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IN HIS ELEMENT — Former New York Mayor Ed Koch addresses a crowd of reporters and fans at College Hill Bookstore last week to promote his book *Citizen Koch*. Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Citizen Koch Conquers College Hill

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

As a large crowd of reporters, news photographers, students and onlookers patiently waited, a small caravan of police cars — lights flashing — slowly made its way toward the corner store. The center of attention was none other than the controversial but likeable former Mayor of New York, Ed Koch.

Sporting a gray wool suit and looking as confident as ever, "Citizen Koch" (his new book), flanked by Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci and police escorts, walked into College Hill Bookstore for what should have been a typical book sign-

ing. But the mere presence of such a renowned figure was too good to pass up as countless reporters, students and aficionados besieged him with tough questions about race, religion and politics.

When asked about race relations, Koch blamed Mayor David Dinkins for not being honest with people and allowing criminals to have their way, and he emphasized the need to improve city services.

On politics, he spoke highly of the Clinton administration and believed he would side with Israel in its quest for

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## Israeli Consul General Updates Rhode Islanders on Peace Talks

by Kammie Kettelle  
Herald Assistant Editor

Yaakov Levy, Consul General of Israel to New England, gave an update and analysis of the Middle East peace talks, which resumed on Monday, to a varied audience of professors, students and interested others at the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation on Nov. 6.

Levy, who has been consul

general in Boston since 1989, went around the room and asked each person to introduce themselves before he began his presentation. He started by explaining the two parts of the talks, bilateral and multilateral.

"We don't see a connection or interdependence on progress on one part or progress on the other," he said. "We would not

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## Jews Back Clinton in Record Numbers

by Larry Yudelson  
and  
Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jews from across the political spectrum overwhelmingly backed Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton over President Bush in last week's presidential election.

An exit poll conducted by the American Jewish Congress placed Clinton's support among Jews at 86 percent, versus 10 percent for Bush and 4 percent for independent candidate Ross Perot.

Observers said the vote reflected Jewish anger over Bush's harsh tone toward Israel, fear of the Republican embrace of the religious right and concern over eroding abortion rights, as well as the general issues of change and the economy that brought his Democratic challenger to victory.

"It is an incredibly important moment for the Jewish community," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious

Action Center of Reform Judaism.

"It's very important, very good news for the American Jewish community," said Ann Lewis, a Democratic activist and chairwoman of the Commission for Women's Equality of the American Jewish Congress.

"The advocates of religious wars lost and lost decisively. A strong message was sent to the political system that that kind of politics is self-defeating," she said.

"Everyone who has yearned for a more prosperous, compassionate America and a stronger

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## AIPAC President Quits After Boasting of His Influence

by Cynthia Mann  
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The president of AIPAC has resigned after revelations of a taped telephone conversation in which he falsely claimed to have cut a secret deal with the secretary of state and to have influenced the Clinton campaign on prospective Cabinet appointments.

The tape was made without the knowledge of the AIPAC

president, David Steiner, and was sent to *The Washington Times*, which published excerpts of it in a story that appeared Nov. 4.

The incident is an embarrassing blow to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which has been attacked in the news media over the years for being politically heavy-handed. The powerful pro-Israel lobby also has been

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## New Congress Has More Jews

by Cynthia Mann  
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Senate elected Nov. 3 will include more Jews than ever before, including two from California, both of them Democratic women.

The election of Rep. Barbara Boxer and former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein makes California the first state to have an all-Jewish Senate delegation. It is also the first time both members of a state's Senate delegation are women.

With the election of Russell Feingold in Wisconsin, the Senate will now have 10 Jewish members, all of them Democrats with the exception of Republican Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

As Democratic political consultant Ann Lewis put it, "there will be enough Jewish senators to form a minyan if the minyan includes Boxer and Feinstein. There's a message in that."

The House of Representatives will include 33 Jewish members, the same number as in the current Congress, despite the departure of 11 Jewish incumbents. Eleven of the Jewish representatives will be serving in Congress for the first time.

The election will also send more women and more minorities to Washington, signaling

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## Hatred Revisited

With the new wave of neo-Nazism, racism and anti-Semitism sweeping Germany, the city of Rostock alone has encountered more than 1,600 attacks, primarily against foreigners. More than 50 years ago, on Kristallnacht ("The Night of the Broken Glass"), Nov. 9 to 10, 1938, the synagogue of Rostock (pictured) was desecrated and set on fire.

Photo courtesy of Simon Wiesenthal Center Archives.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Tax Help Available for Those Who Need to File

There is special help available in Cranston for anyone who has failed to file tax returns for previous years. "We want to help non-filers get back into the system and assist taxpayers in resolving their tax problems without fear," said M.A. Liebermann, district director of the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, for Providence.

Volunteers are available to help people file returns at the

Cranston Senior Service Center, 1070 Cranston St., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For an appointment, call 461-1000, ext. 6000 and ask for Sandi.

If it is more convenient, people may visit the IRS office at 380 Westminster St., Providence, during normal business hours. Installment arrangements can be arranged if you are unable to pay the tax that is due.

## DEA Launches Safety Programs

The state Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA), in cooperation with the Governor's

Office on Highway Safety and the Rhode Island Head Injury Foundation, is sponsoring a motor vehicle and pedestrian safety program to help elders avoid accidents that can result in injuries or fatalities.

The program is a component of the DEA Strategies on Safety (SOS) initiative which began in May. SOS is designed to help elders reduce the likelihood of injuries or death from falls or accidents.

Sessions will focus on defensive driving strategies, pedestrian safety and the use of seat belts.

Motor vehicle/pedestrian safety programs are scheduled at the following sites:

- Nov. 10 at 1:45 p.m. at

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## RIC to Host Black Female Author Nov. 18

The Rhode Island College Women's Studies Program will host Barbara Neely, author of the first published mystery novel by a black woman and about a black woman, *Blanche on the Lam*, Nov. 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Clarke Science Building, room 125.

Neely's presentation is part of the program's "African-American Feminism Series," and is co-sponsored by the Department of English and the African-Afro-American Studies Program.

The author's character, Blanche, a feisty, smart and witty woman uses her cultural invisibility as a middle-aged,

working-class, black household worker in a white home to investigate a mystery. The fictitious character seeks out the state of social justice or injustice in the United States today.

A Boston political activist, Neely has written extensively about race and gender issues, including reproductive technologies. Her work has appeared in various anthologies and in feminist journals.

The event is free and open to the public. For further information, call women's studies director, Maureen Reddy, at 456-8377.

## Legislation Discontinuing VA Compensation to Incompetent Veterans Expires

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that temporary legislation requiring VA to suspend disability compensation to certain mentally incompetent veterans expired Sept. 30.

As part of a deficit-reduction package, Congress passed in 1990 a temporary measure requiring that VA suspend disability compensation to certain mentally incompetent veterans, with no dependents, who have estates (excluding home) valued at \$25,000 or more. Under the law, payment of benefits was to resume once the value of the estate dropped to

less than \$10,000.

Some fiduciaries or guardians, acting on behalf of veterans whose compensation was suspended, elected to switch back to military retirement pay which had been waived in order for them to qualify for the VA benefits.

VA is advising those fiduciaries that, effective Sept. 30, the temporary legislation expired, and it may be to the veteran's advantage to once again receive VA disability compensation in lieu of military retirement pay. Fiduciaries wishing to re-elect VA compensation should send a statement to that effect to the Providence VA Regional Office.

For further information, contact the Providence Regional Office at 273-4910 or toll-free (800) 827-0389.



The East Side Mount Hope YMCA will conduct its second annual 5K "Y run for youth" road race and walk and kids' fun run on Nov. 14. In addition this year is a three-mile walk for fun. The race will begin at the Narragansett Boat Club on River Road and Angell Street in Providence. For more information, call the East Side Mount Hope YMCA at 521-0155.

Rhode Island's first-ever statewide adoption conference, "The Adoption Journey: A Lifetime Commitment," will be held Nov. 14 at Winman Junior High School in Warwick from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Ocean State Adoption Resource Exchange at 724-1910.

The International Institute of Rhode Island will offer assistance in replacing old "green cards" for those lawful permanent residents who are required to do so before Aug. 3, 1993. Those who must replace their green cards and need assistance may come to the Club Juventude Lusitana, 10 Chase St., Cumberland, on Nov. 14, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The institute will also provide help for those who wish to apply for U.S. citizenship instead. Call 461-5940 for more information.

Health-care professionals are invited to attend a pediatric trauma conference, "Pediatric Trauma Management," Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the George Auditorium at Rhode Island Hospital. The registration fee for the conference is \$45. To register or for more information, call Jack Jessel at 942-0283.

The Childbirth Education Association of Rhode Island is accepting applications for its Childbirth Educator Training Program. Dead line for applications is Nov. 15. For more information, call CEA at 467-2020.

"Creative Planning for Wealth Preservation," a breakfast seminar designed to offer strategies to maximize the preservation of wealth as it is transferred to succeeding generations, will be held Nov. 17 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Providence Marriott. Contact Carolyn Lavin at 421-8030 by Nov. 13 to register.

The Neil J. Houston Jr. Criminal Justice Award will be presented Nov. 17 at 1 Citizens Plaza from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person. For more information, call 272-1330.

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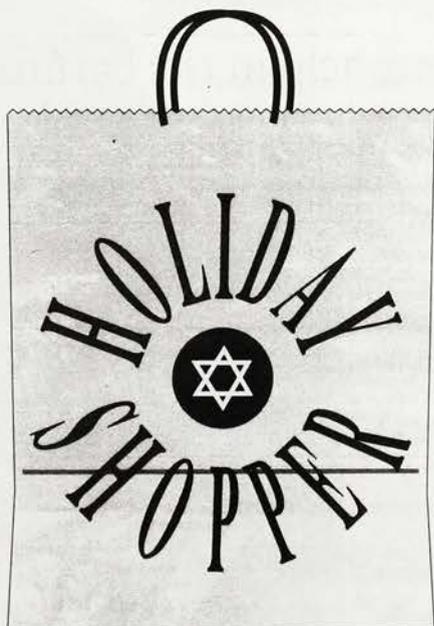
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Gourmet Guys, a fund-raising event on Nov. 14 at the North Attleboro High School cafeteria, features volunteer chefs who will prepare and serve their special culinary cuisine. The event will benefit New Hope. Call (508) 226-4015 for more information.

Johnson and Wales Inn in Seekonk, Mass., will be the site for a dinner and party to celebrate the second birthday of the East Bay Coalition for the Homeless on Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$15 per person and can be obtained by calling Beth at 437-1000, Karen at (508) 675-2477 or Steve at 941-2743.

Project Overcoat will stage its second annual "Celebrity Coat Auction" Nov. 19 at Boston's Avalon nightclub beginning with a VIP reception at 5:30 p.m. Auction proceedings begin at 7:30 sharp. For more information, call (800) 765-5659. The proceeds will benefit children's AIDS programs.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The Community College of Rhode Island's Center for Business and Industrial Training is planning a round-table session on current issues facing Rhode Island small businesses, "Knowledge through Experience," on Nov. 17 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The session will be held at the college's Warwick campus. Registration is \$10. For more information, call 333-7087.

The Rhode Island chapter of the National Society of Fundraising Executives announces a series of education and recognition events to be held from Nov. 18 to 20 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Providence. For more information, about the NS-FRE-RI Conference, CFRE exam, first course or National Philanthropy Day, contact Steve Sorin (registration) at 246-1230, or Ted Randall (program) at 792-2296.

The Special Programs Office of the University of Rhode Island's College of Continuing Education is sponsoring the 51st Institute on Federal Taxation on Nov. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 277-3890.

Health-care professionals are invited to attend a seminar on "Adolescent Eating Disorders: The Challenge of the '90s," on Nov. 19 from 7:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the George Auditorium at Rhode Island Hospital. For more information, call 444-5721.

Robert Dufresne, Ph.D., in psychology and pharmacology, will present information on Medication Management of Children at the Kent County Group of the Parent Support Network of Rhode Island on Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Sylvia Weber, M.S., R.N., C.S., a nurse psychotherapist, will present a Stress Management workshop in Providence on Nov. 16. For more information, contact Susan or Linda at 726-2285.

### Talk Set for Estate Planning

A monthly business talk, "Probate Free Estate: A Practical Guide to Estate Planning," will be given Nov. 17 by Arthur C. Everly.

The 7:30 p.m. talk will be held at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence.

If you are celebrating a special anniversary, announce it in the *Herald*.

Include a photo with the announcement. Black and white only, please.

## Ch. 36 Art and Antique Auction Begins Nov. 15

The annual Channel 36 Art & Antique Auction airs Nov. 15 to 17 on Rhode Island's Public Television station, WSBE Channel 36.

Jeffrey Greene, furniture maker from Wickford, serves as chairman of the auction for the second straight year. He and his fellow volunteers have procured more than 300 items from area artists, artisans and

antiquarians including oils, watercolors, photographs, jewelry, crafts and collectibles.

This fund-raising event helps the station continue its goal of serving the educational needs of the community and of offering quality programs.

Bidding begins at 7 p.m. each evening. The auction phone is 943-6600 or (800) 639-0039.

## Investors Group Invites Public to Meeting

The newly formed Rhode Island Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) will be having a special meeting on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall at Newman Church, 100 Newman Ave., East Providence.

Marc O'Brien, president of O'Brien Management Inc., a Boston firm that specializes in individual portfolio management, will give a presentation on the basics of assembling a portfolio of no-load mutual funds with the intention of long-term investment. Previously O'Brien was on the faculty of M.I.T. as a political

economist and the faculty of Harvard Business School as a professor of macro economics. Prior to that, he was an analyst for Lehman Brothers Inc.

Ordinarily these meetings are provided for members only. However, due to the fact that this particular chapter is newly formed, an exception is being made. This particular meeting and several others, in the near future, will be open to the general public in an effort to attract new members.

For further information, contact John Adams, chairman, at 723-8000.

## Pulitzer Winner To Address Providence College

As part of Providence College's current 75th anniversary Diamond Jubilee celebration, the college's President's Forum on Culture and Values will present a lecture by two-time Pulitzer-Prize winner Anthony Lewis, a columnist for *The New York Times*, who will speak about "The Power of the Press (and the reasons for it)" on Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Slavin '64 Hall.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Lewis, the recipient of a number of honorary degrees, has held the James Madison Visiting Professorship at Columbia University since 1983. He taught a course entitled "The Constitution and the Press" for 15 years at Harvard Law School and has taught at a number of other universities.

## Business Seminar Set at Bryant

The Rhode Island Department of Economic Development and Olympus Group Real Estate will sponsor "Advantage Rhode Island — Real Programs That Save Real Money For Business" seminar on Nov. 18 from 8 (registration) to 11:30 a.m.

The seminar will be held at Bryant College, MRC Lecture Hall in Smithfield.

The seminar is free, but space is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Olympus Group Real Estate at 751-9606.

## Volunteers and New Members To Be Honored

The Cranston Historical Society will honor its volunteers and new members on Nov. 17 at the Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston St.

At that time, the "Volunteer of the Year Award" will be given to one of the society's members following a short business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments and musical entertainment will round out the evening.

## Stillman Featured at Annual Benefit

This year's Furniture Bank and Clothing Bank benefit, featuring North Star recording artist, Judith Lynn Stillman, will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 at The Roger Williams Park Casino.

There will be a private champagne reception on the upper level for patrons and benefactors at 6 p.m. with Stillman, internationally known pianist, who has just completed a recording with long-time friend, Wynton Marsalis, for Sony. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and complimentary copies of Stillman's North Star release, "Classics Remembered — Masterworks Celebrating Childhood For All Generations," will be provided.

The cocktail party including cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6:30 p.m. A silent auction will feature a signed and framed lithograph by artist Karl Doeflinger entitled "Winter Carousel."

At 7:30 p.m., Stillman will entertain on the upper level with the help of some surprise

special guests including Richard Cumming of Trinity Repertory.

The event is being held to raise money and awareness for the Furniture Bank & Clothing Bank of R.I. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 for patrons, and \$75 for benefactors. If you have further questions, contact the Furniture Bank at 831-5511.



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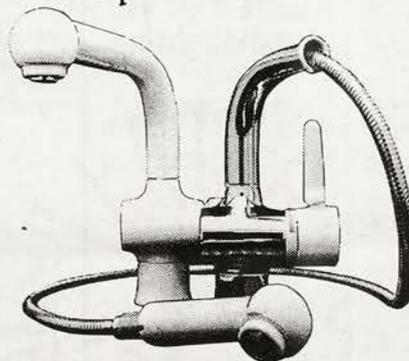


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# EDITORIAL

## From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

"Armistice Day" rang out its name with a tone. The very word held its message. Stop the guns, it spelled out literally. During the second World War, it called back a reminder of yesterday's battlefields. Twitching shell-shocked vets used to crisscross Hope Street, not unlike the homeless tramps of today. Songs and poems of that time of cannon and bayonet sounded in my school auditoriums in recitals and poetry elocution lessons. "I have a rendezvous with Death." "I am the grass. I cover all." "I shall not pass this way again." "Johnny, I hardly know ya." That doughboy war over

there left in its wake the big guns and steel balls on the lawn of your local armory, the knickered uniforms of your scout troop. The lead soldiers you find in antique shops. Now of course the name has been blurred into "Veterans Day." Its poignant peaceful irony with its tragic false promise has faded far away into a vague echo. For sure, World War II, an attack upon civilians more than combatants, stands as the lasting landmark of our times. But to grasp its place in our waning century, it takes Nov. 11, the brown oak leaves, the gray drizzle, the steely skies.

## Holocaust Was 'Very Different' for Most

**To the Editors:**  
Much as I enjoy reading Mr. Hans L. Heimann's weekly paean to the "good" Italians and Germans he encountered during his war years in Europe, I must nevertheless note that for the infinitely larger majority of Jews, the experience of those years was very different. In this I speak from both personal experience, and from familial and other anecdotal history as well as from recorded history in general.

I, too, left Germany shortly after the Reichskristallnacht (in fact, on Nov. 12, 1938) under "interesting" circumstances, leaving my mother, Mrs. Lola Epstein, behind while my brother and I escaped, not through the goodness of Germans, but by the help and courage of Hollanders. In reading Mr. Heimann's Pollyannish writings (and I have no doubt that his experiences are real, and that his gladness is genuine), it would

## The Summer of '43: We Were Free

**To the Editors:**  
It was the summer of 1943. After the collapse of the Maginot Line and the subsequent fall of France, Mussolini flexed his muscles and declared war on the Allied powers. The United States was not involved actively as yet, "land and lease" worked, but no one had heard of Pearl Harbor until "the day of infamy," Dec. 7, 1941. When the Duce asked the Fuehrer for the honor to participate in the bombing of London, Coventry, Manchester, etc., he had no idea that one day the pages would be turned and Napoli, Salerno,

Milano, et al, would be the ones under the bombs of the Forzezzis Volanti, the "Flying Fortresses." When this happened, we, the internees of Potenza, would be transferred to small villages in the provinces, as I told you last week. The commissario della polizia, the police commissioner, told us it was for our own good; he did not want us to be hurt. So to the village of Bella we went. Everything was fine there. We were not bothered by the Fascist government, except that there, too, we would have to report once daily to the stazione dei carabinieri, the police station of the village, but that wasn't too bad compared to what might have been, if G-d forbid, we were in German hands. We were, of course, au cur-

General Erwin Rommel, the Desert Fox. No sir, they were the boys of General of the Armies Montgomery, Viscount of El-Alamein, the man who broke through in the desert of North Africa and rolled up the front, along the Mediterranean and across it to Sicily and to Salerno. I must confess that I was so nervous and excited, they told me that I was white as a sheet; I couldn't bring out a word of English over my lips. It was finally over, no more angst of what might happen to us. We were free. The aforementioned police chief surrendered to the invaders in his pajamas. Yes, you read it right, he discarded his uniform and donned his pj's so not to be considered in enemy uniform. Next day, I hitched a ride back to Potenza, where I arrived in a lorry, as the Britishers called it; in the U.S. Army it would be a small truck. We were greeted by Commissario Vaccaro of the police, and you know what he said to me? I quote you here verbatim, translated into English, of course, Commissario Vaccaro said, "I know that there is a Jewish G-d, he sent you to safety in the villages, and he kept us here under the bombs of the Americani."

nevertheless be well to take them with a strong dose of

## Letters to the EDITOR



reality, both as concerns those long-ago times as well as the present. Let no Jew delude himself! The siege has not lifted! Only eternal vigilance and a readiness to combat evil can prevent another disaster in our or our children's lifetimes.

rant, to the progress of the war; as a matter of fact, we all listened to clandestine BBC stations. All of us, meaning the Italians, too, were nightly at either of the two Catholic churches where the monsignori were tuned in to either, "This is London" or "La Voce d'America," "The Voice of America."

**Thomas H. Epstein**  
We want your opinion!  
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And then came the day. The noise we heard coming closer by the hour, by the minute, was from the invading armies. But it was not the boom of artillery or the ack-ack of machine guns; it was the knattering of motorcycles, the dispatch riders, as the British called them. They finally roared into the Piazza della Vittoria, the Victory Square, but the victors were not the Forze Armate d'Italia, not the Italian Armed Forces of Generale Badoglio, or

Martin Luther King said it many, many years later: "Free at last, I am free at last." I was free indeed and my first job was as interpreter for the AMGOT, the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories. My first boss was Major Clarence Foley, he was with the administrative arm of the British Eighth Army. And what we did on this, my first real job, is yet another story...

**Hans L. Heimann Cranston**

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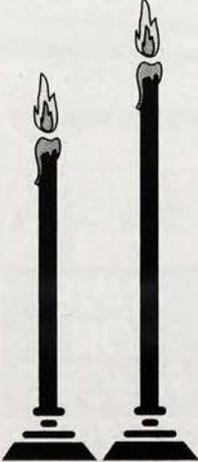
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**50 YEARS AGO**

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## Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

**To Jail All Found Guilty of Race Bias**  
**NEW YORK** — Anyone brought before him and found guilty of "racial or religious prejudice, or those tending to racial or religious disunity" will be sentenced to the maximum penalty of six months in jail, Magistrate J. Roland Sala declared in Brooklyn court. He was addressing himself to James Scofield, 23 years old, who, when arrested by police for smashing a sidewalk showcase, declared, "Well it belongs to a Jew, and he's no good anyway."

**WEEK OF NOV. 13, 1942**

**Aged Home to Mark 10th Birthday**  
The Jewish Home for Aged of Rhode Island will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the present structure at 99 Hillside avenue with a dinner to be held at the Narragansett Hotel on Sunday evening. Concurrently, the Jewish community will pay tribute to Samuel M. Magid, who led the campaign for the new building and who has been president of the home since its opening.

**To List R.I. Jewish Men Now in Service**  
The Providence Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, composed of 22 Jewish organizations, has undertaken the task of compiling a complete list of the Jewish men in service in Providence and other Rhode Island communities. The first census, admittedly incomplete, the names of which were published in a booklet, revealed that at least 667 men are in the service.

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# OPINIONS

## The Mitzva of Hospitality

"G-d appeared to [Abraham] in the Plains of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of the tent in the hottest part of the day. [Abraham] lifted his eyes and he saw three strangers standing a short distance from him. When he saw them from the entrance of his tent, he ran to greet them, bowing down to the ground." With these words, this week's Torah portion, *Vayeira*, begins.

to eat" from the lavish repast Abraham served them. And even if the angels really did eat, it was only out of respect to Abraham or because "when in Rome, do as the Romans do," but not that they really needed the food. What, then, was the value of his hospitality?

Abraham thought the angels were hungry mortals. So, he ran to the flock and took a



Abraham, who was 99 years old, was recuperating from his circumcision. The sun shone with fierce heat and people could not travel so, Abraham was spared the discomfort of attending to wayfaring guests.

Later, however, seeing Abraham's great distress because he had no guests to invite, G-d caused three angels to appear to Abraham so he could fulfill the great mitzva of hospitality.

Though G-d was "with" Abraham just then, Abraham asked Him to "wait" and ran to greet his guests. From this remarkable conduct our Sages deduce that "welcoming and receiving guests is greater than welcoming and receiving the Divine Presence."

It is further noted that the angel/guests only "appeared

young calf and prepared the meal. His deep-rooted, boundless kindness and hospitality were aroused; he became personally, physically involved in taking care of his guests. Though his guests did not in fact eat the food he prepared, there was nothing missing from Abraham's effort and gesture.

We learn from our father. His merit was his concern for others, his eagerness to help. The success, the results, are immaterial. Someone is hungry; Abraham cannot rest. He has fulfilled the mitzva of hospitality.

From "A Thought for the Week" - Detroit. Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer with permission of L'Chaim publications.

## New Congress Has More Jews

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the voters' desire for change. But it produced fewer upsets than anticipated, despite the congressional scandals and anti-incumbency wave that engulfed this political season.

Observers say that in spite

of the changes that will occur, the new Congress will remain solidly pro-Israel.

That news comes as a relief to those who feared a massive upheaval would radically shift priorities and threaten the Jew-

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### Art Lovers

Sharon and Rick Brown browse over some of the paintings at the Temple Sinai Auction Saturday.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Jewish Community Votes Heavy for Bill Clinton

The American Jewish community voted more than 6 to 1 in favor of the Democratic ticket of Clinton/Gore in the Nov. 3 election.

According to the American Jewish Congress, which conducted the largest nationwide "exit poll" of Jewish voters, 85.5 percent of the 3,076 voters polled in more than 100 polling sites across the country chose the Democratic ticket over 10 percent who chose the Republican team of Bush/Quayle and 4 percent who chose the independent team of Perot/Stockdale.

Almost 17.5 percent of the Jewish voters who voted for Clinton/Gore indicated that they had voted for Bush/Quayle in 1988. Seventy percent said that they again cast a Democratic ballot this year as they had in 1988. Of those Jews who voted for Perot/Stockdale, 27 percent had previously voted Democratic, 52 percent had previously voted Republican and 18 percent said they had not voted in the last presidential election.

American Jewish voters were polled in California, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. It is estimated that 84 percent of the American Jewish population resides in these 11 areas.

This is the fourth consecutive presidential election during which AJCongress has surveyed the votes of American Jews.

The preliminary results were based on the analysis of two questions asked of the more than 3,000 voters — "How did you vote?" and "In the 1988 election, for whom did you vote?"

Other key issues which the poll addressed are: Black-Jewish relations, federal funding of religious education, American support of Israel, health care and abortion.

An in-depth analysis of the way these issues have influenced the Jewish vote will be prepared once the results of all the survey questions have been compiled.

The AJCongress poll is the largest sampling of Jewish voter opinion in the country. However, because of the high rate of Jewish mobility, the poll may not have taken into account recent changes in patterns of Jewish residence and the sponsors cautioned that the results should be assessed in that light.

The poll is coordinated by Dr. Martin Hochbaum, director of the Commission on National Affairs, and Phil Baum, associate executive director, of the American Jewish Congress.

## Demonstrators Rally in NYC for Rosenbaum Case

More than 500 demonstrators, coordinated by Amcha, the coalition for Jewish concerns, rallied outside Gracie Mansion, the official residence of Mayor David Dinkins, Sunday, calling for an expansion of the federal investigation into the Rosenbaum murder case.

Addressing the crowd, Rabbi Avi Weiss, Amcha national president, insisted that the investigation include an inquiry into why the police had been held back for three days last August; who gave the orders for the hold up in police response and why Yankele Rosenbaum's most serious wounds were not treated by the hospital where he was brought after the incident.

"During his election campaign the mayor said he is

responsible for the racial climate of the city. Indeed he is. . . . Mayor Dinkins has the dubious distinction of presiding over the first pogrom in New York City," Rabbi Weiss said.

"We demand to know, what did the mayor know? When did he know it, and what did he do about it?"

Several demonstrators were taken into custody during the protest, which included a mock funeral for the murdered Yeshiva student, Yankele Rosenbaum, and the placing of a coffin at the steps of Gracie Mansion.

Amcha activists pledged to continue to focus attention on the case until a full investigation has been completed, and the murderer(s) are brought to justice.

## New Congress Has More Jews

(Continued from Previous Page) ish agenda, most notably aid for Israel. The departure of several key pro-Israel congressional leaders had aggravated that fear.

In fact, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee on Nov. 4 predicted there would actually be more votes for foreign aid than in the current Congress.

"The 103rd Congress will consist of even more supporters than the previous Congress," said Tom Dine, executive director of AIPAC.

"I am excited by the caliber of veteran and new senators and representatives, and by their appreciation of Israel's moral and military value to the United States," he said.

An AIPAC spokeswoman observed that "while all Americans want to see more attention to programs at home, elected officials throughout the country did not run on isolationist platforms and continue to understand the value of aiding allies abroad who support fundamental American values."

"There is a new sense of pluralism," observed Steve Gutow, executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Council, "and the Jewish community always benefits when pluralism shows its face."

## AIPAC President Quits After Boasting

(Continued from Page 1) stung in recent months by charges from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that its confrontational efforts to secure loan guarantees for Israel were counterproductive.

According to a confidential memo obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that was sent Nov. 3 to AIPAC's executive committee, Steiner received a telephone call about

two weeks ago from a man who identified himself as a "major potential political activist."

In an apparent effort to "encourage him to become more involved," Steiner told the caller stories about his own political involvement and "presented an inflated characterization of his contacts and dealings with major public

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## NEWS BRIEFS



### INTERNATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Lester Pollack, an investment banker and lawyer who is president of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, has been nominated to succeed Shoshana Cardin as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. He will assume the post Jan. 1, if his nomination is approved by the nearly 60 organizations who are members of the conference at its annual meeting Dec. 2.

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BONN (JTA) — A substantial number of Jews in Germany feel threatened by rising racism and anti-Semitism, according to a recent public opinion survey. About half believe right-wing extremism poses a serious threat to German democracy, a view shared by only 10 percent of non-Jewish Germans. And some 75 percent said they believe the German government is ineffective in combatting neo-Nazism.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Russians have now surpassed Moroccans as the largest immigrant group in Israel, according to new population statistics. Their ranks have swelled over the last two years of mass immigration from the former Soviet Union, bringing the number of Russian immigrants in this country since late 1979 to 650,000.

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BERLIN (JTA) — Syria is producing chemical weapons and developing an advanced version of the Scud missile, according to a German arms-control expert. Wilhelm Dietl, a specialist in weapons sales, said Syria, aided by China and North Korea, is producing more than 100 tons annually in chemical weapons and is working on an advanced Scud.

### NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In what is being called a landmark religious freedom case, the U.S. Supreme Court must now decide whether the city of Hialeah, Fla., is justified in banning the sacrifice of animals or if the city's law violates a church's right to practice its religion. Douglas Laycock, attorney for the plaintiff in Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye Inc. and Ernesto Pichardo vs. the City of Hialeah, argued before the court last week that the city is "openly discriminating against minority religions, principally restricting the practices of this religion."

## Israeli Leaders Are Confident Clinton Will Back Peace Talks

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin says he is confident President-elect Bill Clinton will back the Middle East peace process launched last year by the Bush administration.

During a meeting in Washington last August, the Arkansas governor assured Rabin of continued support for Israel and said he would honor the loan guarantees promised to Israel by President Bush, Rabin told reporters.

The prime minister said he asked Clinton whether his focus on domestic issues would bring about a reduced American commitment to international affairs.

"He replied that it was the other way around: The stronger

the U.S. is from within, the stronger it will be on the outside."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Clinton would pursue the peace process because a stable Middle East is in the U.S. interest. But he cautioned that Israel too must vigorously pursue peace.

"If the United States feels that Israel is not interested in peace, we shall lose its respect," Peres told Israel Television.

Meanwhile, the coordinator of government affairs in the administered territories has complained the Palestinian delegation to the peace talks has no influence in the territories.

## Group Calls for Investigation into Discrimination

Calls Spike Lee's Demands for Only Black Reporters Racist

The American Jewish Congress has accused several national publications of "patently illegal conduct" by assigning reporters to interview Spike Lee solely on the basis of race.

According to a news report in the Oct. 29 *The New York Times*, Spike Lee has requested that only African-American reporters interview him about his new film "Malcolm X," be-

cause "black reporters are better suited for the job of interviewing him."

In a letter to Evan J. Kemp, chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Jewish organization has called for an investigation into the employment practices of *Vogue*, *Rolling Stone*, *Premiere* and *Interview* which agreed to Lee's terms.

## Violence Again Grips Territories As Jew Dies From Attack in Hebron

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As a Jewish settler killed in a terror attack was buried last week, new violence erupted in Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.

The latest explosions of terror activity came as Motti Biton, 32, was laid to rest in Haifa, after his death Oct. 30 of gunshot wounds inflicted in the West Bank town of Jenin.

In two daylight attacks in a busy Arab neighborhood in the eastern part of Jerusalem, assailants set an Israeli police car on fire and threw rocks at a Jewish driver, injuring him in the head.

They torched the police car in the parking lot of Israeli police headquarters in Jerusalem's Sheik Jarrah neighborhood, smashing windows and scratching bodies of eight other cars. The attack took place in a heavily guarded area.

On a nearby road frequently traveled by Jewish drivers, assailants threw rocks at the windshield of a car en route to Mount Scopus.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinians stoned soldiers, as well as Jewish-owned cars arriving at the Erez checkpoint to pick up workers for jobs in Israel proper.

Security forces quickly quelled that riot, in which several cars were reportedly damaged.

The demonstration notwithstanding, about 35,000 Arab laborers crossed into Israel, the Israel Defense Force said.

A curfew continued to be imposed on the Wadi Ma'ali neighborhood of the West Bank town of Bethlehem, where a number of shots were fired Oct. 31 at an Israeli army lookout.

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# Around Town The Play's The Thing

STORY AND PHOTOS BY DOROTHEA SNYDER

They're always on the go!  
 'Twas no exception last Thursday when those movers and shakers of Temple Emanu-El's Leisure Club headed to the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center in Newton for the area premiere of James Sherman's laugh-a-minute hit comedy, *Beau Jest*.

The show revolves around a young single woman, Sarah Goldman (Roberta Willison), who hires an actor, Bob, (Barry J. Abramowitz) to portray her ideal Jewish boyfriend at a Shabbat dinner. Guests include family members, Sarah's parents Miriam and Abe (Deena Mazer and Ken Baltin), and her divorced therapist brother Joel (Michael Dell'Orto).

What Sarah's parents and brother don't know is she hasn't given up her gentile boyfriend Chris (Jim Thompson). Unexpected events thicken the plot of this calculated cover-up.

Temple Emanu-El's Leisure Clubbers were quick to give *Beau Jest* good press.

"I've seen plays on Broadway which I didn't enjoy as much," one said, while another thought the actors did a wonderful job. "It was truly professional. Real funny and well acted."

One theater-goer said, "I told someone how moments in the play really hit me, those typical things said and done between parents and children."

"The play truly hit home!" exclaimed another.

Meeting and mingling with the cast after the final curtain was an unexpected bonus for the Leisure Club group, who appreciated the chance to offer kudos for an afternoon of laughter and good performances.

Said one Leisure Club member, "They were as delightful off stage as on stage, and to think, they have to gear up for another performance to-night."



All eyes are on the character Bob (Barry Jay Abramowitz), who has had convulsing results from a potent dollop of horseradish in James Sherman's comedy hit *Beau Jest*. From left are Deena Mazer, Michael Dell'Orto, Roberta Willison, Barry Jay Abramowitz, and Ken Baltin.

The show, which runs through November 29, is presented by Jewish Theatre of New England at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center. *Beau Jest* is directed by Daniel Gidron, who also directed James Sherman's first play, *Magic Time*, when he was a student at Brandeis ten years ago.

*Beau Jest* is now on stage at Lamb's Theatre in New York, following a successful opening and eight-month run at Victory Gardens in Chicago. Productions are currently underway in Mexico, Johannesburg, Frankfurt and Vienna, says David Mladinov, cultural arts director of the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center.

For tickets and information, call (617) 965-5226.

Photo: Eric Levenson



Enjoying a post-performance chat are Dora Dimond, actor Deena Mazer, and Norma Richmond.



Eva Sapolsky, Millie Eisenstadt, actor Jim Thompson, Asher Sapolsky, and Sam Eisenstadt.



Compliments are given to *Beau Jest* actor Roberta Willison from Gert and Albert Max and Millie Eisenstadt.



Actor Michael Dell'Orto poses with Leisure Club members Sam Eisenstadt, Rochelle Blazar, and Molly Fisch.

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

A full-stage production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by William Shakespeare will be featured Nov. 12 to 15 at the Rhode Island College Theatre. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m.; matinees at 2 p.m. Reserved seating only. For more information, call 456-8060.

"The Shadow Box" by Michael Cristofer will be presented at Salve Regina University's Megley Theatre, Mercy Hall Nov. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 2 p.m.

The Brown Orchestra will perform Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1 and Martinu's Concerto for String Quartet and Orchestra featuring the **Charleston String Quartet** at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 13 and 3 p.m. Nov. 15 in Sayles Hall on the college green. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased at the door before the performance.

A poetry reading featuring Lee Ann Brown will be held at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence, on Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Trumpet virtuoso **Byron Stripling** returns to Providence in Loew's Big Band concert on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center. For more information, call 421-ARTS.

"Jukes Joints and Jubilee" will appear on Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. For tickets, call TicketMaster at 331-2211 or (617) 931-2000 or the VMA box office at 277-3150.

Russell M. Peters, a Mashpee Wampanoag author, will give a talk on Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. at the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology titled "Another Look: A Native View of the Quincenary." For more information, call the museum at 253-8388.

The Alliance Francaise will host a reception and exhibition of works of three Alliance artists, Francois Hugo, collagist; Nancy Spencer, printmaker, and Melanie Dupre, painter, on Nov. 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. at 111 Hope St. On Nov. 19 at the Fleet Center, 50 Kennedy Plaza, the Alliance Francaise is offering a degustation de Beaujolais Nouveau, a wine-tasting event accompanied by a light fare, "Specialites Provencales." RSVP with Guy Ableson at InProv.

## Sisters To Perform in RIC Chamber Music Series

Sisters Janet Chapple, cellist, and Joan Orvis, pianist, will perform works by Beethoven, Debussy and Franck in the Nov. 18 recital in the Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series in Roberts Hall 138 (recital hall) at 1 p.m.

The recital is free and open to the public. Born to a musical family in Billings, Mont., they have lived in different parts of the country for all of their adult lives and found only a few opportunities to play sonata and other chamber music performances together.

Since 1991, when Dr. Orvis retired to Providence from her position as professor of music at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, the sisters have begun working together regularly to build a repertoire of cello and piano pieces.

Chapple has been a performer and teacher of cello in Rhode Island for 30 years and is currently a member of the Rhode Island Philharmonic, the Hope Trio of The Music School in Providence and the New Music Ensemble.

The Nov. 18 recital at RIC is the first of a projected series of concerts they plan together. For more information, call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 456-8244.

## Providence Singers To Perform 'Le Roi David'

The dramatic story of King David features love, war, jealousy and piety. It was made to be set to music and it was. Arthur Honegger, the French composer captured it all in his oratorio "Le Roi David." The piece will be performed in English by the Providence Singers, orchestra, soloists and narrator, under the direction of Charles Fassett on Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St. in Providence.

The performance will feature David Laurent as narrator, Joanne Mourajian, soprano, Karen Scarano Bell, mezzo-soprano, Susan Rodgers, contralto, and Edward Whalen, tenor.

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## 'Lips Together' Sears With Drama

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter Director Leonard Foglia, who is no stranger to conflict and chaos, has produced a searing drama about inner fear and passion that we're often too afraid to admit. Such themes as infidelity, AIDS, terminal cancer and homophobia are just a few spread liberally throughout the play.

In the opening scene of Trinity Repertory Company's "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," two married couples try to reconcile with their failed marriages on a Long Island beach on a July 4th weekend. Sam and Sally Truman have inherited a spacious Beach House from David, Sally's deceased gay brother who died of AIDS. They are hosts to Cloe (Sam's sister) and her husband John, who are both in the midst of a mid-life crisis. It's their personal dilemmas that comprise most of the drama.

Michael McGarty deserves praise for producing an effective setting, which replicates a typical upper-class beach house with wide window panes, French doors and sweeping sun deck. Sound effects seem to produce salty waves washing under our feet. Lighting dimmed during moments of personal introspection of each character and resonating chords from Brahms and other masters were included to set the mood of the moment. Even a kite-flying scene was played masterfully by Ed Shea's John.

However, "Lips Together Teeth Apart," is not for the prudish or modest heart. It's at times a searing, probing study into the raw psychological and sexual fears that haunt all of us. Sam is a chronic homophobic who detests gays without ever knowing why. John is a pseudo realist who worries too much about the proximity of blacks and poor to his lily-white existence. Cloe, played brilliantly by a feisty Ann

Scuria, steals the show playing John's passionately pained wife — a woman dedicated to a man who is secretly carrying on a futile affair with Sam's wife, Sally. She's the spark

that brings zest and wit to what would otherwise be another tale of shattered lives.

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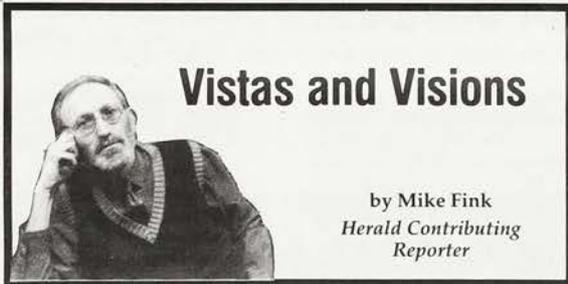
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# FEATURE



## Vistas and Visions

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing  
Reporter

Philip Lieberman's black-and-white photos of mountain-top Tibetan life — outside Tibet, in bordering parts of Nepal and India — form a class act, a stunning show at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, running now through Nov. 20. The exhibit also tells a story about the hiking journeys of Phil and his wife Marcia.

Their nearby East Side home holds a kind of Buddhist gallery of photographs, paintings, weavings and prayer designs. The Liebermans have trekked in monthlong sojourns and trail marches, to Buddhist homes and temples. They went alone, with cooks, carriers and guides as their only company.

"What am I doing here?" Marcia would say to herself as she gazed up at the high cliffs. "I'm a Jewish girl from Brooklyn."

"I almost can't believe I was there, even when I study these things we brought back — the earrings, the blankets." Marcia is putting together her account, hoping to expand her articles and travel notes into a book. She has taught English composition at Bryant, CCRI and other local colleges.

We pore through heaps and stacks of portrait photographs which Phil develops and prints at home. The poor but proud people living in exile from their Chinese-dominated ancestral lands on top of the world, stare at the photographer. Sometimes they smile or laugh with trust.

Other images show them gazing out from their simple homes or stone-walled yards. They cook indoors and heat with fires upon the floors — no stove or chimney. They crouch without chairs, in



BACK IN TIME — A Buddhist Lama in Do, the inner Dolpa, Nepal, near the Tibetan border. This is one of several photos currently on display at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Photo by Philip Lieberman

smoke, their hands sooty.

"One woman took my white hand, turned it over, stared. I knew the words for soap and water. I wish I hadn't said them to her. When I got home, I peered at my faucet, my toilet, even the paved street in front of my house, with raw new interest," she said.

Marcia and Phil look trim and fit from their incredible, long walks. Their giant, fuzzy French sheepdog, our only other companion in their parlor, would have gone well with them on those narrow paths and passes. Here it paced and poked restlessly looking for something to herd.

We settled in for the rainy dark afternoon and talked of many things. The issues of progress vs. tradition, magic vs. science, gains vs. losses. Phil and Marcia agreed, "You shouldn't wax too romantic. The lands of the Bhote don't loom like Shangri-la. One woman had gangrene in a leg. Without roads or nearby clinics, she couldn't make her way to a hospital. Nobody could help her."

Phil adds to Marcia's words, "Tibet used to serve as a cross-road. There was always trade. In my group pictures you see hats, cloaks and long hair, like ancient shepherds. You think you're travelling back into time

past. But notice, everybody wears sneakers. It's an item easy to get; it goes round the world."

I bring up the legend of the Tibetans as a lost tribe of Israel. It's too wistful a fantasy for Phil, who studies and teaches human evolution at Brown.

Yet the Dalai Lama himself has drawn a parallel of the plight of his flock with that of

the Jewish people. Jews learned to use their homes and their varying homelands, to carry their values. "We, too, must learn how to survive in exile," said the Dalai Lama to a group of rabbis last year.

If you can make out the snapshot figures of Marcia and Phil, dots against the white expanse, you get the feel of the landscape of classic films like

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## That Reminds Me of a Story ...

by Rabbi Hershy Worch  
Special to the Herald



"Is there a G-d?" wondered the child, looking out the window.

"I mean really, really?"

Now, some questions are much too important to ask parents. Let's face it, who wants to hear a pronouncement, uttered as an oracle from on high, in answer to such a fresh, original question?

And besides, they tend to fudge the issues with certain-

ties. And anyway they're probably wrong on principle, because they're parents. Also, you just know, I mean, it's obvious they haven't really heard the question, when they answer with some cliché handed down like a hideous family heirloom that no one has worn in decades.

So, like any other person in a similar dilemma, the wondering child shopped around for an answer.

There was a bowl with goldfish sitting on the windowsill, the bowl I mean, it was sitting, the fish in it were swimming.

"Is there a G-d?" asked the child. "I mean really, really?"

"Oh yes!" answered the goldfish. Definitely yes, no question about it at all.

"But how can you be so sure?"

"Don't be ridiculous," snapped the fish. "It's a well-known fact."

"But where's the proof?"

"Get real," retorted the fish, continuing in no uncertain terms. "It's perfectly obvious, I mean, who changes the water?"

"Hmm," said the child.

For more about children looking out of windows, and other Jewish life-cycle events, call Rabbi Hershy Worch at 729-1606.

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# FEATURE

## 'Smoke Over Birkenau'

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

You think you've taken in all the Auschwitz-Birkenau memoirs there are from the shelves. Another one comes along. It says something from a new angle. It guides you yet another step down into the pit.

Primo Levi penned a brief foreword to Liana Millu's account. He claims her book as "proof she did not suffer in vain." A too-short biographical sketch makes no mention of the author's postwar life.

The nearly 200 pages of *Smoke Over Birkenau* carry you not only into realms of hell. They also lift you into realms of poetry.

*Everything in Birkenau is intensified by the presence of the chimneys.*

The first tale, titled "Lili Marlene" does a "reading" of the lyrics of the famous song. The heroine of this chapter gets her nickname from the melody she hums, "humanity's melancholy sigh." Lili falls in love shyly with a guard, and lives the dark destiny of the tragic tune. She turns into a wisp of memory.

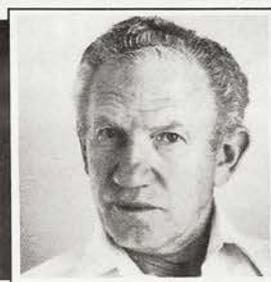
Maria in "Under Cover of Darkness" also leads a woman's life. She enters the camp pregnant. She conceals the fact. A madwoman whose pregnant daughter had been destroyed betrays Maria. Yet, despite her wicked treachery, she comes gently and skillfully to help Maria deliver her forbidden fruit. Of course, all are doomed to drift into smoke over Birkenau. Nobody can win with any hand or trick in this terrible place where the house, death, wins every time.

Bruna and her son, Pinin, have kept in touch even here in the homeland of horrors. But their final reunion, their loving embrace, makes also the moment of their death. They kiss through the electrified barbed wire. "High Tension" offers only the kiss of death.

Dutch sisters, not Jewish, make choices that divide them, create silence on the straw bed they shared. Gustine keeps her word to her G-d and wastes away with her faith and trust intact. Lotti goes over to the Auschwitz brothel and gets cigarettes and clothing, bread and paper. She sends gifts to Gustine, who refuses them. Their souls meet in the sky. "It was all nothing but smoke. Smoke drifting over the lagers, the town and the brothel, smoke over evil and innocence, wisdom and folly, death and life."

Everything in Birkenau is intensified by the presence of the chimneys. The sound of American bombs brings peace and pleasure. The girls look with envy through a window at the luxury of a chair. They sniff a spot of perfume on a message. A broken comb without teeth, a fragment of mirror, make a treasure to be hoarded. "The French were the only

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## Who Will Stay With The Children?

by Ray Eichenbaum  
Special to the Herald

The above is a simple sentence. One that is very common in the daily routines in the life of a family with small children. We hardly read anything into such a sentence. Usually, it is just an adjustment in arrangements that we plan for a short period of time.

But that time, during the Holocaust, in those memorable days of August 1942, this sentence meant the difference of life and death for one remarkable man. Little did this man know at the time that the consequences resulting from answering this simple question would bring him fame and martyrdom in the years to come.

For it was on Aug. 5, 1942, a day whose 50th anniversary we have recently commemorated, that Dr. Janusz Korczak, born Henryk Goldschmitt, a writer of children's books and a renowned authority on child behavior, uttered those words when given the choice of saving himself from the brutal fate that the Nazis had in store for him.

Because for Janusz Korczak, duty and responsibility for his charges — the 200 orphans — in the Warsaw ghetto orphanage came first and foremost.

### DEA Launches Safety Programs

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Westerly AARP #1869, Central Baptist Church, Elm Street.

• Nov. 18 at 1:45 p.m. at Cranston AARP #3418, 2115 Broad St.

• Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. at Woonsocket Senior Center, 84 Social St.

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Consequently he "marched" to the Umschlag platz, and to his untimely death in the Treblinka extermination camp with the innocent children.

While on the subject of children, I would like to digress from the Holocaust scene above and address the problem of child care nowadays. Especially on the matter of foster homes and orphanages. I would like to emphasize here that my opinions might be of value since I have been the recipient of both — orphanage and foster-home care — in the years after I came to America from the displaced persons camps of Europe. I lived in orphanages in Chicago and New York, and was then placed in foster homes in Providence for lengthy stays.

I don't want to sound ungrateful or unappreciative of the care and love that I received in my very first foster home in Rhode Island, but overall, I must express the opinion that I enjoyed the orphanages more, although the living conditions there were simple and sometimes austere. The camaraderie and the feeling that all of us orphans were in this thing together more than made up for the hardships that we had to endure.

On the other hand, in spite of the better material condi-

tions that I have encountered in some foster homes, the artificiality of the supposed "love and devotion" received, plus the chagrin, pain and trauma when you found out that you were being "moved" somewhere else because the money they received for keeping you was not sufficient, were just too much to tolerate.

Many a time I found myself wishing that I was dead, or should not have survived the Holocaust.

I do not want the American public to believe that foster homes are much to be preferred than orphanages. If ever there is a "stain" associated with the memory of being in an orphanage in one's consciousness, this is nothing when compared with the "branding" a soul receives while living in an average foster home in the U.S.A. And don't let the social workers convince you to believe otherwise.

Again, I would like to qualify that some foster homes are great, and some foster parents dedicated and loving, but this is not true in most cases.

But getting back to the story about Janusz Korczak, seldom in the annals of human history was there a more gruesome sight than that of a group of 200 children, most of them between 7 and 12 years old, being led together to their

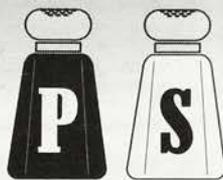
destruction. Little girls and boys. Sweet, innocent children who never did any harm to anyone. To the murderous Nazis, they were no more than ants under their boots to be stamped out without any remorse. But to one Janusz Korczak, they were his children.

We shall never know why it was so important to him to stay with the children and march with them into the trains and into oblivion. A man of his mentality must have known that in the final moments a panic would set in among the children that no one person could prevent or change. But to Janusz Korczak it must have mattered very much that he should be there with them. To do otherwise would have meant a betrayal of all his ideals and thoughts about children.

To his everlasting credit, to be there with them represented his true devotion to a lifetime of work with children. To him it must have mattered very much...

Or perhaps it made a difference to the A-mighty — that this man, the protector of children, should provide comfort to the innocents when they needed it most...

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

The Rhode Island Women's Health Collective will hold its third annual Multicultural Women's Arts Festival, **Fiesta!**, featuring local women artists and performers on Nov. 15 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence. A donation of \$2 (children under 16 admitted free) will be asked at the door. For more information, call 861-0300.

Theatre Works/USA will present its production of **"Freaky Friday,"** on Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Davisville Middle School auditorium in North Kingstown. Tickets, priced at \$3, are available at the bookstore in Wickford, Annie's Bookstore and at the performance. The production will also be shown for grades three through six at the **Zeiterion Theatre**, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass., Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For reservations, call the box office at (508) 994-2900.

**"Herein,"** a film by Marjorie Keller, will be presented Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the screening room of the University of Rhode Island's Fine Arts Center, Kingston.

The Photography Gallery will present a special exhibition, **"Photo-Transformations by Aida Laleian,"** Nov. 17 through Dec. 12 at the Fine Arts Center, University of Rhode Island in Kingston. A gallery talk by the artist will take place Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Call 792-2131 for more information.

Liza Minelli returns to the Providence Performing Arts Center Nov. 19 to 22 in her new show, **Liza, in Concert.** Tickets for all shows are priced at \$27.50, \$37.50 and \$39.50. Tickets are on sale now at the box office, 421-ARTS. Tickets are also available at TicketMaster locations or by calling 331-2211.

### 'Lips Together'

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A fight scene between Sam and John is carried out effectively leaving a few front-row spectators startled at its realism. The pool, which all refuse to use fearing AIDS infection, serves as a catharsis in re-establishing trust and compassion between the couples. The attacks against their homosexual neighbors by Sam only dramatizes the confusion with his own sexuality causing him to examine the emptiness in his marriage.



**MAKING A POINT** — Lara Hakeem (Connie) gives her boyfriend, Alan, a piece of her mind in "Come Blow Your Horn."

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

### 'Black Elk Speaks' To Premier at BCC

BCC Theatre Rep will perform the world premiere of Christopher Sergel's new adaptation of "Black Elk Speaks," an exploration of the history and spiritual world of Native America.

The play, based on the book by John G. Neihardt, is fashioned as a storytell, and tells from the Native Americans' viewpoint of the period from Christopher Columbus's landing to the Battle of Wounded Knee, the event that established the modern reservation system.

The play will be performed on Nov. 19, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. in the BCC Arts Center Theater.

BCC Theatre Rep received special permission of the playwright to premiere the play, according to Rylan Brenner, artistic director of the BCC

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## Beth-El Players Bring Quality Theater to Jewish Community

by Omar Bradley

**Herald Contributing Reporter**  
I came away feeling good about Temple Beth-El's theatrical production of Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn." It's a thoroughly rich entertaining performance by a group of skilled actors.

The play is a lyrical comedy set in the '60s involving a philandering bachelor, Alan Baker (David Lamberton), and his younger brother, Buddy (Rob Goldberg), who longs for his own freedom from two possessive parents played brilliantly by Shelly Goldberg and Vita Smith.

Other characters included Connie Dayton (Lara Hakeem), who is the girl next door who wants to marry the amorous Alan. Peggy, the bimbo, is played convincingly by Debbie Epstein.

The Sunday performance was far from being sold-out as the previous engagement, but enjoyed the enthusiasm of a

good, appreciative audience who knows theater. The setting, replicating a Manhattan bachelor pad, was remarkably built by the temple's maintenance staff of Felix Berardis and Anatoly Magidin. A lot of careful planning and expense was also put into the sound system consisting of ultrasonic microphones, which did wonders for the voice projection.

Alan's mother, played by Vita Smith, gave the quintessential performance of the dotting Jewish mother that had the audience rolling in laughter. Lara Hakeem, 17, also gave a very touching and believable portrayal of Connie.

My only regret about this production is that if you didn't see it last weekend you missed out on a fine performance of a Neil Simon play. I only hope that the temple will continue to give the community more quality theater.

## Wordsworth Exhibit Comes to Cranston

An exhibit entitled "William Wordsworth and the Age of English Romanticism" will be on display at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanoset Cross Road, during the month of November.

The exhibit consists of 24 full-color poster panels that combine images of paintings, manuscripts and rare books with literary texts and explanatory narratives.

The exhibit focuses on Wil-

liam Wordsworth (1770-1850) and the revolutionary age in which he lived.

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## SPORTS

### Trivia Time

by  
Jeffrey L. Goldberg  
Special to the Herald

I would like to thank the readership for such a warm welcome back to the *Herald*. I look forward to your comments and ideas for the column. Please feel free to contact the *Herald* with personalities from the world of sports that have contributed to our local community or the far reaches of our country.

The key to the column is "Jewish sports personalities."

This week's column will be a sports trivia quiz. Winners will be announced the following week. Answers to the questions will appear the following week.

1. This player refused to start a World Series game during a Jewish holiday. Name the player, his team and the holiday.
2. The 1969 Amazin' Mets had a Jewish utility player. Name him.
3. Name the founder and

former president of the Harlem Globetrotters.

4. Name the coach with the most wins in the NBA.

5. Name a former Rhode Island Jewish hockey player currently in the NHL.

6. The Yankees had an announcer during the 1950s originally from Tennessee. Name him.

7. Name this personality who added his special touch on Monday nights in the broadcast booth.

8. Former co-captain of the URI basketball team currently playing in Tel Aviv.

9. Former voice of the P.C. Friars, Paw Sox, Brown Bruins football, resides in the sun and fun capital.

10. Light heavyweight world-boxing champion during World War II era.

Until next week,  
sportingly yours,  
Jeff Goldberg



### Backstage

Backstage with Mandy Patinkin (center) at his recent "Dress Casual" performance are co-chairs Alan and Suzanne Gilstein, Sharon Fransson and Steven D. Baron, president, The Miriam Hospital. The event was sponsored by The Miriam Hospital and chaired by Barnett Fain and The Miriam Hospital Foundation, which is chaired by Benjamin Paster. The event was held to help raise funds for the many projects of the hospital.

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### Marx Brothers Fans Take Note at JCCRI

The classic Marx Brothers movie, "Night at the Opera," Part 1, will be shown under the kosher meal-site seniors program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., in Providence on Nov. 15 at 10:45 a.m. Part 2 will be

shown the following week.

Also coming up are two VCR showings, "Alaska, the Great Land: the Beauty of the 49th State" on Nov. 13 at 11 a.m., and "Molly's Pilgrims," a story about a Russian immigrant on Nov. 20 at 11:15 a.m.

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### Magaziner Featured at Leisure Club

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will feature Ira C. Magaziner, close friend and global adviser of President-elect Bill Clinton, on Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. His topic will be "What Seniors Can Expect of the New Administration in Health Insurance and Economic Assistance."

Magaziner is president of SJS Inc., a public policy strategy firm addressing economic and social issues facing America in the 1990s.

During the past 18 years, he

has managed corporate strategy studies for companies based in the United States, Japan, Germany, Sweden, England, France, Australia and Mexico. He has co-authored a number of critically acclaimed books, including *The Silent War Inside the Global Business Battle Shaping America's Future*, with Mark Patinkin.

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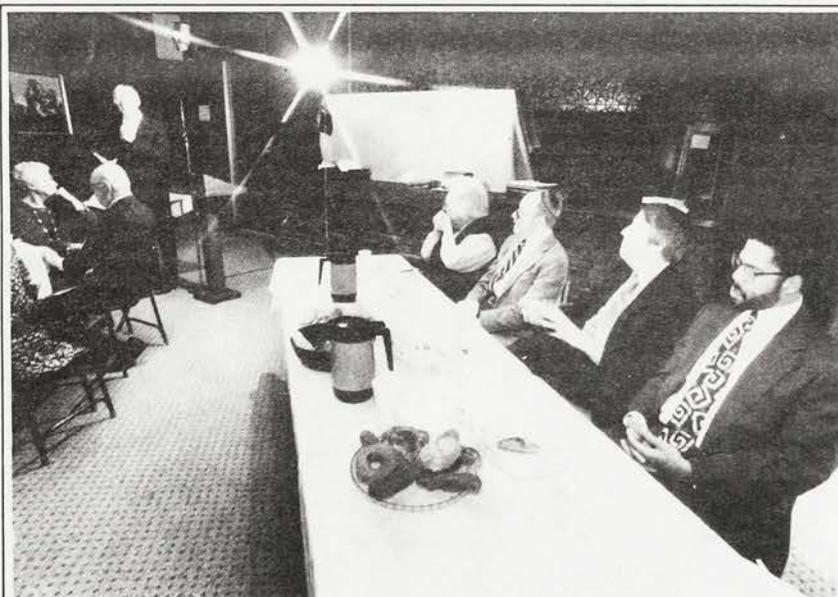
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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



**The Breakfast Club**

A panel of speakers, right, listens to Jim West of Common Cause as he addresses the audience at the Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club breakfast Sunday. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## 'How We Handle Anger' Subject of Workshop

Why do I find myself so angry? Is it possible to control what I feel? How do I handle my anger? These are questions most of us have asked at one time or another.

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Service is offering a workshop to help individuals explore and understand the roots of anger and its impact in their lives.

"How We Handle Anger" will be offered in one session, Dec. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Jewish Family Service office, 229 Waterman St. in Provi-

dence. The session costs \$10 per person.

Family Life Education workshops are open to all who wish to attend; pre-registration is required. For registration or additional information, call Jewish Family Service at 331-1244.

## NCJW To Feature Goldberg at Paid-Up Membership Event

The Rhode Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women will hold its annual paid-up membership event on Nov. 17 at noon at Temple Habonim, 165 Meadow Road in Barrington.

A petite luncheon will be followed by a short business meeting. Special welcome will be given new members.

The featured speaker will be Lawrence Y. Goldberg, vice chairman of C.A.M.E.R.A., Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America, a nonpartisan media watch group devoted to promoting accurate and balanced media coverage of Israel and the Middle East.

A graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School, Goldberg worked as a political consultant in Washington from 1971 to 1986 specializing in the

Jewish vote and working with the Republican National Committee. He served on the executive committee of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and was the New England Regional Board chairman of the Anti-Defamation League. He is a former vice president of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and was the founding chairman of its Community Relations Council. Most recently, Goldberg served as volunteer national co-chairman of Republicans for Clinton/Gore.

National Council of Jewish Women is a volunteer community service organization working in the priority areas of children and youth, aging, women's issues, constitutional rights, Jewish life and Israel.

The Rhode Island Section welcomes new members. For information, call 247-0707.

## Senior Guild Sets Nov. 17 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held on Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue in Cranston. All particulars on future trips will be discussed.

Reservations for the annual Hanukkah luncheon on Dec. 22 will be taken. The luncheon will be held at the temple at noon, and the traditional kosher holiday food will be served.

There will be door prizes, entertainment and raffles.

For more particulars, call Harold Gordon at 738-3905 or Etta Swerling at 463-7166. You can make your own arrangements for tables that will seat 10 people; it is recommended that reservations be made

early.

Reservations for the Florida trip are coming in daily. You can reserve for four, five, six or eight weeks, at the San Souci resort spa and hotel. Full-course dinners will be served nightly, free bar service, daily breakfasts, dancing, movies, sight-seeing trips, souvenirs and numerous other activities are included. All gratuities are included except for cabana and spa staff. For reservations, call Etta Swerling at 463-7166 or Pearl Stayman at 738-0225.

Attendance at the meeting is encouraged. If you have a change in address, notify either Philip Rosenfield at 781-7648, or Evelyn Siegal at 738-5641.

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## Group Launches 75-Year Celebration

If the enthusiastic response to its first event is any barometer, Touro Fraternal Association's yearlong 75th anniversary celebration will be an outstanding success.

Close to 300 members and guests attended the kick-off Diamond Jubilee gala in September. Among the speakers were Gov. Bruce Sundlun, Rep. Jack Reed, Board of Rabbis President David Rosen and officers of the association.

In October, nearly 100 Touro members attended the first annual Touro "Joke-Off" which was preceded by a kosher spaghetti and meatballs dinner at Touro Hall (45 Rolfe Square, Cranston).

The "Joke-Off" featured a "Can You Top This" competition between the association's two lodges with more than a dozen members presenting their best (and some of their worst) attempts at humor. This first lodge-to-lodge confrontation was won by Friendship Lodge. A large trophy with the names of the annual lodge winners is on permanent display at Touro Hall.

The pace picks up in November. On Nov. 14, Touro members and their spouses again will enjoy the association's annual excursion to Lincoln Dog

Track for dinner and an evening with the greyhounds.

On the evening of Nov. 18, Touro kicks off a special Diamond Jubilee membership drive with an open house for prospective members. Jewish men between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to attend to learn more about the association and its programs to benefit its members and the community. Featured speaker will be Rhode Island talk show host Steve Kass.

And in December, Touro (not affiliated with Touro synagogue) will hold a special Hanukkah meeting for members only (Dec. 23). Its annual Hanukkah party for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of members will take place Dec. 27. Both events will be held at Touro Hall.

Some special events have been planned through June 1993, the balance of the Diamond Jubilee year. They include a traditional Touro "Old Timers" meeting, trips to sporting events, a concert and another gala. Details on those will be announced at a later date.

Those interested in Touro membership are invited to the Nov. 18 open house; call Touro at 785-0066 for a membership brochure.



### The Greatest Miracle

Rabbi Hershy Worch (far left) gives the benediction while James Mulholland clutches his flag at the Veterans' War Memorial services Sunday at Slater Park. Worch said a great miracle is that human beings still have faith in G-d. An even greater miracle is, perhaps, that G-d still has faith in us. The memorial was moved to the site from its Providence location. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## Naming Jewish Children Is Topic at URI Hillel

"Trends in the Naming of Jewish Children" will be presented by Dr. Betty Aronson and Dr. Stanley Aronson Nov. 15 as part of the Hillel Brunch and Lecture Series at the University of Rhode Island.

The Aronsons will discuss their research into Jewish death certificates between 1910 and 1950 and the trends in the naming of Jewish children.

The brunch costs \$4 for the public, \$3.50 for students. It begins at noon with the lecture slated to begin at 12:45 p.m.

The lecture is free and open to the public at Hillel House, 34

Lower College Road.

Reservations for the brunch must be made by Nov. 13. For information and reservations, call Rina Wolfgang at 792-2740.

## Beth-El To Present Evening with Benros

The Adult Enrichment Committee of Temple Beth-El in Providence and the Aristides de Sousa Mendes Society will present "An Evening with Gardenia Benros" on Nov. 18 in the Temple Beth-El Silverstein Meeting Hall.

A model, international singer and recording artist with Poligram Records, Benros will perform Cape Verdean love songs and Sephardic melodies in a cafe setting.

Joining Benros for the program is Varda Lev, a well-known pianist and teacher in Providence, and Warren Teixeira, an artist who also plays the flute.

Benros is a descendant of a Sephardic family that migrated from Portugal to Morocco and then to Cape Verde. Born in Cape Verde, she has lived on three continents. Currently,



Gardenia Benros

Benros is attending Rhode Island College where she majors in music and drama.

The program begins at 8 p.m. and is open to all members of the community. A festive reception will follow the performance.

For directions or further information, call the Temple Beth-El office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 331-6070.

## Dvorah Dayan Sets Meeting

The next meeting of Dvorah Dayan Chapter of Na'Amat/USA will be held on Nov. 16 at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Geraldine Foster, 31 Glen Drive, Providence.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Seymour Krieger. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Pride Before Pain: Tsongas Visits R.I.

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Contributing Reporter

If there's such a thing as pride before pain, then former U.S. senator (Mass.) and 1992 Democratic presidential candidate Paul E. Tsongas is the personification of it. If pain and suffering are prerequisites to honesty and humility then Tsongas has filled his quota. In 1983, Tsongas discovered he had cancer but refused to let the disease control his outlook; he used the pain to overcome enormous odds. He received bone marrow transplants to treat the lymphoma.

The senator, a small humble man with deep-seated eyes that seem to mirror the pain he felt, was warmly received by several hundred worshippers at Temple Beth-El after Shabbat services last week. Earlier in the day, he addressed a group of cancer victims and citizens at the State House encouraging them to face their illness with confidence instead of fear.

In 1991, Tsongas attempted to run for president against George Bush who enjoyed a 91 percent popularity rating in the aftermath of Desert Storm. Yet, it was the president's inability to confront the economy and domestic problems at home that ultimately led to his downfall last Tuesday. "Twinkie

Economics," which tastes good but has no nutritional value was commonly fed the public throughout the Bush administration, Tsongas emphasized.

Of the campaign, he complimented President-Elect Clinton for running a flawless primary avoiding the quagmire of "mud-slinging" which the Bush campaign was banking on to unseat the front-runner.

After Tsongas' departure from the race, he recalled a meeting in Hartford, Conn., with Ross Perot whom he called a political phenomenon for his success in tapping into a large share of voters.

The audience was allowed to ask questions after the speech, which lacked the usual press coverage due to the temple's policy with camera lighting.

In closing, Tsongas stressed the need to reform the budget. He reminded the audience that our children could be forced to pay 20 percent toward our social security, Medicare and a percentage on interest from the national debt that would leave them with a smaller paycheck.

The "American dream" would become an economic nightmare, as one generation lacking spiritual responsibility leaves the burden of taxes on the next generation.

## Moses Brown To Hold Series of One-Act Plays

Moses Brown School will present a festival of one-act plays Nov. 12, 13, and 14.

The opening night performance will be Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

The Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the school at 831-7350.



ON AMERICA'S FUTURE — Sen. Paul E. Tsongas addresses an audience at Temple Beth-El after Shabbat services on Friday with Rabbi Leslie Gutterman at right. Tsongas also spoke that day at the State House on his bout with cancer.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Ohawe Sholam Offers a 'Taste of Shabbos'

Congregation Ohawe Sholam, Young Israel of Pawtucket, will launch its monthly Friday night "Taste of Shabbos" program on Nov. 20.

The program will feature a traditional dinner, zemirot (shabbos songs), and storytelling by Rabbi Hershy Worch.

"Friday night is a great time for friends and family to get together, and is a very special mystical time in the Jewish calendar as well," says the rabbi. "We want to invite the community to share in the special experience of a traditional shabbos."

Reservations are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child or student, with a family special rate of \$25 for member families and \$30 for families who are not members of the shul.

To make a reservation, call 729-1606.

## Simcha Singles To Hear Annette Dress

Simcha Singles of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold a bagel brunch on Nov. 15 at 10:45 a.m. at the temple.

Featured speaker will be Annette Dress, who is a specialist in hypnosis technique for behavioral modification. Dress

has been practicing hypnosis full time since 1985.

Donation for the breakfast is \$5.

The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston. For information, contact Sid at 751-1264.

## Citizen Koch Conquers College Hill

(Continued from Page 1) peace; however, he opposed the release of occupied lands until a long-lasting peace had prevailed.

Although Koch is through with politics, it was easy to see that he is still in tune with domestic and foreign policy. As mayor of the nation's largest city, he was often the center of controversy in pitched battles with Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, who labeled him a "racist" for failing to deal fairly with minorities.

In retrospect, Koch accused filmmaker Spike Lee of being no less because of his stand

against integration but acknowledged that he was a good filmmaker.

Bethany Elliot of Doylestown, Pa., said that she came to see Koch because he was a good mayor, while Joshua Marshall, a Princeton student, likened him as a good man who was surrounded by corruption.

People from all walks of life gathered to see and hear one of the most colorful mayors since LaGuardia and Wagner preach and dish out snappy one-liners.

Koch called Providence one of the truly historical American cities and thanked the mayor for making him feel at home.

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**'Smoke Over Birkenau'**

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people in the lager whose courtesy and breeding never left them" — a noble gesture marks style and pride. You trade your honor for a harmonica.

Liana Millu's book will depress you, to be sure. But in some weird way, she has turned Birkenau into a terrain not utterly foreign, but all too human. The lager played a role unique in history, and yet formed a twisted glass in which you see your own image.

According to the artist, women suffered still more than men. But they struggled for their feminine fate, to help each other cling to life in the midst of death and things worse than death.

The translation by Lynne Sharon Schwartz won the Renato Poggioli Translation Award. The Jewish Publication Society created the beautiful book on a grant from Michael and Elizabeth R. Varet.



# School Beat



**WHAT'S THE SCOOP?** — Sixth graders from the Providence Hebrew Day School hold copies of an 1864 *Providence Journal* they received on a recent tour of the newspaper's facilities.

## Hebrew Day Students Tour Newspaper

The sixth grade at the Providence Hebrew Day School recently went on a tour of the Providence Journal building.

The following are three students' accounts of the excursion.

I am Chava Hartman. On Friday the 23rd of October we went to the Journal. First we saw a movie of how it looked back in 1864. Then we went to see how they make the paper. It was neat! We also saw how they make the ink. This newspaper is the only company that chose not to use oil in the ink. They use water and ink instead. We went at ten o'clock in the morning and they already had the evening paper. We got a negative of the paper. They showed us how they get color. First they put it through one color process and then they put it through a 2nd color and then a 3rd color and then one more time to get the right color. They gave us a copy of the paper in 1864. We left and returned to school.

by Chava Hartman

are printed at twelve o'clock at night. The trip was fun. I enjoyed the trip.

Lisa Schneider

When we got to the Journal, the first thing we did was sit in a little lounge and wait until the guide was ready. When she was ready, she brought us into this room where she showed us what the place was like, and then we began the tour. I am going to tell you about the things that we saw.

We saw machines that brought the paper into this big pile and machines where it cut the paper so it could be in sections. We also saw these big containers of ink. We also saw a lot of the machines that got

Marina

When we came to the Journal we saw a movie. It was a movie about how they make newspaper. I liked the movie. We went to see everything that was in the movie. Everthing was connected from the first floor to the last floor. We also went in to the room where they make the inside of the newspapers. They make the newspaper very fast. They also have a thing that puts the rubber band on the newspaper. And they have a special thing in which they keep the ink in. They only have blue, black, red colors but to have any other color they have to mix the colors. It takes seventy five minutes to do that. To make a newspaper they have to have a blue print first then a black print of the newspaper then they make a real newspaper after the papers are done they go in to a special room where it goes in to the truck and the truck leaves to deliver papers. The afternoon papers are printed at ten o'clock in the morning. The morning papers

## Schechter's Election Results Find Clinton the Victor

The polls have closed; absentee ballots have been validated; results have been tabulated. The 1992 mock presidential election at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School is history.

And the winner is Bill Clinton — by a landslide.

Students went to the polls in droves for their favorite candidate, giving the Clinton and Gore team an overwhelming majority of popular votes, 103.

Coming in second, with 25 votes, was the independent candidate, H. Ross Perot. Trailing in third place was President Bush, who received 20 votes.

Electoral votes were calculated on the basis of class size. According to faculty ad-

viser Catherine Gresh, "Each room had two electors to parallel each state's senators. For every three members of a class, one elector was chosen, as is the case in the House of Representatives, where the number of representatives is based on population. Thus a room of 14 students would have a total of seven electors."

The Clinton-Gore victory was a landslide in electoral as well as popular votes. The Democrats received 63, Perot got 9 and President Bush had none.

It is interesting to note that in this election year, the nation seemed to follow Schechter's lead. As goes Schechter, so goes the United States? Only time will tell.

## Clinton Is Winner at PHDS

Kindergartners and sixth graders were the organizers of a mock election at the Providence Hebrew Day School where the landslide winner was Gov. Bill Clinton.

Kirsten Sheehan and Carol Carroll helped the children decorate the voting booth with stars and stripes. Ballots had the pictures as well as the names for easy recognition by the children in grades kindergarten through three.

Gabriel Fortes, the custodian, even installed a light in the booth so that the children would not be frightened.

Mary Ellen Coleman and the sixth graders organized the upper grades. Faculty members also voted. Signs were hung on the windows reminding everyone to vote on Nov. 3.

## R.I. Junior Scholar-Athlete Games Seeking Nominations

The Rhode Island Junior Scholar-Athlete Games, an event being held in conjunction with the World Scholar-Athlete Games and scheduled to take place June 25 to 27, 1993, in Newport, is now accepting nominations for young athletes, writers, poets, singers and artists.

Students may be nominated through their school by their principal, English, art, music or physical education teachers,

the color of the paper and saw the little hands that would send the paper to another place. I think the Journal was really fun.

and coaches. Parents may also nominate their children.

Anyone interested should write to: Joe Bowab, Director, Rhode Island Junior Scholar-

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The deadline for applications is Nov. 16. All those selected will be notified by January 15, 1993.



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# OBITUARIES

## HARRY BAKER

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Harry Baker, 87, of 2751 Northeast 183rd St., a retired salesman, died Nov. 4 at the Humana Biscayne Medical Center in Miami. He was the husband of Ada Baker.

Born in London, a son of the late Charles and Sarah Baker, he had lived in Providence for many years before moving to Miami Beach.

He was a member of the Southgate Towers Social Club of Miami Beach.

Besides his wife he leaves two brothers, Bob Baker of Cranston and Lauder Hill, Fla., and Morris Baker of Aberdeen, Md.; and a sister, Hilda Horowitz of Cranston.

The funeral service was held Nov. 6 at Lakeside Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Reubin-Zilbert Memorial Chapel.

## MEYER BAZAR

NORFOLK, Va. — Meyer Bazar, 73, of 449 Hariton Court, Norfolk, Va., died Oct. 20 at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk after a short illness. He was the husband of Barbara Bella Spaniel Bazar.

Born in Providence, the son of Samuel and Jennie Bloom Bazar, he was partner with his brother Banice Bazar in Bazar Inc. Sales Company, Deltah, Inc., Imperial Pearl Syndicate Inc. all of East Providence, as

well as, Giovanni Jewelry Company of Providence, Northstar Sales Company in Anchorage, Alaska and Delcrest, Inc. of Honolulu.

He is survived by a daughter, Ellen Harris, two sons, Gerald Bazar and William Bazar, and seven grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers, Paul Bazar, Ira Bazar and Banice Bazar, all of Cranston.

## FAY CRONSON

PROVIDENCE — Fay Cronson, of 50 Randall St., a receptionist at Women & Infants Hospital for 15 years, retiring in 1978, died Nov. 5 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late George Cronson.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Reuben and Tillie (Goldstein) Standel.

She was a member of Temple Am-David, Warwick, the former Congregation Beth David.

She leaves two sons, Evan Cronson of Pawtucket, and Harry Cronson of Lexington, Mass.; a brother, Milton Standel of Sacramento, Calif.; three sisters, Rita Coplan of Los Angeles, Rose Rubin of San Francisco and Lillian Kapell of Memphis, Tenn., and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Nov. 8 at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery,

Warwick.

## ANNA ETTINE

PROVIDENCE — Anna Ettine, 87, of the Summit Medical Center, North Main St., died Nov. 2 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of David Ettine.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Joseph and Rose (Shapiro) Boslovitz, she lived in Providence for 85 years.

Ettine was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the Cranston Senior Guild.

She leaves three sisters, Ida Boslovitz and Bertha Boslovitz, both of Cranston, Dorothy Massover of Warwick, and a granddaughter. She was mother of the late Doris Ettine Blanck.

The funeral service was held Nov. 4 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## BEATRICE A. GILLSON

NEWPORT — Beatrice A. Gillson, 75, of Rhode Island Avenue, the owner of Gillson Real Estate for many years, died Nov. 6 in Newport Hospital. She was the wife of the late Samuel Gillson.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis M. and Ida (Berman) Berman, she lived in Newport most of her life.

She was a member of Touro Synagogue, Newport, and Temple Shalom, Middletown. She was a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Shalom; a member and past president of the Newport County Chapter of Hadassah; past president and member of the Ladies Auxiliary Touro Synagogue; treasurer and board member of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue; past treasurer of the Newport Horticultural Society; treasurer and board member of the Newport Players Guild and Newport Children's Theater.

She was named Woman of the Year by Newport County Chamber of Commerce in 1961. She was chairman of Volunteers of Newport County American Red Cross for over 35 years. She was on the board of directors of the American

Red Cross national division. She was a member of the Newport Art Association, the Redwood Library, the Preservation Society of Newport County, and was a member and treasurer of the Newport Tax Association.

She leaves one son, Brian J. Gillson of Newport; one sister, Rita R. Zamil of Newport; two brothers, Bernard I. Berman and Harvey B. Berman, both of Miami, and two grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Myles Stuart Gillson.

Her funeral was held Nov. 8 at Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Road, Middletown. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

## SARAH KULMAN

LONG BEACH, N.Y. — Sarah Kulman of the Grandell Nursing Home, 45 West Broadway, died Nov. 3 at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Harold Kulman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Reuben and Molly Ackerman, she lived in New York since 1929.

She leaves two daughters, Bernice Lefkowitz of Ocean-side, and Ruth Ohlstein of Rockville Center; five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Dora Elman, Francis Mercurio, Esther Edelman, and Lillian Ackerman.

A graveside service was held Nov. 5 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## G. LEON SILVERMAN

SARASOTA, Fla. — G. Leon Silverman, 91, of the Regents Park Nursing Home, Beneva Road died Nov. 10 at the home. He was the husband of the late Florence K. Silverman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Archibald and Ida (Camelhor) Silverman, he also lived in New York and Winsted, Conn., before moving to Sarasota in 1974.

Silverman was a representative of the former jewelry firm of the Silverman Brothers in Providence and New York for

many years before retiring. He was president of Temple Beth-Israel, Winsted. He served as chairman of the Winsted Housing Commission. He served as a hearing examiner for the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities for the State of Connecticut from 1969 to 1974.

He leaves a brother, Irwin Silverman of West Hartford, Conn., and a sister, Selma Holzman of Chevy Chase, Md. He was brother of the late Norman Silverman.

There was no funeral service.

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## AIPAC President

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figures," according to the memo.

The AIPAC president claimed to have had a meeting with James Baker while he was secretary of state that Steiner said secured a \$1 billion strategic cooperation deal for Israel. He also said he had negotiated with the Clinton campaign about who would become secretary of state in a Clinton administration.

Steiner was unaware the conversation was being taped by the caller, a New York businessman named Harry Katz. Katz has been described in media reports as a man with a propensity to sue individuals and Jewish agencies.

After Steiner learned a tape of the conversation had been sent to *The Washington Times*, he issued a resignation statement, dated Oct. 30. In it, he apologized to Clinton, Baker and AIPAC, calling it "a difficult and painful moment."

"In an effort to encourage and impress what I thought was a potential political activist," he said, "I made statements which went beyond overzealousness and exaggeration and were simply and totally untrue."

"There were no 'deals' with Secretary Baker, nor any negotiations with the Clinton campaign, as I described," he wrote. "I know that many people in politics exaggerate their closeness to and influence with politicians to impress others, but what I did was wrong."

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## The Seriousness of AIDS

Welcoming Meredith E. Drench, Ph.D., (center) to the Kent County Hadassah meeting is Barbara Portnoy, (left) program vice president, and Evelyn Rappoport, (right) persidium. Drench, a life member of Hadassah, has worked in the Hadassah hospitals as a physical therapy clinical consultant. Meredith spoke on the seriousness of the AIDS epidemic. On a happier note, Karen Penn and Joyce London became life members through a drawing, and Joyce Rose was selected for outstanding membership activities, and will represent Kent County group at a Myrtle Wreath luncheon for the region. Kent's next meeting is a brunch at the home of Donna Ross on Dec. 6. For information, call 463-3636.

## Israeli Consul General Updates Rhode Islanders

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like one set of talks dependent on the other."

According to Levy, during the bilateral talks Syrians, Lebanese, Jordanians and Palestinians all meet with Israel at separate meetings in Jordan. "Initially when we began these bilateral talks, we were treading water," he said, adding that "we would tell them about their wrongdoings."

"That has changed; a better focus has been made at the issues at hand," Levy added. "The focus has been on a concrete level."

Levy gave some insight into the latest round of talks: "The surprise at this round of talks was with the Jordanian delegation," he said, saying they had "managed to hammer out" a sketch of a proposed peace plan between Israel and Jordan. Levy added that when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin came to power, many thought the most progress would come from the Palestinians.

The consul general said there is no agreement on the ultimate goal of peace between Israel and Syria, but this is because, "We'd like to explore the essence of peace."

Levy also spoke of the Golan Heights territory issue surrounding relations with Syria and said that currently "We don't see a reason to make commitments."

The multilateral talks take on a totally different atmosphere. Levy said they provide "an opportunity for all Arab countries and all other countries in the world to get together in a non-political setting." He said during these sessions the countries concentrate on discussing environmental issues, refugee problems, arms control and water resources.

"There are a large number of countries getting involved in it," Levy added, saying "We'd rather have them involved in refugee problems, than supplying scuds to other countries."

Levy said that Rabin has already been in touch with and greeted President-elect Clinton.

Rabin also extended his "heartfelt" thanks to President Bush for his "part in nurturing the good relations between the United States of America and Israel," in a message sent after the election, according to wire reports.

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**GOT THE TIME?** — Karen Lubin and Richard Saltzman of the Providence Watch Hospital. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## Time Prevails at Watch Hospital

by Omar Bradley

Herald Contributing Reporter

There are certain standards in life gentlemen and ladies simply cannot live without — a warm coat, patent leather shoes and, last but not least, a dependable watch.

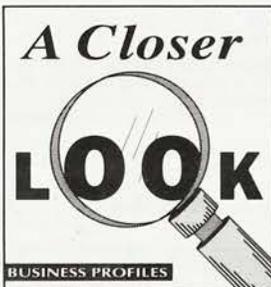
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## Jews Back Clinton

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U.S.-Israel relationship should regard the Clinton-Gore victory as a moment of triumph and joy," said Morton Mandel, a veteran Jewish communal activist who chairs the partisan National Jewish Democratic Council.

Given the hostility aroused by such Bush actions as withholding \$10 billion in loan guarantees from Israel until it changed its settlement policy and the overwhelmingly liberal nature of the American Jewish community, even Republican activists did not expect Bush to attain 30 percent of the Jewish vote, as he did in 1988.

The dismal Jewish vote received by Bush, whether the 10 percent reported by the AJ-Congress poll or the 15 percent given by other, broader surveys, reflects the lowest received by a Republican since 1976, when Jimmy Carter defeated Republican incumbent Gerald Ford.

"There has to be some element of punishing Bush," said Milton Himmelfarb, retired longtime director of research at the American Jewish Committee, referring to the defection of those Jews who previously voted Republican.

However, the votes for Clinton also reflect the Jewish community's real sense of comfort with the president-elect.

Jews have been among Clin-

ton's earliest financial backers, closest advisers and top campaign officials.

And Jews were among the most supportive ethnic groups for Clinton, possibly even exceeding support among blacks, according to polls cited by Saperstein.

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### MICHAEL WEISSMAN

**WARWICK** — Michael Weissman, 92, of 660 Commonwealth Ave., a lawyer in New York for 30 years before retiring in 1955, died Nov. 6 at the Kent Nursing Home. He was the husband of the late Mary (Linderman) Weissman.

Born in New York, he was a son of the late Isadore and Lena (Optivizer) Weissman.

Weissman received his bachelor's degree from Brooklyn Polytech in 1922, and his law degree from the New York Law School in 1925. He had attended the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

He leaves two sons, George Weissman of Cranston, and Herbert Weissman of Yorktown Heights, N.Y.; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Nov. 9 at Old Montefiore Cemetery, Queens, N.Y. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## Vistas and Visions

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"Lost Horizon." What must the natives have thought of this pair of silvery wanderers from the West? Then again, Jews have always made voyages, shared visions, mixed and moved.

In April, the Rhode Island School of Design will sponsor a sand sculpture performed by Tibetan Buddhist monks. Throughout the academic year the museum and college will set up programs to bring the arts and crafts as well as the political situation of this nation in dispersion to local attention.

Something both of their look and of their condition strikes one as strangely familiar, like something remembered from childhood. When monks from these far-off places come to Providence, they will come upon a group of Jewish artist-travelers, like Phil and Marcia, like Ruth Emers and Margaret Goldberg, who have gone in quest of vistas and visions.

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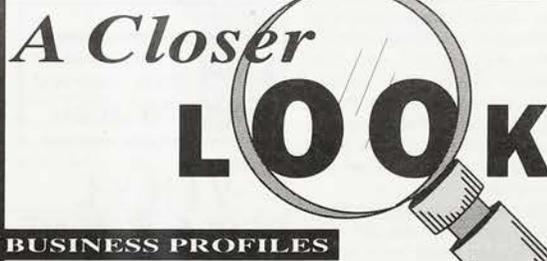
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