

12) Amendment to the Providence Home Rule Charter (Resolution of the City Council)

"Shall the Charter be amended to require the sale of City property to the 'highest qualified bidder' rather than the 'highest bidder' and to exempt from the competitive bid process and the minimum purchase price requirement the sale of City property to the Providence Redevelopment Agency and the Providence Plan Housing Corporation?"

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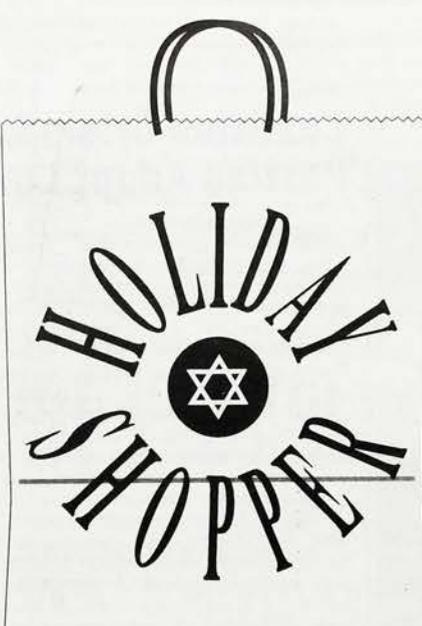
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All women 50 and older should get a mammogram.

To learn more about mammography, call the Cancer Information Service at (800) 4-CANCER.

Groups To Rally for Reform at State House

At a news conference held Oct. 28 in the rotunda of the State House, representatives from all the major reform groups throughout the state announced a program to focus voters attention on the need to vote for reform on Nov. 3.

Attending the 10 a.m. news conference were representatives from: Common Cause, Council of Churches, Government Accountability Project (GAP), Operation Clean Sweep, Reform '92, Rhode Island Taxpayers Association, Right Now! and "Us" PAC.

At the news conference, the group announced that two programs would be undertaken to focus on the need to vote for reform on Election Day.

The entire program is called, "Shine a Light on Government — Vote for Reform."

It begins on the evening of Nov. 1, with a rally at the State House at 5 p.m. Every Rhode Islander is invited to the rally, and asked to bring a flashlight and a bell.

When you announce the birth of a child why not include a black and white photo?



Ocean State Shorthair Club will sponsor a two-day **Show** on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at the Schofield Armory, 70 New London Ave., Cranston (Route 2 in Cranston, opposite the medical center). Hours of the show are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Admission is \$3 for adult and \$2 for children and senior citizens. For more information, call Beverly Tenna at 942-7971 or Jane Perkins at 467-7712.

Monster Bash '92 to benefit the Meeting Street Center is set for Halloween evening, Oct. 31, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Garden Room of the Omni Biltmore. For more information, call Meeting Street Center at 438-9500, ext. 239.

Menopause will be discussed in a lecture on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at Bristol Community College. The lecture, sponsored by the college's Fitness Center, is free and open to the public. Registered dietician Sherry Rougeau will discuss **menopause in men and women**. For more information, call Susan Coken at (508) 678-2811, ext. 2296 or 2248.

"Schools, Laws and Diversity," a conference on law-related education, is slated for Nov. 2 at the Providence Marriott. For more information, call the Legal/Educational Partnership at 277-6831 or the Ocean State Center at 861-5737.

The Ocean State Knitting Guild has set its next meeting for Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Briggs Building, Park Avenue in Cranston. For more information, call 946-9276.

The Barrington Public Library will host Sheri L. Smith, professor of philosophy at Rhode Island College, on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the program "Waves of Laughter: Bay-Inspired Humor." The free event is presented as part of What a Difference a Bay Makes, a region-wide library project. For more information, contact Lauri Burke at the library at 247-1920.

A seminar for consumers, "How to Manage Your Personal Finances," is slated for Nov. 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the John Hope Settlement House, 7 Burgess St., Providence. The seminar is one of six such consumer credit seminars being held across the state this fall. They are free and open to the public. For more information, call Tracey Plourde at 278-1536.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Activities Planned

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Health has joined this nationwide program dedicated to educating women and their families about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Early detection provides the best opportunity to treat breast cancer successfully.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in American women: one out of nine women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. In 1992, over 180,000 new cases are projected, and 46,000 women will die of the disease. In Rhode Island, 1,000 new cases are anticipated and 181 Rhode Island women will die of breast cancer this year.

The sponsors of the October Breast Cancer Awareness Month program urge all Ameri-

cans to learn the facts about breast cancer, and to join with their physician in monitoring their health.

The five-year survival rate for localized breast cancer has risen to 92 percent because of advances in early detection, improved surgical procedures, hormonal therapy and chemotherapy.

During October, Breast Health will offer instruction in breast self-examination, breast examination by a physician and mammography for women over 35 at a reduced rate. Women younger than 35 can still have a breast examination and instruction in self-examination. Mammography is available within the Breast Health office located at 827 North Main St., Providence.

URI's College of Nursing To Hold Job Fair

The University of Rhode Island's College of Nursing will host its 15th annual Nursing Career Day and Job Fair on Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registered and licensed practical nurses seeking temporary and full-time employment, management positions and clinical specialty positions are welcome. Students are encouraged to compare salary benefits for summer internships, collegiate aide and new

graduate positions during the fair.

The Career Day/Job Fair will take place on URI's Kingston campus, White Hall, second floor, Flagg Road. Free coffee, lunch and parking are provided. For more information, call Jean Anderson at 792-2766.

Belated Octoberfest Is Slated for Nov. 1

Mativ's second annual beer-tasting and belated Octoberfest is slated for Nov. 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Winchester Woods, 10 Village Drive in Riverside. Admission is \$12.

Announce your child's bar or bat mitzvah in the *Herald*. Black and white photos are welcome.

Samaritans Offer Meetings

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 each month at The Samaritans Center, 2 Magee St., Providence, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. November meeting dates are Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

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

Safe Place is now also meeting at The Samaritans Center in Fall River, Mass., at 386 Stanley St. Meetings will be held every first and third Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. November meeting dates are Nov. 5 and 19. Call The Samaritans toll-free number, (800) 365-4044, for more information on the Fall River Safe Place Meetings.

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

Voter Information Booklet Is On the Way

The information is in the mail. Secretary of State Kathleen S. Connell announced that voter information booklets on the state referenda questions are in the mail to 430,000 households across the state.

The booklets contain the language of the nine statewide referenda as they will appear on the ballot Nov. 3. They also contain an explanation of what each question means and, in the case of bond issues, what the bond money would be used for.

"A great deal of attention has been paid to the candidates running for individual offices this year," Connell said, "but these referenda questions are equally important. I urge voters to read the booklet and come to a decision on each question before going to the polls. The booklet is designed so that voters can mark a sample ballot and take it to the polls when they vote."

An alternate format version of the information for the blind and visually impaired will be available as audio cassettes in public libraries statewide. They will also be available at the Department of Library Services' library for the blind and physically disabled, at Insight

(the Rhode Island Association for the Blind), the Association for Retired Persons (AARP) and the Department of Elderly Affairs.

Anyone who has not received a copy of the referenda booklet by Oct. 23, or anyone who needs a copy in Spanish or Portuguese can call the Secretary of State's office at 277-2357 and ask for Documents Distribution to request one.

Central Falls residents who need a Spanish translation can pick up a Spanish version at the city Board of Canvassers, Progreso Latino, Proyecto Esperanza, SER-JOBS for Progress and the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island. Those last four agencies are members of the Community Voter Outreach Project.

In a further effort to make the referenda questions understandable, Connell is presenting a half-hour television program explaining what they mean. This will be carried on the statewide cable Interconnect Channel on weekdays at 12:30 p.m. in the afternoon from now to Nov. 2. The program can also be seen Monday evenings at 9 p.m. on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2.

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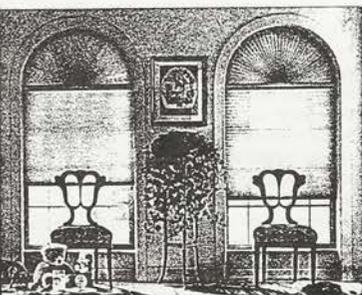
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Editor's Note: The Perot campaign has declined JTA's invitation to participate in the exchange.

George Bush Has Remained Silent About Use of Religion To Divide

by Stuart Eizenstat and Howard Squadron

WASHINGTON (JTA) — U.S. presidential campaigns have always been rough affairs. A lot is at stake. Personal attacks and stretching facts are par for the course. But there must be limits.

Gov. Bill Clinton and Sen. Al Gore have stayed "in bounds" when it comes to keeping religion separate from governmental affairs. They have been vocal in their opposition to prayer in public schools and the use of tax dollars to fund religious education. In addition, although Clinton and Gore held deep religious convictions, they have kept these personal beliefs out of their campaign.

It is reassuring to have Clinton say, "Fifteen years ago, when I taught constitutional law at the University of Arkansas, I emphasized the centrality of the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom to political democracy and to personal liberty. I have upheld those precepts throughout my career in public service and certainly would uphold and respect them as presi-

dent."

Most American Jews would agree about the importance of keeping religious worship free from government interference or political manipulation. There can be no justification for fomenting religious divisiveness among Americans. Unfortunately, this year the Republicans are flirting with religious division.

On the weekend after the Republican convention, President Bush addressed an evangelical conference where he listened to various speakers accuse the Democrats of promoting homosexuality and even witchcraft.

Rather than express even some mild disagreement with such bizarre charges, the president took the occasion to criticize the Democratic party platform for failing to mention the word "G-d."

The clear implication of the president's remarks was that Republicans who end speeches with "G-d bless you" and "G-d bless America" truly believe in G-d, while Democrats using the same rhetoric are really non-believers.

This juxtaposition of G-d-fearing Republicans versus

godless Democrats would not be worth remarking upon if it were an isolated event. Far from being unusual, however, it fit firmly into the context of the Republican convention.

The Republicans organized their convention so that when Pat Buchanan declared that "there is a religious war going on in our country," first lady Barbara Bush and Buchanan's wife sat next to each other clapping enthusiastically.

So too, when Pat Robertson and Dan Quayle urged government support of public school prayer and private religious school choice. The inevitable conclusion to be drawn by the



American people was that the president and his family approved of these divisive views.

The president dealt in exactly the same way with the Republican platform. Although his nomination was assured and his representatives were in complete control of all convention activities, he interferred not at all when the platform became the playground of the religious right.

Thus, a proposed reference to the nation's "rich religious pluralism" was found unacceptable to Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition colleagues. Instead, the platform celebrates "our country's Judeo-Christian heritage," ignoring the many holdings of the U.S. Supreme Court that government should not support any religion or all religions, and should certainly not express preference for any religious tradition.

The same Christian Coalition mentality produced platform planks favoring public school prayer and the use of tax dollars for religious education; and these positions were explicitly adopted by President Bush in his convention speech.

The platform also opposes federal funding for "obscenity and blasphemy masquerading as art." Martin Mawyer, head of the Christian Action Network, remarked "If I didn't know any better, I would assume the platform was written by the religious right."

It is time to drop the pretense. Our founders believed (Continued on Page 19)

Letters to the EDITOR



It Was 'Not a Bad Life' in WWII Italy

To the Editors:

Well, the concentration camp part of my life as an internee was over. The reason, alas a sad one, my dad died and I was granted compassionate and humane reason for a transfer to live with my mom in Potenza, a mid-sized provincial capital in the south of the country.

I know that the two words in the above paragraph, namely, "compassionate and humane" seem indeed absurd when compared to what my brethren in Germany had to live through, if, indeed, they lived...

When I arrived in Potenza, unaccompanied, mind you, that is, only armed with a foglio di via, a travel order, my mother was already there. She had rented a furnished room with a family named Cammarota, he a civil servant with the government, his wife kept house for their seven children. As such, they were granted special tax exemptions under the Mussolini government as a famiglia numerosa, a large family; the state needed live bodies.

The next morning I reported to the questura, the police station, and was told that I would have to sign in once a day at about 11 a.m., otherwise I was free to do whatever I wanted, even work, if I found a job.

In town lived already a few families, mostly husbands and wives, middle-aged or older. Other couples and/or single elderly persons lived in surrounding villages; they too, were free, so to speak.

It took me some time to get accustomed to my surroundings and to get proficient in the language, which I learned mostly by reading newspapers. For, in my opinion, they contain the everyday language, much unlike books of instructions that teach you sentences like, "The pen is on the table," "My sister walks in the pretty garden," etc.

How did we live? Well, twice a month, that is, on the first and the 15th, we went to the town hall where we were paid our sussidio, our allowances, if you will. That covered

rent, food and some clothing if we needed it, as well as some pocket money for an occasional movie, and the obligatory cups of espresso at the coffee house on the main piazza. And, sure, we also got ration cards for regulated foods, such as flour, sugar, bread and, of course, and most important, our daily pasta, which came in every shape and size imaginable.

After a couple of months I got a job. I was working in a garage, learning to be an automobile mechanic. But as much as I am a real klutz, I did not learn too much. Instead, I was teaching English to the offspring of well-heeled gentry in town. They knew that one day they would need it. My mother was knitting for the ladies of those families, not only sweaters and shawls, but also made to measure coats, jackets, hats, etc. We made a decent living.

In the afternoons we visited one another; there were games of bridge and rummy, and despite the rationing, we always had tea and pastries. At night we listened to the radio. There was good music, and of course there was "Radio Londra," London radio and the BBC which gave us encouragement and will to live.

I was known in town as Giovanni, the Italian translation of Hans. With doctors' visits and dental care, we did not live a bad life. By the way, my mother was hospitalized for a couple of weeks, the bill footed by the government.

Eventually, the Allies landed at Salerno, (first in Sicily) and Salerno was not too far from Potenza. As a matter of fact, at night we heard the flying fortresses overhead and many times when the alarm sirens blew their heads off, we trotted down the basement until all clear was sounded.

One day, when the British Eighth Army seemed to advance too close, the chief of police called us and used me and a doctor friend who also spoke fluent Italian, to say we should leave to seek shelter in some small surrounding vil- (Continued on Next Page)

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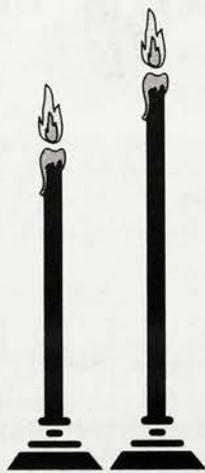
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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

Danger of Palestine Invasion Removed

NEW YORK — Palestine could have been invaded by the Nazis last May but the danger to the Holy Land, Syria, Cyprus and Turkey is past, at least for the remainder of 1942, according to a dispatch to the New York Times from Smyrna, Turkey. Palestine was said to be temporarily safe because of the withdrawal of Nazi and Italian troops from the Aegean Islands.

WEEK OF OCT. 30, 1942

Nazi Brutality

Nazi brutality was highlighted again this week in the news that came by way of Geneva that the Warsaw ghetto is now reduced to 100,000 Jews, and large scale deportations are still proceeding. If the exterminations and the deportations go on at the same pace, it is hard to believe that by mid-winter there will be any Jew left in Warsaw.

Einstein Refuses To Appear on Same Program with Comedian

On last Thursday night Albert Einstein was scheduled to speak about tolerance, on the March of Time program. A last minute announcement too late to alter the story in the Herald, was made, explaining that Professor Einstein unfortunately was unable to appear. "I cannot appear," said Einstein, "on the same program with a comedian."

OPINIONS

George Bush Has Kept His Promises and Been Tested in Times of Crisis

by Max M. Fisher, George Klein and Cheryl Halpern
WASHINGTON (JTA) — In any election campaign, the voters must weigh both tangible and intangible factors. Who has a solid record on the issues? Whom can we trust?

We believe that the men running for president this year provide the voters with a very distinct choice on both counts.

George Bush has an impressive record of achievements in both foreign and domestic policy. He has been tested in times of international crisis and has proven himself to be an effective and trustworthy leader.

He has also proven himself to be sincerely committed to the security of Israel, to promoting democracy abroad and to empowering individuals in this country to build better lives for themselves. He has kept his promises to the American people and to the Jewish community.

Bill Clinton, on the other hand, has been untested, and his contradictory responses on questions about policy and his past actions create doubt as to whether he can be trusted.

George Bush promised to help Jews in lands of oppression reach safety in Israel. Hundreds of thousands of new immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and other countries are making new lives in Israel because of Bush's commitment to their welfare.

The president, following through on his longstanding commitment, asked Congress to authorize \$10 billion in loan guarantees, which Congress has approved, to help Israel absorb its new citizens.

Every American president since 1948 has tried to solve the complicated dilemmas of the Arab-Israeli conflict. While many previous administrations have tried, it was the Bush administration that brought Israel's neighbors to the negotiating table for substantive, serious peace talks — on the terms sought by Israel. He should be given the opportunity to complete his efforts to bring about a real peace agreement between Israel and its neighbors.

President Bush has exercised his diplomatic skills to break the walls of isolation around Israel, urging dozens of coun-

tries to offer diplomatic recognition to the Jewish state. He persevered for years to build a coalition in the United Nations to rescind the Security Council resolution defining Zionism as racism.

He also built a historic coalition of Western and Arab states, unified against the naked aggression of Saddam Hussein. In addition to protecting the United States and its allies by keeping the vast Saudi and Kuwaiti oil fields out of Saddam Hussein's control, the United States destroyed Iraq's chemical and nuclear weapons capabilities, saving Israel and other Middle East countries from possible annihilation.

President Bush has kept his promise to strengthen the U.S.-Israeli strategic relationship and to maintain Israel's qualitative military edge over its adversaries. He has initiated and institutionalized many programs for U.S.-Israeli military cooperation, provided state-of-the-art armaments to Israel and has sought to maintain the current levels of military and economic aid to Israel.

He has provided close to \$14 billion in all-grant economic and military support to Israel during his term in office.

At home, the Bush administration has stressed the theme of empowerment — giving individuals greater control over their own lives. New housing initiatives and welfare reforms have helped the poor and the working poor become more independent.

Education reform and school choice empower parents to acquire the best education for their children, while at the same time making it easier for Jewish families to send their children to Jewish day schools.

As Jews who have long been active in Republican affairs, we have been privileged to work

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'Not a Bad Life'

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But that's another chapter yet. I am going to tell you about it in my next epistle.

Hans L. Heimann
Cranston

Why American Jews Should Back Perot

by Dr. Michael Welner

NEW YORK (JTA) — I am a volunteer supporting Ross Perot for president. Like many volunteers, including Perot himself, I am drawn to action as we face a crucial moment in our nation's history.

Perot's emergence this year as a presidential option climaxed years of effort of individual Americans, many in our Jewish community, who have yearned for a candidate whose support we don't have to buy.

For years, we have witnessed elections replete with

One could cite countless examples: the bipartisan condemnation of Israel's 1981 air strike on Iraq's Osirak nuclear facility and the sanctions that followed Ronald Reagan's visit to the Nazi military cemetery at Bitburg, the baiting of the Jewish lobby by George Bush, the intercession on behalf of the Palestine Liberation Organization by Jimmy Carter, the heavy financial influence in Bill Clinton's political career by BCCI magnate Jackson Stevens, the failure of both political parties to break the Arab economic embargo and the selling out of Israel in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War.

Why does this occur? The three reasons most often cited for undermining this historic relationship are anti-Semitism, ignorance and money. Is Bush an anti-Semite? No. Is Carter a fool? Of course not.

How many people have contributed large amounts to a campaign only to be disappointed by that elected official on policy toward Israel and, might I add, the Jewish community?

I went to an AIPAC meeting following the Persian Gulf War. The feeling of Jewish influence on Capitol Hill was euphoric. We hooted and hollered, ever eager to show our true loyalties by waving flags as Colin Powell spoke. We are so eager to please.



promises from both Democratic and Republican candidates who are eager to sit in our parlor rooms and take the donations we would otherwise send to hungry immigrants in Israel.

They know that every photograph in the newspaper showing them wearing a kippah, every speech with a Yiddish word in it, means 50 volunteers who fuel the machines that get them elected.

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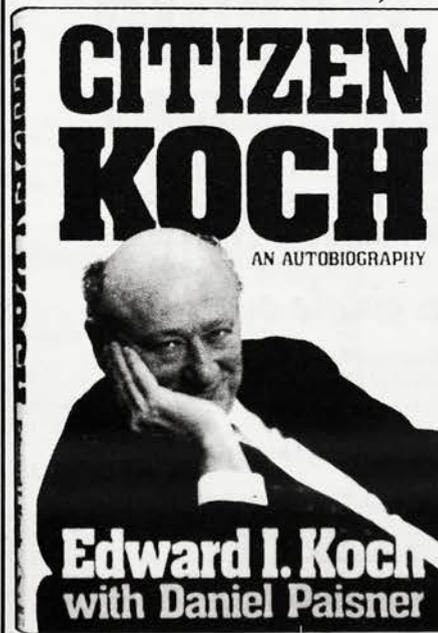
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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Germany Looks Into Banning a Number of Neo-Nazi Groups

by David Kantor
 BONN (JTA) — Germany's interior minister has ordered the federal office that monitors extremist political activities to examine the possibility of banning a number of neo-Nazi organizations.
 The spokesman for Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters said here last week that the examination would particularly look into groups that have been

heavily involved in the recent wave of violence against foreigners.
 Eckart Werthebach, the president of the monitoring office, called the Verfassungsschutz, has meanwhile, publicly called for a ban on a number of such organizations.
 This attitude, which represents a shift in the office's policy, was expressed in
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Jewish Groups Stepping Up Campaign For Tougher Action Against Serbia

by Lisa Richwine
 States News Service
 WASHINGTON (JTA) — Mindful of parallels to the Holocaust, American Jewish groups are stepping up their public campaign for tougher action against alleged Serbian atrocities in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.
 In a resolution adopted last week, the governing council of the American Jewish Congress urged President Bush to "take the lead in galvanizing the international community to put a stop to the outrages" occurring in the former Yugoslav republic.

It urged the U.S. government to help mobilize international support for the "limited use of force in the form of surgical air strikes against specific strategic targets," noting that "no compelling argu-

ments" had been advanced against such a policy.
 "Only a failure of moral nerve and moral commitment can account for the obvious unwillingness of some European states to join in concerted action toward this end," the resolution said.
 The resolution also urged U.N. adoption of several measures, including the promotion of an immediate ceasefire, the enforcement of the current ban on military flights over Bosnian territory and the lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia.
 In another action, the American Jewish Committee sent a letter Oct. 22 to acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger urging further U.S. action to ensure humanitarian relief and aid refugees fleeing the region.

"To stop the fighting, the United States, together with our European allies, will need to bring increased political pressure to bear on Serbia and Croatia through the United Nations and, if absolutely necessary, support carefully defined military action," AJCommittee President Alfred Moses said in the letter.
 The organization also hosted a meeting Oct. 22 with the Bosnian ambassador to the United Nations, who urged Jewish organizations to lobby for tougher actions against the expansionist Serbian regime.

Speaking here to members of the American Jewish Committee, Ambassador Muhamed Sacirbey said Serbian attacks against Croats and Moslems in Bosnia are similar to the slaughter of Jews during World War II, not in numbers but because they are fueled by ethnic hatred.

An estimated 200,000 Moslems and Croats have died in the fighting in the former Yugoslav republic.
 "You need to remind the world of the Holocaust," Sacirbey told the Jewish audience Oct. 22. "I believe very strongly that when we hear the words 'never again' it applies to all and not just Jews."

Sacirbey said the United States and other leading countries should use all possible means, including military air strikes, to end the violence before winter arrives and kills hundreds of thousands from exposure and hunger.



INTERNATIONAL

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The death toll in the Oct. 4 El Al air disaster in Amsterdam has again been reduced, to 52, including the four Israelis aboard. All but 13 bodies have been identified. The Dutch Transport Ministry has confirmed that the crash of the cargo jet into an Amsterdam apartment complex was almost certainly caused by metal fatigue when engine fuse pins gave way.

BONN (JTA) — German prosecutors are pressing charges against three French Jewish activists arrested Oct. 19 during a demonstration they staged in the city of Rostock. A German court on Oct. 21 issued arrest warrants against the three, who were protesting the German government's failure to crack down on neo-Nazi violence and its plan to deport Gypsies to Romania.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli air force planes attacked bases of the pro-Iranian group Hezbollah in Lebanon on Oct. 21 in response to the recent escalation of assaults by the group in the Israeli-controlled border security zone.

BONN (JTA) — A shipment of Soviet-made military equipment bound for Israel that was seized a year ago will be given to the Jewish state after all, the German Defense Ministry has confirmed.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Nearly half of New Yorkers believe Jews wield too much influence in city life and politics, according to a recent survey commissioned by the American Jewish Committee. Forty-seven percent said Jews possess too much influence, a figure more than twice the percentage of the next group, Italians, at 20 percent. Precisely one-third of the respondents said that Jews have the right amount of influence, and 6 percent said they have too little.

PORTLAND (JTA) — Nearly two dozen Jewish congregations and community organizations across Oregon have joined together to oppose an amendment to the state constitution that would require all governments to discourage homosexuality. Representatives of Jewish groups condemned Measure 9, which is on the ballot on Nov. 3, asserting it would create "a community climate conducive to attacks on minorities of all types"

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS



For Peace in Serbia

Amid rising international concern over bloodshed and reports of atrocities against civilians in what once was Yugoslavia, Serbian Orthodox Patriarch Pavle (left) meets in New York with Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the ecumenical Appeal of Conscience Foundation. During their discussion, the patriarch agreed to a call by Rabbi Schneier for leaders of major religious communities in the former Yugoslavia to provide moral leadership, in a spirit of reconciliation, aimed at ending the suffering and bringing peace. The bearded patriarch, 78, also met under Appeal of Conscience auspices with U.S. religious leaders representing Greek, Serbian and Armenian Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant communities as well as Muslims and Jews.

Vienna Gets a Sephardic Synagogue To Serve Immigrants of Former USSR

by Marta S. Halpert
VIENNA (JTA) — The president of Austria raised a glass in a toast of "L'chayim" last week to help inaugurate Vienna's first new synagogue in 68 years.

The presence of Thomas Klestil and other prominent Austrians underlined a clearly perceptible improvement in the atmosphere since Kurt Waldheim stepped down as president last year amid continued focus on his Nazi past.

The new Sephardic house of worship, dedicated on Hoshanah Rabbah, the seventh day of the Sukkot holiday, serves a community of 5,000 Jewish immigrants from the Asian republics of the former Soviet Union. They brought their own prayer traditions to

Vienna over the past two decades, when the city was the sole transit point for Soviet Jews en route to Israel or the United States.

The new synagogue stands in the prewar district nicknamed Mazzesinsel (island of matzot) in recognition of its then-thriving Jewish life. Vienna following World War I had a Jewish population of 220,000.

Klestil listened to a children's choir at the ceremony and thanked the Jewish community for once again creating a Jewish center in Vienna, where Jews had been persecuted in the past.

"I want to commit myself to these children, whose songs have touched me so deeply" that they should live happily

and without fear," the president said.

Rudolf Scholten, the minister of education and culture, as well as leaders of Parliament said the municipality were present to help dedicate the center, which replaces rented premises used by Georgian and Bukharan Jews as well as Jews from the Caucasus. Jewish tradition survived more strongly in these areas which were distant from the center of communist rule in European Russia.

Israelis End up Celebrating Simchat Torah Holiday Twice

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The fact that Israelis celebrated both Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah on Oct. 19 left many Jewishly observant tourists here in limbo.

While Israelis wound up the holiday season at sundown Oct. 19, it was still "yom tov" Oct. 20 for tens of thousands of visiting Jews from abroad.

According to most Orthodox rabbis, Diaspora Jews on a short-term visit to Israel must observe the holidays as they do in the Diaspora. Since they celebrate Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah as two separate days back home, they are bound to do so in Israel, too.

"It feels strange to be observing the second day of the holiday while Israelis have gone back to work," said Mark Bernstein, a tourist from New York's Forest Hills section.

"The buses are running and the restaurants are open, but we can't patronize them," he said. "Of course, that's the situation we have in the states as well. We observe the holiday while everyday life goes

on around us."

"It was odd to see Hasidim riding the bus to the Western Wall while those of us observing the second day had to walk," said a woman named Helene, who was visiting her daughter in Jerusalem. "At the same time that I couldn't turn on the lights, my religious daughter used her washing machine. It's a bit surreal."

While few synagogues held second-day services, most cities and towns tried to accommodate the visitors. In the capital, tourists flocked to the Great Synagogue, which also sponsored "second hakafot"

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Around Town

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Seniors Convene

Kids connect with each other through conclaves at synagogues and Jewish community centers throughout the year.

Why not do the same for seniors, said Sandy Bass, senior adult coordinator at Rhode Island's Jewish Community Center.

She thought it would be great to bring her seniors together with seniors from Temple Torat Yisrael's Meal Site and from Massachusetts, the Newton-Leventhal Sidman Jewish Community Center and Stoughton's Striar J.C.C.

Sandy tossed the idea around with the Golden Age Club the summer of '91. Plans were shaped and the gathering took place two weeks ago, when the Jewish Community Center hosted a special program.

As soon as buses arrived, guests were greeted and treated to coffee in the lobby.

They were given a tour of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, shown the film, "Courage To Care," and heard a moving speech by survivor Heinz Sandelowski, introduced by Jenny Klein, who chairs the Museum's committee.

Mrs. Klein said the five-year-old Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum is the "work and love and devotion of two groups of people — survivors, and thank G-d, we were able to go through the Holocaust and come out sane and wonderful human beings — the other is the whole Rhode Island Jewish community, who raised funds to make the building possible."

She described Heinz Sandelowski as a rare person, who has devoted almost five years talking to groups of seniors, young families and eighth-grade public school children in most of the state.

"Heinz has helped us to let young people know what it was like to live under Hitler as a young boy, to survive, and come to us."

In the wake of her words, Heinz dramatically said, "No matter what books you've read or films you've seen, only a survivor who was there from the first to the last day of Fascism is able to tell the true story."

"I was born and raised in Germany. My family lived there since the 1600s. I am what you call a true German Jew, and I considered myself more a German than a Jew. That's the way we were brought up in those days."

"What I'm going to try to do in the short time I have to speak to you is talk about how it was possible that such a tragedy could happen and what actually was happening. And the most important thing is our future. Can it happen again?"

The intense morning program broke at noon, and everyone convened in the social hall. Tables, dotted with a harvest of apples, beckoned hungry hosts and guests for a chicken dinner with all the trimmings — kugel, vegetable medley, broccoli florentine, and an apple dessert.

Music and song highlighted the afternoon with a theme of "Jewish Music: Around the World and Through the Ages." Rabbi Moshe Halfon, who plays guitar and the doombek (Arabic drum), presented a concert of Oriental, Sephardic and Ashkenazi music.

The day's event closed with rave reviews: "I had a most wonderful time," "Everyone was so hospitable and friendly," "It was a fantastic day!"

Delighted that all went so well and everyone enjoyed themselves, Sandy Bass smiled, saying she envisions getting the seniors together again for another program. "I can't wait!"



Sandy Bass, Jewish Community Center senior adult coordinator; Tanya Plungyn, vice president, Golden Age Club; and Lillian Fellner, senior program volunteer. Not shown is Donald Jaffa, president, Golden Age Club.



Jenny Klein, chair, Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum committee.



Heinz Sandelowski, Holocaust survivor and featured speaker.



Who could help but listen to every stirring word by Heinz Sandelowski.



Off the bus and on the way is this happy group from Temple Torat Yisrael's Meal Site.



Renewing acquaintances.

MILESTONES

Sosner Marries Blocher

Sheri Pam Sosner of Waltham, Mass., and Dr. William K. Blocher of Amherst, N.H., were married on Aug. 30 in an evening ceremony at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

The bride, daughter of Sylvia and Morton Paige of Cranston and the late Laurence Sosner of Baltimore, Md., received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Rhode Island. She is a certified financial planner and owner of a financial services business.

The bridegroom, son of Ruth and Jorek Blocher of Southington, Conn., received his doctorate in computer science from Boston University. He is the owner of BBC Stores Inc., of Massachusetts. He is also an adjunct professor at Boston University.

Rabbi David Rosen and Cantor Shimon Gewirtz officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Caryn Plaine, the bride's cousin, was matron of honor. Rachel Plaine was flower girl. Linda Benjamin, Carol Sosner and Esther Lable were bridesmaids.

The best man was Gerard Blocher, brother of the bridegroom. Barry Blocher, Brian Sosner and Ira Lable were ushers.

Also honored in the procession were Belle and Henry Nathanson, aunt and uncle of the bride.

After a wedding trip to Europe, the couple will reside in Amherst.



Sheri and William Blocher

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Wedded Bliss

Mr. and Mrs. Isador Krasnoff of Cranston celebrated their 61st anniversary at a party given by their children, Charles Krasnoff of Jupiter, Fla., and Gloria Lefkowitz of Cranston. They are the grandparents of six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Levin Has Bar Mitzvah

Jonathan Lee Levin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Levin of Waterford, Conn., became a bar mitzvah on Oct. 17 in New London, Conn.

He conducted the service and chanted the Torah and Haftorah and delivered a d'var Torah and speech. Jonathan, a graduate of the Solomon Schechter Academy, is an eighth-grade honor student.

Jonathan's grandparents are Buddy and Ruth Paige Levin of Providence and the late Kalman and Mina Gastfreund. His great-grandparents are the late Philip and Elizabeth Paige.

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A Stranger in Paradise

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter
 Imagine a stoic Indian farmer methodically sowing his fields to yield a nutritious grain called Quinoa. Farther north a Southwestern farmer harvests prize-winning vegetables. The common link is that their produce may wind up in a multi-vegetable salad offered at Extra Sensory.

Bronx-born Mark Brancato has seen the need to incorporate the gardens of the world to add spice and nutrition to his menu. No matter what your preference, all foods served are virtually dairy-free, egg- and wheat-free, with no refined sugar. This was evident in walnut-raisin and pumpkin corn-bread which I found flavorful.

For openers, we enjoyed a rich blend of assorted vegetables in the blue-ribbon chili and a subtle black bean stew. A sampler of three salads, actually four for the review, was reasonably priced at \$6.25. The salads included the

exotic Quinoa grain mixed with crisp veggies; a Mediterranean white bean with olive oil and lemon, and a delectable grilled eggplant served to perfection.

Mark honed his culinary skills in New York where he worked as a baker. He was the concessionaire for the Shakespeare Festival and head chef at the Health Pub in Manhattan. Although his restaurant promotes good nutrition, the aim is to serve tasty, flavorful courses that tantalize the senses instead of dulling them.

He accomplishes this in the wood-grilled vegetables (\$4.75) organically grown of course, containing zucchini, beets, red and yellow peppers and potatoes oozing with a light sesame oil and herbs.

A delectable ravioli filled with mushrooms and herbs was splendid in a light sauce (\$10.50).

Service was exemplary and entertaining as Ravi, our devoted host, provided us with



EXTRA GOOD — Mark Brancato, right, owner of Extra Sensory on Wickenden Street, and baker David Lederman display their wares. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

the secrets of savory cooking. Many of our foods were smoked, grilled or stir-fried in kuzu, a Japanese starch that seemed to enhance the zestiness in the food.

As Sade soothed our souls, Ravi brought us some sparkling water, ginger brew and a pure apple juice free of water.

The restaurant is located on the corner of Hope and Wickenden streets, and for those lucky enough to get a window

seat, the world becomes a stage. Not long after we arrived, patrons slowly filled the restaurant which has a lower and upper level. Tables are handsomely bedecked with pink tablecloths and flower-laden bottles accompanied with candles.

Mark, who runs the business with his girlfriend Anita, was pleased with the progress and direction of the restaurant, which was formerly a health store. He openly supports organic farmers and doesn't squabble over prices, reasoning that you get what you pay for, being quality.

For dessert, our waiter delivered a wheat-free rain forest pie with a center of apricot and pear puree under a layer of Brazil nuts, almonds and cashews; an incredibly light rice and coconut pudding (\$2.75) made with coconut milk and almond creme, and last but not least, an almond shortcake (\$3.75) with fresh raspberries and blackberries that blended a sweet and tart flavor that burst with sensation.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Wee Gee, Alias Bernsy, Alias Joe Pesci

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
American filmgoers don't buy tickets for documentaries. Hollywood doesn't produce them. I even used to agree that fiction aims higher than just plain facts.

But plots grow like ivy over the landscape of movie stories. They hide truths and make them all the same.

The plot of "Public Eye" takes over the life of Jewish photo-journalist Wee Gee. The mood and meaning of his art and career get lost along the way.

The best part of this film is Joe Pesci's performance. Joe doesn't do anything gross, or anything cute. He just does his job. He crawls like a rat to the scene of New York crimes. Short and stumpy, he fixes the focus of his camera, arranges a

small detail, like a hat, and sells the snap to the press. He mixes artist pride and ambition with a journalist's cruelty. Cops, thugs and victims look down on him. They also like him and trust him.

The metaphor of photography itself as a measure of American life in the urban '40s, during the war, works well. It could have been explored even further. Photography and the Jews — what better way for an outsider to study the reality of American life, its violence, its loneliness, its despair, its wild hopes? Maybe that FBI enemy was on to something. The camera is a spy. The picture subverts.

The melodramatic, feebly noir storyline would have worked OK. I can put up with a lot of compromise in the cinema. But it pulls the usual stops. Howard Franklin doesn't back up Pesci's portrait. He lets it sink down. No moment of irony or understatement demands anything but our habitual response.

Franklin also doesn't credit Wee Gee as his source. The actual person Pesci sketches out was born in Austria, on a Polish border, in 1899. He died in December, 1968. He had

worked as a photographer since the age of 14, when he helped support his family. He was self-taught, worked as a commercial photographer and passport picture-taker. When he wasn't chasing ambulances, finding a crime before the cops showed up, he played the violin. Yes, truth is stranger and

more fascinating than fiction.

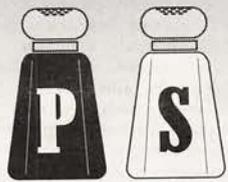
This is the third, not the first, time that the life of Wee Gee has been done on the screen. And Wee Gee, alias Bernsy, alias Joe Pesci, made movies himself. "Public Eye" is well worth your time and ticket. But it cheats and short-changes a little too.



Little by little, we find out he was born in Russia. "Dad never felt at home here. He never ate a hot dog or went to a ball game. He stayed Russian."

I listened to this script in awe. Never was the word "Jewish" spoken, only "Russian." When an FBI agent calls him a communist, the tie-in with anti-Semitism is assumed, but never articulated.

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Norman, whose work is held by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., has also exhibited locally, most recently at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum and the Virginia Lynch Gallery in Tiverton.

Other auction items include a work by glass artist Dale Chihuly, vacation weekends, day sailing, catering services, gift certificates to area restaurants and celebrity doodles.

Tickets are \$30 each, \$50, including \$20 in scrip, or \$100, including \$20 in scrip and a Maxwell Mays print, may be reserved by calling the school. Early reservations are encouraged as seating is limited.

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Jewelry Creations To Be Shown

Deborah Casey, metalsmith and enamelist, will exhibit her jewelry designs at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanoset Cross Road, beginning Nov. 2.

A graduate of the Worcester Center for Crafts, Casey has been a jewelry designer since 1984 and has taught at the Worcester Center for Crafts. Her exhibit will feature various types of work, including coordinated beadwork, large contemporary pieces, pins, earrings, bracelets, necklaces and key rings. Casey works with sterling silver and other metals, and often incorporates cloisonne into her work. She is currently working on an expanded line of wedding jewelry. Casey, a Cranston resident, has exhibited at the Atwood Gallery and Grove Street Gallery in Worcester, Mass.

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FEATURE

That Reminds Me of a Story ...

by Rabbi Hershy Worch
Special to the Herald



The computer was down, priority jobs were pushing scheduled jobs off to the side. Stress levels were up and tempers were completely out of control. Telephone operators had left and the boss was right on top of the poor unfortunates still in the office. It was

a tough time to be a worker.

I was just an observer, so for me things were not so bad, except that I was one of the scheduled jobs being shunted off to the side.

"Yes sir," I could hear a harassed worker say into the shrilly ringing telephone he

could no longer ignore." It's true I did promise you the job would be done an hour ago. Yes I know that time is of the essence ..."

It sounded as though the switchboard was having a nervous breakdown.

When the machines began producing again, I heard those very same workers promising new delivery times on those very same long-overdue jobs.

When the computer absconded for the second time, things became frantic. Tests and calculations would have to be done by hand, but all the workers were stuck making apologies and new promises on the telephone.

I was in a photographic laboratory in Brooklyn and not

the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., but to judge by the anxiety level, you'd never know the difference. The lab is on 13th Avenue in Brooklyn serving the Jewish community of Borough Park, and most of the work being processed is simply domestic snapshot-type pictures. But to judge from the frenzied panic of those calling in, you'd never guess that lives were not at stake.

Women were besieging the counter demanding their pictures. Cars were triple parked outside on the avenue, husbands waiting with engines running to avoid being ticketed. It was chaos and pandemonium.

I went round the corner for a cup of coffee, expecting I

would come back to find the level of intensity at new and previously unscaled heights. Imagine my surprise when I returned to an empty shop. The telephones had all stopped ringing. All the technicians were busy at work, it was quiet.

"What did you do to get this break?" I asked.

Giving me a mischievous smile, Jorge, the printer from Puerto Rico, said, "Eh. Was no problem man. I tole them to leave us alone man. We gotta daven mincha."

For more about davening, mincha and other Jewish life-cycle events, call Rabbi Hershy Worch at 729-1606.

G.I. Joe Isn't the Only Hero

by Ari Newman
Special to the Herald

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to operate a Fortune 500 company? To be a CEO? Where would your corporate offices be, where would you live, and what would you do with your leisure time? To which social responsibilities would you obligate and commit yourself?

One Rhode Island CEO has his offices inside an old Pawtucket mill. There, filling the hallways, offices, walls and desktops, lies every child's dream and even an occasional adult fantasy: toys, games, dolls and everybody's favorite, G.I. Joe.

While G.I. Joe, "The Real American Hero," is fighting Cobra Commander and the forces of evil, G.I. Joe's gen-



Alan Hassenfeld

eral, Hasbro's CEO, Alan Hassenfeld, is fighting other battles.

When government scandal after political scandal recently

monopolized the front pages of Rhode Island's newspapers, some business leaders considered relocating their businesses out of state. To combat the potential loss of jobs and Rhode Island business, Hassenfeld gathered business leaders and formed a coalition to clean up our political mess.

Acting as a catalyst, Hassenfeld, a real-life "G.I. Joe" and CEO of Hasbro, Inc., lead the charge with the establishment of Right Now. With a deep commitment to Rhode Island, Alan brought together leaders to work for ethical and political reform. Everything possible was going to be done before their businesses were forced to move.

While fighting the "evil forces" of unethical government behavior, Hassenfeld goes beyond the boardroom.

His corporation, like many others, has three tzedakah pro-

grams. The Hasbro Children's Foundation, operated from New York, provides funding to innovative pilot programs for children on a national level. The Hasbro Charitable Trust, based in Rhode Island, provides funds to nonprofit organizations right here at home. Finally, there is the Hassenfeld Foundation, a private family fund working together with the other two programs to do mitzvot.

In Pirkei Avot (Ethics of Our Fathers) we are taught "Don't separate yourself from your community." Not only does Alan's own mitzvah work fulfill this, but he wants other CEOs to understand that they

have community responsibilities and a leadership position that can really make a difference. Whether it be the United Way or offering congressional testimony in Washington, D.C., regarding homelessness, Hassenfeld not only encouraged CEO tzedakah work, but like other mitzvah heroes, he uses his influence to lead by example. Actions speak more than words.

Finally Pirkei Avot also teaches us "Find a teacher and you will acquire a friend." And so we have.

Ari Newman is a sophomore at Boston University originally from Providence. He is a noted mitzvah worker.

George Bush Has Kept His Promises

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with President Bush and his administration on the issues that concern our community. We have seen firsthand George Bush's real concern for the plight of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews, and his sincere commitment to a safe and secure Israel.

In private meetings, his compassion and conviction have been clear to us. Yes, we have disagreed with the president in the past — sometimes very strongly. But we have had disagreements before, with presidents from both parties. In George Bush, however, we have found a man who has kept his promises and earned our trust.

What does Bill Clinton have to offer us, as Americans and as Jews? Questions, mostly, because he has made conflicting statements on so many issues — both on personal and policy matters, including support for foreign aid. More to the point, the questions of Clinton's experience, of his commitment to Israel, to a strong U.S. defense, to lower taxes, to greater freedom for

individuals — these questions concern us deeply.

The world is a complex and changing place. There is no doubt that there will be domestic and international crises in the next four years. Whom can we trust in a crisis? Who has the experience, the international stature and the commitment to guide our country's policies during decisive moments of history?

George Bush has a strong, documented program for health care, job growth, education and economic revitalization. He has earned our trust through actions, not words. For the quality of his character and the quality of his achievements, he certainly deserves our support.

Max M. Fisher is honorary chairman of the National Jewish Coalition, a Republican group, and general chairman of the Bush-Quayle Jewish Campaign Committee. George Klein is national chairman of the coalition and general chairman of the campaign committee. Cheryl Halpern is co-chairwoman of the coalition and vice chairwoman of the campaign committee.

Jeffrey Pine To Speak at Temple Sinai

On Nov. 1, Republican candidate for attorney general, Jeffrey Pine, will address an audience at Temple Sinai in Cranston and will answer questions from them as time permits. This is the third in a series of three breakfasts sponsored by the Temple Sinai Brotherhood in which candidates for statewide office have spoken. Previously, they have welcomed Gov. Bruce Sundlun, Attorney Gen. James O'Neil,

Elizabeth Leonard, Nancy Mayer and Marlene McKenna.

These breakfasts have attracted more than 100 people at each event.

Each event begins at 9 a.m. in the Temple Sinai social hall, located at 30 Hagen Ave. in Cranston. The speaker will begin at about 9:45 a.m. The program is offered free of charge and is open to the public.

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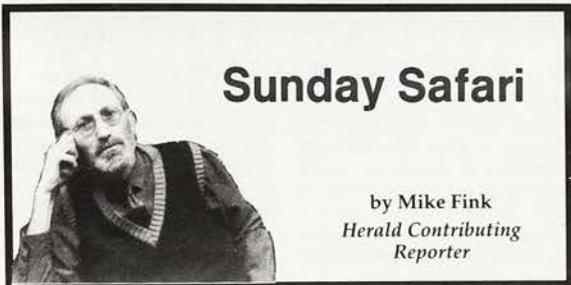
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FEATURE



Sunday Safari

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

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I went on safari, tracking rare and endangered species. I covered the terrain of our whole globe from India to Australia, in my jeep, and also on foot. It happened on an October Sunday afternoon. I never left Rhode Island. The Hebb Wildlife Sanctuary in North Kingstown opened to the public for the first time. It was a fit and fancy day for man and beast, flocks, herds and crowds.

Over a thousand guests perched upon the lodge platform, the Treetops Terrace. They looked down, lurching on blue-ribbon boxed treats, upon exotic species of waterfowl and little bands of fallow deer. Spokespeople for Common Cause held mikes on another platform and addressed the throng. Caws, hoots and barks rose up from the marshes and grasses, offering commas and exclamations.

The host and hostess, Gus and Karen Hebb, said a few brief words about their own

uncommon cause, the welfare and well-being of wildlife in our jammed state and world. Gus Hebb works against greed and too much gain. "I want this land to be free, and friendly to these creatures, forever."

Ned Cabot, chairman of the event, kept going back over Gus' keynote word, "Forever." "Collectors around the world know the Hebbs. But for us it's a first."

"Our founding fathers thought of forever. Not of short-term profits and goals for now, but of hopes and promises kept forever."

I spoke to Herb Kaplan, of the celebration committee. "Gus and his friends, they talk about ideals. But I come in to help raise funds. Not to pick words about ethics, but to make the plans live, happen, stick."

You could spot your neighbors and familiar faces from all over the state among the tables. I sat with Ida Millman and Phyllis Weinberg.

Natalie Joslin, founder of

Common Cause of Rhode Island, celebrated landmark 1992 political reforms. Alan Hassenfeld received the Public Service Award. He chaired the Right Now! Coalition, leading an idealistic movement as a creative businessman, "a great American tradition," said Cabot.

Among the members of the celebration committee, I saw Lila and John Sapinsley and Melvyn and Joan Gelch. I didn't bump into Barry and Elaine Fain or Ira Magaziner, but I was pleased to read their names on the program. The idea of linking the Hebb Waterfowl Wildlife Trust with Common Cause brought species of people, and others of G-d's creatures together, emu and crane, smew and muntjac, Germans and Jews, young and old. Neighbors of ours from round the corner showed off their newly adopted Mexican baby son. Round that raised dais, designed by U.S. Army engineers, the brilliant trees of autumn closed in our group of strange but serene bedfellows.

When first I stepped onto the Hebb protected reserve, I saw mostly muddy ponds and steel fences. I said to myself, our planet's turning into a prison. But before I left, in the late afternoon, I looked the birds in the eye and faced the wandering children. One group of girls was laughing at Gertrude, the sandhill crane. Gertrude pecked at their sneakers. I broke in. "Talk more softly. Make gentler gestures. She's



THE HONEST POLITICIAN—Part of the program for the Hebb Wildlife Sanctuary, it reads "Primus Rhode Island Politicus."

beautiful and wonderful. Don't spoil it. She's real, she's not on 'Sesame Street.' Learn something." Then I walked stiffly away.

In some ways, the flora and

fauna of Eden stay free. It's ourselves we put in jail.

The Hebbs will leave this precious place to the Audubon Society as a land trust. A good word for our times: trust.

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS continued

New Round of Peace Talks Begins

(Continued from Page 1)

The last round of talks ended with Syria demanding Israel's pledge for full withdrawal from the Golan in exchange for peace. Israel said it would not offer territorial concessions before hearing the Syrians spell out what sort of peace they were willing to offer in return.

Israel also has favored an interim agreement to test Syria's intentions before making irrevocable territorial concessions, an idea rejected by Syria.

The standoff prevented the issuing of a joint statement of principles that had been anticipated at the end of the last round of talks Sept. 4 and that might have paved the way for a detailed peace agreement.

Israel's reported willingness to go out on a limb early in this

round could inject momentum into the process. While some observers feel the talks will remain in a holding pattern until the U.S. presidential elections Nov. 3, many say the parties cannot afford to waste the time.

They point to the fragile mandate of the Palestinian leadership and the increased popular unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which some attribute to frustration with the slow pace of the talks.

Gal made clear that Israel expects to see real progress in the new round of talks.

"We've come back with comprehensive instructions and a renewed mandate," he said. "We are not of the opinion that due to the elections, progress cannot be achieved."

Stressing that "time is of the essence," Gal said, "We've had

ignition. It's now time for lift-off before all our fuel" is "consumed and we're left where we started."

U.S. officials met the morning of Oct. 21 with members of the Palestinian delegation reportedly to persuade them to drop their demand that Israel commit itself now to territorial concessions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has refused to meet that demand, claiming such a commitment would apply only to talks set to begin three years from now on the final status of the administered territories.

The dispute has bogged down the current round of talks, which are supposed to

lead to an agreement on an interim Palestinian self-governing authority.

U.S. officials reportedly urged the Palestinians to defer their demands.

The Palestinians returned to Washington last week after a brief layover in Paris.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Michel Di Paz in Paris.)

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ULPAN — Ruth Adler, head of the Ulpán program at Temple Beth Sholom, uses hand puppets, expressions and gestures as part of her teaching methods. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

Jewish Learning Exchange To Start its Third Season

The Jewish Learning Exchange at Beth Sholom will start its third season of classes beginning on the evening of Nov. 2.

Rabbi Chaim Marder, director of the program, speaks with great excitement about the upcoming program: "Our program tries to open new horizons to Providence Jews."

Highlighting the fall program are a number of new courses for those with limited backgrounds in Jewish studies.

"Judaism: basic concepts and Beliefs" (Rabbi Marder) will focus on the Jewish understanding of G-d and will provide an introduction to the Torah and the concept of mitzvah.

In addition, "Circles and Cycles (Tzvi Kahn) will offer insights into the lifecycle and the cycle of time from a Jewish perspective. "Crash Course in Hebrew Reading" will be offered for those who have put off learning how to read for too long and want to know how by Hannukah.

Rabbi Hershy Worch, of Congregation Ohawe Shalom, joins the faculty leading a workshop entitled "The Search for Spirituality," which will approach this issue through the media of art and music along with Torah study and other traditional modes of Jewish expression and seeking. "Purifying Waters: The Practice of Mikvah" (Lea Gold) — a class for women — will explore the concepts and practice of mikvah.

The Providence Hebrew Ulpán continues its course of study with more than 30 participants. Under the skillful direction of Ruth Adler, the program grows and flourishes.

The program presumes that people have felt uneasy stepping into the world of Jewish studies, often because they think the texts are too intimidating. Many courses are therefore tailored to meet that challenge. "Three at the Beginning: Studies in Genesis" will explore the stories of the patriarchs using the Torah text along with traditional commentators. Rabbi Peretz Gold continues his talmud studies in "Tractate Sanhedrin." Rabbi

Marder will also lead a talmud class on Saturday afternoons.

"It's discouraging to know of people with doctorates in physics or law who make decisions about Judaism and Israel while only having the equivalent of an eighth-grade Jewish education," laments Rabbi Marder. "People need to be intellectually and spiritually honest with themselves in their decision making. This is what our program is all about."

Rabbi Marder points to the success of many of the program's "Getting acquainted with Judaism" programs over the past two years. This past Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Jewish Learning Exchange sponsored open educational services for searching Jews which attracted more than unaffiliated Jews. "People really do want to get back in touch with their Jewish roots. And those who are in touch really want to learn more. We are here to help them, whatever their background — Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or unaffiliated. Everyone is truly welcome."

Regular classes will meet Monday and Wednesday nights at Beth Sholom, and during the week at other locations around town.

JLE Schedule in Brief

- Mondays**
 7 p.m. — Intermediate I Ulpán
 7:20 p.m. — Three at the beginning; Studies in Breishit — Lech Lecha; Circles and cycles (around the Jewish life/year cycle); Purifying Waters — the practice of Mikvah (for women)
 8 to 9:30 pm. — Talmud Tractate Megillah (meets in the Beit Midrash of PHDS)
 8:15 p.m. — The Providence Eruv: three-week seminar (Nov. 2, 9, 16 various locations); Making it work: the Jew in community (begins Nov. 23)
 8:30 p.m. — Intermediate II Ulpán
- Tuesdays**
 6:30 p.m. — Beginners Ulpán
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- Wednesdays**
 7 p.m. — Crash Course in Hebrew reading
 7:30 p.m. — The Search for Spirituality
 8:30 p.m. — Judaism: Basic Concepts and Beliefs
- Saturdays**
 10 to 11:30 a.m. — the Beginyan: Workshop on Jewish Prayer (six weeks beginning Oct. 31)
 50 Minutes before Minchah — Courts and Torts: Talmud Tractate Sanhedrin
 There is a flat \$25 registration/tuition fee which allows access to all classes offered in the Jewish Learning Exchange (excepting the Providence Hebrew Ulpán). Those who are interested in receiving more information about the Jewish Learning Exchange should contact the congregation Beth Sholom office, located at 275 Camp St., (corner Rochambeau) on the East Side, or call 331-9393.

Jewish Humorist To Entertain Local Donors

Members of the local Jewish community who contribute to the annual fund drive of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island (JFRI) are in for a night of Jewish humor on Nov. 8, when Moshe Waldoks, Ph.D., stands up at a 7:30 p.m. recep-

tion in the Inskip Motors showrooms in Warwick.

Waldoks, co-author of *The Big Book of Jewish Humor* and *The Big Book of American Humor*, has also consulted on a number of motion pictures, including "The Immigrant Bridegroom."

Martin Dittelman, of Cranston, area vice president for JFRI, said that critics have described Waldoks as a "stand-up comedian, sit-down philosopher."

The evening is being co-hosted by Dittelman and his wife, Seena; Anna Prager and her husband, Jan; Selma Stanzler and her husband, Milton, and Harold and Janice Gadon of Cranston.

A \$5 charge per family attending the evening with Waldoks will cover the cost of dessert and coffee. To reserve seats, call JFRI in Providence at 421-4111.

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Noted Israeli Author To Speak at Brown

Chaim Chertok, an award-winning Israeli author, will speak on "Peace, Politics and Israeli Writers" on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Room 102, on the Main Green of Brown University. Chertok will speak again on "How Russian Immigration is Remaking Israel" for a brown-bag luncheon beginning at noon on Nov. 10.

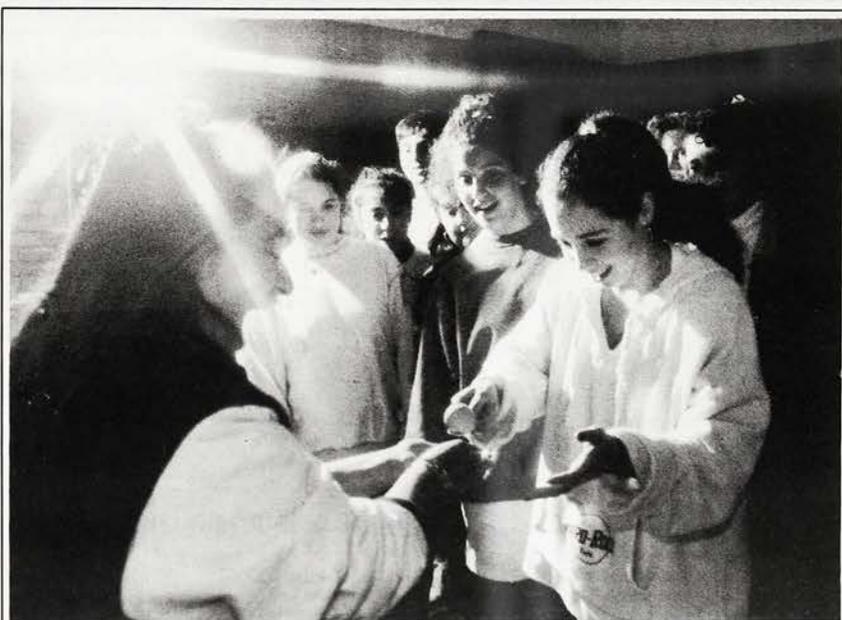
The noontime talk will be held at the Samuel and Rieka Rapaport Hillel House at 80 Brown St. on the corner of Brown and Angell streets on the East Side of Providence.

Among Chertok's many publications are the books *Stealing Home: Israel Bound and Re-*

bound for which he received the National Jewish Book Award, *We Are All Close: Conversations with Israeli Writers and Prisoner of Hope: Life of Dr. Moshe Prywes*. In addition, Chertok's articles have appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* and numerous North American Jewish periodicals.

Chertok's lectures are free and open to the public and press.

This event is funded by the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation, the Jewish student center at Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design. Call 863-2805 for more information.



Hold Steady

Lydia Paull, 13, and Andrea Pearlman, 15, (left) practice their egg-passing skills before the start of the relay at the Steven Shatz Memorial Olympics on Sunday. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



JEWISH SCOUTING — Jerry Aron of Cranston, right, receives an American flag for the Temple of the Ten Commandments at Camp Yawgoog and a plaque recognizing his work on behalf of Jewish Scouting. They were presented by Melvin Kahn of Sackin-Shocket Post, Jewish War Veterans.

Jewish Chapel at Yawgoog Serves Growing Number of Boy Scouts

The Temple of the Ten Commandments at Yawgoog Scout Reservation in Rockville is "bulging at the seams."

So reports the Jewish Committee on Scouting of Narragansett Council. This past summer, the largest number of Jewish Boy Scouts in at least three years attended the camp and participated in Sabbath and weekday services and other programs at the chapel under the guidance of Rina Sky-Wolfgang, the Jewish chaplain.

The small cabin that is the Temple of the Ten Commandments can seat only 38 people. However, the Jewish committee is replacing existing folding chairs with wooden benches to increase the capacity, according to Jules A. Cohen of North Kingstown, committee chairman.

He also pointed out that five new Cub packs are starting up this year under Jewish auspices, leading to the expectation that more Jewish Scouts will be going to Yawgoog in the future.

Chaplain Sky-Wolfgang reported to the committee that 55 boys earned the Yawgoog Jewish Scouting Award for participation in services and for providing one hour of community service during their week at camp. That number is up from 39 last year when the award was created. Others prepared for the Nor-Tamid

Award.

A highlight of the camping season was the presentation of an American flag to the chapel in honor of Jerry Aron, a long-time scouter and a member of the Jewish committee, who has been involved in the development and maintenance of the chapel. The flag and a plaque were presented by Sackin-Shocket Post No. 533, Jewish War Veterans, with Melvin Kahn and Harold Fink, past state commanders, taking part.

The chapel also has a growing library of Jewish books that was initiated with a gift from Touro Fraternal Association. Chaplain Sky-Wolfgang said additional Jewish books of varied interest are needed and would be welcomed.

Lost In the Synagogue No More: The Beginyan Again

Due to popular demand, Beth Sholom is once again offering the Beginyan, a six-week prayer workshop, teaching the ins and outs of the traditional Shabbat service. Along the way, key concepts and principles of Jewish prayer, will be explored.

Although this is a beginners workshop, it is geared to in-

clude the needs and interests of those who attend services regularly but want to know and understand more.

Rabbi Arnie Samlan, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island,

will run the workshop.

The Beginyan will meet Saturday mornings at 10 at Beth Sholom, located at 275 Camp St. (corner Rochambeau) on the East Side. The first session will begin on Oct. 31.

'My Fair Lady' to Air at JCCRI

Movie lovers will have the opportunity to see Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison in the classic "My Fair Lady" under the kosher meal-site program offered by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. Part 1 will be shown on Nov. 1 at 10:45 a.m. with Part 2 shown at the same time the following week.

There will be two other events this week: one is the monthly Golden Age Club board meeting at 1 p.m. on Nov. 5. The second is a special video program, "The Men Who Made Radio Great," with Part 1 shown on Oct. 30 and Part 2 the following Friday.

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JCCRI Kosher Meal Site

The doors of the kosher meal site 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.

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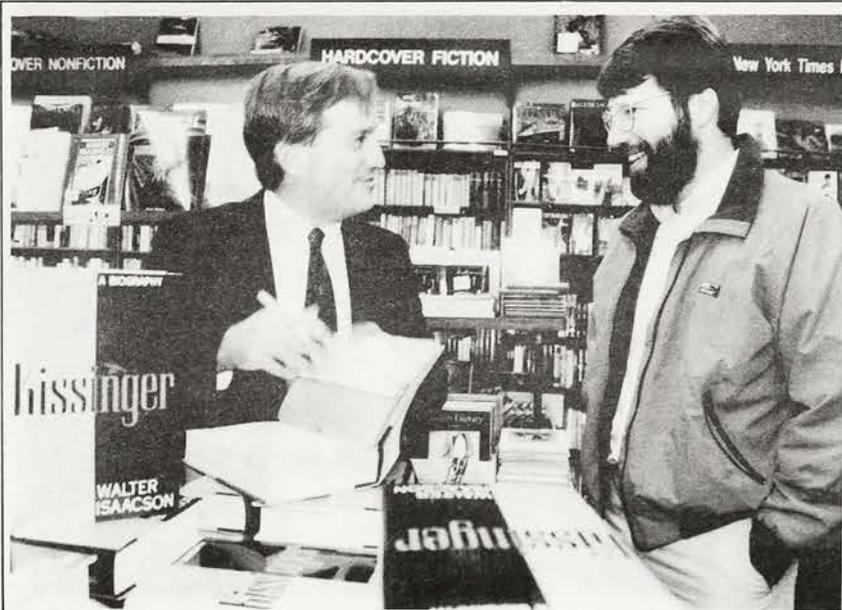
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Book Signing

Writer and historian Walter Issacson signs his book *Kissinger* while speaking with a patron at College Hill Bookstore in Providence last week. The book follows Kissinger "from his childhood as a persecuted Jew in Nazi Germany, through his tortured relationship with Richard Nixon, to his twilight years as a globe-trotting business consultant." *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

Cranston Senior Guild Sets Monthly Meeting

On Nov. 5 (please note change of day), Cranston Senior Guild is scheduled to hold its monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

Edmund Beck, vice president for program, will present two guest speakers, Scott Frazer and David Meek of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island, who will give an informative talk to advise of the latest developments of increases, etc.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Harry Portney, president, suggests that membership dues must be prepaid for attendance at the Hanukkah Party to be celebrated on Dec. 2.

Goldberg Returns

The *Herald* announces that, beginning next week, Jeffrey Goldberg will again be contributing sports columns to the paper. Goldberg's columns were enjoyed by many *Herald* readers in the 1980s.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

The Pawtucket Arts Council will **cancel the celebrity auction** set for Oct. 30. The auction, which was to be held at German Hall in Pawtucket, will be postponed until the spring. Further information will be released closer to the date of the event.

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Image Makers Rock 'n' Roll Art Expo featuring the original art of David Bowie, Joe Walsh, Ronnie Wood, Micky Dolenz, Robby Krieger and Jerry Garcia, among others, opens to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 2 through 7 and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 8. Admission is free. All artwork will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Colm Rowan at (215) 351-9091.

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The eighth annual **Zeiterion Theatre Dinner** will feature special guest pianist Leon Bates on Nov. 5 at the Wamsutta Club on County Street in New Bedford, Mass. For more information, contact the Zeiterion's administrative office at (508) 997-5664. Bates with "**Gershwin by Request**" will perform Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. at the Zeiterion Theatre. He will also perform that morning at 10 for area schoolchildren. For reservations, call the Zeiterion box office at (508) 994-2900. Zeiterion's Travelogue Series presents "**Portugal and its Fabled Islands of Madeira and the Azores**" on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Call the box office for more information.

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The Blackfriars Theatre will present its first production of the 1992-93 season, "**The Wizard of Oz**," opening Nov. 6. The production celebrates family values in this, the 75th year of Providence College. Performance dates are Nov. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, children and senior citizens and \$3 for Providence College students. For reservations, call 865-2218 or 865-2327 for inquiries about group sales or further information.

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Longwood Opera presents Mozart's "**The Marriage of Figaro**" on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Sayles Hall, main campus, Brown University. Tickets, which are available at the door, are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. For advanced tickets, call Longwood Opera at (617) 484-4172.



Rosalie Gerut

Gerut To Entertain Women's Association

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged will hold its annual Linen and Equipment Event on Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El. Cecilia Katz, vice president for the event, has arranged for Rosalie Gerut to provide entertainment.

Gerut, singer, composer, actress and producer, is considered a major creative figure of her generation. She has shared the podium with noted figures such as Nobel laureate Professor Elie Wiesel, Professor David Wyman, Baron Guy de Rothschild, Gen. James Gavin, Beate Klarsfeld, Israeli ambassadors and other dignitaries.

Committees who have been at work include the Mailing Committee: Esther Alter, Slvia Brown, Millie Eisenstadt, Samuel Eisenstadt, Caroline Gereboff, Herta Hoffman, Marion Kessler, Doris Rosenfield, Anita Stein and Esther Swartz. Janice Ziegler is in charge of hospitality. The treasurer is Lillian Fellner.

Tickets for \$5, \$10 and \$18 will be available at the door. Many door prizes will be awarded.

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home, with 3,000 members, is dedicated to raise funds to support the home and to provide care and service to the residents.

Temple Beth-El Players To Present Simon Comedy

The Temple Beth-El players will present three performances of Neil Simon's classic comedy "Come Blow Your

Horn" on Nov. 7 and 8. All three performances will be held in the Silverstein Meeting Hall at Temple Beth-El, corner of Butler and Orchard avenues on Providence's East Side and will benefit the temple's religious school.

The evening performance on Nov. 7 begins at 8 p.m. and the Sunday performances are at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in

advance and \$12 at the door, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for students.

The play is directed by temple member David Epstein and stars Shelly Goldberg, Vita Smith, Rob Goldberg, David Lamberton, Lara Hakeem and Debbie Epstein. For more information or tickets, call the Temple Beth-El office at 331-6070.

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Moses Brown Begins New Exchange with School in Japan

It seems every day Americans are told about the need to learn something from the Japanese. Whether it is in business, technology, trade or education, news stories emphasize that for the United States to succeed, we need to emulate Japanese models.

A new exchange between Moses Brown School in Providence and Toyo High School in Japan proves that this is not always the case, and that America does have something to offer Japan.

Moses Brown School Headmaster David Burnham recently announced the initiation of a new international education program at Moses Brown School. Toyo High School is located in Numazu City, Japan, which is about one hour south of Tokyo, near Mount Fuji.

Part of the purpose for the exchange is to offer Japanese students the opportunity to study at an American school and teachers the opportunity to observe successful and innovative American teaching methods they might want to adopt. Toyo High School selected Moses Brown as its exchange partner after an extensive search of schools in New England.

"We are very pleased and honored to be taking part in this exchange. Moses Brown is committed to preparing students for the global community of the future and this program will be one more way for students to learn about the world, another culture, and to build ties to another country," said Burnham.

To help coordinate this exchange and other international programs at Moses Brown, Burnham has appointed history teacher Tim Bickford of Warren as international coordinator. In addition to the Toyo High School arrangement, Moses Brown participates in an exchange with a school in Russia, and his stu-

dents from Korea, Liberia, Scotland and Turkey attending this year. "Exchange programs have a lifetime impact and provide the best opportunity for understanding and friendship," said Bickford.

Starting in April of 1993, 10 carefully selected Japanese students (eight girls and two boys) will be spending their junior year of high school at Moses Brown from April of '93 to March of '94. Since the Japanese school calendar is quite different from ours, this would provide a great opportunity for Moses Brown students who have hosted to then stay with Japanese families and visit Toyo High School from June of '94 until the end of the Japanese semester on July 20. Even if a student could not make the return trip to Japan, the exchange gives families a chance to learn about a very different culture by hosting a Japanese student.

The goal of this program is to foster a long-lasting relationship with Toyo High School. The Japanese students will be accompanied by two Japanese adults and be here largely to learn about American culture and to sharpen their English skills. Consequently, they will take many courses on a pass/fail basis and be enrolled in a curriculum with English as a second language classes (ESL) to meet their specific needs. They all will be returning to their senior year in Japan.

Everyone in the Moses Brown community is invited to consider hosting one of these Japanese students for a minimum of one season. The hosting experience will be broken into three segments as follows: March 30 to mid-June; September to the December vacation, and January to the March vacation.

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NCCJ Courses Scheduled for Adults

The National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) is now taking advance registrations from leaders of civic, educational and social service groups for the Adult Heritage Panels scheduled for the 1992-93 program year. The Heritage Panel Course is a multicultural diversity program designed to foster intercultural communication and to promote intergroup understanding.

Each workshop will be composed of a diverse group of participants from the community who discuss their own experiences related to the social, religious and racial issues existing in the community.

Data shows increasing diversity in the region with Rhode Island now being home to 85 separate nationalities representing a heterogeneous mix of culture, language and religion. Every attempt possible is made to fill each session with the greatest representation of the diversity in our community.

The Heritage Panel Course prepares participants to develop and present public presentations before varied community groups during which they share the positive value of their cultural traditions as they explore the roots of stereotyping and prejudice.

The three Heritage Panel training courses, scheduled to consider the limited time of working people, will begin at noon on Fridays and continue all day on Saturdays on Oct. 30 and 31; Feb. 12 and 13, and March 26 and 27.

Attendance is mandatory for the entire day and a half.

The site for the workshops will be St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 50 Orchard Place, Providence.

The cost of the panel is \$35 which includes all materials and lunch on Saturday.

Men or women interested in more information should call Charlotte I. Penn, executive director and training facilitator, at the NCCJ office (351-5120).

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KIDZ EXPO — Jessica, 7, and Jacklyn Blitz, 6, (left) play with King Torah and Penny Pushka dolls at the Kidz Expo held Sunday at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

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Expo at JCCRI Delights Children

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter Marsha Horovitz dabbed her brush into the paint tray for more red before stroking it ever so skillfully across little Lauren Foley's face. The small child sat silently as the woman completed a flower to complement her rosy cheeks, producing a picture of subtle beauty.

Not much farther away, two small children were making bookmarks using stars, sequin dots and paper. All of this was merely part of the Kidz Expo on Sunday at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, produced by The Women's American ORT.

Robin Engle and Cathy Mann, co-chairwomen, said the purpose of the expo was to introduce children to products and services provided by numerous vendors and organi-

zations present there. It was also for fun and games, as kids of all ages frolicked in the game room as musicians, including Ron Bilbo's talking dog, entertained them.

Julie Garnett, a former folk and rock singer, engaged a small group of children to sing and dance as she played children's songs. All performers volunteered, while vendors paid for space to display their wares in the auditorium.

As Jessica and Jacklyn Blitz played with King Torah and Penny Pushka dolls at one of the tables, sounds of laughter and joy could be heard throughout the center.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT E. FREEMAN
PROVIDENCE — Robert E. Freeman, 44, executive director of the Providence Foundation business group, died Oct. 26 at Miriam Hospital after having been diagnosed with lung cancer Sept. 3.

A writer, city planner and historic preservationist, Freeman most recently worked on plans for Capital Center, the \$140 million project under way between Union Station and the State House. Freeman served as executive director of the Providence Foundation for three years.

Freeman was an architectural historian, hired by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission in 1976 after graduating from Columbia University School of Architecture with a master's degree in historic preservation. He wrote an architectural history of Cranston as his first project. His master's thesis focused on reusing old movie theaters, and Freeman had a hand in saving the Loew's State Theater on Weybossett Street from demolition. He helped mastermind the plan to have the theater purchased by a consortium of local businesses. The theater reopened in

1978 and is now known as the Providence Performing Arts Center.

Freeman worked for the Massachusetts Land Bank in 1985. He commuted to North Adams, Mass., from November 1988 through September 1989, working on a feasibility study to turn an old mill complex into the proposed Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art.

A nonsmoker, Freeman was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer after entering Miriam Hospital last month for what he thought was a bad back. He continued to work during a month of radiation treatments, both in the hospital and later, at home, until about three weeks ago, when he was readmitted to Miriam.

Freeman worked until this month on plans to create an arts and entertainment district downtown and move the Route 195 bridges.

A son of Vivian H. (Brezner) Freeman and the late Herbert I. Freeman, he was born in Concord, N.H., and grew up in Newton, Mass. He was a 1970 graduate of Columbia College, where he majored in European history. In 1972, he earned a master's degree in Russian his-

tory at Columbia and worked as a speechwriter for the McGovern-Shriver presidential campaign.

His wife, Vivian Lasky, is also an architectural historian. They co-authored *Hidden Treasure: Public Sculpture in Providence*, in 1980.

Besides his wife, he leaves two children, Nicholas, 7, and Amanda, 8; his mother of Brookline, Mass., and two brothers, Peter L. Freeman of Barnstable, Mass., and David B. Freeman of Wakefield, Mass.

The funeral was held Oct. 28 at Temple Beth-El. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery. Arrangements were provided by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel in Providence.

STANLEY W. GRAFF

WARREN — Stanley W. Graff, 65, of 18 Hanley Farm, a pharmaceutical representative for the Laderle Laboratories, Pearl River, N.Y., for 41 years before retiring last year, died Oct. 20 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Marilyn (Aker) Graff.

Born in Corona, N.Y., a son of Jane (Appelbaum) Graff of Providence, and the late Joseph A. Graff, he lived in Warren for three years. He previously lived in Sharon, Mass., and Barrington.

Graff was a 1950 graduate of Cornell University. He was an Army veteran and served in Korea in 1945 and 1946. He was a member of Temple Habonim, Barrington.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves two daughters, Laura Ortiz of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Ellen Waltrip of Vallejo, Calif.; two sons, Michael Graff of Norton, Mass., and Gerald Graff of Clearwater, Fla.; a brother, Stewart Graff of Woodcliff Lake, N.J., and six grandchildren. He was brother of the late Rhoda Udelman.

The funeral service was held Oct. 22 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon.

ANNA ISRAELIT

PROVIDENCE — Anna Israelit, 80, of 181 Tenth St., died Oct. 25 at the home of her son in Providence. She was the

wife of the late Leon Israelit.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Jonas and Rose (Taub) Klein, she lived in Providence for 10 years. She previously lived in Norwich, Conn., and Danielson, Conn.

Israelit was a member of Hadassah, and the Sisterhood of Congregation Mishkon Tfilah. She was a resistance fighter in World War II, and was a Holocaust survivor.

She leaves a son, Martin Israelit; a daughter, Claire I. Zweig of Morris Plains, N.J.; a brother, Samuel Klein of Brooklyn, N.Y., and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Oct. 26 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in the Norwich Jewish Fraternal Cemetery, Norwich.

GUSSIE LASSOW

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Gussie Lassow, 92, of 52 Burns St., died Oct. 24 at home after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Jacob Lassow.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Simon David and Bessie (Rappaport) Rubinstein, she had lived in New Bedford since the 1930s. She previously lived in Waterbury, Conn.

Lassow and her late husband owned and operated the former Lassow Fur Store in New Bedford for many years. She was a member of Congregation Ahavath Achim and its Sisterhood and the New Bedford Senior Citizens.

She is survived by two daughters, Freda Scotch of Brookline, Mass., and Dorothy Klein of Cranston; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Philip Lassow.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26 at Congregation Ahavath Achim, in New Bedford. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

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

FELIX WELLEIS

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Felix Welleis, 76, of 268 Arnold St., died Oct. 23 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bed-

ford after a brief illness. He was the husband of Pauline (Oswald) Welleis.

Born in Corfu, Greece, he was the son of the late Yochanah and Mazal Welleis. He lived in New Bedford for 40 years.

Welleis was a Holocaust survivor of Auschwitz. He worked for the former Lissak Shoe Company for 30 years before retiring 14 years ago.

He was a member of the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home. He was a shop steward for the shoe company and a sargent for the International Refugee Organization in Germany after the liberation.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Nissim Welleis of Herzleia, Israel; a daughter, Lucia Oliveira of East Freetown, Mass., and six grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford on Oct. 25.

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

Program Bridges

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formal education director at Camp Ramah in Nyack, N.Y.

Garf-Lipp created the activities for her segment on elderly awareness to simulate arthritis, the frustrations of having a permanent disability and the feeling of having to depend and trust others for daily activities. "I think one of the best ways to learn is through experiencing it," she said. "I have always taught experimental types of courses."

The teacher also emphasized that each class will incorporate some sort of Jewish text that will be relevant to that night's session.

At the beginning of the night to encourage group discussion, she posed the question, "When do you become an old person?"

Many answers followed from the students: "When you retire," "When you have grandchildren," and "When your children turn 40."

Rebekka Winkler, who moved to Kingston from Germany in July, said she found out about the program at Yom

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George Bush Has Remained Silent

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that government had no legitimate role in the religious life of Americans. The nation was founded on the bedrock of religious tolerance. The Christian Coalition, Pat Buchanan and Pat Robertson obviously believe differently.

If President Bush agrees with them, he should be candid with the American people. If he disagrees, he should say so. Unless he does, it will be fair for the American people to conclude that he shares their views.

The issue of trust continues to be raised by the Republican campaign. But if George Bush remains silent about the use of religious belief to divide the American people, it will be difficult to trust him to carry out his presidential obligation to defend First Amendment values.

Stuart Eizenstat was chief domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter and is chairman of the National Jewish Democratic Council Policy Committee. Howard Squadron is a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and a member of the NJDC Policy Committee.

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Program Bridges

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Kippur services at URI's Hillel.

Brier praised the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island for providing funding to help make this series possible, and for seeing the wisdom of doing this type of project.

The program is set up into three segments: "The Caring Society," from Oct. 25 to Nov. 22, "How Do I Decide?: Ethics for Today," from Jan. 10 to Feb.

7, 1993, and "Jewish Identity," from Feb. 28 to March 29, 1993. All sessions meet over supper on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"By the end of the 15-week session, we hope to introduce them to a larger Jewish population," said Brier.

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THE LEOPARD LOOK — Lisa Crenca checks out a funky leopard print beret at Gabrielle's Apparel where she co-manages as her manager, Ann Schwartz looks on.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

From Chic To Sophisticated: It's At Gabrielle

by Omar Bradley
Herald Contributing Reporter

Looking for a stylish dress, a unique accessory or a classic sweater to add the right accent to your wardrobe? Than why not try Gabrielle's just for the fun of it. Under the guiding hand of Diane Fair and her partner, William Edenbach, who formerly ran the Nar-ragansett, Gabrielle caters to the sophisticated shopper.

Located on Angell Street in Wayland Square in 3,000 square feet of space, Gabrielle's has become one of the most successful ladies apparel shops on the East Side. Fair attributes the store's success to Ann Schwartz and Lisa Crenca who manage the store and stay on top of the needs of a wide range of styles.

Germany Looks

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several interviews and appears geared to head off criticism by the Jewish community and other groups.

While refraining from naming the organizations to be banned, Werthebach said recent intelligence information suggests that more and more coordination took place among extremist neo-Nazi groups and the Republican Party.

The Republican Party, led by a former SS officer, is an established political party with representation in the European parliament and in several German state parliaments.

Werthebach also said no decision has been made on whether the Republicans

The storefront is tastefully arranged in autumnal splendor, complete with pumpkins, balloons and a black iron bench. Colorful earrings and chic necklaces of all shapes and sizes festoon several glass cabinets, while stuffed animals decorate a wall.

Fair, casually attired in a black sweater and stretch pants, emphasizes the importance of making the customers feel welcome in the store whether they buy earrings or a fancy skirt. Prices ranged from moderate to upper class for apparel that includes wool sweaters from Scotland and European designs with the emphasis on quality.

It is easy to see why Gabrielle is a winner on the East Side.

should be monitored by his office.

Such monitoring arouses concern among right-wing politicians, who fear that people who vote for the Republicans would be persuaded to switch their allegiance to more middle-of-the-road parties.

Why American Jews Should Back Perot

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The United States is the penultimate special interest group for Israel — because the United States holds the purse strings.

Those of us who chafe when we hear this can understand why Perot loathes the reality of our country being oil-dependent on monarchies and dictatorships we have to sacrifice Americans to defend.

Perot's commitment to our energy self-sufficiency unfettered by powerful lobbying influences speaks for a man who can, and will, keep the promises he makes to our community.

To Perot, Israel is the cornerstone of U.S. policy in the Middle East. He calls its government a beacon to others in the region.

To this end, he contends that the post-Cold War military, diplomatic, and financial support for Israel enhances prospects for democracy in the region. He has long maintained close relations with such senior political officials in Israel as Ariel Sharon and Teddy Kollek.

Perot maintained that successful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict remains vital. He has long had great suspicion, however, of Syrian President Hafez Assad, whom he was openly referring to as a tyrant even before the Persian Gulf War and whose forces were involved in the killing of 250 U.S. Marines in Lebanon and the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

Perot sees global nuclear disarmament as a major short-term goal of U.S. foreign policy. He has expressed repeated concern at the Middle Eastern countries who aggressively shop the international nuclear weapons marketplace.

The bottom line is, if you want to know what to expect from a candidate, assess his agenda. Perot is, as a candidate offered by the American people, beholden to no one but us. His commitment to establishing an independent energy policy and to addressing the deficit immediately bodes well for a public wary of the supervision of U.S. Middle East policy by oil interests and the support of the U.S. economy by Arab investment.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, our economy is collapsing. We are a resourceful people, and Hashem will always keep us prospering. But when — and I say when — the economy collapses, the have-nots will come looking for the Jew who has. We must pay off our national debt with sincere measures before we go broke and hit our next depression. This is a vital Jewish interest.

We Jews always wish to be popular. Our strength and endurance, however, is a result of our commitment to principle, regardless of its lack of acceptance or the scorn it elicits. This commitment has put us at the forefront of meaningful progress throughout history.

Perot had the courage to not abandon our POWs, his own employees in Iran and the

American hostages in Lebanon. His loyalty to Israel is unquestioned.

Don't let anyone tell you what voting options we have. That is against all democratic principle. Money doesn't vote, and polls don't vote, and pundits have one vote each, as do lobbyists, but so does each of us who reads this. Don't let anyone seduce you with advisers with Jewish names. We've learned our lesson, from Kissinger to Weinberger to Clinton pollster Stanley Greenberg.

What is change? Is it voting for the greater of two lessers, which we do every year? We've done that before. Or is it voting with courage for the man whose personal commitments as an American are totally in line with those of every Zionist who reads this, a man unafraid to improve a system that has helped Israel and Jewish America, but has hurt it as well.

This is a moment in time. We will have to live with this decision forever, and I am proud to take the responsibility as a Jew, a Zionist and, yes, an American to vote to elect Ross Perot president of the United States.

Michael Welner, M.D., is on the faculty of forensic psychiatry at New York University Medical Center.

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