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## Purim Permeates the Air

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

The Rhode Island Jewish community was alive with spirit and activity this weekend as young and old alike observed the coming of Purim with reverence and revelry. No matter where you turned, hundreds of men, women and children participated in plays, prayer and parades in honor of Queen Esther for whom the holiday pays tribute.

Scores of Orthodox Jews, many of them Russian, participated in the reading of the Megillah (the Book of Esther) at the Havdalah services Saturday at Congregation Ohave Sholom. As Rabbi Hershey Worch began the arduous task of reciting the lengthy scripture, hundreds of costumed men, women and children



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT — Parade Master Jay N. Rosenstein leads a crowd of hundreds of party-goers down Sessions Street toward Elmgrove Avenue at the Providence Purim Parade on Sunday.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

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## U.S. Admits Contacts with Hamas, But Is Ending Them

by Deborah Kalb  
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department acknowledged last week that American diplomats have been meeting with members of the Hamas movement and said it was calling a halt to contacts with the Islamic fundamentalist group.

Reports had surfaced in recent days that Hamas leaders had met in Jordan with a diplomat stationed at the U.S. Embassy there, in what apparently was just one in a series of such meetings.

The reports came as something of an embarrassment to the State Department, which had announced last month that it would include Hamas for the first time in its annual report on global terrorism, to be released in April.

In response to a reporter's question about contacts with Hamas, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said at his daily briefing March 2 that the U.S. Embassy in Amman and other U.S. embassies had maintained in the past "a variety of contacts" to discuss "developments in the Islamic world," especially "political Islam."

"Given the current situation," Boucher said, "we have

instructed our embassies not to continue those contacts."

Hamas has been in the news recently. Many of the 415 Moslem fundamentalists whom Israel deported to Lebanon in December had ties to the group. And in late January, Israel arrested two Palestinian Americans accused of funneling money to the group.

Hamas is firmly opposed to the Middle East peace talks, and its members have claimed responsibility for a number of recent deadly attacks on Israeli soldiers in the administered territories.

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## Bombing Suspect Linked to Hamas

by Deborah Kalb  
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The arrest of a Moslem fundamentalist on suspicion of involvement in the bombing of New York's World Trade Center two weeks ago could lead to a crackdown in this country on supporters of the Hamas movement and other groups like it.

As authorities closed in on the suspect in New Jersey, two lawmakers on Capitol Hill an-

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## Syria Accepts Phased Withdrawal

by Gil Sedan  
JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Syria's position that it is willing to accept a phased Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, rather than an immediate and total pullout, is not a new breakthrough, according to the man who headed the Israeli delegation to the peace talks with Syria until last fall.

The Syrian position was described as a breakthrough in a *New York Times* article on March 4. But Yossi Ben-Aharon, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, said a similar position was presented to the Israelis at the early stages of the peace talks, shortly after the October 1991 peace conference in Madrid.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Ben-Aharon recalled last week that Syria had demanded an Israeli commitment for a total withdrawal and had said that once such a commitment were given, Syria would be willing to negotiate about implementing the withdrawal in stages.

Ben-Aharon was dropped from his position with the peace talks after the Labor government, led by Yitzhak Rabin, came into office last summer.

There was no official reaction from the current government. (Continued on Page 3)



MAKING A RACKET — Rabbi Hershey Worch waves a gragger to drown out Haman's name during the reading of the Megillah at the Havdalah service at Congregation Ohave Sholom Saturday on the eve of Purim.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Registration Opens for Parenting Conference

Registration is open for the third annual Parenting Matters Conference to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 3. Sponsored by Bradley Hospital and the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, the conference will be held at the Toll Gate/Winman School Complex in Warwick.

This year's program features Adele Faber, best known for her books, *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk* and *Siblings Without Rivalry* as its keynote. In addition, parents can choose from 23 workshops on topics such as building self-esteem, positive approaches to discipline, the impact of divorce and single parenting. The workshops are led by some of Rhode Island's finest experts in child development.

Participants will have an opportunity to visit more than 60 exhibits by community agencies and businesses serving children and families. An afternoon book signing by Faber will also be part of the activities.

New this year is a special midday forum "Winning Ways With Young Athletes" featuring special guests Lou Schwecheimer of the PawSox and Rick Barnes of the PC Friars. Parents will learn how to assist kids in developing healthy attitudes toward competition and how to provide their child with a sense of success.

The registration fee of \$20 includes lunch. For program and registration information, call Mary Ouellette at Bradley Hospital, 434-3400 ext. 333.



### Too Good to Pass Up

Rose Brown of the Jewish Home for the Aged samples a real hamantash similar to the ones her baking class were making at a special therapy program there last week.

*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## Bristol History Is Topic for Society

"Beautiful Bristol — Rhode Island's First Planned Town" will be the topic of an illustrated talk to be given at the March 16 meeting of the Cranston Historical Society, 1351 Cranston St.

Elizabeth Warren, principal historic preservation specialist of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission, will

highlight three centuries of history of the East Bay community, beginning with the extraordinary 1680 town plan to the recent efforts to revitalize the historic district and save Linden Place.

A brief business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede Warren's lecture. Refreshments will be served.

## OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The Manufacturing Jewelers and Silversmiths of America Inc. will present **The Providence Show** for buyers in the jewelry business at the Omni Biltmore Hotel between March 12 to 21. For more information, call (800) 444-MJSA.

New approaches for the **treatment of sexual trauma, sexual compulsivity and eating disorders** will be presented by Dr. William Masters and his colleagues at the Newport Harbor Hotel & Marine in Newport on March 12 and 13. For information, contact Vienna Abramowitz, (508) 835-3142.

The 14th annual **Whitewater Canoe Race**, starting at the Harrisville Dam, will take place March 13. Registration runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Village Barn in Mapleville. The race includes numerous classes of competition for canoes and kayaks. For details and a folder, call 725-3344.

The 15th **Birthday Quilt**, created in 1992 to commemorate the Children's Museum of Rhode Island's 15th year, is now complete and will be unveiled at the museum in a ceremony with **Gov. Bruce Sundlun** on March 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. For information, call 726-2591.

The **New England Fly Fishing School** will present a slide presentation to benefit the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation on March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Johnston High School auditorium. For more information, call 781-1611.

The Community College of Rhode Island will be the site for the **annual Rhode Island Vocational, Industrial Clubs of America Skill/Leadership Olympics** March 18 at 10 a.m. in Great Hall, first floor, at the Knight Campus in Warwick. For more information, contact Robert Carosi, state VICA director, at 825-2325.

Pharmacists, administrators and therapeutic managers in institutional health care will learn more about "The Management of Chronic Diseases" on March 18 and 19 at the Newport Islander Doubletree Hotel, where the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy's Seminar by the sea will be conducted. For more information, contact Rita Marie Marcoux at 792-2789.

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## Group To Hold Dance March 14

An open dance sponsored by Parents Without Partners, Providence Chapter #77, will be held March 14 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the U.C.T. Ballroom, 1530 Atwood Ave., Johnston.

Music for the evening will be provided by R.M. The dance costs \$4 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

For more information, call Diane Capece, publicity director, at 781-1942.

## Nursing Course Offered by BCC

Bristol Community College will offer the American Nursing Review course on June 14 to 18 for nurses preparing to take the registered nurse licensure examination (NCLEX-RN).

Sponsored by the American Nursing Review, the course focuses on the essential nursing information needed to know how to practice safely as a registered nurse.

ANR is America's largest NCLEX review course. Ninety-eight percent of the nurses taking the ANR pass the licensure examination on their first try.

Those interested in attending the course or wishing more information can call (800) 526-4643 or call Delores Vaz at BCC (508) 678-2811, ext. 2332 or 2141.

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## FEATURE

# A Painful Visit to Hungary The Vision of Begin on 1st Anniversary of His Death

by Flora Kalman  
Special to the Herald

My husband Joe and I know Hungary from times we prefer to forget, a period in history when both of us were forced into circumstances we never thought we'd live to relate. Still, we accepted the invitation from our relatives in Budapest who assured us that we'd find a different situation.

So we went. After all, beyond our sad memories of World War II, we both retain a fondness for that city. We met there, fell in love and — in spite of the nonstop roar of planes flying back and forth to the front — continued to hope that somehow, we could have a future together.

I must admit that I also hoped Hungary's therapeutic thermal baths would help my rheumatic aches and pains. I thought our trip might serve a practical purpose, as well as provide a healing process regarding the past. I desperately hoped to see a different Hungary.

My cousin Irenke came to pick us up, but when her eyes fell on the carry-on bag I was carrying, she suggested in a very matter-of-fact tone that I change it. But I didn't fully understand her meaning until she pointed to the Hebrew lettering on the bag and explained that it was not advisable to bring attention to the fact that we come from Israel.

Totally stunned as memories of the war years in Germany rushed into my mind, I realized that as much as Hungary is supposed to have become a free society, it seems the Jews still live in fear of harassment from anti-Semitic elements.

During a family dinner, Joe and I mentioned some newspaper articles and television programs we had seen that shamelessly accused the Jews for the difficulties the country was experiencing. Yet, our relatives admitted, the Hungarians



Flora Kalman



Raoul Wallenberg

were, and still are, filled with hostility toward Jews. They have a democratic system of government now under which they can freely express their views — and that includes harassing other nationalities.

We found most of the people whom we met to be unhappy and loudly complaining about what they had finally achieved with their complete "freedom." Just as in Germany, the people need their scapegoats, — and again, the Jews and gypsies are to blame. Not only are Jews afraid to dress up

publicly or express an individual opinion, but newspaper articles and TV talk shows shamelessly accuse the Jews for the country's difficulties.

I felt as though I were back in the 1940s and sincerely felt sorry for my fellow Jews in Hungary. Their self-esteem is as low as it can be.

In Romania, as well as in Hungary, the people's misery was so evident that I believe they would prefer their former communism to what they have now. Daily, there are long lines for milk, bread and meat. Other vital things like electricity, heat, cold as well as hot water, and gasoline, are missing. Stores — even large department stores — are practically empty. Unemployment is high.

We had a few heated discussions with our relatives. Until then, I hadn't realized what an important change I'd gone through living in Israel. Israel has many problems, but I don't think I could cope with anti-Semitism again.

I did find a positive way of ending our trip when I visited the Palace Historical Museum's exhibit of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the crematoriums by setting up Swedish "protection houses." After being equipped with Wallenberg's special ID "Schutze passes," a great many of Hungary's Jews quickly became Swedish citizens. Emil Horn, the senior curator of the exhibit, told me that he, himself, had been saved in one of Wallenberg's protective houses. The exhibit made me realize once again how just one special person in history can make a profound difference in bringing hope to humanity.

The writer, now a resident of Massachusetts, is a former Cranston resident.

by Morris Gastfreund  
Special to the Herald

I was in Israel last year when Menachem Begin passed away on March 9. Although he had withdrawn from political life several years earlier, the shock was immense for ordinary Israelis, admirers and political adversaries alike. The entire



Menachem Begin

nation mourned Begin. Some 75,000 joined the funeral march to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. "Never before has Jerusalem seen a funeral like this," were the headlines of the newspapers, because the people loved Begin.

Most of all, Begin was a proud Jew and a man of the people, the folksy nonestablishment figure of modest means who did not even own a flat of his own. I met Begin twice in prewar Poland at the Zionist Betar organization gatherings. Everyone loved him and looked up to him as a leader. He was called a junior Zev Jabotinsky because of his dynamic oratory talent. He devoted all his life to one goal: securing a free state for the Jewish people where they could live in peace as other nations. Begin's life has been charac-

terized from the outset by struggle and haunted by violence. He fought anti-Semitism in his native Poland, lost his family in the Holocaust, and endured torture in the Russian Gulag. As a disciple of Jabotinsky, the great Zionist leader, he dedicated his life from early on to the ideal of Eretz Yisrael. He was the leader of the Irzan revolt against the British rule in Palestine, and after the foundation of the Jewish state in 1948 was the leader of the opposition in the Knesset.

He had to wait 30 years for power. Once he acquired it, however, he used it vigorously. As Israel's longest-serving prime minister after David Ben Gurion, Begin practiced an abrasive brand of leadership. The contradictions became ever more acute: In 1978, Begin won (with Anwar Sadat) the Nobel Peace Prize for his part in the Camp David agreement with Egypt.

The writer, Sydney Zion noted in 1983, "Menachem Begin was run out of Poland by the Nazis, imprisoned by the Soviets, haunted by the British and nearly murdered by the Jews. To have survived would have been impressive enough. To have flourished — Begin led the first Hebrew revolution in nearly 2,000 years, he signed the first peace treaty in Israeli history — ranks as something of a miracle."

Ben Gurion, Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan were known not only in the West, but also in countries whose relationship

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ment about the Times report. The article, an op-ed column by Leslie Gelb, said the Syrian position was presented to U.S. Secretary of State William Christopher during his recent visit to Damascus.

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# OPINIONS

## Is It Purim or Has the Jewish World Gone Mad?

### To the Editors:

Usually, Adar is considered the month of joy and Purim is the time of good-natured pranks (as well as its serious side). This year, it seems as though World Jewry, as well as Israeli Jewry, has had one Purim drink too many. The worst part is that Jewry does not have a designated driver. Recently, I've been sickened by what I've been reading in assorted newspapers. One day, it's anti-Semites. The next day, it's self-hating Jews. The third day it's Israelis gone mad. How much can a sane Jew take?

Some of these Jews are the ones who accused Rav Kahane, of blessed memory, of being off the wall. These Jews are not off the wall. They're "out of this world" — literally.

Israel's Meretz Party has, for weeks, carried on its anti-Torah rampage. First, it was Shulamit Aloni's wisecracks about Torah laws being archaic. Then, there was the Yael Adar's remark that King David was gay, using information given her by a "Torah expert."

These outrages have taken

place since certain "Orthodox fanatics" demonstrated against digging up the remains of ancient sages, to extend a highway. As if the Meretz hadn't gone far enough, labor was about to join the loony bin bandwagon.

Labor is now declaring its

is now allowing Bosnian Moslems to immigrate to Israel. Israel is trying to show the world that it will not allow the death of "innocents," even if they are Jew haters.

A recent article in the Brooklyn Jewish Press mentioned that during World War I, the

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policy to dismember the state of Israel. Out of gratitude to "Pharao Assad" for letting our people go, we are giving him some noneedible Shaloch Monis — the Golan Heights.

If Rabbi Kahane were alive, there would be massive demonstration. Now, in leaderless Israel, the troika of Rabin, Peres, and "leave us Aloni" can get away with the ultimate aveira (sin); giving away what Hashem has given us is that aveira.

To add to this outrage, Israel

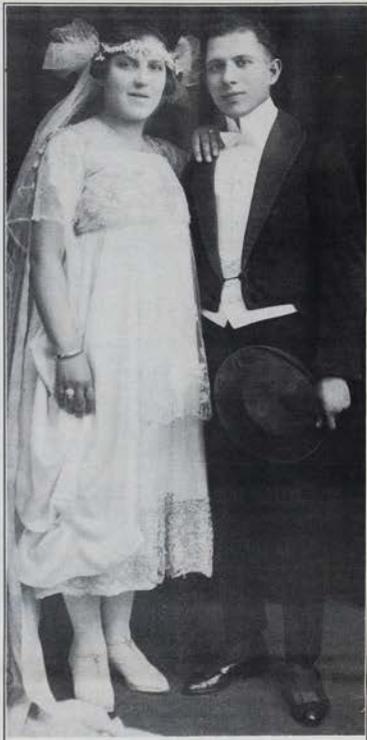
Ottoman Empire imported Bosnian Moslems to what is now Israel, in order to fight the Allies. After the fall of the Ottomans, the British took over "Palestine," along with the Bosnians. These cosmopolitan Moslems (the Bosnians claim not to be like other Moslems — they believe in modernity) were among those who slaughtered Jews in the 1920s and 1930s.

I'm quite sure that Rhode Island Jewish leaders have heard of the great Arab "victories" of Hebron and Nablus. In 1929, Arabs in Hebron slaughtered dozens of Jews, including Yeshiva students. One of those slaughtered (and chopped to pieces) was a banker, a Rabbi's son, who had days earlier declared that some of his best friends (clients) were Arabs. Nablus was a mere 1936 copy of Hebron.

The reason for this Bosnian outrage is the Holocaust overkill. We keep telling the world it must never happen again. They keep telling us to show them the way, and we are the only ones that listen to what we are saying.

Not one Moslem nation has been willing to take in Bosnians. Even the Moslem Israeli leadership was unwilling to help settle them in Israel. How long will the Jews cater to nations that slaughtered Jews when they claim we are not taking an active-enough part in preventing modern-day "Holocausts"?

Bosnian Moslem soldiers, the darlings of the Grand Mufti (Continued on Next Page)



### 75 Years Ago

Lena Sager and Jack Weiss were married in Jeru Jersey on June 23, 1918. They moved to Providence and established Weiss Stationery Company, which is still in business as Weiss Office Products. The company is now operated by their grandson, Ronald J. Wexler. Lena and Jack had three children, all currently residing in Cranston. They had six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren: Jack Weiss died in 1981 and Lena, in 1992, at the age of 94. Jack and Lena Weiss left a wonderful legacy of love, respect and achievement.

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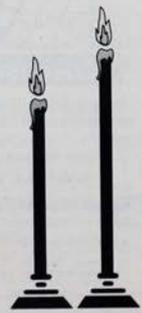
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### Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

#### Annihilation of Jews Planned by Himmler

STOCKHOLM — A recent circular on the treatment of Jews and Poles issued by Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler indicates that the Third Reich seriously intends to annihilate all Jews in Europe, the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet reported. The circular says that arrested Poles are to be transferred to "educative camps," implying subsequent release or transfer to other places of confinement.

#### WEEK OF MARCH 12, 1943

#### Beth-Israel To Join Zionists

Members of the Board of Directors of Temple Beth-Israel this week voted to enroll the entire membership in the Zionist movement; it was announced by Ira Galkin, president, and Dr. Ilie Berger, honorary president, and membership chairman of the Providence Zionist District. The vote will be ratified at a joint meeting of the Men's Club, Sisterhood, Daughtershood and other members of the Congregation April 5.

#### Arabs Organize Independence Move

JERUSALEM — Emir Abdullah, ruler of Transjordan, who aspires to become the ruler of a united Arab state comprising Transjordan, Palestine and Syria, this week issued an invitation to Arab leaders here to come to his winter residence for "consultations" on Arab post-war problems, including the future of Palestine. The move by the Emir coincides with the disclosure here by Palestine Arab leader that they intend to establish an Arab political representation in Jerusalem and in London.

# OPINIONS

## Moshiach is a Jewish Concept

Many Jews are surprised when finding out that the idea of moshiach is actually Jewish. The emphasis on the messianic ideal in non-Jewish faiths has misled many into thinking that Judaism "obviously" repudiates this belief.

But while Judaism's conception of moshiach differs markedly from other religions, Judaism has always emphasized the importance of, and belief in, moshiach.

Some of us are also under the mistaken impression that the great prophets of old — Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Micah — were not Jewish. Again, some Jews only know of these prophets through non-Jewish sources.



In fact, Yeshayahu, Yirmiyahu, Yechezkel and Micah — as they are referred to in the Torah — as well as several other of the prophets, spoke to the Jews in the time of the Holy Temple, before the dispersion of the Jewish people. They prophesized about the future redemption, giving messages of hope which have lasted us throughout the ages to our very own day.

Maimonides, 12th century Jewish scholar, philosopher, physician and leader, is the foremost authority on the laws of moshiach. He declares that the prophetic writings of the Torah are full of the concept of moshiach. So pervasive is the theme of moshiach in the prophets, that Maimonides asserts "there is no need [to cite] prooftexts [from prophetic writings] to support the notion of moshiach."

However, the belief in moshiach was not introduced by the prophets. The Torah itself, the Five Books of Moses, tells us in several locations of the future ingathering of the exiles, the return to Israel, and of the messianic era.

Maimonides — basing his comments on the Torah — states that anyone who does not believe in moshiach denies not only the teachings of the other prophets, but even those of the Torah and Moses our  
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## Was Senator's Praise Deserved?

by Stephen Skinner

I am interested by Senator Leahy's comments on the front page of the *Jerusalem Post* dated Feb. 20. He stated that "Israel in its immigration policy has done something that no other state in my lifetime has — opening its doors without restrictions."

If he had read the *Jerusalem Post* one week earlier, he would have read the headline "Messianic Jews Being Expelled For Beliefs." If he had read the article, he would observe that this is being done by the Interior Ministry with the backing of the High Court. These aren't Palestinian Hamas terrorists, but are Jews who made aliyah with their families. Because they believe that Yeshua is the Jewish messiah, they are being deported.

Let's assume that Yeshua was an impostor and his messianic claims were utterly fallacious. Does the fact that some Jews think him to be the messiah cause them to cease being Jews? Are they now gentiles? If so, does the same standard apply to the followers of other messianic pretenders? Were the followers of Shabbetai Zevi, the self-proclaimed messiah, stripped of their Jewish identity when he converted to Islam and it became apparent he was an impostor?

If the correct identification of the messiah is the defining factor within Judaism, did Rabbi Akiva cease to be Jewish when he proclaimed Bar Kokhba to be

the messiah? It would appear not, for he is quoted at length in the Talmud, in spite of the increased loss of life which resulted from his error.

Should the Lubavitchers who claimed Rabbi Schneerson is the messiah be deported if he doesn't turn out to be the messiah? If some day the Lubavitchers living in Brooklyn choose to make aliyah to escape the cauldron brewing in Crown Heights, will they be turned back at Israel's borders if they incorrectly identified the messiah?

Should messianic Jews who desire to make aliyah be deported to the countries where they see anti-Semitism rearing its ugly head again? Will the High Court turn back Russian messianic Jews fleeing Pamyat in a manner reminiscent of the British Mandate's refusal to allow the Exodus to berth? Would the High Court justify its actions by mauling the Jewish identity for those desiring to flee probable persecution?

Israel has done an admirable job of integrating its refugees. Although I am not a messianic Jew, I hope my taxes continue to help Jews make aliyah. However, I can't help but wonder if Senator Leahy would have been so lavish in his praise had he known the Messianic Jews were being expelled.

(The writer lives in Carmel, Ind.)

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## 100 Years Ago

Jenny Pintel and Sam Sager were married in New Jersey about 100 years ago. Sam Sager was first a printer and then the proprietor of a saloon in Bayonne, N.J. The couple had two daughters, Lena (see on the facing page) and Fannie. Jenny Sager died at the early age of 26. Sam remarried and had seven more children: four sons (one became a medical doctor and the other three, pharmacists) and three daughters. Of a total of nine children, the youngest son is living and still is productive as a pharmacist, and one daughter, Fannie, who is 93 and is very active in the Jewish community. Sam Sager died in 1946, his second wife in 1952. The Sagers had 11 grandchildren.

Photo courtesy of Shirley Weiss of Cranston, granddaughter

## It's Not Just A Cliche

To the Editors:  
Yet another chapter in the seemingly continuous saga of my experiences during the World War II period in Italy.

While interned in the "campo di concentramento" of Tortoreto in the province of Ancona, we had fellow internees who were doing the cooking and the baking. And around this time of the year, our chef surprised us with Hamantashen for our dessert. We also had a kosher kitchen

for those who did observe the dietary laws.

Of course, we had matzo ball soup for Pessach and genuine matzo which were supplied by the Communita' Israelitica in Rome and delivered by, of all people, Italian army trucks. The good Italians continued this practice also when we were out of the camp and just "internati civili di guerra," civilian war internees in the town of Potenza, south of Salerno and Naples.

So you see, "truth is stranger than fiction" is not just a cliché.

Hans Heimann  
Cranston

## Is It Purim?

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of Jerusalem, aided Hitler's cause as much as Croatian priests who helped slaughter Jews and Serbs in concentration camps.

With Israel's recent statements that it is willing to give up Judea and Samaria too, how long will it take for the area to turn into a new Balkans with its new Bosnians showing the way?

While there is plenty of self-hate in Israel, there is plenty in Galus, also (along with anti-Semitism).

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Leaders Meet with Mubarak, Receive Encouraging Signals

by Cynthia Mann  
 JERUSALEM (JTA) — American Jewish organizational leaders returning from an unprecedented two-day visit to Egypt, at the invitation of President Hosni Mubarak, said they received encouraging signals on such issues as the peace process and the plight of Syrian Jews.

Thirty members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations spent 90 minutes "in open discussion" with Mubarak, followed by meetings with other Egyptian officials and business leaders.

The visit to Egypt, which received front-page coverage in the Egyptian press, wrapped up the conference's annual fact-finding mission to the region.

Lester Pollack, chairman of the conference, told reporters back in Jerusalem that the meetings in Egypt on March 1 and 2 were marked by a "very decided change of language and rhetoric" that reflected a new spirit of cooperation and a desire to work in a regional partnership with Israel.

He said the wide-ranging talk with Mubarak focused on the need to return to the negotiating table in Washington, the likelihood that Syrian President Hafez Assad would honor his pledge to let Jews leave the country, the act on the part of the Arab League to boycott against Israel and the importance of regional economic development as one antidote to Islamic fundamentalism.

He said the groundwork was laid for possible Egyptian investment in Israel and the promotion in the United States of Egyptian tourism, which has been damaged by recent terrorist attacks on tourists.

Egypt's invitation to the conference signalled its "desire for us to play a role," said Pollack. "We began a process of cooperation and collaboration

with Egypt on behalf of American Jews to support the peace process."

Malcolm Hoelien, executive vice chairman of the conference, was careful to delineate the limits of the visit's purpose and the group's mandate.

"We did not go to negotiate for Israel," he said. "We responded to an invitation to raise issues of concern." He said the conference "can help foster the kind of climate that helps move the peace process forward."

He said Mubarak agreed with the conference in principle that the peace process should not be held hostage to a resolution of the fate of the Palestinians whom Israel deport to Lebanon. But Mubarak told the group that some face-saving measures for the Palestinians would be needed for them to return to the talks.

Hoelien said Mubarak also expressed support for the recent visit by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to the Middle East and optimism about his own upcoming visit.

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## Hate-Crimes Penalty Bill Clears Hurdle in House

by Karen J. Cohen  
 States News Service  
 WASHINGTON (JTA) — Criminals motivated by hate for their victim's race, creed or color may find themselves with more time than they bargained for to mull over their crimes.

A House Judiciary panel approved a bill last week that would increase by about a third the sentences of convicted criminals motivated to commit their crimes by bias against a person's religion, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, ethnicity or gender.

The measure is hailed by the bill's backers as a potent weapon in the war against hate crimes. But others question the measure's constitutionality.

"I think this bill is a piece of the hate-crime puzzle and part of the demonstrable importance of the federal response to hate violence," said Michael Lieberman, associate director of the Anti-Defamation League.

Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia have stat-

utes against hate violence, said Jess Hordes, ADL's Washington representative.

"We believe increasing penalties for federal crimes motivated by prejudice will have a deterrent impact — and send the message to both perpetrators and victims that society will not tolerate these odious crimes," he said.

"Tougher penalties also make it more likely that victims will report such offenses — and that prosecutors will pursue convictions."

The action in Congress comes against the backdrop of recent Supreme Court decisions regarding hate-crimes laws in several states. The high court agreed in December to review a Wisconsin ruling striking down that state's hate-crimes statute. That legislation is similar to the current House bill.

Last summer the Supreme Court struck down a St. Paul, Minn., ordinance that banned the display of a Nazi swastika or a burning cross.



## INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The army has sealed shut the home of two brothers accused of orchestrating the lynching of an Israeli when he entered a Gaza Strip refugee camp by mistake. Yehoshua Weissbrod, 44, a gas company worker, was stoned and then shot to death in the Beitah refugee camp while on his way to a gas terminal on the border with Egypt. More than 100 residents of the refugee camp were believed to have taken part in the stoning, believed to have inflicted injuries on Weissbrod even before he was shot at close range by armed militants.

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 BONN (JTA) — Police arrested 53 known neo-Nazis in a crackdown last week on right-wing groups in the states of Lower Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and North Rhine-Westphalia. Police confiscated 16 pistols and rifles, large quantities of ammunition, explosives of several kinds and self-made armor devices. Swastikas, Nazi flags, anti-Semitic leaflets and writings and other objects were confiscated.

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 COPENHAGEN (JTA) — Shevah Weiss, chairman of the Knesset, completed a three-day visit to Denmark where he marked the 50th anniversary of the rescue and escape of Danish Jews to Sweden during the Holocaust. Weiss, himself a Holocaust survivor, visited the village of Gilleleje where Danish Jews were hidden in a church and then taken by boat to Sweden. Weiss met with some of the courageous Danes who smuggled out the Jews and presented the rescuers with honors in the name of the state of Israel.

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 TEL AVIV (JTA) — Clashes in the border security zone of southern Lebanon continued to mount last week, with one gunman killed during an attack March 3 on an outpost of the Israeli-allied South Lebanon Army. An SLA soldier on guard alone at an outpost near Aramta, on the northern edge of the security zone, opened fire on a gang of armed men approaching his position, killing one of them and causing the rest to flee. The dead man found dressed in the uniform of the official Beirut-based Lebanese regular army, was carrying a large quantity of assault weapons and ammunition.

## 'The Liberators': Tampering with History

by Abraham H. Foxman  
 NEW YORK (JTA) — A piece of black-Jewish solidarity, the film "The Liberators" threatens to enlarge, rather than close the gap of misunderstanding it misguidedly addresses.

As well-meaning as the producers may have been, as well as those who have tried to use the film as a vehicle for improving relations, they have confused and confounded important issues.

This is not to say that the depiction of how blacks overcame discrimination and racism in the military during World War II was not a worthy effort.

Like the film "Glory," about blacks in the Union Army during the Civil War, this is a long overdue story waiting to be told. The problem is rather than letting it be a story of black military glory, it became a story of blacks liberating the Nazi death camps.



As reports have emerged in recent weeks, it appears that the filmmakers had their facts wrong about dates, locations and the very concept of liberating the camps as applied to the black troops.

Clearly, there were black soldiers who came into the camps at some point and witnessed the horror of the Nazi regime. But "The Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts in World War II" suggests that it was black units who militarily freed the prisoners at Buchenwald and Dachau, a fact that is untrue.

We have come to know, not just believe in — the sanctity of facts, for in the wake of the Holocaust have come those who would deny that the Holocaust ever happened.

Now, the story of those black soldiers who were, in fact, witnesses to the atrocities of the Holocaust, is being obscured by those who would play fast and loose with the facts of time and place.

It's clear that the film is flawed and that it has been put to political use. The flaws in the film should not lead us to overlook the true events that took place and ignore a poignant story that deserves telling.

Let's not throw out the proverbial baby with the bath water. We should, and must, separate the true story of the liberators from the version of that story shown in "The Liberators" film. The truth is powerful enough and does provide a legitimate basis for black-Jewish discussion without the need for embellishment and distortion.

That blacks and Jews were witness to acts of inhumanity perpetrated against each is an important, indeed, fundamental underpinning in creating the empathy and commonality upon which mutual regard and shared agendas can and have been built.

But, the common memories of blacks and Jews — black soldiers, who witnessed and will testify to the inhumanity of the Holocaust, and Jews, who risked life and limbs in the civil rights trenches of Mississippi — these remembrances are not — and should not — be elevated as the platform on which current problems and differences are to be solved.

The issues of today, like all issues of consequence, require hard choices, taking difficult positions, and fighting for them — not just good feelings.

So we value those who have been with us, who know our pain and share our aspirations, but we treasure those who even at risk to their reputations have not hesitated to stand with us where there were and are hard choices.

We think of Bayard Rustin, Martin Luther King Jr., and Congressman Mickey Leland who were with us in our struggle for Israel, Soviet Jewry and Ethiopian Jewry.

We know and remember our history and we know and remember who stood with us

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## NEWS BRIEFS

### INTERNATIONAL

**LONDON (JTA)** — Only the sound of emotional tears disturbed the reverent hush of prayer two weeks ago as more than 60 women gathered for the first women-only Shabbat service to be sanctioned by Britain's chief rabbi. The historic gathering, at a private house in northwest London, was greeted with delight and not a little relief by the members of the Stanmore Women's Tefillah Group, whose desire for their own service had sparked months of debate within the Orthodox Jewish community here.

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — A Palestinian woman stabbed and wounded an Israeli guard March 3 in Jerusalem's Old City, adding to a string of violent attacks that has hit this country recently. The guard, hospitalized with lung wounds described as "light to medium," was escorting a woman from the Jewish Quarter to the Moslem Quarter. Police apprehended the attacker, a 34-year-old mother of four from a refugee camp near the West Bank city of Ramallah.

### NATIONAL

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — The Guinness Book of World Records has made it official. Seventeen students at the Hadassah Management College in Jerusalem have baked the world's largest hamantash. Actually, they put together 1,800 small hamantashen and cemented them together with a sugar, jam and crumb paste. The triangular cookie weighed 550 pounds and included 198 pounds of flour, 350 eggs, 17.6 pounds of poppy seed, 50.6 pounds of margarine.

**LOS ANGELES (JTA)** — Murder charges have been dropped against two Jerusalem-area brothers who had been accused of plotting to kill a prominent California child psychiatrist, allegedly at the behest of his daughter. At the prosecution's request, the court dismissed a conspiracy to commit murder count against Rabbi Austin (Avraham) Feld, 38, and his brother, Scott (Israel) Feld, 36. Prosecutors said they did not have enough evidence to press the charge. The brothers still face trial on a second count of conspiring to burglarize the home of psychiatrist Saul Wasserman, a Stanford University profes-

## E.C. Considers Restoring Aid to Syria

by Joseph Kopel

**BRUSSELS (JTA)** — The European Community is considering restoring financial aid to Syria, following the visit here recently by Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa.

The European Parliament, the legislative arm of the E.C., has so far blocked a \$186 million aid package for Syria, citing that country's human rights violations.

Among the issues has been Syria's apparent refusal, since October, to continue implementing its policy of allowing its Jews to travel freely.

But the European commissioner in charge of foreign affairs, Hans van den Broek of Holland, told al-Sharaa he hoped the European Parliament, which is headquartered in Strasbourg, France, would unblock the financial aid, E.C. Executive Commission sources said.

Van den Broek, a former Dutch foreign minister, was quoted as saying during his talks with al-Sharaa that there had been "progress" in Syria's human rights record.

He added, however, that further improvements were needed, E.C. sources said.

These sources quoted the European official as saying Syria still held political prisoners and that some of them were detained without being charged and are denied contact with their families.

## Groups Urge Congress To Keep Israel Aid Level

by Karen J. Cohen

States News Service

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — Representatives of two Jewish lobbying groups told Congress last week that 1994 aid to Israel should remain at its current annual level of \$3 billion.

Some in the American Jewish community have voiced concern in recent months about the future of foreign aid in a political climate geared more toward helping those at home than those abroad.

Although both President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore have expressed support for continuing aid to Israel at its current level, figures released by the White House last month indicated that foreign aid programs would be cut back sharply under the administration's new economic plan.

Since the mid-1980s, Israel (Continued on Page 9)



### Congratulations

Seymour D. Reich, newly elected president of the American Zionist Movement, accepts congratulations after his election at the first American Zionist Congress since the birth of Israel.

Photo by Noam Ben Shaul

## Yugoslav Immigrants in Israel Divided Over Bosnian Refugees

by Gil Sedan

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — Israel's absorption of 83 Moslem refugees from war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina has stirred up debate among Israelis originally from the various former republics of Yugoslavia.

Jews from Serbian regions have pointed to the Croatian government's behavior during World War II to make their case that the Serbs treated Jews better than the Bosnians and Croats. They feel the current conflict is an unfairly maligned reputation of the Serbian people.

Jews from Bosnia have countered by making similar statements against Serbian treatment of Jews.

Rabbi Zvi Azariya, chairman of the Association of Jewish Warriors in Yugoslavia, has said that Israel's decision to absorb only Bosnian refugees is an affront.

In taking that action, Azariya told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Israeli government failed to recognize the fact that the Croatian-Bosnian government collaborated with the Nazi occupation army and was directly responsible for the extermination of Yugoslav Jews in World War II.

"We Jews are known as merciful," said Azariya, "and therefore one cannot come out against the absorption of Bosnians who were rescued from

the present chaos in former Yugoslavia. However, Israel should have at least absorbed an equal number of Serb refugees," he said.

Azariya, who served as an officer in the Yugoslav army during World War II, charged that the local Croatian-Bosnian government helped round up the Jews of Bosnia and Croatia and transport them to the Jasenovac concentration camp in Croatia, where many of them were murdered.

But Shlomo Lussic, a Bosnian Jew who is a member of the Association of Yugoslav Immigrants in Israel, told JTA she was highly offended by such comments.

Lussic said that Azariya and other pro-Serbian voices are ignoring the fact that some of

the Bosnians absorbed in Israel were virtually rescued out of concentration camps operated by the Serbs.

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# Around Town

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## NCJW Celebrates 100th



Landscape oil artist Ida Schmulowitz, whose idea inspired the artful fund-raiser, showed her watercolors.



The Centennial Art Show's Committee. Front and from left are Kay Kaplan, Bernice Ornstein, Rhode Island NCJW President Marion Goldsmith, Ruth Kramer and Bonnie Goldowsky. Behind from left are Barbara Long, Judith Litchman and event coordinator Seena Dittelman.



Maureen Kelman wears one of her hand-dyed, one-of-a-kind luxurious silk scarves. She uses shibori techniques, combining traditional Japanese methods with her own inventions.

The diverse talents of 21 women artists from Rhode Island drew visitors to Dryden Galleries in Providence mid-afternoon Sunday.

The multimedia art exhibit and sale set an upbeat pace for a series of events planned by the Rhode Island National Council of Jewish Women in celebration of their centennial year.

Appreciation of the arts over wine and cheese and music benefits the group's community service projects for children, the elderly and new Russian families by sponsoring a Pot of Gold raffle fund-raiser that day.

Founded in 1893, the National Council of Jewish Women strives to improve human welfare for people of all races, religions and economic backgrounds through education, research, community service and advocacy to effect social change.

With sights on the next century, Rhode Island's National Council of Jewish Women continues to realize its goals as expressed in their familiar slogan, "Daring to Make a Difference."



Debra Abeshaus, right, admires Linda Frances' array of art. Linda, left, designs jewelry, clothing, murals and illustrations.



Dryden Galleries' resident feline, Mr. Chop Service. A silent visitor to NCJW's art offering, the dilettante kitty "pawed" for a glance at Maureen Kelman's streaming silk scarves.



Carolyn Simon (C.C. Wolf) exhibited unique landscape monotypes done on Plexiglass or metal plates with oil-base paints.

# MILESTONES



Kathleen Dolan and Thomas Holbrook

## Rakitt Attends Federation Institute

Steven A. Rakitt of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island was one of 17 large intermediate city executive directors who recently attended the 1993 Large Intermediate City Executives Institute. Sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations, the institute was held in late January just prior to the Federation/CJF Leadership Institute in Phoenix, Ariz.

"Our goal was to create an environment where ideas and experiences could be shared that would help build a stronger financial base for the Jewish community and respond to the needs of Jewish continuity and identity," said Steve Abramson, executive director of the United Jewish Federation of San Diego County. He served as Institute chairman and Jeff Klein, executive director of the Jewish Federation Palm Beach County, served as program chairman for the Large Intermediate City Executives Institute.

In his opening keynote address, Rabbi Irwin Kula of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL), suggested the need for Jewish professionals to rethink their roles and their relationships to the community in order to strengthen Jewish con-

tinuity and identity.

The group also had an opportunity to explore the area of financial resource development with Dr. Gary Tobin, director of the Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, to hold a dialogue with UJA Executive Vice President Rabbi Brian Lurie on a number of financial development and other issues, and to share successful programming efforts during a special ideas exchange.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the continental association of 189 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million in the United States and Canada.

Established in 1932, CJF helps strengthen the work and the impact of Jewish federations by developing programs to meet changing needs, providing an exchange of successful community experiences, establishing guidelines for fund-raising and operations and engaging in joint planning and action on common purposes dealing with local, regional and international needs.

committee on foreign operations, along with 48 other witnesses representing the myriad countries and interests that receive U.S. foreign aid.

Thomas Dine, AIPAC's executive director, said in prepared testimony that aiding Israel is "one of the most cost-effective investments that the United States makes in support of its international interests."

## Dolan Weds Holbrook

Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. Dolan of West Warwick announce the marriage of their daughter Kathleen to Thomas Holbrook on Feb. 14.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Holbrook of Iowa City, Iowa.

The wedding took place at the home of Ken and Diane Meier in Milwaukee, Wis.

The bride, a professor of political science at the University of Toledo, is a graduate of Providence College and received her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland.

The bridegroom is a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and received his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa.

The bride will retain her maiden name. The couple will reside in Milwaukee.

## Greene Named in Who's Who

Joshua Greene has been named in *Who's Who in American Colleges*. He is the son of Richard and Marian Greene of Cranston, and the grandson of Sophie Greene of Cranston.



Jason Louis Wolfe and Debra Jill Briss

## Briss and Wolfe Are Engaged

Dr. and Mrs. Barry S. Briss announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Jill Briss of Cambridge, Mass., to Jason Louis Wolfe of Lexington, Mass., son of Susan and Alvin Wolfe of Lexington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cushing Academy in Ashburnham and completed a combined course of study at Emmanuel College and New England Institute at Mount Ida

College. She is a funeral director and part owner of the Levine-Briss Funeral Home in Randolph.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lexington High School and Syracuse University. He is currently a sports producer for Sports Radio WEEL in Boston. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. Charles Miller of Warwick.

## Moshiach is a Jewish Concept

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teacher.

Maimonides writes of 13 principles of faith. The 12th of these principles is the belief in the coming of moshiach. In his great Jewish legal work, the *Mishne Torah*, Maimonides codifies the laws concerning how to identify moshiach, thus giving them the full force of Jewish law equal to laws governing interpersonal relationships, marriage, the Sabbath, etc.

This chain of authority, from its biblical origins through to the practical decisions of the great rabbis of old, presents the concept of a time of goodness in the messianic era and stresses that this will be brought about by a human redeemer. The Talmud (Sanhedrin 98b) discusses specifically this issue of moshiach as a human being, insisting that the messianic era will occur through a human moshiach.

## 'The Liberators'

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when it mattered. It is a pity that notwithstanding good intentions, history is distorted and asked to carry a burden that is beyond its meaning or capacity.

Abraham H. Foxman is national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

## Leaders Meet with Mubarak

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to the United States.

He said Mubarak did not appear to be well-informed about the Arab boycott and its impact on Israel when the group pressed him on the issue.

Pollack said he believes the time is ripe for a Mubarak visit to Jerusalem. But he said the group has no indication that such a trip is in the works, despite recent press speculation to that effect.

Belief in a moshiach, in a great Jewish leader who will lead us out of exile, so defines Jewish thought that Rabbi Moses Sofer (Jewish legal author of the 19th century) declared: "One who asserts that there will be no Moshiach... rather G-d will redeem them Himself, denies the totality of the Torah."

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## Groups Urge Congress To Keep

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has received an annual sum of \$3 billion in U.S. aid, with \$1.8 billion going to military assistance and \$1.2 billion for economic assistance.

With this concern as a backdrop, the representatives of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and Americans for Peace Now appeared before the House Appropriations sub-

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**HOLD STILL** — Turk (Dan Welch) poses for a sketch by Marie (Jennifer Dundas), as Lola (Barbara Orson) looks on in Trinity Rep's production of "Come Back Little Sheba," which plays through April 4 in the Downstairs Theatre.  
Photo by Mark Morelli

## Sheba Saves the Best for Last

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

Bill Inge's "Come Back Little Sheba," directed by Ralph Waite, is a theatrical document of the playwright's despondency with alcoholism and depression in postwar middle America. Unlike succeeding works like "Bus Stop," "Picnic" and "Splendor in the Grass," which were widely acclaimed and immortalized on film, "Come Back Little Sheba" is more personal to Inge's dilemma — doubt.

Set somewhere in a small town in midwestern America are Doc (Donald Berry), a recovering alcoholic, and Lola (Barbara Orson), his doting, condescending wife, who struggle to find meaning to their meager existence. From the very beginning, we sense something uncomfortable between the couple's pained interactions and Lola's constant reminders of her husband's lack of affection. If it weren't for Marie (Jennifer Dundas), a college student boarding with them, their lives would be even more bleak.

For it's Marie's seeming innocence and willful impudence that make Doc and Lola's drab existence more interesting. In a sense, Marie, played brilliantly by Dundas, is more like a catalyst, reminding Doc of the beautiful girl he married. Lola sees her as all that was sweet and vital in her own youth;

she constantly accommodates Marie's wish to play with Turk (Dan Welch), a part-time lover, while promising her real love for Bruce (James O'Brien), a rich, nerdy type who she plans to marry.

Conflicts arise between Doc and Lola whenever she reminds him of their lost puppy, Sheba, who ran off never to be seen or heard again, and of a baby lost in delivery. Doc's true



failure is his inability to separate appearance from reality. He views Marie as a sweet, charming girl worthy of only the best, but disapproves of her intimacy with the philandering Turk. Is it because Doc secretly desires her? One can only wonder what Inge had in mind by casting Marie in such an ambivalent role. For she neither loves Turk nor Bruce, but merely wants both for whatever purpose they can readily fulfill.

The set, designed by Robert Soule, is a unique example of simplistic design extending across the entire stage and utilizing the panoramic approach that allows the audience to see

everything. Lola's meddling into her neighbor Mrs. Coffman's affairs — inviting the postman in for a cool drink and flirting with the milkman — are the means for her to fill the day with something.

Although the play has its moments, it is the confrontation between Doc and Lola that brings out the best in both characters. After Doc discovers Marie has been sleeping with Turk, he storms out of the house, only to return violently drunk, blaming Lola for everything wrong in his life. He attacks Lola emotionally and physically with a hatchet, and the scaring anger cuts to the heart of their problem. He finally capitulates and in a gut-wrenching scene, is taken away to the state hospital to detox.

Upon his return, clean and sober, he breaks down in self-humiliation and begs Lola for forgiveness. Now that Marie has departed from their home (she eloped with Bruce), a sense of reconciliation finally allows Doc and Lola to move on with their tormented lives. I can't say that "Little Sheba" is a great play, but it represents an important time in Bill Inge's life worth revering wherever it is performed.

## String Quartet, With Pianist, Coming to URI

The internationally acclaimed Emerson String Quartet, with pianist Menahem Pressler, will appear in concert at the Fine Arts Center Rehearsal Hall on the Kingston Campus of the University of Rhode Island on April 2 at 8 p.m.

This is the final concert in the university's Great Performances '92/93 concert season. The program will include Beethoven's "String Quartet Op. 18, No. 5" and Bartok's "String Quartet No. 3." Pianist Menahem Pressler will join members of the Emerson Quartet in a performance of Dvorak's "Rhapsody in G minor."

Tickets cost \$16 at the door, \$8 for University of Rhode Island students. For more information, call 792-2343.



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

The City Nights Dinner Theatre will present Neil Simon's comedy "Plaza Suite" from March 12 through April 4 at 27 Exchange St., Pawtucket. For more information, call 723-6060.

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The 11th annual Crafts at the Centrum will present "The Year of American Craft" at the Worcester Centrum March 12 to 14. The centrum is located at Exit 16 off Route 29 in Worcester, Mass. For more information, call (617) 742-3973.

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The Rhode Island Philharmonic will present Pianist Christopher O'Riley on March 13 at 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. The classical concert will be conducted by music director Zuoheang Chen. For more information, call 831-3123.

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The Zeiterion Theatre invites the public to attend "Tales of the Arabian Nights" on March 13 at 10:30 a.m. as part of its "Happily Ever After Series" for children. For more information, call (508) 997-5664.

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The Cranston Public Library will present "Portfolio 91" and "Portfolio 92" now through March 31 at 140 Sockanosset Road, Cranston. The exhibit features the photos of Doug Williams. For information on library hours, call 943-9080.

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The Zeiterion Theatre will celebrate the city's Black Heritage Festival with three musical groups March 18 through 20 at 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass. The program will feature the Vernon Jones Gospel Singers, Mahlahini & The Mahotella Queens and The Boys Choir of Harlem. For more information, call (508) 944-2900.

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Donna Marie Asbury will perform the title role of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Evita" March 19 to 21 at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Tickets, priced from \$21.50 to \$37.50, are now on sale for afternoon and evening performance times. To order, call the box office at 421-ARTS.

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## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Design and Destiny

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Three films came to town recently that share a motif — portraits of widowers.

In Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven," the cowboy's late wife broke him of bad habits: guns and bottles. In order to go out and prove his mettle, he has to let go of her memory. The former fighter quits his land, pigs and kids, and sets forth. He loses his black buddy as well as his youthful admirer. A scarred and maimed prostitute falls for him and gets left behind when he takes off. The camera dwells on the body of the tortured black buddy, Morgan Freeman — the chaffeur of Miss Daisy — on public show in an open coffin.

Clint's wife thus stands for a past we must leave.

On the other hand, in "Tous Les Matins du Monde," the widower-father figure plays cello, or viola, with two daughters. The spirit of his lovely late wife haunts him. He hires a painter of still lifes to depict the table at which her ghost came

and went. Withdrawn from the fancy outer world, he composes stately and mystical music as a protest against death.

Finally, in "Vincent," Van Gogh's doctor and patron, a widower with a charming daughter, befriends the unruly artist. An amateur and critic, he



poses, and collects. His daughter transfers her love from father to friend.

Vincent's brother Theo, suffering from syphilis, quarrels with his wife and with his brother. The most beautiful scenes in the film let us in on the simplest of gestures between men and women. Theo's wife takes a bath in a basin in their boudoir. Theo pours rinse water over her crouching fig-

ure. The couple empties the tub.

In a brothel, an accordionist squeezes and stretches a ballad on a dainty concertina. "Soldiers have died among the vineyards. The wine you drink holds the blood of your brothers." Indeed the gaiety of Paris past hides a deep sadness. You never watch the act of love, but only its aftermath, restful and melancholy. Every face yields mood in close-up.

Where along the path did we as Americans lose our patience for the pace of poetry? Why do we insist upon action and plot, but never feeling and meaning? Whence came our insatiable appetite for values connected crudely to violence and violation? Since I teach film at a college with a studio department in movies and video, I try to encourage young shapers of motion pictures to go to the movies not for an escape from school, but as a part of their education.

You can learn a lot about design and about destiny among the upholstered seats of your nearest cinema.



'Plaza Suite'

Vita Smith and John Los talk it out in a scene from City Nights Dinner Theatre's upcoming production of Neil Simon's comedy "Plaza Suite." The show opens March 12 and runs all Friday and Saturday evenings through April 4, with Thursday performances on March 25, Sunday matinees March 21, 28 and April 4, with an additional 6:30 early dinner show on March 28.

## Of Jazz and Jews

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Jews in Hollywood always found something to stand in for them as Jews. The Jewish violinist turns into an Italian virtuoso, or just a vague immigrant from the old country. We were that anxious to get rid of our own old-time religion, or swap it for somebody else's.

For the movie "Swing Kids," a Jewish writer, Jonathan Marc Feldman, has told the tale of a group of German youth who dig the Big Band beat of Benny Goodman — who first sat black musicians among white. They treasure his records which hold the secrets of a dynamic democracy.

Feldman does not get too deeply involved in Nazi hate. Jews stay on the periphery of "Swing Kids." We focus instead on a swing kid with a game leg who can't join Hitler's Youth. Feldman lists the victims of Nazi murder — "Austrians, Gypsies, and Jews." What? I wasn't aware of any mass murder of Hitler's

compatriots.

All the same, "Swing Kids" makes a very strange effort and pulls at you with a weird fascination. The movie sets out to show how the Jugend movement worked, like a cult seducing boys from fatherless families. The lads band and bond together, baby step by baby step.

My wife and I drove out to see it on the night of Purim spiel. We caught the late show, to check out what kind of Haman story it might yield. The director/actor Kenneth Branagh plays the Haman role. Of course, in the end, the picture adds up to simple American fare. It's a flick about buddies, with the chase scene and barroom brawl the public pays for.

A gentle and brave hero makes a moral choice and leaves us feeling pretty good about human behavior. All except me. That kind of happy ending bores and depresses me. See it though. It's not

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really old-fashioned. Hate is happening right now, in all those haunted cobbled streets of ghostly Europe. I think Feldman offers a cinematic gesture of hope that Klezmer and jazz may yet sweep away the ethnic cleansers.

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# HEALTHWISE

## Torah, Mental Health and You

by R.Y. Donowitz  
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Throughout the course of a person's life, he or she will be confronted with a need or desire to make changes. For example, a person may be brought to the realization that he eats or drinks too much, gets angry too often or even has an interpersonal shortcoming that annoys others.

The acknowledgement and admission of these things is a vital first step to changing, yet change does not come easily. For instance, simply informing a person, "Eat less or your high blood pressure will cause you a problem," usually does not do the trick.

In this week's Torah portion, Ki Sissa, we can gain an important insight, based on our sages, to develop a program for change. We read how Moses, after receiving the tablets (which had the Ten Commandments written on them), was directly informed by G-d how corruptly the Jewish people were acting.

Even after securing their safety from the wrath of G-d, Moses did not express his displeasure. When was he sufficiently moved to take action? Only upon personally seeing the people dancing and rejoicing with the golden calf, which served as their new leader in place of Moses himself. Having previously heard from G-d di-

rectly was not enough to bring him to break the tablets.

As we can now understand, knowledge alone, even from the most reliable source, is not what brings a person to action. Moses had to see the people himself before he acted. This personal observation led to a deeper sense of belief. With this enhanced conviction, Moses felt the imperative to act — and he did.

We, too, may need to see the consequences of our actions before we are willing to make any changes. Fortunately, observing what happens to others who have acted in a similar fashion, or even picturing the possible results in our minds can also have a powerful impact to help bring about change.

So, for example, before continuing to eat as usual, look at the scale and check your blood pressure. Try viewing a video on the relationship of being overweight and heart disease. Imagine your doctor telling you that you need a second bypass operation. Seeing things, one way or another, can be a lot more effective than just knowing the facts.

R.Y. Donowitz is an educator and a certified clinical mental health counselor in private practice at Human Relations Consultants.

## Area Women Eligible for Free Osteoporosis Study

A new research study is underway at Rhode Island Hospital for the treatment of osteoporosis, a condition of bone weakening which can lead to fracture, body deformity and other painful complications. The study uses medication called calcitonin-salmon in a simple nasal spray form.

Women in Rhode Island who are past menopause can learn about this free health option by calling 444-4715.

According to Douglas P. Kiel, M.D., the study is designed to determine if calcitonin-salmon, which is already approved and used to treat osteoporosis, can also reduce the very common, but often undetected, crush fractures of the spine responsible for such changes as loss of height or the development of "dowager's hump."

"This is a very important study," Dr. Kiel said, "because there are so many active women in Rhode Island whose lives may be altered by osteoporosis which is a disorder

characterized by excessive loss of bone mineral tissue resulting in weakened bones and increased susceptibility to fracture.

"The study offers eligible participants a number of benefits including a careful assessment of their condition by osteoporosis experts, follow-up attention and the advantage of using medication in a once-a-day nasal spray form."

Rhode Island Hospital is one of a number of centers nationwide which will enroll some 1,000 women in this investigation centered on a critical health problem. Recently, the World Health Organization and the National Institutes of Health cited osteoporosis as among the most pressing non-communicable health challenges of the 1990s. It is estimated that some 20 million American women have osteoporosis and that number is expected to rise as the U.S. population ages.

"For women right here in

Rhode Island, osteoporosis is a health and lifestyle problem which causes suffering, loss of mobility and body changes that are hard to accept. We are trying to do something about that," Kiel said.

Osteoporosis can occur in both sexes. However, women are six to eight times more likely than men to develop the most common form of osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is difficult to detect because there are no biochemical tests for the presence of the disease. X-rays can reveal fractures but, by the time they are evident, substantial bone weakening has taken place.

Often called "the silent disease," osteoporosis can take many years to develop. Noticeable effects such as body change, fracture or pain are likely to occur as people age. Sedentary lifestyle, family history, body frame, habits such as cigarette smoking and alcohol and caffeine intake are among risk factors for osteoporosis.

## The Best Things in Life

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

My wife Michael teaches what comes naturally. She moves along the corridors of Women and Infants Hospital helping new mothers to put their infants to the breast.

She goes into schools and clinics and tries to teach pregnant teens how to take care of themselves in order to help their unborn babies get the best chance of good health.

Politics figures into her job. Formula feeding makes up a business that forever seeks new customers for big companies that manufacture the stuff. Michael tugs away the market. Once you dry up, you have to spend money for chemical milk you could get for free. It's better for your child at that.

When Michael passed her exam as a childbirth educator, I took it to the framers. The certificate hangs proudly on an upstairs wall. She studied hard to earn the title "lactation consultant" as well. I believe she knows more within her realm than anybody in the community. That's my boast, not hers.

But when our phone rings, I pick up because we have the

same name. I hear her clients. They trust her and like her. Women of diverse ages and backgrounds all share in the common bond of motherhood.

Michael's classes bring together southeast Asians, Hispanics, Africans, Caribbeans, Israelis, Central and Latin Americans — a league of lactating nations.

She not only gladly learns and teaches, but Michael also drafts protocols, statements of purpose posted at lying-ins. At first, agencies resist her demands for the rights of the mother, not the machine. But they come around. The words command respect. These are the health issues at the very root of our humanity at the very start of life. It's deep stuff.

Periodicals and magazines about related issues come through our front door mail slot day after day. The subject of circumcision posed a dilemma. Michael wrote in a well-researched and deeply felt document about the virtues and religious values of the simple surgery. Anti-Semitism has a way of worming its vile way into the most surprising contexts.

And Michael comes home from her classes — at which she sometimes has to work through an interpreter — with lots of stories to tell. I can feel both her effort and her pride when she gets a new mom to take charge of her newborn and her baby's fate. A new born at the breast casts a happy image.

Our bedroom serves as a library, a gallery and even a language lab, as my wife picks up Spanish, sets me to work to draw larger poster sketches, and arranges lifelike dolls of babies, of breasts and other biological sculptures she orders from catalogs.

I never know what might show up on video. We had our own home birth at our house nearly 14 years ago. We see flicks of other deliveries right in our own kitchen on selected evenings.

Once in a great while, somebody gets confused and thinks I'm the Mike Fink that does all these things around town. When I was a kid, I loved biology, the study of our inner secrets. And I went in big for caveman models and articles about evolution. So my wife's work feels like a familiar development from my own destiny. Maybe she's made me the great godfather to the next generation of Rhode Island. In behalf of the little human mammals of tomorrow, thanks, Michael.

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# HEALTHWISE

## Ask the Expert

by Michael G. Goldstein, M.D.  
Special to the Herald

**Question:** I've quit smoking several times. Why am I unsuccessful and what am I doing wrong? I'm also concerned about gaining weight if I do quit.

**Answer:** Quitting smoking is not an easy task. The average smoker tries to quit several times before finally quitting for good. There are a number of steps to follow to increase success.

First, you must be ready. This means you are motivated and want to quit smoking. You must also be committed to this endeavor and be willing to make other changes in your life. For example, find a new "habit." Rather than sitting down with a cup of coffee and a cigarette, use the extra 10 or 15 minutes for a quick walk.

You will also have to learn how to deal with not smoking in social settings such as parties, weddings and other gatherings. If you are a social drinker, you may have to avoid alcohol for awhile. Alcohol will only increase your desire for a cigarette, and wear down your resolve. You can help yourself through any stress or depression associated with quitting smoking by starting an exercise program.

To answer the second part of your question, not everyone who quits smoking gains weight. When weight becomes an issue, it is often because people who quit smoking substitute food for cigarettes. Also, because cigarettes are a stimulant, they speed up your metabolism. When the stimulant is removed, your metabolism decreases. On average, people who quit smoking gain between 1 and 9 pounds. Eating the right foods, such as low-fat snacks, and exercise will help you to avoid weight gain and increase your chance of success. Further-

more, you would need to gain 75 pounds to put the same strain on your heart as the cigarettes you smoke.

**Question:** I've heard a lot of reports about the patch, some good and some bad. What do you think about using the patch to quit smoking?

**Answer:** The patch is a method of nicotine replacement which is worn on the skin like a band-aid. It is used to reduce withdrawal symptoms of nicotine experienced while quitting smoking.

By reducing withdrawal symptoms, the patch may make it easier for you to deal with the habit or behavioral aspects of smoking. The success

rate of the patch increases twofold when used in conjunction with a smoking cessation program. It is essential for you to learn and use behavioral strategies to break the habit of smoking.

The patch works best for heavy smokers, or those who are physically dependent on nicotine. Good candidates include smokers who smoke one pack or more per day; smoke the first cigarette of the day within 30 minutes after waking, and have experienced withdrawal symptoms during previous quit attempts.

Because the patch is only available in prescription form, you need to speak to your doctor about whether or not the patch is the right method for you. If you do not have a physician, contact The Miriam Hospital Health Connection at 274-6910 for a physician referral.

*Dr. Goldstein is medical director of the Center for Behavioral Medicine at The Miriam Hospital.*

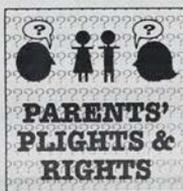
## Light Is on Horizon for Students with Learning Disabilities

by Steve C. Imber  
Special to the Herald

The 1960s brought with it an era of Camelot at the White House, The Beatles, Chicago Seven, diversity at the university, and a newly coined term known as learning disabilities.

By 1968, there was a White House Conference on Learning Disabilities. College courses were offered on the subject of learning disabilities soon thereafter, though the professors who taught the courses experienced considerable difficulty in defining just what was a learning disability.

Within a few years, there were several textbooks on learning disabilities and professional journals included articles on the subject. A division of the Council for Exceptional Children on Learning Disabilities was formed and the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities sprouted its wings (now



known as the Learning Disabilities Association).

By 1975 Congress passed the All Handicapped Children's Act, Public Law 94-142, which was implemented by October 1977.

Students with learning disabilities, by definition, are not mentally retarded; rather they have near average, average or above-average intelligence. They are not primarily emotionally disturbed, though they may experience emotional or

## Butler Sets Spring Schedule for Psychiatry Lecture Series

Butler Hospital's Spring 1993 Professional Lecture Series in Psychiatry will focus on pharmacotherapy as part of an integrated approach for treating psychiatric illness. The series will begin on March 17 with Gabor Keltner, M.D., director of the mood disorders program and associate medical director of inpatient services at Butler Hospital, speaking on "Combining Psychosocial and Pharmacological Treatments for Mood Disorders."

The series will continue on April 14, with Steven Rasmussen, M.D., and Michele Pato, M.D., discussing the role of pharmacotherapy in treating anxiety disorders. Dr. Rasmussen is director of the OCD and Anxiety Disorders Program and associate medical di-

rector for admissions and ambulatory services at Butler Hospital. Dr. Michele Pato is assistant chief of outpatient programs and admissions and assistant director of the OCD and Anxiety Disorders Program at Butler Hospital.

Part three of the series is scheduled for May 12. The speaker will be Carlos Pato, M.D., director of emergency psychiatry at Rhode Island Hospital, who will discuss pharmacologic treatment of psychosis.

The series will be held at the Ray Conference Center on the grounds of Butler Hospital. Each lecture will run from noon until 1:30 p.m. and lunch will be provided. The cost for each program is \$20, or \$45 for all three.

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## The Vision of Begin

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with Israel was marginal. But it seems that no Israeli leader captured the world's imagination more dramatically than did Menachem Begin. Nor did the image of a statesman ever undergo so profound a transformation.

Begin will be remembered as a peacemaker. But had he done nothing more than lead the Irgun Zvri Leumi (IZL) underground against the British occupation, he would have secured his place as a major figure in Israeli history. The British departure from Palestine was dictated by many considerations, but the IZL under Begin played a major, perhaps a decisive role, which was confirmed in the British Parliament by Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison. That a leader of a savage underground war should have become the first Israeli to make peace with an Arab country is a commentary on the nature of Israel's struggle for independence and survival.

It is worth remembering the world's uproar over and condemnation of Israel for bombing and destroying the Osirak nuclear reactor in Iraq in June 1981. As punishment for destroying Iraq's nuclear reactor, the then U.S. Secretary of Defense — Casper Weinberger slapped a military embargo against Israel.

In a speech, Begin warned,

indeed intoning prophetically, "Remember, America, you may appease tyrants, but only to have to fight them later when they are stronger to defeat."

Addressing Weinberger, Begin said, "By what morality did you act, Mr. Secretary of Defense? The Iraqis were preparing atomic bombs to drop on children of Israel. Haven't you heard of 1½ million little children who were thrown into gas chambers and poisoned with Zyklon B gas? Whom are you trying to punish, Mr. Secretary of Defense? Self-defending Israel or aggressive, murderous, dictatorial, practical Iraq?"

It is comforting to know that Begin lived long enough to witness the world's gratitude for the bombing and destruction of the Osirak nuclear reactor in Iraq, a deed for which he was mercilessly condemned more than a decade ago.

One can imagine that he would have been even more pleased, were he assured that the world would soon come to recognize the justice of other Israeli actions like the expulsion of the Hamas murderers — now universally condemned. But to expect others to have the vision of Menachem Begin is perhaps to ask too much.

According to his wishes, Begin was not given a state funeral usually accorded to people who served their country well. Instead, he had a simple traditional Jewish funeral. In

the hearts and minds of the Jewish people, this great patriot will shine as a beacon of light for future generations to come.

## Matinee for Kids Is at the JCCRI

The JCCRI's Club 456 for children in grades four to six will hold a dual showing of G-rated films on March 21. The event, which will run from noon to 4 p.m., will be held in the game room at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

Nonmembers are welcome. For a price of \$2 for Club 456 members and \$5 for nonmembers, children can watch two movies and enjoy snacks provided by the center.

RSVP to Alisa Yanow at 861-8800 by March 17.

## USY Needs Bikes

United Synagogue Youth is conducting a drive for the collection of extra and unneeded bicycles within the community. These bicycles will be distributed to new American families within the area. The group would like to distribute the bicycles in time for spring use. USYers as well as new American families would appreciate any help the community can extend.

If you wish to donate or receive a bicycle, or if you have any questions, contact Eric Newman at 861-0042.



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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## 'Chai-to-Life' Coming to JCCRI

An evening filled with excitement, where every song, every sound forces you to have a good time, to clap, to sing and finally to dance is planned for March 23 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. And not just dancing as you usually think of it, but as the Hasidim know it.

That's exactly what's planned for the Hasidic 'Chai-to-Life' concert at 7:30 p.m. at the JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. This year's concert features performer Avi Albrecht, who has performed for audiences throughout the United States, Europe, South America and South Africa. His melodic voice is very much at home with a wide range of Jewish music, including soulful Hasidic 'nigunim,' lively Hebrew and Yiddish folk songs and glorious cantorial pieces.

Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and students. These are available from Chabad Lubavitch, 48 Savoy St., in Providence. In addition, reserved seats are available for



Avraham Albrecht

Chai-to-Life Pillars at 10 times Chai/ticket, Chai-to-Life Sponsors at five times Chai/ticket, and Chai-to-Life Patrons \$18/ticket, or more. As one would expect at a Hasidic evening, separate seating will be provided.

For more information, contact Chabad at 273-7238.

## Mass. BJE to Convene Childhood Conference

On March 25 the Bureau of Jewish Education in Newton, Mass., will host the seventh annual Samuel Lebovich Jewish Early Childhood Education Conference at the Gosman Campus in Newton. The day-long conference is named in honor of Samuel Lebovich, who established an endowment at the bureau to support this annual event. This year's conference theme is 'Tzedakah.'

The Jewish Early Childhood Education Conference — in cooperation with the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston — is unique in that it is the only local event designed specifically for the professional growth of Jewish early childhood educators. The conference attracts educators from Jewish communities in Rhode Island, New York, New Hampshire, Maine and Connecticut.

For the first time, this year the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children has accredited the five-hour intensive seminar track at the conference for continuing education credit toward fulfillment of the Massachusetts Office for Children's daycare staff qualifications.

The association is the first professional association in the nation to approve early childhood-related courses and to grant CEU certificates to individuals who complete approved courses. Many of the conference attendees will participate in this plan.

The Conference Planning Committee has scheduled a double lunch session this year so that everyone will have an opportunity to hear guest speaker Moshe Waldoks on "The Art of Compassion."

Local businesses will display the latest childhood texts, cassettes and hands-on materials in an extensive exhibit from noon to 4 p.m. This is an op-

portunity for nursery educators to review and purchase materials.

The conference is open to all educators in Jewish early childhood programs. More than 400 teachers from Jewish Community Centers, as well as Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and unaffiliated nursery schools network and share expertise together. Workshops are geared to professionals at daycare centers, nursery schools and kindergarten programs.

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## Gross Will Host Dvorah-Dayan

The next meeting of Dvorah-Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will be held on March 15 at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Fania Gross, 118 Eaton St., Providence.

Members are reminded to send reservations for the theater party on April 25 at 2 p.m. at Rhode Island College featuring the musical "Carousel." Tickets cost \$12. Reservations can be made by calling Ceil Krieger at 351-2139.

The program for this meeting will include guest speaker Eunice Morris, AARP Volunteer Tax Aide Program counselor. She will discuss "How To Turn Longer Lives Into Better Lives."

## Senior Guild Will Plan Future Trips at March Meeting

The first regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild for this season will be held on March 16 at 12:30 p.m. Various subjects will be discussed.

Trips for the upcoming months include a June 1 journey to New Orleans for four nights and five days. The group will fly there and stay at the French Quarter, visiting the French Market Place, Bourbon Street, the jazz section and a musical "The Can Can Girls."

In July and August, the group plans one-day trips to the theater including luncheon. Dates and rates will be announced at the meetings.

On Aug. 1, the group will visit the Pines Hotel in South Fallsburg, N.Y., in the Catskills for seven nights and eight days.

An Alaskan trip is also planned in August. The exact date will be given at the meeting. The trip will include seven nights and eight days, part land and part cruise, food, entertainment and activities day and night on board the ship.

Members are advised to plan early, as there is only a certain amount of seats available. If you are interested in any of the above trips, contact Pearl Stayman, 738-0225, or Etta Swerling, 463-7166, for any information regarding rates and dates.

If anyone does not receive a bulletin, call Philip Rosenfield, 781-7648, or Etta Swerling, 463-7166, and one will be mailed to you.



ALL BUNNIED UP — Vatsheva Donowitz gets a better view of the Purim parade atop the shoulders of her father Yerahimel Donowitz Sunday in Providence. Herald photo by Omar Bradley

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



**WILD IN THE STREETS** — The Jewish community revels in the spirit of harmony at the Purim parade Sunday on Sessions Street in Providence. The sixth annual Providence Purim parade, sponsored by the New England Rabbinical College, was attended by a large crowd that danced in the streets.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Brown Wins Coveted Pitt Grant

A committee of Jewish Student leaders has awarded more than \$20,000 in Pitt Campus Creativity Grants to 17 innovative projects affecting more than 300,000 college students across the country. Brown University's "Black-Jewish Dialogue" was among those projects selected.

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Irving and Sarah Pitt Institute for Student Leadership awards the Creativity Grants annually to support unique student projects that promote Jewish activity on campus.

Brown's "Black-Jewish Dialogue" will feature a panel of esteemed African-American and Jewish speakers who get down to such basics as how we relate and how we talk to each other, as well as insights into African-American/Jewish student dialogue.

A selection committee of students from six different col-

leges awarded the Pitt grants, with applications up more than 30 percent over 1992. This year, 25 colleges were first-time applicants, including several schools outside of the U.S.

## 'Crossing Delancey' Will Be Shown

The contrasting views of a single, independent professional woman and her grandmother's accepted family traditions come to light in "Crossing Delancey," a movie to be shown at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island March 14 at 2 p.m.

The film and refreshments will be provided at no cost.

Contact Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800 for more information. The center is located at 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

## JCCRI Kosher Meal Site

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's kosher meal-site program invites seniors to join in a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon weekly, Sunday through Friday. Doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour.

Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. Seniors can try their hand at bridge on Monday afternoon from noon until 3:45 a.m.

On Tuesday a Women's Forum is held from 11:15 a.m. to noon and a bingo game runs from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, the Men's Group meets from 11:15 a.m. to noon. "Friend to Friend" meets Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon, and bingo is played from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Shabbat traditions are observed on Friday. Sunday begins with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs.

For more information, contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

## Purim Permeates the Air

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waited for the signal. At the mention of Haman, the Persian's name, everyone raised their graggers and yelled to drown out the despised Biblical figure's name. But it was the rabbi alone who made the loudest sound with an array of graggers (noise-makers) of all shapes and sizes.

Down the road, Temple Emanu-El wasn't about to be outdone as Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Rabbi Alvan Kaufman put aside all their inhibitions and emerged as a cowboy and Indian. The temple held a costume party for children that included many grown-ups who were smitten by the magical power of Purim.

with jokes and balloons as their parents watched on. "It gives the religion a sense of fun instead of being dry," noted Debbie Fate.

### Parade Blessed with Perfect Weather

A large crowd that included strange aliens, talking stuffed animals, Batman, clowns, jugglers and a menagerie of partygoers took to the streets at Elm Grove Avenue and Savoy Street Sunday as police, firefighters, the Marines and the National Guard were on hand to observe the spectacle of the sixth annual Providence Purim parade.

The event, sponsored by the New England Rabbinical College and the city of Provi-

dence. Suddenly, a large dark figure wearing a cap flew by them. "It makes me feel safe now that my friends are around," said David, referring to the cap crusader.

Soon the streets filled with all types of colorfully dressed men, women and children — a giraffe family, sequined aliens, giant crayons, a soda can and witches, to mention a few.

Aaron Rubenstein, 8, held up his Yiddish kite as part of his Benjamin Franklin outfit, but tried to keep away from his father Mark, who came as a lightning bolt. Irina Khaykin was demure as a Russian gypsy; in fact, she is a Russian from Belorussia. Meanwhile, Esther Donowitz, Rina and Avraham Freid formed a living Torah.

Blessed with perfect weather,



**WHO'S THAT PIRATE?** — Rabbi Sidney Helbraun of Temple Beth-El as Captain Hook, families and friends enjoy a magic show Saturday at the temple.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Hundreds of festively dressed congregants gathered in the auditorium to view a Purimspiel called, "Oy, Oy, Oy, 'Klalom!" or "Esther Gets Her Man," a comical blend of western spoofs that included a talking horse, a western band and Haman, the outlaw, donned in black western attire.

Further down the road, just off the boulevard, at Temple Beth-El, children were on their best behavior as a one-eyed Captain Hook, a.k.a. Rabbi Sidney Helbraun, lurked among them. But little David Hirschberg, who came as the evil Haman, got the most jeers from the lively crowd.

Len Cerel, a magician, was the highlight of the evening, as he tricked and taunted the squealing crowd of children

dence, local businesses and the Jewish community, was attended by a crowd of more than 500 people.

Steven Stenberg, dressed in a white tuxedo, served as host and organizer, darting about on a yellow scooter early Sunday morning. He made sure Brad Dowtey, a wagonmaster with Noaquit Farms in Tiverton, knew the parade route, as he hitched up his two Belgian stallions. Although it was the first Purim parade he's ever done, Dowtey felt his horses would have no problem pulling a wagonload of children and adults around a city block.

Under the shadow of the Providence Purim parade banner, the Lipson brothers — Yisrael, Yehuda and David — held on to the large sign with

the parade started on schedule, led by a Providence police officer filled with screaming revelers that Patrolman Dan Fanning had given a ride. The entourage was led by a rock 'n' roll band atop a flatbed followed by hundreds of celebrants, antique cars, firetrucks, a horse-drawn cart, acrobats, stunt bicyclists and numerous wheeled contraptions.

At the corner of Elm Grove Avenue and Sessions Street, the entire crowd was literally dancing wildly in the streets, as Jews shed off any vestige of social status and enjoyed the spirit of the holiday. Even evil Haman maneuvered through the crowd, offering haman-tashen from a wheeled cart. It was a spectacle the likes of a Hollywood musical as the sun warmed the hearts and souls of young and old on Purim 1993.

## Meal Site Featuring 'The King And I'

Next week's VCR programs and movie presentations offered under the seniors' kosher meal-site program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island include: Part 2 of "The King and I," with Yul Brynner at 10:45 a.m. on March 14, and parts 2 and 3 of the four-part series, "Israel: A Nation is Born," narrated by Abba Eban, from 11 a.m. to noon on March 12 and 19.

## Passover Recipes WANTED

Please send us your favorite Passover recipes, typed and double-spaced, if possible (or neatly printed). The Herald will publish them, giving full credit to the chef, of course, in upcoming issues before Passover.

Send recipes to: R.I. Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940, or fax to 726-5820.

# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Ethics Topic of Education Day

"Ethics in Rhode Island?" will be discussed at Hadassah's statewide education day on March 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

The committee, chaired by Jenny Klein, has planned a format that will openly discuss ethics here in Rhode Island and at the same time, be informative and educational.

Mel A. Topf, professor of communications at Roger Williams University, will clarify how and when the commission looks into problems relating to ethics and its avenue of approach in resolving these issues. He will also discuss how these decisions affect the general public.

Also part of the program, guests will split up into small discussion groups to exchange views on ethical problems in

an innovative process.

Serving on the committee with Klein are Judy Greenblatt, Eva Sapolsky, Beatrice Katznelson, Violet Hellman, Peppy Fuerst, Wendy Spellum and Rosalind Bolusky, ex officio.

Lunch will be served. Reservations are a must. The program is open to the community, with a \$5 cover charge.

For reservations and information, call 463-3636.

## Panel To Focus on Intermarriage

Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will present "Kiruv, Outreach to the Intermarried" in a panel discussion consisting of Rabbi Wayne Franklin and Cindy Blackwood, with Doris McGarry as moderator on March 14 at 2 p.m.

McGarry is an active leader in many phases of the Rhode Island community. She is director of the State Community Counseling Center and served as its president from 1964 to 1977. She is also director of the Rhode Island Council of Community Health Centers.

State president of the League of Women Voters, she inaugurated many political debates and has been moderator of these debates from 1975 to the present. McGarry has chaired the Social Action Committee of Temple Emanu-El and is a member of the board of trustees. For her various volunteer efforts, she has been the recipient of special community awards.

A social hour will follow the panel discussion.

## Touro Hits the Ice

March 21 is family day for members of Touro Fraternal Association. Members and family members are invited to a Providence Bruins Hockey game. Those interested are instructed to meet at Touro Hall at noon. Buses leave at 12:15 for the 1 p.m. game. Old-timers will play from the old Boston Bruins vs. the old Providence Reds.

The group will travel back to Touro Hall for pizza and soda after the game. Tickets cost \$10. Sales are limited to Touro members and their families while the limited 85 tickets last.

For more information, call 785-0066.



Karen Dannin

## Hadassah Kicks Off Drive

The Providence Group of Hadassah invites the public to an informative program marking the beginning of its annual fund-raising drive to benefit the Hadassah medical organization on March 15 at Highland Court.

Dessert and coffee will be served at 12:30 p.m., to be followed by the donor kickoff meeting which will start at 1 p.m.

The keynote speaker is Karen M. Dannin, who will provide timely information on Israel and the new children's pavilion. Dannin is currently a member of the National President's Council, vice president of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah and chairwoman of World Jewry for the Western New England Region of Hadassah.

In addition, she is vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and chairwoman of the Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Greta Steiner, Eunice Greenfield, president and Doris McGarry, program chairwoman.

Members working on the donor kickoff are Claire Bell, Shirley Chernick, Selma Halpern, Catherine Abrams, Herta Hoffman, Esther Swartz, Greta Steiner, Eunice Greenfield, president and Doris McGarry, program chairwoman.

Members and friends are encouraged to attend.



ASHHVEROSH — Art Shapiro, as King Ashverosh in Temple Emanu-El's spoof "Oy-Oy, Oy-lahoma," sings about his horse Sal, played by Howard and Matthew Bromberg, Saturday. (See story on Page 1) *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## Hadassah Sponsoring Spirituality Retreat

Several Hadassah's Regions have combined to offer a

Young Women's Spirituality Retreat on March 28 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Host Inn, Sturbridge, Mass. The day will be an opportunity for women to stretch their minds, bodies and souls. The areas involved include the Regions of Northern New England, Western New England and Connecticut.

## Jewish Home Women Set Next Meeting

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home will conduct a meeting on March 17 in the Martin Chase Auditorium. Refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 1 p.m.

Lillian Schwartz, librarian at Temple Emanu-El, will review and give a slide presentation of a book by Richard Rosenblum. The story will bring back memories of the '30s and '40s. Her topic is "Sharing His Life in Art and Story."

Schwartz, a certified Judaica librarian, has been the librarian at Temple Emanu-El since 1974. She is past president of the New England Jewish Library Association and national coordinator of the Association of Jewish Libraries' Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition.

Cecelia Katz is in charge of hospitality. Betty Levy will provide.

Beth Aaronson from the Northern New England Region, Jill Kaplan McNamee, Western New England Region, and Rachael Ragland, Connecticut. Hadassah members and guests are welcome. Registration costs \$20 for Hadassah members and \$25 for nonmembers (luncheon included). Checks can be mailed to Hadassah, 59 Army Road, New Haven, Conn. 06515. For additional information, call 463-3636.

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**PURIM PUPPETS** — Rena Silberberg (from left), Miriam Pliskin, Aviva Jakubowicz and Chava Shafran, eighth-graders at Providence Hebrew Day School, pose with puppets they used in a Purim play to raise money for a class trip last week.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Purim Puppets Thrill Hebrew Day Students

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

There were a lot of strange goings-on at the Providence Hebrew Day School's Purim Puppet Show last week, including the appearance of two small martians. They were one of many surprises conjured up by parent Rivkie Gerber, who not only designed the puppets but organized the comical production.

"We wanted something in the school that can bring creativity and add more warmth inside the school for Purim," Gerber noted. Judging by the audience participation and laughter, it appeared she succeeded, thanks to four eighth-graders.

While scores of children rolled in hysteria, PHDS students Aviva Jakubowicz, Chava Shafran, Piriam Pliskin and Rena Silberberg feverishly maneuvered a colorful menagerie of puppets that included dolls, a stuffed horse,

evil Haman, Queen Esther and King Aschaveroosh, among others.

Although most of the children in the audience knew the story of Esther, the puppets reenacted the plot for the benefit of the martians. "This is a fun thing for the kids that will show the younger ones in a form that they can understand with puppets," said Rabbi Abraham Jakubowicz, principal of the school.

After the play, Gerber thanked the students, Toby Rossoner of the Bureau of Jewish Education, for the art supplies, her husband, Ephraim, for his assistance, and Queen Esther, for her courage.

The play was performed to help raise funds for a class trip, according to eighth-grader Miriam Pliskin, who played Aaron, Mordechai and Esther in the show. As parents and adults sampled apple juice and hamantaschen, a feeling of warmth filled the hall.

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## 'Defense for Women' Topic for Sinai Sisterhood

Temple Sinai Sisterhood will have its meeting on March 22 at Temple Sinai at 7 p.m.

The program for the evening is "Defense for Women," taught by Impact Karate Center of Providence. Also, Officer Tom Mooney with the Cranston Police Department will tell those in attendance how to avoid becoming a victim.

Admission for Sisterhood members is free, nonmembers \$5 per person. Space is limited; call to reserve a space.

## Shared Seder Set at Torat Yisrael

A shared Passover seder is planned for April 6, the second night of Passover, at 7 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

Rabbi David Rosen and Cantor Shimon Gewirtz will lead the seder, which will be catered with plenty of food and Passover spirit.

Cost for adults is \$18, children 12 and younger, \$9. Pre-paid reservations are due by March 12, and may be sent to Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, R.I. 02905.

## Fein To Speak at Brown-RISD Hillel

Noted Jewish author, activist and teacher, Dr. Leonard Fein will be this year's Edward P. Reich Scholar-in-Residence at the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation. Addressing the topic, "America's Jews: Who Are We?" Fein will deliver three lectures at the Samuel and Rapaport Hillel House on March 18 and 19.

The schedule of lectures is as follows: "In the Season of Bosnia, What Do We Mean by 'Never Again'?" March 18 at 7:30 p.m.; "Is Judaism a Political Religion?" March 19 at noon (a light lunch will be available for a small fee); "Mazon: Why Feed Them?" March 19 at 9 p.m.

All lectures are free and open to the public. Leonard Fein is one of the most influential leaders of the American Jewish community. He founded *Moment* magazine, which became one of America's leading independent magazines of Jewish affairs, and for which he served as editor and publisher until 1978. He also founded "Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger," a program that is now the American Jewish community's principal vehicle for participation in the campaign against world hunger.

In the fall of 1992, he conceived and coordinated the "To Break the Silence" campaign, an interfaith effort calling on the American government to intervene in both Somalia and the former Yugoslavia. As part of this initiative, Fein drafted the "Joint Resolution of the American People," which was read in thousands of churches, synagogues and mosques across the country.

He has also written several



Dr. Leonard Fein

books and hundreds of articles about concerns of the Jewish community and the world. In addition, he has lectured nationwide and in more than a dozen foreign countries. Currently he serves as senior visiting scholar at the Religious Action Center, the public affairs arm of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, located in Washington, D.C.

The Edward P. Reich Scholar-in-Residence program of the Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation has been made possible by a grant from the family of Edward P. Reich, a young man who died of natural causes in 1988 while a first-year student at Brown.

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# School Beat



## Alperin Schecter Shares With Seniors

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

Students from the Alperin Schecter Day School provided a pleasant surprise for the seniors at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's kosher meal site last week. They shared their time and friendship in the Jewish tradition of "shalach monos," the "sending of gifts," with friends and strangers.

The gifts came in the form of tasty hamantaschen baked on March 2 by Abraham, Anna and Edith Gershman, and sequential readings of the Megillah that each student had memorized, according to Marcia Kauner, their teacher.

"They chose an activity that would join us with the rest of the community," she informed. "It was the children's idea to come to the meal site to meet and share some time with the seniors."

While the students recited their passages one by one, Alexander Kantarovsky, 11, was relieved it was over. "I didn't make any mistakes. ... I was practicing for one month on the second part of part seven," he explained.

Many of the children carried masks they had made which were sure to be worn in Sunday's Purim parade. But for now, it was simply a time to let the seniors know how much they cared.

While the children offered the traditional pastries to the seniors, Ruth Meyer, a member of the Golden Age Club, said, "They were delicious. ... It's traditional to give a gift of prepared food to a friend or stranger at this holiday."

Indeed, those seniors celebrating birthdays in the first three months are given a small gift as well, according to Sandy Bass, coordinator for the center.



SHALACH MONOS—The Hebrew tradition of sharing cooked foods with friends and strangers is exercised by Rebecca Dimant, 10, Merri Ross, 10, from the Alperin Schecter Day School at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's kosher meal site last week.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley



## Students Bring Gifts and Joy

Jewish Home resident Esther Resnick enjoys afternoon sessions with students from Temple Emanu-El.

On a recent wintery afternoon, residents of the Jewish Home welcomed the students of the Temple Emanu-El Hebrew School. Following afternoon services, seven new Torah binders were presented to Rabbi Sol Goodman by the children who purchased the binders through their Tzedakah Jewish Home residents, who always enjoy visitors — especially children, encourage youth organizations to visit.

## Kidstuff Sale Set For March 28

Babies' and children's clothing, toys, books and baby equipment will be on sale at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Kidstuff Sale, to be held on March 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center, located at 401 Elm Grove Ave., in Providence, will hold this event to benefit the Infant/Toddler Childcare Center, Preschool and Children's Department.

A collection drive will be held through March 26; items can be dropped off at the preschool, the Infant/Toddler Childcare Center, Kidspare or the main desk by March 26. Tax-deductible donations will also be accepted before this date.

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## Cafe Is Job Source For Handicapped Students

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The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Outdoor Club will head downtown to see the Providence Bruins hockey team take on St. John's on March 21, at 1 p.m.

Those in grades seven to 12 who wish to go should meet at noon at the center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, to car-pool to the game. Nonmembers

of the club are welcome. The car pool will return to the center at about 4 p.m.

The hockey event, cosponsored by the JCCRI Youth Department and Robbie Frank Fund, costs \$8 for Outdoor Club members and \$13 for nonmembers. Contact Alisa Yanow at 861-8800 before March 17 to RSVP or assist in the car pool.

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# OBITUARIES

## LOUIS S. BLOOM

CRANSTON — Louis S. Bloom, 83, of 70 Warwick Ave., Cranston, died March 8 at the Miriam Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of the late Ruby (Goldsmith) Bloom.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Nathan and Jennie (Katz) Bloom. He had lived in Providence most of his life before moving to Cranston eight years ago. He was a car salesman for the former Bee-Croft Chevrolet Company for 40 years before retiring in the late 1970s.

He was a past president of the Chased Schel Amess Association at Lincoln Park Cemetery. He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek, Roosevelt Lodge #42 AF&AM, the Palestine Shrine, United Commercial Travelers Association, Hall Manor Tenants and Temple Beth-El Bowling League.

He leaves one son, Melvin M. Bloom of Warwick, one sister, Sarah Bloom of Cranston, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence on March 9. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## MUSA EYDES

PAWTUCKET — Musa Eydes, 90, of 150 Dartmouth St., a farmer in Latvia for 40 years before retiring 12 years ago, died March 8 at Miriam

Hospital. She was the widow of David Eydes.

Born in Latvia, a daughter of the late Abraham and Basya Lipschitz, she came to Pawtucket 12 years ago.

Eydes was a member of the Golden Age Club of Temple Emanu-El and the Senior Citizens of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, both in Providence.

She leaves a son, Alex Eides of Providence; a daughter, Sonya Zakrofsky of Pawtucket, and four grandchildren. She was grandmother of the late Geta Eides.

The funeral services were held March 9 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## GERTRUDE E. GOLDBERG

CRANSTON — Gertrude E. Goldberg, 95, of 70 Warwick Ave., died March 5 at Jane Brown Hospital. She was the widow of Dr. Louis Goldberg.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Louis and Anna (Woolf) Silverman. She had lived in Providence before moving to Cranston 30 years ago.

Goldberg was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild, and Hadassah.

She leaves a son, Harvey Goldberg of Middletown; a daughter, Shirley Mittleman of Cranston; six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service

was held March 7 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## BEATRICE STRAUSS

PROVIDENCE — Beatrice Strauss, 73, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue, died March 11 at the home. She was the widow of Conrad Strauss.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Rebecca (Botvin) she lived in the city for 19 years. She previously lived in Newport.

Strauss was a sales manager for the former Gladding's and Shepard's Department Stores for many years.

She leaves three sisters, Fay Ollive, Maye Levy, both of Cranston, and Ruth Robrish in Florida.

A graveside service was held March 3 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## BEATRICE WOODMAN

EAST PROVIDENCE — Beatrice Woodman of 31 Arthur Ave., East Providence, died March 8 at the Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Samuel I. Woodman.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Israel and Tillie (Orleck) Garfinkle. A resident of East Providence for 14 years, she was co-owner with her sister Agnes Gertsacov of Woodman's Pearls and co-owner of M&B Liquors with her late husband, retiring 10 years ago. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Majestic Senior Guild, Cranston Senior Guild, and Congregation Mishkon T'filoh.

She leaves two sisters, Nancy Fabricant and Agnes Gertsacov, both of Providence, and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Dr. Benjamin Garfinkle.

Funeral services were held March 10 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## Students with Learning Disabilities

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between an individual's ability (as measured by an individually administered intelligence test) and his achievement in at least one area must be determined. Other primary disabilities must be ruled out.

With the passage of Public Law 94-142, many colleges and universities began to train teachers in considerable numbers to serve learning disabled students. State departments of education authorized certification for teachers of the learning disabled.

Multidisciplinary teams began to identify increasing numbers of elementary and secondary students as learning disabled. There were also increasing numbers of independent educational evaluations for students who had learning problems. The numbers of special education mediation sessions and special education hearings also increased with time.

We now identify and serve about 5 percent of all children and adolescents as learning disabled in Rhode Island. We have identified about 8 percent of our total student population as learning disabled.

What has happened to all of these students? Did some of them attend community or four-year college programs? Was any further help available?

Certainly, some elementary school learning disabled students improved their performance so that a significant discrepancy no longer existed. In effect, their specific learning disability was treated effectively.

New evaluations demonstrated that learning disabilities were no longer identifiable. In some cases, students continued to demonstrate learning disabilities. Treatment continued until the student discontinued school or graduated.

However, there are still students with learning disabilities in at least one skill area who continue in high school. Some learning disabled students seem to perform successfully, while others do not.

Nevertheless, many students and their parents assume that once a high school diploma has been earned, help is no longer available, especially for those who wish to pursue a college education.

Fortunately, there is help available. Even for students who have no identifiable learning disability, most colleges

and universities have supportive academic and counseling services.

For learning disabled students to participate in individualized services, the student must have a documented learning disability based upon a complete psychoeducational evaluation. A thorough special education evaluation completed two or three years prior to application might prove sufficient.

Some colleges or universities offer testing services to students. Students can obtain independent evaluations from specialists within the community.

Unfortunately, some students are reluctant to be evaluated or to discuss their previously identified learning disability with a college official. Fear, embarrassment or skepticism may discourage some learning disabled students from requesting support.

Colleges and universities which receive federal funds, are obliged to provide services for learning disabled (and other individuals with disabilities). Students can receive special assistance in reading, writing or mathematical skill areas. Sometimes, modifications in plans of study are made. In some instances course requirements are adapted. Counseling sessions on planning and organization can be obtained.

Naturally, the effectiveness of such services depends upon the student's motivation to follow through as well as the degree and intensity of the services. Colleges and universities do differ in their ability and willingness to assist students with learning disabilities.

In summary, for those who thought that help for students with learning disabilities was either unavailable or very limited, such is not the case. You may need to pursue such assistance persistently and thoroughly. You may need to consult with a specialist in the field; however, help is on the horizon.

Dr. Steve C. Inber is a professor of special education at Rhode Island College, a member of the professional advisory board for the Rhode Island Learning Disabilities Association and president of Psychomedical Consultants Inc., 145 Waterman St., Providence. Questions about learning or behavioral problems of children, adolescents and young adults may be directed to him. All communication is held strictly confidential.

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## U.S. Admits Hamas Contacts

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During his recent trip to the Middle East, Secretary of State Warren Christopher attempted to give a boost to the peace talks, which ground to a halt over the deportation issue.

On Capitol Hill, Sens. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), joined by at least 55 other senators, have written a letter to Christopher supporting the decision to include Hamas in the terrorism report.

Also, Rep. Peter Deutsch (D-Fla.) is planning to introduce a resolution urging the U.S. government to increase its monitoring of radical Islamic fundamentalist groups including Hamas, a spokesman for the congressman said last Tuesday.

The FBI is reportedly increasing its monitoring of Moslems in the United States that have links to Hamas, following

reports that Hamas is now being directed by leaders in this country.

At the State Department, Boucher said he thought that the discussions between American diplomats and people associated with Hamas "might go back some time," and that "what we were talking to them about was political Islam and the currents like that in the Islamic world."

In response to a question, he pointed out that such discussions were not being held with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Christopher, while on his trip, reportedly told Palestinian leaders that he regards the PLO as a group with terrorist tendencies and that the United States presently has no intention of reviving the dialogue with the organization that was begun in December 1988 and suspended in June 1990.

While some might question why the State Department would talk to Hamas, while at the same time rejecting a resumption of the dialogue with the PLO, others see the U.S.-Hamas contacts as typical diplomatic behavior.

The United States is "talking to Hamas because diplomats talk," said Daniel Pipes, director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia. "There's a presidential order not to talk to the PLO," which is not the case with Hamas, he said.

Boucher, in his explanation to reporters, made a distinction between political discussions, which he said the United States was not having with Hamas, and "keeping in touch with people to learn about them."

The spokesman had no specific information on why the contacts were cut off.

Pipes speculated that the State Department was embarrassed by the recent reports of the contacts with Hamas, coming at a time when the group is under fire for its links to terrorism.

"It's pretty appalling," he said, "when the rude light of day is cast upon this."

Pipes pointed out that "this was not the first time American diplomats have talked to terrorists." Therefore, he said, "I am unhappy, even outraged, but not surprised."

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**ENVIRONMENTALLY EFFICIENT** — Barry Newman, a sales marketing manager with Quantum Electronics of Warwick, poses with two of the firm's purification machines that cleanse the air of smoke and other pollutants. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## Crusading For A Cleaner Environment

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

The very first thing you notice upon entering Quantum Electronics Company in Warwick is the freshness of the air — it's simply refreshing to breathe. That, claims Barry Newman, is what Quantum is all about.

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Newman, marketing manager for the company, claims that their machines, which are no bigger than a bread box, weigh only 8 pounds and use less energy than a 40-watt bulb, will be a vital tool in restoring the quality of the air we breathe in our homes, offices or public buildings. The Panda (pure and natural domesticated air) unit will remove secondary smoke, food, pesticides, chemical odors, mold and mildew that are the leading causes of allergies and illnesses.

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Panda also eliminates secondary smoke and formaldehyde odors emanating from rugs and building materials that often produce the "sick building" syndrome, Newman explained.

Newman, who has been with the firm for three and a half years, is married with four children. He lives in Warwick and attends Temple Sinai, where he is a member of the Men's Club. He also serves on the board of directors of the Touro Fraternal Association, coaches Little League baseball and soccer and is involved with his sons' Boy Scouts troop.

Quantum Electronics now does business with almost every country in the free world, Newman exclaimed. "The company is very environmentally conscious," he said. "For every Panda unit sold, we make a donation to the Rhode Island Zoological Society and for every marine unit sold, we make a donation to the Marine Conservation Fund."

Quantum isn't a multi-marketing company, Newman said, and many of his customers become voluntary distributors based on their faith in the machine. The company offers a 30-day money-back guarantee and a full one-year warranty on parts and labor. Currently, the company is planning to introduce a smaller Panda unit for automobiles which is no bigger than a cigar box.

Newman stressed that Quantum is not in the healing business, but stands behind the machines' ability to efficiently remove a multitude of harmful odors and chemicals that are irritating to our general health. Judging by the cleanliness of air at the business, Quantum may well be the beginning of a new age in purification technology.

## Bombing Suspect Linked to Hamas

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nounced they were introducing legislation to bar members of Hamas from entering the United States.

The suspect, identified as Mohammed Salameh, 26, was arrested March 4 in Jersey City, N.J., after he tried to reclaim a deposit on a rented van that it believed to have been used in the bombing of the 110-story office complex.

The man allegedly presented rental papers that were covered with nitrates, a substance used in explosives that was found in the wreckage at the New York landmark. Salameh was arraigned that evening in U.S. District Court in New York on charges that he "did aid and abet the damage of the World Trade Center complex by use of an explosive device, causing the death of at least five individuals."

FBI and New York City police officials refused to provide further details of the suspect's identity. But he was believed to be a Palestinian (who grew up in Jordan) with an Egyptian passport who worshipped at the same Jersey City mosque as El Sayid Nosair, the man charged and later acquitted of the November 1990 assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane.

In New York, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations, hailed the arrest, saying it appeared to be "further confirmation that Israel's repeated warnings of the mounting threat to world order posed by Islamic fundamentalism can no longer be ignored."

U.S. officials have grown increasingly concerned about the activities of Moslem fundamentalist groups in this country, particularly after Israel's deportation in December of 415 Moslem fundamentalists, many of whom were members of the Hamas organization.

In January, Israel arrested two Palestinian Americans from the Chicago area, whom it accused of attempting to funnel money to Hamas activists in the administered territories.

Israeli officials have charged that Hamas activists in the territories are being directed by leaders in the United States. While the FBI has questioned that conclusion, it has stepped up its surveillance of Moslem fundamentalist groups operating in this country.

The legislation introduced in Congress on March 4 would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to classify Hamas activists outside the United States as part of a group that engages in terrorism and therefore ineligible for U.S. entry visas.

The sponsors of the legislation, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Peter Deutsch (D-Fla.), expressed their concern that the United States not serve as a center for

Hamas fund-raising activities.

"We cannot allow the United States to serve as a base for members of this murderous terrorist organization," D'Amato said at a news conference March 4 introducing the legislation.

"We know Hamas is operating in the United States," said Deutsch. "Whether Hamas is responsible for the World Trade Center bomb or not, we must shut them down."

A spokesman for Deutsch said late last week that Hamas activists already present in this country would also be affected by the proposed legislation. He explained that if Hamas were recognized as a terrorist group, its members would no longer be able to raise funds legally and their offices would be closed.

Hamas would be subject, under the legislation, to the same restrictions currently placed on members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Also present at the news conference introducing the legislation was a group of Israelis that has been visiting Washington under the name Victims of Arab Terror. It represents Israelis who have survived terrorist attacks.

Among the Israelis were the mother of Israeli border policeman Nissim Toledano, whose murder late last year was a precipitating factor in the deportations, and Dov Kalmonovitch, an accountant

who was severely burned in the early days of the intifada.

Hamas is firmly opposed to the Middle East peace talks, and its members have claimed responsibility for a number of recent deadly attacks on Israeli soldiers in the territories.

The State Department said recently that Hamas would be included for the first time in the department's annual report on global terrorism, to be released next week.

Earlier this month, the department acknowledged that American diplomats had been meeting with Hamas members, but it said it was calling a halt to such contacts.

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