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Lederberg Claims Supreme Court Seat with Optimism, Confidence

by Anne S. Davidson
Herald Editor

To any naysayers out there who feel she may not be the person for the job, Victoria Lederberg says, just wait and see. "I want to be an excellent judge. I know I can do it," the newest Rhode Island Supreme Court justice told the *Herald* this week.

Lederberg, a Democrat, rose above criticism over the last four months that she hasn't got the legal experience necessary for the position and won election to the state Supreme Court.

She faced this criticism with frankness: "We have tons of trial judges. There are four trial judges on the court already. They [her supporters] felt that what we needed was a fifth one ... to provide a new dimension to the court," she said.

"It was a long and, I think, very thorough process, lasting over many many months with public hearings and ample opportunity for review," Leder-



Victoria Lederberg

berg said of the months preceding the April 29 vote. The win was also considered a victory for House Speaker John B. Harwood, D-Pawtucket.

Lederberg is now the second woman appointed to the lifetime high court seat and the
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FACE TO FACE—Providence Hebrew Day School students Anna Boyskizh, 10, Tira Orenstein, 16, and face painter Rachel Rashkin, 18, celebrate Israel's 45th Independence Day anniversary at a school carnival last week. The Yom Ha'Atzmaut carnival was organized by girls from the New England Academy of Torah.
Herald photo by Omar Bradley

PHDS Students Celebrate Israel's 45th Anniversary

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

In a mini-version of a Jewish jamboree, Providence Hebrew Day School students pulled out all the stops to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Israel's statehood on April 26. In Rina Holtzman's classroom, first-, third- and sixth-grade students read, sang and prayed while Rabbi Sholom Strajcher helped put the commemoration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut into a religious perspective, according to Rabbi Abraham Jakubowicz.

The first-graders talked about how G-d divided the land of Israel to the Jewish nation, Holtzman informed.

A bigger, more joyous Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration took place later that day in the school auditorium, sponsored by the Girls' Student Council of the New England Academy of Torah. Students purchased tickets to buy food or to play in games to win more tickets.

In fact, Devorah Abramson, 15, was so busy collecting money for tickets that she didn't know where to put it all, as dollar bills piled in front of her. But all proceeds from the event will help finance a class trip to New Hampshire, according to Maureen Sheehan, principal of general studies.

Across the hall, Meir Weinberg had no luck squirting out three lit candles from 10 feet

away with a water pistol. "The gun was no good," he pleaded.

But Yoni Haler, 12, was ecstatic about beating Freda Winkelman, 11, at the ice cream-eating contest. "It felt delicious," Haler boasted, licking vanilla ice cream off his face.

A few tables down, Bashi Lipson, 11, competed against Rachel Jakubowicz, 11, in a balloon-shaving contest that had one set-back — if you nicked the balloon, everyone would get slimed with shaving cream.

Up on the stage, blindfolded children were scared silly in a haunted house exhibit hidden
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Israel Made No Promises

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has no commitment to make further gestures toward the Palestinians beyond its decision last week to take back 30 Palestinians it deported before the intifada began in 1987, officials said here.

However, speaking April 29 during a visit to the Gaza Strip, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did not rule out the possibility that more deportees would be allowed to return through the normal process of appealing the orders to military advisory boards.
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FROM RUSSIA TO RHODY — Josh Breindel (center), a Moses Brown student who recently visited Cheboksary, Russia, as part of a cultural exchange program, poses with two Russian students, Sasha Torshina, 17, and Aleksandra Naumov, 16, who were having dinner with the Breindel family. Nate Breindel, 13, (standing) poses in a Russian uniform, a gift from a Russian exchange student. (See story on Page 19) Herald photo by Omar Bradley

First Week of Talks Ends with Israel, Syria Bugged Down

by Deborah Kalb
States News Service

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Negotiations between Israel and Syria, viewed as having the potential for an early breakthrough, remained bogged down as the first week of this ninth round of Middle East peace talks ended April 29.

Syrian negotiator Mouaffak al-Allaf reportedly warned that his delegation would quit the talks by the end of this week if progress was not made.

Itamar Rabinovich, the Israeli

ambassador here who also serves as chief negotiator with the Syrians, emerged from the lengthy morning round of talks with a more positive attitude.

"There is a genuine engagement in the Syrian-Israeli negotiations and a positive willingness to move forward that must not be taken lightly," Rabinovich told reporters.

The negotiations have gotten mired in conflicting definitions of terms. The Israelis say they would be willing to withdraw
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NEWS BRIEFS

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs will process identification cards for people 60 or older and disabled people 18 to 59 every Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 160 Pine St., Providence. In addition, the DEA mobile ID unit will be at the Central Falls Community Center, 361 Cowden St., Pawtucket on May 11 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Comprehensive Adult Day Care program will sponsor a "Brown Bag Day" on May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clients of the program will be asked to bring in all of their medications. Pharmacists from the University of Rhode Island will speak privately with individual clients to discuss why they need the medicine and what the side effects may be. Anyone who wishes to attend may call 351-2440 to make an appointment.

Dr. Joshua O. Benditt will speak on "Teen-age Smoking" May 11 at 7 p.m. in the Sayles Conference Center at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, 111 Brewster St., Pawtucket. The lecture is part of the hospital's Community Wellness Program spring series. For more information, call 729-2459.

The Bert Gallery will feature an exhibit of large-scale paintings by Frank Castbarro from May 11 to June 5 at 540 South Water St., Providence. The gallery's new hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 751-2628.

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island invites the public to Land of Imagination II May 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. at 58 Walcott St., Pawtucket. Children will meet some wild imaginary creatures and invent a creature with markers and oil pastels. For more information, call 726-2591.

The Cranston Public Library will hold a book sale at the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St., Cranston, on May 14 from 7 to 10 p.m., May 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 781-2450.

Those grieving the suicide of a friend or relative are invited to Safe Place, a support group for friends and relatives that meets every Tuesday of each month at the Samaritans Center, 2 Magee St., Providence. May meeting dates are May 11, 18 and 25. For more information, call 272-4516.

Special Olympics Coming to Bryant College

The Special Olympics tradition at Bryant College continues for the 13th consecutive year.

Bryant will host the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics Games May 8, rain or shine.

"We are the Champions" is this year's theme. Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. at the track, where more than 500 athletes will compete in 25-, 30- and 50-meter runs, the long jump and relay races.

They will be aided by more than 500 student volunteers, including an all-student Special Olympics management team.

In nearby "Olympic Town," athletes and guests can spend their free time making ice cream sundaes and photo buttons, riding in a police car or fire engine, or being entertained by magicians, balloon animal artists and a caricaturist.

The games are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Office of College Relations at Bryant at 232-6120.

Hope Class Sets 55th Reunion

The Hope High Class of January, 1938, will hold a 55th luncheon reunion on June 12 at 1 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, Charles and Orms streets, Providence. The cost is \$18 per person, with a choice of full

course meals, boneless chicken or baked seafood.

RSVP by June 1. For more information, call Sidney Green at 331-0039 or write to David Joyce Sr., 32 Furlong St., Cranston, R.I. 02920.

There Are Choices in Cancer Treatment

The Hope Center for Life Enhancement is offering an educational program by Karen Ryder, hypnotherapist and founder of Life Options Plus, on May 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the center, 297 Wickenden St. in Providence.

Ryder will lead a discussion centered on an audiotape entitled "Choices in Cancer Treatment." The tape is by Michael

Lerner, a founder of Commonwealth, the California wellness community.

The Hope Center for Life Enhancement offers support groups, educational series and resources for persons living with cancer and the people who love them.

The public is welcome. Call the Hope Center at 454-0404 to reserve a seat. Space is limited.

Lederberg Claims Supreme Court

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only person of the Jewish faith on the court. She and her husband, Seymour, a Brown University professor, attend Temple Beth-El in Providence. The late Judge Alfred A. Joslin was also Jewish, according to a

spokeswoman in the court's Clerks Office.

"Everybody seems to feel this is a wonderful match of me and my abilities, because I love studying and reading."

— Victoria Lederberg

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FEATURE

Teacher Deems Museum a Success

by Jim Wilcox

Special to the Herald

"For the dead and the living, we must bear witness." These words found on the outside of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., reflect not only the purpose of the building, but also the mission of all who come to this building to learn the story of a time when the world had gone mad.

The opening of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is the realization of a dream which had its origin in the late 1970s. More importantly, it will become a beacon of hope for all who believe that the world can become a better place in which to live.

For 10 years, I have taught the story of the Holocaust and other acts of genocide to high school juniors and seniors. While it has long been an area of great academic interest for me, last summer that interest was replaced by an urgent sense of mission concerning these events.

For 25 days, last July, I came to know the Holocaust as never before. I walked the ground that was soaked with the blood of millions of people whose only crime seems to have been that they were born. I heard testimony so horrid that it left me unable to speak. I stood in places that were truly hell on earth.

Having visited the death camps of Poland and met survivors who live in this country and in Israel, history has come to life for me and I can never forget nor ignore what I have seen. When I received an invi-

tation to attend the dedication of the Holocaust museum, I went because I knew it was where I needed to be.

Those present in Washington, two weeks ago, experienced a wide range of emotions. There was sadness at the thought of the events of 50 years ago that caused this museum to be built. There were tears shed by many people who

For me, there was also sadness when I realized that similar events are taking place in the world at this moment.

remembered all that they or those whom they loved had experienced. For me, there was also sadness when I realized that similar events are taking place in the world at this moment.

I could not help but feel a true sense of admiration for those present. The survivors, who have returned from the depths of hell, to rebuild their lives, the rescuers, such as Raoul Wallenberg and Aristides de Sousa Mendes, who at great personal risk saved thousands from death, and the liberators, who brought care and compassion back to the lives of people who had known the worst possible abuse, all made me feel that even in the darkest of times there still exists a fundamental goodness among many people.

As I sat with my wife, Elaine, and colleagues from other parts of the country, I was once again

amazed at the extraordinary acts of courage that took place during the time of the Holocaust. The litany of selfless acts which were related at both Arlington National Cemetery and the dedication ceremony itself would more than fill this newspaper.

I am often troubled by the horror of the Holocaust, because it was carried about by people who were supposed to be civilized human beings. I am able to deal with the ultimate act of hate because I know that in its midst, there were also those who carried even greater acts of love.

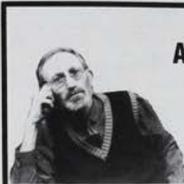
If I were to describe the Holocaust Memorial Museum itself in one sentence, it would be it is successful beyond all expectations. The first building to be called a "museum" was a great school of learning in Alexandria, Egypt, which was built during the late 4th century before the Common Era.

The Holocaust museum certainly has been built in that spirit. It presents the horror of this frightful act of genocide in a truthful although sometimes painful way. Yet, there is a great sense of dignity and respect accorded to those who were the victims of Hitler's murderous rage.

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At Home in the Great World

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Marshall Cohen steps into the Press Club in Washington, D.C., and all the butlers and head waiters move to greet him with smiles of welcome. Marshall is the toast of the town. Most of the portraits of notables that line the paneled walls in fancy frames under spotlights bore the name Marshall Cohen. He catches famous people laughing, or holding up their heads high in expressions of intense thought, or in flashes of character. Among the younger go-getters with their gear strapped to their torsos and journalist khakis, Marshall looms as the relaxed elder statesman.

My friend retired five years ago from a government post as an economist working with the agriculture department. Now he makes his living as a freelance news photographer with all the best credentials and connections. He crams his billfold with plastic press cards for the White House, the Danish Embassy, the inner sanctum of every major event in the constant three-ring circus carnival which is our nation's capital.

Marshall has found his place and made his home among the park-like avenues that brag grand embassies where he has been well paid to be a guest with a camera. At every glittering state affair with champagne and caviar, they pay him to snap just the right detail. He depicts kings and queens, ambassadors and movie stars, every kind of celebrity.

One of his special gifts is a quick wit with lively repartee. But that trait goes right along with a very shy and modest mind. He's an easygoing, kindly, but lonely guy with thin hair, a boyish smile, and open blue eyes. You laugh with Marshall.

He just fell in love with the whole of Danish culture, and speaks the language. Marshall is the darling of the Danish court, embassy and art world.

On a recent assignment, he followed the state official who toured the Danish exhibit at the Holocaust Memorial Museum. He photographed the now elderly sailors who hid Danish Jews in the holds of fishing boats to take them to safety in neutral Sweden. One of the boats makes up the only item in the museum "that lets you smile," according to one review of the opening.

Marshall hosts a luncheon at the Press Club for the pianist-humorist Victor Borge, the Danish Jew now living in Connecticut, who will be honored later this month. Marshall sat at the head table with him and the Tall Ships a few summers ago, along with Walter Cronkite.

"At my age, here in Washington, I can meet anybody I like. You know, you can be famous if you work hard at it and give up everything else. But who cares? It's too much trouble."

Marshall doesn't drive toward success. It just comes to him. He shows me his images of Audrey Hepburn, Bette Davis, Julie Andrews, the king and queen of Sweden, on every square inch of wall space in his narrow and crammed little house in Chevy Chase, Md. His cat Mozart slips in and out along the wallboard. Snapshots of his mother and father, aunts and uncles, and old friends crowd in the VPs on bookcases or tabletops.

Marshall Cohen, formerly of Pawtucket, now of Maryland, confers a professional honor upon me. I feel more important in his company. He showed me the Truman alcove at the Press Club, with its famous upright, the picture of Lauren Bacall sitting on the piano in the White House. Truman just liked hanging out at the club.

Marshall's house is my own press club. Here among the furniture that used to sit on Main Street in Pawtucket at his dad's business, Cohen's furniture, I feel at home in the great world.

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'Judge Not Lest Ye Be Judged'

To the Editors:

In response to the letters by Joshua Pearlman and Z. Hershel Smith regarding the comparison between homosexuals and Nazis, there are some very clear distinctions between the two.

Nazis confiscated people's property, took away their most basic rights, persecuted, tortured and murdered people. Most of civilization views this as immoral.

I do not know of any homosexuals who have these objectives as their goals in life; on the contrary, most want to live a peaceful, happy life just like we heterosexuals do.

If self-righteous zealots like these two would live and let live, the world would be a much better place. "Judge not lest ye be judged."

Francy Nathan
Warwick

Middle East Peace Talks: A Historic Opportunity

by Gad Yaacobi

NEW YORK (JTA) — At last, after four months, the Middle East peace talks have resumed. Various minor and marginal issues were finally removed to make room for the major issue: What kind of future will the people of the Middle East have?

After six wars, hundreds of thousands of casualties, immense human suffering and a catastrophic waste of precious resources, a window has opened for what is perhaps a unique and historic opportunity.

We must grab this opportunity before it slips away.

The most significant challenge for Israel and for the countries of the region is to make a breakthrough toward peace and reconciliation.

I believe that it is an irreversible process. Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians hopefully will not miss this opportunity. There is no alternative to peace, and especially not in the Middle East.

The changing of the guards and of the governments in the United States and in Israel were a change of agenda, which in Israel means a change in the scale of priorities.

The present government of Israel is committed to achieving peace and security, instead of to the greater Israel approach. It is concentrating on absorbing new immigrants and building a modern economy and a progressive society.

Its goal is to maintain Israel as a democratic state and the homeland of the Jewish people, based on equality of human rights.

But too many states in the Middle East are still putting their resources, their human energies and their creativity to waste by continuing to pursue conflict.

If all those resources would instead be devoted to investment in human capital and economic development, we could be improving lives rather than ending them.

If we invest in health, education and science instead of military hardware, then the Middle East could one day be free from hunger and illiteracy.



The other key to progress is democracy. Unfortunately, Israel is negotiating with countries which are non-democratic. Democracy is an essential component of maintaining peaceful

relations among states. The existence of a democratic government is the central guarantee for preventing violence and aggression.

Never has one democracy declared war upon another democracy. This was not a result of chance; rather, it was a result of the nature of democracies.

Therefore, democratization is not just a political and moral issue. It is directly tied to the existence of peace and stability. Just 40 to 45% of the 181 member states of the United Nations are democracies.

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It's Never Too Late

The 49 days between Passover and Shovuos (festival of the giving of the Torah) are connected with "The Counting of the Omer." The 33rd day of the Omer, called "Lag B'Omer," is celebrated as a joyous occasion, since it marks the cessation of the plague that had taken a heavy toll of the students at the Torah academy of the famed Rabbi Akiva.

Both the life story of Rabbi Akiva and the experiences of his pupils convey significant messages to us. The Talmud relates that Rabbi Akiva was faced with great hardships when he set out to begin a life of Torah study. He was already 40 years old, completely unlettered and extremely poor.

Once, he noticed how constantly dripping water had worn a hole into hard rock. He said to himself: "The rock is hard, the water soft, and the drops small. Yet, falling steadily, day after day, month after month, the water has made an indentation in the rock!" By perseverance and firm determination, surely my difficulties can likewise be overcome and I can yet become a scholar." Indeed, years later, Rabbi Akiva headed a Torah-academy of 24,000 students.

This classic episode clearly demonstrates that it is never too late to return to Torah and

Judaism, for there is nothing that can stand in the path of a man's firm resolution. If he will eventually succeed and become both learned and observant of the Torah and its commandments. This is one of the lessons which Rabbi Akiva's life story teaches us.

The lesson from the personality and conduct of Rabbi Akiva's students is as follows: Rabbi Akiva had two kinds of students. Some of them applied themselves to their studies diligently and also treated each other with mutual love and respect.

In this merit, they survived the plague and enjoyed great success in perpetuating Torah. Their teachings — and their names continue to shine brightly in our lives to this day.

The other group of students, however, did not practice mutual love and respect. This proved their undoing and failure; their fate was sealed in the days of the plague before Lag B'Omer.

The lesson from the experience of Rabbi Akiva's students is best expressed in Rabbi Akiva's own words: "Ahavas Yisroel — love of our fellow Jews — is the great principle of the Torah."

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai There is yet another reason (Continued on Next Page)

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Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

Schuman Wins Prize for Music

NEW YORK — William Schuman, brilliant young composer who is professor of music at Sarah Lawrence College, has been awarded a \$1,000 prize for creative work in music by the American Academy of Arts and Letters. It was announced by Dr. Walter Damosch, president. The purpose of the academy prizes is to encourage artists to continue their work. Born in New York City, Mr. Schuman, who recently marked his 30th birthday, began his career as a composer of music in 1935.

WEEK OF MAY 7, 1943

Bermuda Conclude Shame, Disgrace

NEW YORK — Scoring the inaction of the Refugee Conference in Bermuda as a "shame and disgrace" Dr. Frank Kingdon declared, before 1500 women at the Victory Luncheon of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress held last week here, that the Bermuda Conference was the first test of the statesmanship in the nations that call themselves democratic.

Ginsburg, Nathan Inducted In Army

WASHINGTON — David Ginsburg, 31, former OPA general counsel, and Robert Nathan, 34, former chairman of the WPB planning board, are both privates in the Army this week. They both requested induction after the cases of their deferments were given publicity by the House Military Affairs Committee. Former OPA Administrator Henderson asks a deferment for Ginsburg, who later tried to get a commission.

OPINIONS

It's Never Too Late

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for the celebration of the 33rd day of the Omer. It is the yahrzeit (the anniversary of the passing on) of the holy sage, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. The yahrzeit of a great person is often marked with celebrating, since on this day every year, the person's soul ascends to greater heights in the eternal world.

Because of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai's uncompromising determination to teach Torah publicly, his death was decreed by the Romans.

Forced to flee from his home, he hid in a cave with his son for 13 years. During this entire time, he and his son ate from a carob tree which G-d miraculously made grow right outside their cave. There, they also learned the deepest inner meanings of the Torah. Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai is also the author of the *Zohar*, one of the earliest and most important written sources of Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism.

It is written about Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai that during his lifetime no rainbow appeared in the sky. The rainbow, as G-d told Noah after the flood, is a sign that even if G-d is angry

with the world, he will never again destroy it with a flood. Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai was so great that while he was alive, not only he, but all other Jews (so great was his influence) did not need the reminder and guarantee of the rainbow.

To remember the greatness of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, it has become a custom that on Lag B'Omer children are often taken on outings in the parks or woods. Some also have the custom to play with bows and arrows in the park, a reminder of the absence of the rainbow.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

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This wedding party photograph was found among photographs which had belonged to the late Meyer Tenenbaum, owner of the Superior Glass Company. Call the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association at 331-1360 if you have a clue as to who these people are. Meanwhile, the family pictured in the April 22 issue of the *Herald* had been identified. The woman at left, standing, is Kayla Feldman, the grandmother of the children. Standing next to her is Rebecca Kroll, the mother. Lillian Segal, seated at left, is the daughter of Rebecca Kroll. Lillian's sister, Rochelle Goldman, is seated on her mother's lap. It was Rochelle Goldman who called in, very excited about seeing her family in print. She gave the information that her grandmother entered the Jewish Home for the Aged in the 1940s. Well-versed in Yiddish and Russian, she would often read Yiddish newspapers and magazines for the entertainment of many. Rochelle Goldman's older sister now lives on Slaten Island in New York. The family originally came from Fall River, Mass.

A Historic Opportunity

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The Middle East might be called "the land of lost opportunities." Lost opportunities have carried a very heavy and painful price for the peoples of the Middle East. Now we have a chance to change the situation and to create a new and better future for all.

The potential fruits of peace are immense, such as a reduction in the cost of defense and in arms procurement, open borders, trade and tourism, and investment in educational, health and scientific development.

Instead of exchanging insults and bullets, the people of the Middle East could be exchanging technology and know-how. Instead of investing in the weapons of war, together we could be enjoying the prosperity of peace.

A peaceful environment could free up \$30 billion annually from the cost of defense for progress and development.

Some progress has already been made in previous rounds of the peace talks between Israel and its Arab neighbors, but

we still have a long way to go.

The current opportunity to make progress toward peace is perhaps a one-time opportunity. I do hope that it will not be yet another missed opportunity.

It is the task of all the parties to create a new Middle East and a better future for its peoples. The time has come.

Gad Yaacobi is Israel's ambassador to the United Nations and a former cabinet minister and member of Knesset.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

ADL Strikes Back at Accusers, Israel Disputes a French Report Slamming Treatment of Media

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League, which is being investigated for possibly illegal surveillance activities, has struck back at its accusers, contending they are trying to deflect attention away from misconduct in their own ranks.

San Francisco police seized documents in ADL's Los Angeles and San Francisco office three weeks ago, and law enforcement officials said the Jewish organization, founded to fight racism and anti-Semitism, may face multiple felony charges on eavesdropping and other illegal activities.

ADL has remained silent for months as rumors abounded that it used illegally obtained police records in the operation of a national "spy network."

But the ADL has now started to counter the accusations, maintaining it has not broken any laws and that if confidential material reached its hands, then violations within the law enforcement intelligence community itself should be the real focus of police concern.

The authorities say they sus-

pect illegal acts were carried out in connection with an alleged national intelligence network that kept tabs on more than 950 organizations and as many as 12,000 individuals, many of them involved in right-wing, white supremacist or Arab-American activities.

No formal charges have been issued in the case, although a police affidavit released in connection with the searches outlined the suspected violations.

"There has been an orchestrated effort to paint us as villains in an affair in which ADL is a bit player," Barbara Wahl, a Washington-based ADL attorney, said in an interview here.

"The real issue is what has been going on in the [San Francisco] intelligence community, who is keeping track and have they been following their own guidelines?" she said.

ADL involvement in the highly publicized case goes back to an investigation last fall of Tom Gerard, then a San Francisco police inspector, who has been accused of giving confidential police intelligence files to Roy Bullock, a private investigator.

In transcripts released by San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith, Bullock describes himself as a "spy master" who had been working for the ADL since 1954. During that period, Bullock also supplied information to the FBI, other federal agencies and the South African government.

Wahl acknowledged for the first time that Bullock had for many years funneled information to ADL and has been regularly paid, up to \$550 a week, through an intermediary.

But Wahl and Melvin Salberg, a New York attorney who is ADL's national chairman, emphatically denied the existence of a spy network or that ADL had been an information conduit for Israel's Mossad intelligence service or the South African government.

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Government officials have denounced a report by a French media rights group that sharply criticizes Israel for undemocratic treatment of the media in the administered territories as well as inside Israel proper.

The report accuses Israel of having the highest number of detentions and arrests of journalists, in addition to clashes with them, in the democratic world.

While Israel disputes the findings, representatives of the Foreign Press Association in Israel agreed with much of the report, which was produced by the French-based Reporters Without Borders, a group that monitors media-state relations around the world.

The accusations against Israel came in the group's 1992 annual report, which also complained about the establishment of restricted areas and military censorship. The report also cites incidents of reporters and photographers being beaten by soldiers and border police.

Uri Dromi, director of the

Government Press and Information Office, told an Israel Television interviewer the report is one-sided and misleading. The group failed to point out that Israel is faced with special problems not encountered in the other democratic countries with which Israel is compared, Dromi said.

Unlike Switzerland, for example, Israel must deal with an ongoing state of war, with neighboring countries encouraging the Palestinian intifada and terrorist attacks both in the administered areas and within Israel proper.

Furthermore, Israel was not given a chance to read the charges and react before publication, he said.

But the chairman of the Foreign Press Association in Israel, Conny Mus, a correspondent for Belgian and Dutch television stations, said the report "accurately reflects the situation here. It is a good and detailed report."

"We have been saying these things at the FPA for a long time. Free press does not exist in the occupied territories," said Mus.

Israel Made No Promises

(Continued from Page 1)

Israel's announcement April 28 that it would take back the 30 deportees was presumably part of a previously agreed-upon set of gestures to lure the Palestinians back to the Middle East peace talks, which resumed last week in Washington.

But Rabin's remarks last week seemed to suggest that the Palestinians should not expect further gestures.

The first five of the 30 deportees were expected to return to the territories from Jordan via the Allenby Bridge on April 30. Arabs sources said that festivities to welcome the group were being organized in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

The 30 approved names were part of a larger list submitted to Israel by Palestinian negotiators.

A statement issued by Rabin's media adviser stressed that all those allowed to return had not been involved in terrorist attacks — and had not been involved in hostile border activity during their period of exile.

Israel refused to take back known "troublemakers," such as Akram Haniyeh, former editor of the Jerusalem daily *Al-Sharq*, who is now a close advisor to Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat.

Israel also refused Mohamad Milhelm, the former mayor of Halhoul, who was deported in 1980 following the murder of six settlers near the Hadassah House in Hebron.

Israel rejected outright 50 names originally suggested by the Palestinians, fearing it would lead to the rebuilding of PLO forces in the administered territories.

Twenty-seven of the 30 who

are returning are above the age of 55, presumably too old to cause serious agitation in the territories.

The key figures allowed to return include:

- Ruhi al-Khatib, 70, the former mayor of East Jerusalem, deported in 1967, shortly after the Six Day War. He still officially holds his mayoral title.
- Abdul Jawad Saleh, 66, the former mayor of El-Bireh and a member of the Palestine National Council. He was deported in 1973.

- Hanna Nasser, 57, president of Bir Zeit University and a member of the PNC. He was deported in 1974.

- Azmi Shuweibi, 46, a dentist and member of the PNC. He was deported in 1986.

- Fayek Warrad, 74, former head of the Palestinian Communist Party, who was deported in 1967 to Jordan, where he led the Jordanian Communist Party. He also has close contacts with the PLO leadership in Tunis.

Reactions among Palestinians in the territories to the decision to allow the 30 to return were mixed.

On the one hand, there was satisfaction that Israel was allowing back known Palestinian activists, among them some who will go down in Palestinian history books.

On the other hand, PLO supporters expressed disappointment with the fact that there were few hard-core organizational leaders who might have been able to bolster the dwindling ranks in the face of the growing opposition of the Moslem fundamentalists.

Those who were disappointed were encouraged with the declaration of Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi, who said this was but "the first installment" of returnees.



NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A group of eight Lubavitcher rabbis met and exchanged gifts with President Clinton at the White House last week, and the group's leader said the president was "all attentive and very gracious." The April 29 meeting was in conjunction with "Education and Sharing Day USA," a government commemoration of the birthday of the Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, which was April 2.

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WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation is looking into the case of a man who was beaten up after protesting at the dedication of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum two weeks ago. The Jewish Defense Organization, a self-proclaimed "self-defense" group that says it fights Nazis and anti-Semites, reportedly claimed responsibility for the attack. The man, David Willig, was reportedly waving a Palestinian flag outside the dedication ceremony for the Holocaust museum, which took place April 22.

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INTERNATIONAL

TORONTO (JTA) — The University of Toronto has dissociated itself from the recent publication of *The New World Order & The Throne of the Anti-Christ* by Robert Driscoll, a professor of Celtic studies at a Catholic college affiliated with the university. The 398-page volume, published simultaneously in Moscow, Washington and Waterloo, Ontario, purports to reveal "details" of a secret attempt at "world domination that has been in the works for at least 200 years and which is now on the threshold of being realized."

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Bowing to pressure from building contractors, the government is now ready to allow foreign construction workers into Israel to replace Palestinian laborers who have been banned during the ongoing closure of the administered territories. Labor and Welfare Minister Ora Namir, who previously said she adamantly opposed the idea, has now agreed to the measure, but still wants a much smaller number of workers than requested by the contractors.

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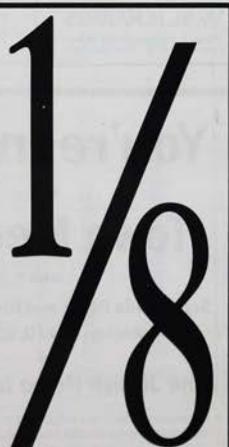
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INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — William Harrop, the current U.S. ambassador to Israel, is scheduled to end his tour of duty May 7 and will be replaced by a temporary basis by his predecessor, William Brown, according to sources here. Brown, in turn, is expected to be replaced after a few months by Reginald Bartholomew, a former U.S. ambassador to Lebanon and currently U.S. ambassador to NATO and special envoy to the Balkans, according to a report in the *Yediot Achronot* newspaper.

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — In another sign of the changing times here, African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the South African Jewish Board of Deputies' national congress in August. Officials of the ANC, once regarded with deep suspicion by the Jewish community, also attended Israel Independence Day receptions here and in Cape Town last week.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Dov Raviv, a former head of Israel's Arrow anti-missile missile program, has been sentenced to two years in jail and a \$21,000 fine for taking a \$75,000 bribe from a Canadian parts supplier. Raviv, 56, was given another two years suspended sentence by the Tel Aviv District Court on April 29. Raviv, who headed the Arrow program at Israel Aviation Industries, the major contractor for the project, pleaded innocent to the charges against him but was found guilty two weeks ago by Judge Amnon Strasnov.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Public schools across Israel were shut down for a second day in a row April 28 because of a nationwide strike by teachers demanding a 25 percent pay increase. More than 1 million students were left with no classes. The only students unaffected by the strike were 12th-graders, who are preparing for their final examinations, and pupils at special-education schools for handicapped pupils.

BERLIN (JTA) — The German government has rejected a claim by an Israeli journalist who infiltrated German neo-Nazi groups that the country's right-wing extremist movement is larger than officially acknowledged by the authorities.

Ex-Nazi Living in Argentina Has Ties with Neo-Nazis

by Victoria Verlichak
BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — The Simon Wiesenthal Center has exposed a former Nazi army intelligence agent, Reinhard Kopps, who has lived for more than 40 years in Argentina under the assumed name of Juan Maler while maintaining active ties to the neo-Nazi movement in Germany.

The center has not accused Kopps, 80, of being a war criminal, but is investigating the possibility that he was involved with war crimes, possibly against Albanian civilians. Maler's true identity as Kopps was a "fairly well-kept secret," according to Rick Eaton, a researcher for the center who visited Kopps in Argentina posing as a neo-Nazi sympathizer.

However, after the center revealed its findings, Kopps admitted to the media he had served as an intelligence officer under Adolf Hitler.

In fact, Kopps described some of his wartime activities in a book he wrote in Germany and distributed among the far-right movement in Germany.

The center's identification of Kopps came about through its investigation of right-wing groups in Germany, conducted by an Israeli journalist and Eaton.

The two infiltrated neo-Nazi groups and were told about Kopps in Argentina.

In response to the Wiesenthal Center's report, the Argentine

interior minister ordered the police to investigate Kopps' legal situation.

According to the Wiesenthal Center, Kopps also has financial contacts enabling him to send money to Nazi groups in Germany through banks in Luxembourg.

Kopps, owner of a hotel in the winter resort town of San Carlos de Bariloche favored by German immigrants, talked to Eaton about taking part in the "cleansing" of Albanians during World War II and, after the war, working within the Vatican to help Nazi officials leave Europe.

In an interview with a local newspaper, Kopps denied accusations he had been involved in the persecution and extermination of resistance fighters in Albania.

He also declared that his name change was taken with the full knowledge of the German government. "I love my documents in the war," he said.

Kopps also denied in news reports having committed war crimes. Instead, he maintained he "was twice condemned to death by the Nazis."

He described the accusations of his having links with neo-Nazi groups as "a huge lie."

In an effort to distance himself from Nazi principles, he added that he came from a "Social Democrat family." But people in the German community tacitly admitted that he participated in neo-Nazi activities and had a Nazi past.

Government Asked To Reduce Hardships in Territories

by Gil Sedan
JERUSALEM (JTA) — For the first time since the administered territories were closed off almost a month ago, the left wing of Israel's ruling coalition has demanded that the government take measures to alleviate the economic plight of Palestinians deprived of jobs in Israel proper.

Ministers from the Meretz bloc said at the April 25 Cabinet meeting that they continue to support the general ban on Palestinians from the territories entering Israel proper, but proposed that unemployment allowances be paid to those who have lost their means of livelihood.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram of the Labor Party also backed the demand, arguing along with the Meretz ministers that

these Palestinians should be entitled to the unemployment allowances, since they pay national insurance like Israelis.

Under the present system, only Israelis get unemployment benefits. The money withheld from Palestinian salaries is largely used to cover general welfare investments made by the military-run administration in the territories.

The general ban has been lifted partially, primarily in order to ease the labor shortage crisis in Israel.

Of the 120,000 Palestinians who used to work daily in Israel proper, about 73,000 have been issued work permits for last week. Only half of those have actually come to work, partly due to mounting pressure by other Palestinians that none should return until the closure is lifted entirely.

Talks on Water Resources End in Discord

by Tamar Levy
GENEVA (JTA) — An international conference on Middle East water resources convened here last week and ended in discord, with the Palestinians saying they would not participate in additional sessions for the next five months.

The Palestinians were apparently upset that Israel had rejected their request that a special commission be set up to investigate water rights in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The Israelis refused all compromise," Palestinian

spokesman Abu Ala was quoted as saying at a news conference here.

"As long as we Palestinians are not treated as a full partner, the talks cannot succeed," said Riad al-Khourday, the head of the Palestinian delegation.

The conference that met here last week is one of five multilateral working groups set up during the October 1991 Middle East peace conference in Madrid to deal with various regional issues.

Last week's talks were at (Continued on Page 11)

Both Sides Claim Victory in Settlement

by Stewart Ain
NEW YORK Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — Both sides are claiming victory in the settlement of a longstanding suit, in which the New York Jewish Community Relations Council has agreed to pay Jews for Jesus \$15,000.

The settlement was reached after two days of testimony in what was expected to have been a three-week trial in federal district court in Manhattan.

Judah Grubitz, president of the JCRC, said his group's lawyer, Theodore Van Itallie Jr., "had done [such] significant damage to their case" that Jews for Jesus attorneys jumped at a settlement offer identical to one presented by the JCRC before the trial began.

The case involved Jews for Jesus' claim that the JCRC had violated the missionary group's civil rights in 1987 by black-mailing the owner of a kosher Catskills hotel into canceling Jews for Jesus' convention reservations.

It alleged that the JCRC had threatened to wage an economic boycott of the hotel, the now defunct Stevensville Hotel, if the convention were held there.

But the former owner of the resort, Kenneth Dinnerstein, said under cross-examination during the second day of trial that he may have been mistaken in ascribing the threat to

the JCRC's executive director, Michael Miller.

It may have been made by an unrelated third party, he conceded.

Jews for Jesus had initially demanded that the JCRC acknowledge that it had "interfered" with its 1987 convention and admit that Jews for Jesus "does not engage in any fraudulent or deceptive practices."

But in the court-approved settlement, the JCRC only agreed not to interfere with any Jews for Jesus contracts and acknowledged that it had "no evidence" that Jews for Jesus has "made statements in the course of their missionary activities without believing these statements to be true."

"The JCRC refused to make either of those two concessions," Van Itallie explained, "because the JCRC did not want to interfere with Jews for Jesus' contractual relations and because it strongly believes that Jews for Jesus promulgates a false message and that its false message misleads and deceives those who hear it."

As part of the settlement, the JCRC also agreed to pay Jews for Jesus \$15,000 as compensation for expenses incurred by the group in moving its convention to a hotel in New Jersey.

Officials of the JCRC said the money was less than it would have cost for expenses associated with the trial.

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Grand Time: Grand Hotel

Computer specialists and actors have a common link in David-Israel Marcus, currently touring as the lawyer Zinowitz in *Grand Hotel, The Musical*.

As a teen growing up in the Washington, D.C. area, he was performed with a local theater group, Teens On Stage.

And then came the day his father brought a personal computer home.

Marcus gravitated to software as quickly as he took to the stage.

He soon learned something about himself, he said over the phone on tour in California. "If I enjoy what I'm doing, I excel at it. If I don't like it, I can't bring myself to do it at all."

By the time he graduated high school, Marcus was a veteran performer with five solid years behind him.

Short tours with Teens On Stage led him to Pennsylvania Dutch Country and across the North Atlantic for a 10-day European tour during the spring break of his senior year.

That came about after British author David Woolcomb saw Teens On Stage in performance.

Woolcomb had written a children's story about a Russian girl and an American boy, who decide if they could be friends, why not their presidents, too. The youngsters embark on a mission to establish world peace.

Marcus planned to major in theater at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County (U. of B.C.). Shortly before graduating high school, he was spotted by someone who heard him sing at an ensemble music festival.

The observer with an eye and ear for talent referred Marcus to the music department head, who called and asked him to sing at the scholarship hearing board.

"Though I was offered a music scholarship quite by accident, it was somewhat discouraging studying opera," he says.

"I verified what I already knew. I'm ashamed to say it. I hate opera."

Marcus clearly disliked what he was doing. "I found myself in a stereotypical feud between the music and theater departments, coupled by the fact that if I didn't like what I was doing, I couldn't bring myself to do it."

Dropping out of music and college after a year and a half, Marcus auditioned for a dinner theater outside of Washington, D.C., and was cast as Perchik in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Since that time six years ago, he has steadily performed in dinner theaters such as the Harlequin Dinner Theatre in Rockville, Md., owned by Troika, the theatrical organization behind the *Grand Hotel* tour.

By night, Marcus was an actor/singer. By day, he was a computer support specialist for Bendix Field Engineering Corporation on contract with the Navy

at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

"My life has been a string of fortunate advances," he says. "I got the job because my father, who used to work for Bendix Field, came home one day and said, 'We need someone who can do what you do, but I can't recommend you because you're my son.'"

Marcus suggested his high school and best friend who was adept in computers. The friend submitted a resume to Bendix Field and was hired; six months later, he was asked to refer someone

of the country I thought I'd never get a chance to see in a way many people don't."

In *Grand Hotel*, Marcus as Zinowitz is lawyer to Freysing, a businessman trying to work out a merger with his company and a Boston company, Zinowitz convinces him to lie to his stockholders in order to save his job.

Ego plays a role in every single character in the show, Marcus says, and their production focuses on interpersonal relationships between each other. His initial excite-

"People who know me well will come after the show and say 'I don't like seeing you that way. That's not the way you are.'"

Marcus says he played a German officer in *Sound Of Music* four years ago.

"After the show, a lot of my friends came backstage and said, 'David, I've never seen you so mean, so angry. How could you do that? I didn't know you could ever be like that.'"

Marcus calmed his friends' shock by saying, "I'm not like that. He's like that!"

David-Israel Marcus spoke of his brother and sister. "I'm the middle child and have the scars to prove it," he laughs. His older brother is an emergency preparedness officer in Prince George County outside of Washington, D.C.

His sister, "the workaholic of the family after my mother," has a degree in mathematics and computer science. She works for Rowe Aerospace and is in a master's program at Johns Hopkins. "She's off and running," Marcus says.

Goals are very important to him. Everybody, he feels, should set their sights on goals and work toward them.

"In my life, my biggest goal has been to have fun. I think I'm pretty good at it."

Looking into his crystal ball, Marcus says, "I can't honestly say what I see for myself. I definitely like what I'm doing now and would like to continue with that."

"If it ever gets to the point where I don't like it anymore, I won't do it. What will I do then? I would have to fall back on my luck."

"My computer skills still are with me and are still very much of interest."

I still pick up computer magazines all the time and do miss the work I was doing."

Marcus muses over the time when the *Grand Hotel* offer came up in October. It was two months after the dinner theater closed and he was about to make changes in his com-

puter job. He sent out 150 resumes, received great responses, and interviewed eight times a week.

"In the middle of all that, Troika called and asked if I was interested in touring with *Grand Hotel*."

"I said, 'Wow, your timing is perfect. I am interested!'"

The computer interviews were put aside. "I'm probably the luckiest guy I know," Marcus chuckles.

"If I got any luckier, I'd have to pay somebody."

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A scene from *Grand Hotel, The Musical*, based on Vicki Baum's 1928 novel that chronicles the lives of six characters passing through an opulent way station at a time when Europe is on the brink of Depression and war. The first Tony Awards winner comes to the Providence Performing Arts Center May 14 through 16 for five performances.

with similar qualifications.

"My friend wanted to recommend me," says Marcus. "He told them it was related to an employee, but if that wasn't a problem, I could do the job."

He sent his resume and was hired. "I found myself working side by side with my father and my best friend in a full-time computer position and loved it."

Juggling a night and day schedule never drained his energy, he says.

"Ah youth," I said to Marcus on the phone.

"Not that alone," he asserts. "I loved both activities so much that each became leisure to the other," adding he never minded the daily 150-mile drive between business, theater and home.

Before Troika closed the Harlequin Theater last August, Marcus performed in its last three shows.

Troika offered him a role in *Grand Hotel* and Marcus enthusiastically said "Yes!"

"I'm having the time of my life!" he says. "Next to performing, travel was the biggest attraction of the tour. I've seen all

ment and delight in doing the show hasn't evaporated. He vividly recalls that anxious interval following the offer of his role in *Grand Hotel* when he worried something might go awry before the tour.

Nice to say everything seems to have gone just right for Marcus as he colors the tour as a "totally enlightening and thrilling experience" for him.

Marcus keeps his Zinowitz role fresh by making it look like it's the first time every time.

"It's simply a matter of re-thinking and continuing to re-think the events and processes that bring a particular character to a certain situation."

Marcus describes himself as fair-skinned, dark-haired, complete with full beard and moustache.

"Because of my complexion and that look, I tend to get cast in dark roles as a dark guy. Zinowitz isn't especially a dark guy, but he's rather a hard-tempered fellow."

"This is the third time I've played the bad guy for this company," he says.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

A graduate show featuring the works of Alvin Kurzer will be exhibited from May 6 to 14 at Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College Art Center, 600 Mount Pleasant Ave., Providence. The opening is May 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 456-9765.

Handcrafted items from more than 100 RISD graduates living in the Southern New England area go on sale at the 1993 Alumni Spring Sale May 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Upper Metcalf Refectory, 55 Angell St., Providence. Proceeds from a raffle and a \$3 admission fee (children younger than 14 and RISD students with a current ID get in free) will benefit the 1992-93 RISD Annual Fund.

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will feature Metropolitan Opera soprano Maria Spagnola May 8 at 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Providence. For more information, call 277-3150.

The Ustad Kadar Khan Ensemble of Indian Music and Dance will perform May 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the Salomon Center, Brown University. The group will perform traditional music of North India. Tickets for the performance, priced at \$7, may be purchased at the door before the engagement.

Rites & Reason will present the musical fable "Bez Rabbit" beginning May 7 with various Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances throughout the month of May. For more information, call 863-3558.

An exhibit by Allary Howard Brogden will be shown May 9 through June 9 at Rue de L'Espoir, 99 Hope St., Providence. Allary will display pastel and mixed media artwork.

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Crafters are wanted for the annual Strawberry Festival June 13 at Smith's Castle off Post Road, one mile north of Wickford. For more information, call 294-3521 or 294-2642.

'This Boy's Life' Is Odd, but Valid

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"This Boy's Life" is an odd, and valid, film. It springs out of a real script, the memoir of Tobias Wolff — the brother of the Geoffrey Wolff who lives here in Jamestown and wrote Providence.

Both brothers wrote highly successful and well-regarded memoirs of their childhood, split up sons of a secret Jew named "Duke."

Toby's story stars Ellen Barkin, Robert de Niro, and Leonardo DiCaprio as his boy. Each scene offers dialogue, not just wails, and characters with faults and feelings — like envy, fear, longing, hope. The movie even asks some questions with no simple answers. Like, how does a misfit with a mind get out of a tough bind? Do you take arms against your troubles, or just suffer your slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune? Wolf's people say things, hold grudges, hurt each other or come through for each other.



It's the story of a kid who has lost his dad, "Duke," in a divorce. He runs off, with his mom from her rude lover. They both hope somebody better comes along. Time and again they get cheated. Then de Niro marries mom and takes the girl off to the town of "Concrete." There, Toby, or "Jack," as he calls himself, makes unlikely friends with a gay boy who brags a little trained dog, and a grand piano. He pecks Jack on the cheek in a shy kiss which Jack timidly welcomes.

The film is filled up with details of the utmost boy pain. Jack wants to be a good boy, but he does bad things. He is torn between the company of good kids and the packs of bad kids. Since the days of the Depression films of William Wellman, like "Wild Boys of the Road," or the neo-realist films of de Sica or Rossellini, nobody has tried to depict the truth about boyhood so vividly.



THAI DANCING — Leila Feinstein shows her dance troupe some fancy hand movements before a performance at Brown recently as part of a spring dance festival there. Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Feinstein Has a 'Thai' to Dancing

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

For the past two years, Leila Feinstein has made the weekly trip from her Brown University dorm to Calvary Baptist Church, the center of South Providence Ministries, in order to teach dance. But wait a minute! How does a nice Jewish girl get the idea she can teach modern dance to a group of black, Asian and Hispanic girls

in the middle of a tough urban neighborhood? If you're Leila Feinstein, the answer comes from the heart.

Feinstein is not your everyday, usual person. Her father is none other than Alan Shawn Feinstein, one of the most generous benefactors of grants and awards for social causes in the state. On the other hand, Leila's mother is Pratarnom (Chiemwitki) Feinstein, a

woman who helped her stay in touch with her Thai culture. Living between two different cultures may present a problem for some, but Feinstein has become a richer, more caring person from it.

In fact, at 16, she spent six weeks in Bangkok learning the intricate movements of Thai dancing from a seasoned master. "When I first arrived, the people treated me indifferent until they discovered I was part of their culture and they responded very warmly," Feinstein remembered.

But Thai dancing is entirely (Continued on Page 16)

Of course, nowadays a director bears down a bit heavily on his truths. Robert de Niro plays a hate figure with too much energy. In contrast, Ellen Barkin's mother figure stays vaguely in his shadow. Not that I wanted her to take over and turn "This Boy's Life" into a fashionably feminist and correct film about how heroic women are and how ignoble and rotten men remain. In fact, the way you are held back from such easy answers, the way you can't cheer or even hiss, is what goes right with this movie.

I saw this small masterpiece in D.C. on the weekend of the gay march. And the gay boy really does save the film from fitting into the category of movies about abuse. He boxes, and wins his match "for the pink

team." He believes in his own mind and his own future.

He stays upbeat as well as offbeat. He gets the best lines as he says, "We are aliens, but we will make it out of Concrete." In a somewhat shorthand, sketchy script, this sidekick vignette lifts the film into poetry. I hope it does well at the box office.

One footnote: Geoffrey Wolff writes about the Jewish fate of his family, but Tobias does not. I think it might have added another dimension to the theme of the outsider if the element had been included. It is implied, but never articulated.

That's a problem with movies. You have to leave out everything but the action. You can't photograph a thought.

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About Mothers On Mother's Day

by
Ray Eichenbaum
Special to the Herald

When we buried Rhea Sweet the other Sunday, my thoughts turned to the subject of mothers in general. For Rhea, who represented a link to a past which is dear to my heart, was a mother par excellence. The way she took care of and loved her two sons, Eddie and Steve, was a thing to behold.

Rhea was the younger daughter of Etta and Morris Resnick, the Providence family that gave me the home and love that I needed so badly then — in the year 1947 — when I finally left the displaced persons' camp in Europe. And it was in the spring of that year, 1947, that wonderful year when I came to the United

States of America and everything appeared so great and rose-colored to me.

That year marked the beginning of my rebirth, and the Resnick family, in particular, played a big role in it. Mrs. Resnick, a kindhearted, lovable, Jewish Mother, took me into her home, and into her heart, thus providing me with the serenity and reassurance which I needed so badly at that juncture of my life.

I stayed with the Resnicks for about 2½ years, a period which I will remember as one of the happiest in my existence. And this brings me to the subject of mothers, whose annual special day we observe in May.

I recall that in 1947 I attended Nathaniel Greene Junior High School here in Providence, and when Mother's Day came around that spring, my class (which consisted of kids with slight speech defects and lisps, plus myself, who hardly spoke English) got busy with work to mark the occasion.

The teacher, Miss Meegan, was a gentle, delicate woman whose friendship I cherished to the day she died, and who was so instrumental in imparting some English to the refugee boy from the D.P. camps. She suggested that I write a Mother's Day poem with her help. I proceeded to do just that, and this piece of writing made such an impression that it was eventually published in *The Jewish Herald* way back then in 1947.

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The following appeared in the May 23, 1947 Rhode Island Jewish Herald.

Orphaned Refugee Writes Touching Mother's Day Poem

Raymond Eichenbaum, age 17, has been in the United States now for 4 months having been brought to Providence under the Refugee Children Project of the Jewish Family and Children's Service. Raymond lives with his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Resnick, 48 Eaton Street. The Resnick's have graciously opened their home to this refugee boy who during the past few years has been in several concentration camps. His mother, father, sister, and brother were all exterminated by the Nazis during the war.

Raymond attends Nathaniel Greene Jr. High School and Miss Meegan, his teacher, and Mr. Harrington, his principal, have taken a very close interest in the boy, of whom they are very fond. Raymond has done so well and made such good

progress in the time that he has been at Nathaniel Greene, that arrangements have been made for him to be transferred to Hope High School in September. Early this week, Miss Meegan, Raymond's teacher, telephoned Galkin, executive director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, and stated that she was so impressed with the lovely poem that Raymond had written about his mother that she wanted to read it to him. She said that when the other children were asked to write Mother's Day Poems, Raymond, too, said that he wanted to write one, and he proceeded to do so as though he were actually talking to his deceased mother. Miss Meegan said that when she read the poem in class, there was scarcely a dry eye in the room. The poem is as follows:

MY MOTHER

Not So Long Ago, I Remember So Clear,
The Day You Departed From Me My Dear;
I Was So Heartbroken When You Went Away,
I Knew That Now Alone I Must Stay.
Mother, I Miss The Beauty Of Your Smile
We Shall Meet In Just A Little While;
Your Final Advice I'll Cherish Forever,
Be Always Good, Love, And Grow Angry Never.
Mother, I Swear I'll Keep Your Holy Test,
And Try To Be Good — Doing My Best;
Someday, In The Future, I'll Not Be Ashamed,
To Be Your Son, To Whom You'll Lay Claim.

Raymond also wrote another poem for his Foster Mother, Mrs. Resnick, and presented it to her with a box of candy on Mother's Day.

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Mr. Galkin and Miss Gertrude Marcus, case worker at the Jewish Family and Children's Service who are in close touch with Raymond

said that Raymond is making an excellent adjustment at the home of the Resnicks, who treat him as their own child.

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First Week of Talks Ends
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from the Colan Heights in return for a full peace with Syria, including the exchange of ambassadors and trade relations.

The Syrians began the current round of talks April 27 using the term "full peace for full withdrawal."

But the Israelis were concerned that the Syrian definition of "full peace" was too vague.

The Syrians, for their part, reportedly complained that the Israelis are not defining the terms of their withdrawal.

Neither side appeared willing to take the first step.

Meanwhile, on the Israeli-Lebanese track, the negotiating teams discussed the issue of prisoners held by each side. But there was no indication that they had reached any agreement about how to resolve the situation.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Say 'I Love You, Mom' Year-round

Although Mom is only "officially" honored once a year, she needs to feel special all the time. Mother's Day is one way to say thank you to Mom with gifts that remind her how much you love her year-round.

Here are a few fun, affordable ways to make Mom's Day a yearlong memory:

The Great Vanity Makeover

Moms who love to be pampered may not always show it, but do need extra-special attention on Mother's Day. Does your mom have a special chest or table in her room for makeup and jewelry? Help her update its look with sparkling crystal pieces. Elegant items such as a crystal heart-shaped vanity tray, a makeup brush with a dazzling crystal handle or a hand-cut crystal ring holder are not only useful but will make Mom's special space elegant. Top off her night stand with a picture of the family placed in a crystal frame decorated with etched flowers. Choose crystal by its brilliance, making sure it sparkles and shines with white, not gray tones.

Ideal Ways to Uplift her Wardrobe

Transform your mother's closet without buying her a new wardrobe. Accessory gift items, from earrings to shoes, can change the look of any piece of clothing and can be mixed and matched to suit her lifestyle. Strands of costume pearls with pearl and rhinestone earrings will take her favorite black dress from day to evening; wear these items with a special diamond watch and satin evening bag to complete the night-on-the-town attire.

Does Mom need traditionally stylish pieces for daytime such as a floral silk scarf, gold pin or roomy leather bag that she wouldn't buy for herself? Or, perhaps she'd like a few items for the summer beach life such

as bold colored earrings, a bright straw bag and a sun-shielding straw hat. Remember, accessories are an affordable gift idea and they can fit any shape or size — no Mom can have too many.

Delicious Delights for Her

Your mother deserves a home-cooked meal, but this time, prepared by someone else! Make Mother's Day a family event with a special meal and serve it to her in the most lavish of settings. Choose a crystal wine goblet, full-cut crystal candlesticks and a crystal bud vase to set her up for an evening of indulgence. Does she have a favorite ethnic food? Order out Chinese food and serve it in a Portuguese hand-painted ceramic bowl or on English porcelain china.

In the mood for a day's outing? Treat her to a picnic at a neighborhood park or the beach. Pack your gifts — bright-colored acrylic drinkware, tropical fish-shaped platters and casual linens such as bright-colored napkins and a cotton cloth to drape on the ground — to enjoy summertime salads and her favorite desserts.

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use. If your mom only wears fragrance for special occasions like weddings and evenings on the town, pick an extra-special spicy flavor that will complement her best attire. A mother who wears perfume everywhere, from the grocery store to the dinner table to Saturday errands, will want a scent that is uplifting and has staying power.

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In honor of Mother's Day, visitors to Blithewold Mansion & Gardens, 101 Ferry Road, (Route 114), Bristol, on May 9, will be given \$1 off the regular \$6 admission fee.

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Water Resources Talks

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tended by numerous countries from both the region and beyond.

Delegations from the region included Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, the Arab Emirates and Yemen. But Syria and Lebanon again boycotted the talks.

An additional 29 nations and international organizations participated in the talks.

Gen. Freddy Zach, a member of the Israeli delegation, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that for the first time a delegation of the United Nations and the World Bank proposed a project involving water wells in Jordan.

About Mothers On Mother's Day

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When I read these simple verses, which are reproduced here in its original version, tears gather in my eyes again, with the thoughts of both women — my own mother whose warm touch and sacrificing, nurturing love I shall remember always — and the splendid love and devotion of one Etta Resnick, a little Jewish lady with a big, pure heart, whose timely presence and influence that memorable year, 1947, gave me the impetus and encouragement to go on living and making something of myself.

Yes — mothers must be the gifts of the Almighty to all the humans on this planet. When they are around, we do not show enough appreciation for them, and we take them for granted. There are hundreds of jokes and anecdotes about mothers, some of them not even complimentary. Some-

times we act as if their love for us is an embarrassment.

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FEATURE

Snapshots

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Doug shared rooms in our Yale suite. He came east from Fond de Lac, Wis. I had never known anybody quite so blond. His hair was fine, straight, almost white, and his eyes blue as a deep lake under a Midwest sky. Mr. Clean took a hot shower twice a day and stepped out red as a lobster, with freshly laundered and ironed chinos. This guy kept immaculate.

Doug was a good-natured and friendly fellow, but his humor was dumb and goofy. He actually poked fun at foreigners, blacks and Jews, even though in fact he was rooming with Jews, a black and a traveling language major.

Another chamber-mate, Tom, a sort of unkind premed chap on the make, a reader of stock reports and chaser of skirts, brought a Vassar girl to our hearth. Miriam, short and dark, wore glasses and spoke with a European accent. Her family had just taken refuge in America, in Poughkeepsie, from Prague, Czechoslovakia. Tom didn't treat her very well, but I was caught off guard by the turn of events in our Yale headquarters at Silliman.

Doug took up where Tom had left off. Doug and Miriam got along like the proverbial cat and dog, but even so, they fell in love.

Miriam stood for everything he had always looked askance at. As an engagement gift, he bought her contact lenses. I asked myself, could Miriam be Jewish, or were they just fleeing the Iron Curtain for a better life? Miriam steered clear of the question and kept it off limits. When I went to Washington for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum dedication, I gave Doug and Miriam a call. I posed the old question on the phone, from a safe distance. "Are you Jewish?"

This time, Miriam said, "Yes. My mother was interred in Theresienstadt."

I told Miriam, "When I toured Prague, I thought of you. Guides said the Czechs resisted just by their skepticism, their scorn. You were always a sharp cookie."

"That's me," said Miriam. "My father, though, was not Jewish. He sneaked into Terezin and smuggled my mother out, after six months."

"Miriam, for me Prague was also a pretty, poetic and kind of poignant place, a Jewish town in a way. I remember an old man with cymbals on his knees and an accordion in his hands. He sat under a bridge on a chair, bells tinkling all over, with his hat at his feet. A picturesque glimpse of the past."

"Mike, you haven't changed at all."

Doug came to fetch me at the Press Club for a reunion supper. He wore a pale beige sweater. His white hair looked very much the same as his blond hair, just a platinum shift from gold to silver. I noted he wore hearing aids in both ears. He smiled gently as we settled in for the drive to pick up

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The Rabbis of Rhode Island 30 Years Ago

Seen 30 years ago are: (seated, from left) Rabbi Abraham Chill of Congregation Sons of Abraham, Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen of Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Saul Leeman of the Cranston Jewish Center, Rabbi Pesach Krauss of Congregation B'nai Israel of Woonsocket, Rabbi William G. Braude of Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Nathan Rosen of the Hillside Foundation at Brown University, (standing, from left) Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman of Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Robert Layman of Temple Beth Israel, Rabbi Pesach Sobel of Temple Beth Am, Rabbi Jerome S. Gurland of Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Donald Heskens of Temple Sinai, Rabbi Charles Rubel of Temple Beth Shalom and Rabbi Hershel Solnica of Congregation Shaare Zedek.

Photo by Fred Kelman

The R. I. Board of Rabbis: Vintage 1963

by Rabbi Saul Leeman
Special to the Herald

Rummaging recently among some old papers, I came across this photograph of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, which appeared on the front page of the *Jewish Herald* in May 1963 — exactly 30 years ago.

As I gazed upon the countenances of my colleagues and friends, each face aroused a host of memories and associations. Indulging in nostalgic reverie, I noted with surprise that of the 13 rabbis who served the Rhode Island Jewish community in 1963, I am the only one still living in Rhode Island today.

Therefore, before presenting this picture to the readers of the *Jewish Herald*, I took it upon myself to do some research and to ascertain the term of service in Rhode Island of each of the rabbis and to find out where they are today.

Here are the findings of my investigation:

1) Rabbi Abraham Chill served as rabbi of Congregation Sons of Abraham from 1943 to 1967. Following a congregational merger, he served Congregation Shaare Zedek — Sons of Abraham from 1967 to 1969. In 1969, he made aliyah and resides today in Jerusalem.

2) Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen served as rabbi of Temple Emanu-El from 1948 to 1973. He died in Providence on Dec. 1, 1992.

3) Rabbi Saul Leeman served as rabbi of the Cranston Jewish Center from 1957 to 1974. He resides today on the East Side in Providence.

4) Rabbi Pesach Krauss

served as rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket from 1953 to 1968. In January 1991, he made aliyah and resides today in Jerusalem.

5) Rabbi William G. Braude served as rabbi of Temple Beth-El from 1932 to 1974. He died in Providence on Feb. 28, 1988.

6) Rabbi Nathan N. Rosen was the first Hillside director at Brown University, in which capacity he served from 1947 to 1972. He died in New York on Jan. 23, 1990.

7) Rabbi Joel H. Zaiman served as rabbi of Temple Emanu-El from 1973 to 1980 after having served as associate rabbi from 1962 to 1973. Since 1980, he has served as rabbi of Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Baltimore.

8) Rabbi Robert Layman served as rabbi of Temple Beth Israel from 1962 to 1964. He serves today as the executive director of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region of the United Synagogue of America and resides in Philadelphia.

9) Rabbi Pesach Sobel served from 1960 to 1963 as the first rabbi of Temple Beth Am in Warwick. He recently moved from Cincinnati to Sharon and is a teacher at the Boston Hebrew College.

10) Rabbi Jerome S. Gurland served as associate rabbi at Temple Beth-El from 1958 to 1964 and as rabbi of Temple Sinai from 1964 to 1979. At present, he is a teacher at the Western New England College in Springfield, Mass.

11) Rabbi Donald Heskens served as rabbi of Temple Sinai from 1961 to 1964. He recently retired as rabbi of Temple Tik-



A more recent photo of Rabbi Saul Leeman.

Photo by Andy Dickerman

vah in St. Catherine, Ontario, and resides at present in Lewisville, N.Y.

12) Rabbi Charles Rubel served as rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom from 1961 to 1964. He died in Miami on March 15, 1980.

13) Rabbi Hershel Solnica served as rabbi of Congregation Shaare Zedek from 1962 to 1965. At present, he serves as rabbi of Congregation Tifereth

Israel in Jackson Heights, N.Y.

The names of the congregations are given as they were in 1963. Some of the name-changes of more recent years are: Temple Beth Am upon its merging with Temple Beth David altered its name to Temple Beth Am-Beth David and later shortened it to Temple Am David.

The Cranston Jewish Center changed its name to Temple Beth Torah and when it merged with Temple Beth Israel it conflated its name to Temple Torat Yisrael. Temple Beth Shalom has since changed to Congregation Beth Shalom.

The seating arrangement of the pictured rabbis was according to their seniority of service in Rhode Island (something like the Supreme Court) except for the two seated in mid-center, who were the officers of the board for that year.

Although the attire and the poses are rather formal, the occasion was merely a routine changing of the guard (incoming and outgoing president).

The photographer, Fred Kelman, has since retired but continues to reside in Rhode Island.

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Ha-Motzi

Rabbi Sidney Helbraun offers Rachel Steiman, 13, a piece of challah after the blessing during her bat mitzvah at Temple Beth-El May 1. Sisters Sarah, 10, and Jolie Steiman, 7, look on.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley



Joseph and Lisa Friedman

Photo by John W. Corbett

Holland and Friedman Marry

Lisa Rachel Holland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Holland of Barrington, and Joseph David Friedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore M. Friedman of Providence, were married March 27 in a candlelight ceremony at Belcourt Castle, Newport.

Officiating at the ceremony were Rabbis Marc S. Jagolinzer and James B. Rosenberg.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Honor attendants for the bride were Patricia Boswell, matron of honor, and bridesmaids Janice Karnes, sister of the bridegroom, Marilyn Hochman, sister of the bridegroom, Caryn Pomeranz and Dayna Price.

Gerald Friedman was best man for his brother. Ushers were Keith Holland, brother of the bride, Richard Karnes, Alan Hochman, Harry Bogosian and Robert Citron.

Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Rea Holland of Pawtucket, Dr. and Mrs. Hyman A. Goldstein of Providence, Mrs. Carol Holland of Michigan, and the late Hye Holland.

The bride, a graduate of East Providence High School and John's Creative School, is self-employed. The bridegroom, a graduate of Classical High School and the University of Rhode Island, is an account executive with WWBB (B101) Radio in East Providence.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and Disneyworld, Florida, and now reside in East Providence.

Snapshots

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Miriam and head to a Cajun cafe.

Miriam is a no-nonsense person with high energy. She teaches and tutors chemistry. Their home has a rather blank look, expressing both Doug's fastidious orderliness and Miriam's dogged silence about her past and her inner life. She served us a drink in their parlor before we left for town and sat beside me. A comfortable-looking person, she looks at you with lovely dark eyes, nodding her short, cropped dark hair with emphasis.

Right off the bat, there, in the car, and in the lobby of the restaurant, she finally gave out her past. "My mom has written her story, but only made three copies, one for me, one for Doug, and one for our daughters to share. I haven't got around to reading it through, but Doug says she has some things to say about me."

"My mother wants to return to being an observant Jew, in the nursing home. I think it's too late. My mom called me Miriam not because of the Bible, but because of Hollywood. She admired Miriam Hopkins. She confides in Doug more than she does in me."

And Doug continues Miriam's tales. He claims that Miriam's dad helped her climb over the high brick barrack wall they recently visited in Terzien.

Doug and Miriam retraced the entire route of her parents.

"They resettled in Prague as Christians for the duration of the occupation. But the policy of forced divorces for mixed marriages caught up with them before the war ended. And Miriam's dad was deported to a work camp in Poland. Although her mom got through the Czech camp, her entire family, everyone included, was shipped off to Auschwitz and perished."

"Miriam was only 11 when victory came and released Europe from the swastika; she says she was kept and guarded from knowing what was happening all around her."

"I was told to eat my vegetables," adds Miriam. "A year or so after the Russians came to rule, the Basaks moved to London as exiles from Communism. Miriam went to a London high school. From England they made their way to America and Miriam got into nearby Vassar."

We retraced the route to my meeting Miriam.

"Tom cracked up a little, like some premed majors. He stole my glasses at a dance and left me to grope around like a dummy. He had a cruel streak." Doug picked up the story. "The year you were

away in France, Tom started doing and saying weird things. He wore one black glove. He went out to shoot rats in the dump. He wanted to electrocute cats with some device he came up with. He was freaking out."

I looked across the table of "blackened" Cajun catfish and hot biscuits and saw Doug as well as Miriam in a totally new light. Doug had rescued Miriam in a reprise on our soil of her childhood. Doug and Miriam work hard. The paths of their lives touched me as never before. Our past does not stay the same and collect dust. You look back on a scene you thought you knew, but the lighting hits it all differently.

Doug and Miriam were the first couple to get married among my Yale group. Their wedding in Poughkeepsie had figured in the gallery of my life as a serene silhouette. They had by now mellowed into something much richer. Maybe I had sold them short. I asked them if we could pore over their wedding album.

"Oh, we never did get an album. The snapshots are lost somewhere on our bookshelves."

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by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald

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To write and say hello.
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That we should get to know?

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Who is putting on a show,
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So I can let some other know.

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That runs swift like a deer,
or perhaps a pitcher who really
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Who Will Place and Show?

by Jeff Goldberg
Special to the Herald

Benny Diaz continues to whip his game into high gear as he finishes off another spectacular season in the Beth-El Bowling League. At a time when averages usually level off or drop, Diaz's is climbing. He is in a groove and attracts a crowd every time he approaches the lane to throw the ball. He has the most unorthodox style one can imagine but there isn't anyone in the Beth-El league who would not enjoy his pin count. His style won't win any contests, his scoring will, and his dancing, although exciting, would cause injury to most that would try to imitate.

As Diaz sits alone atop the standings for average, a real contest continues to rage for third place. Mike Sugarman and Harry Rose are battling and have put together some high scores in recent weeks.

Rick Dressler seems to have solidified second place. Unless Dressler falls into a cold pattern, he should be a lock.

Sy Brooks stays in the top five as the season winds down. Perennial top five bowler Dave Robinson has all but finished the season due to painful elbow problems. Rumor has it that Robinson might retire and do color work for the Beth-El league.

Congratulations to Benny Diaz, 245/613, Rick Dressler, 223/624, Mel Fleischer, 95 pins over average, and Herb Glick, 90 pins over average.

League Standings	
Tooth Fairies	39 21
Trickle Design	35.5 24.5
Come Screen With Me	33 27
Standard Glass	33 27
Baker Furniture	32.5 27.5
Nathan Kaufman Co. #2	32 28
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Oakland Mobil	24 36
Howie's Hammers	22.5 37.5
Nathan Kaufman Co.	18.5 41.5

Top Five Bowlers

Benny Diaz	191.1
Rick Dressler	185.2
Mike Sugarman	182.8
Harry Rose	182.3
Sy Brooks	176.2

Samson Navy Veterans To Gather in Seekonk

The Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans Inc. will hold an area luncheon meeting on May 19 at noon at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, Mass.

Capt. Richard D. West, USN, commanding officer of Surface Warfare Officers School Command, in Newport, will be the guest speaker.

Reservations are required. For further information, contact Charles Abrams, regional director, Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans, P.O. Box 10037, Cranston, R.I. 02910-0090; 944-0539.

Registration Opens for Summer Camps

Registration has opened for the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's summer day camps. The nursery school is also accepting applications. Because the numbers of counselors to campers (nursery school; staff to children) are purposely kept at a low ratio, enrollment is limited in both programs.

Physical activity is stressed in all camps, and campers are encouraged to take advantage of the center's large playing field and indoor pool. The ICCRI is air-conditioned so groups can return to a cool and comfortable environment to rest, have lunch and enjoy activities such as movies and arts and crafts. The center, located at 401 Elm-grove Ave. across from the Brown University football stadium in Providence, offers six day camps for toddlers to teens.

Camp K'ton, for children aged 2 1/2 to 3 years, is a program of discovery experiences of the natural world, through walks, stories, arts and crafts and playground.

Camp Yeladim incorporates outdoor activities, cooking, swim and gym and arts and crafts in a program for children

ages 3 to 5 (children must be toilet-trained).

Parents of those in grades kindergarten through four are invited to enroll their children in Camp Havermim or Sports Camp. Camp Havermim activities include drama, music, sports, crafts plus daily swim and outdoor activities. Sports Camp is intended to develop athletic skills, good sportsmanship and physical well-being.

Camp Bogrim, for preteens entering grades five through seven, offers a well-rounded selection of activities and programs including tennis trips, swim lessons, arts and crafts, drama, first aid training and community service projects.

CIT/Teen Camp is for teenagers who are in grades eight to 10. This camp is for teens who aspire to learn and enhance their good leadership qualities while enjoying privileges of special group projects and trips. The CITs will receive American Red Cross Standard First Aid Certification. The summer culminates in a camping trip for two nights and three days.

Call the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island at 861-8800 for details.

'Thai' to Dancing

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different from other styles, especially Israeli folk dancing, which Leila also performs at Brown. "The center of Israeli dancing is all in your legs while the center of Thai dancing is in the upper body ... but I like them all," she said.

Thai dancing places a lot of emphasis on hand gestures. "You have to be very precise with the movements and practice bending your fingers back, which is considered beautiful in Thai culture and shows how much skill you have," Feinstein stated.

The dance class at South Providence Neighborhood Ministries was only meant to have lasted two weeks, but it would last for more than two years, she recalls. "When my dance class started, I was only recruiting the black and Hispanic kids, but no Asians," Feinstein said. It wasn't until a Hmong girl finally attended that her parents warned her it wasn't the dance for Hmong to do.

But Leila had a message for her. "By learning dance from other cultures, you are respecting that culture and learning from it as well," Feinstein informed the girl. Shortly thereafter, her dance class grew to include everyone from the ethnically rich community. The girls were taught hip hop, a

blend of soul, jazz and some Thai thrown in for color.

Aside from dancing, Feinstein is majoring in political science and theatre with a minor in communication. She also teaches English as a Second Language to a Guatemalan student and is a member of the Israeli Folk Dance Troupe at Brown.

Feinstein admitted that her grandmother, Lillian Feinstein, has been very influential in her life. "She has always been a grounding force in my life and loves the fact that I work with children," Feinstein shared. "The things we're taught when we're young we never forget," she noted. The beautiful friendships I made by teaching the kids in the community to respect themselves has taught me a lot about myself."

Last month, Feinstein saw the fruits of her labors finally pay off during the annual Brown Spring Dance Festival. Instead of succumbing to pressure, the girls staged an exceptional dance exhibition. "I was totally surprised," Feinstein admitted. "The girls showed me something they never showed me before — that they were inspired to dance well before a large audience."

After the show, the girls were so thrilled by the performance and the audience's approval that they were ready for anything, Feinstein recalled. Throughout the festival of dance sat Pratarom Feinstein, who loved every moment.

But all good things must come to an end, Feinstein lamented. "I'm trying to find competent and dedicated people to take over the job." In the meantime, Feinstein continues to bridge together her world with the children's and hopes everything will turn out well for a talented group of girls she's named "Tomorrow."

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Historical Assoc. Sets Its Annual Meeting

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association will hold its 39th annual meeting on May 16 in the Social Hall of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. The 23rd annual David Charak Adelman lecture will be delivered by Abraham Horvitz, M.D., M. Louis Abedon and Harris N. Rosen who will speak on the subject: "Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant, Times Remembered."

Dr. Horvitz, a graduate of Brown University and Columbia Medical School, will describe the early years of his surgical practice in Rhode Island and his association with the Miriam Hospital.

After several years of post-graduate training in surgery, and a three-year service with the Third Auxiliary Surgical Group of the United States Army during World War II, Dr. Horvitz returned in 1948 to Providence where he opened his office for the private practice of general surgery. He retired in September 1989, and continues his teaching assignment as clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Brown Medical Program.

Abedon, a graduate of Boston University Law School, and a member of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bar associations, has had a long career in the practice of law. He has served as president of the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association, was a member of the executive board of the American Trial Association and a member of the executive board of Boston University Law School Alumnae. Abedon also held a position on the United States Commission Court (now called the Magistrate United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island) from 1943 to 1971.

Rosen, a graduate of Harvard College, served as first lieutenant in the United States

Army from 1954 to 1956. Associated with the School House Candy Company since 1956, he has been its president since 1969.

As the son of one of the original owners, Rosen will describe the origin and early years of this confectionery manufacturing concern. In addition to his role in business, he has held many positions of service to the general community.

Since 1970, he has held leadership roles in the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Rosen has also served in various capacities on the boards of several hospitals and with such diverse organizations as the Foundation for Repertory Theatre and the Handel & Haydn Society.

The slate of officers and members-at-large of the executive committee will be presented by Geraldine S. Foster, chairwoman of the nominating committee, for election. The officers are as follows:

President: Stanley Abrams; first vice president: Bernard Kusnitz; second vice president: Aaron Cohen; secretary: Sylvia Factor; and treasurer: Dr. Alfred Jaffe.

Nominated for a two-year term (1993 to 1995) as members-at-large of the executive committee are: Dr. Sidney Goldstein, Edith Salhanick, Selma Stanzler and Melvin Zurier.

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association honors its founder and first president, David Charak Adelman, by continuing to present distinguished speakers at its annual meetings.

There will be an exhibit of photographs and memorabilia of those Rhode Island Jews who served in World War I and World War II.

The public is invited to the meeting and to the social hour which will follow.



Rachel Albert

Nurses Council To Be Chartered

Hadassah's first Nurses Council meetings started three years ago during Rhode Island Nurses Week. Betty Levitt, R.N., worked with a handful of nurses over the years and will now see the fruits of her labors become a reality on May 18 when Hadassah will charter its first Nurses Council in Rhode Island.

Guest speaker Rachel Albert will do the honors of chartering the group. Albert, national co-chairwoman of the Hadassah National Center for Nurses Councils, is responsible for the formation and support of Nurses Councils across the country. She is a past president of the Boston Chapter of Hadassah, and is the co-founder of first Nurses Council in the country.

She serves as chairwoman of the New England Hadassah Zionist Youth Commission and is chairwoman of the Speakers Bureau of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston.

Nurses Councils are being formed to establish an international partnership with the Nursing Division of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. These councils enhance and support the profession in Israel and the United States. It is meeting the special educational, social and professional concerns of the Jewish and Zionist nurse.

If you would like to learn more about Hadassah Nurses Council, call Betty Levitt at 724-7186 or the Hadassah office, 463-3636.



Confronting The Issue

Professor Aviezer Ravitsky lectures on "Religious and Secular in Israel: Beyond Confrontation," at the Joseph Teverov Memorial Lecture in the Bohnen Vestry at Temple Emanu-El before the Bureau of Jewish Education on April 26.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Hadassah Sabbath Set at Middletown Temple

The Main Sanctuary of Temple Shalom of Middletown will be the setting for the annual Newport Chapter of Hadassah Sabbath which will take place on May 7 at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner, spiritual leader of the temple, has compiled a special service for this Sabbath focusing on the women of Hadassah and children in Judaism. The rabbi will chant the liturgical portions of the service.

Hadassah members Sylvia Greenbaum, Rosalie Goldman, Fran Mendell, Renee Kamintz, Rita Slom, Jill Handel, Doris Fischer, Arlene Segal, Barbara Jagoliner, Sarah Jagoliner, Freyda Feldman and President Sharon Margolis will participate in the service with prayers and responsive readings.

Following the service, an Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by Newport Chapter of Hadassah at which state President Roz Bolusky will be the featured speaker.

'First Friday' Services Continue at Mishkan Tefila

As part of Congregation Mishkan Tefila's monthly "First Friday" late Friday night services, on May 7, Rabbi Michael Menoff's pulpit partner will be Dr. John A. Curry, president of Northeastern University. The service will begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary and will be followed by a festive Oneg Shabbat in the Copleman/Clarke Social Hall.

This will be the final in a highly successful lineup of monthly "First Friday" service programs at which Rabbi

Menoff shared the Mishkan Tefila pulpit with Dean Henry Rosovsky of Harvard, and Presidents John Silber, Charles Vest, David Gordis, Elizabeth Kennan, William Holmes and Father J. Donald Monan, of Boston University, MIT, Holy Cross College, Mount Holyoke, Simmons, and Boston College, respectively.

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Staking Claim

Holly DiOrto, 18 months, makes sure no one tries to walk away with the chalkboard desk her grandfather bought her at the Temple Habonim's "Gigantic Garage Sale" Sunday in Barrington. The proceeds of the event will benefit the temple.

Herald photo by Omar Brinkley

Chabad To Sponsor Parade and Picnic

Chabad-Lubavitch will sponsor a community parade and picnic for Lag B'Omer on May 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence.

The free event is being held to welcome newly arrived Jewish immigrants from Russia. Live music, free food and entertainment by Lon Cerel, a balloon artist and juggler, will be provided. The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. from Chabad House to Doyle Avenue. For more information, call 273-7238.

Club to Host Speaker from Weight Watchers

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island offers adults a friendly forum where people can hear interesting guest speakers and discuss current events. On May 11 at noon, the center's Brown Bag Club will host Weight Watchers' speaker Sheryl Reedy, who will explain "Nutritional Weight Loss."

Guests will learn about the new pyramid of food groups and which foods play an important role in maintaining a healthy diet.

Those planning to attend should bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. A \$1 donation is appreciated. Yiddish Yinkel will follow at 2 p.m. Contact Evy Rappoport at 861-8800 for details.

Comedy Night at Beth-El Will Benefit Bosnian Relief

Comedian Jonathan Katz, co-author of David Mammet's critically acclaimed "House of Games" (by Orion Pictures), and frequent guest of the "Tonight Show" and "Late Night With David Letterman," teams up with Comedy Connection regular, Lauren Dombrowsky, for an evening of comedy to benefit Bosnian Humanitarian Relief. The evening will begin at 8 p.m. on May 15 at Temple Beth-El, on the corner of Orchard and Butler avenues on Providence's East Side.

This special benefit, the fourth in a continuing series, is planned by Mativ, a group of 20- and 30-somethings who sponsor social and politically



Jonathan Katz

appeared on such popular television shows as MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Hour" and CBS' "Comedy Tonight" and stole the show at Mativ's last comedy evening in June.

Net proceeds from the Comedy Night will provide Bosnian relief for special operations, emergency planning and supplies, relief and welfare services to the aged, and manpower development. The joint



Lauren Dombrowsky

correct events. This evening of comedy will be hosted by Mark Patinkin, Providence Journal columnist and host of Channel 10's "Between the Lines." He is also the co-author of the book *The Silent War* with Clinton's senior policy adviser and native Rhode Islander, Ira Magaziner.

In addition to co-authoring the story for *A House of Games*, comedian Katz has been a featured player in three of Mammet's films including "Homicide" and "Things Change." Katz has also performed his comedic genius in all of America's hottest comedy clubs and on Fox Television's "Comic Strip Live," "Good Morning America," Showtime's "Comedy Club" and PBS' "Comedy Tonight."

Lauren Dombrowsky, a New England favorite for years, has



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Rabbi Telushkin To Speak at Tifereth Israel Congregation

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin is the featured speaker May 12 for the Rabbi Bernard H. and Minna Ziskind Memorial Lecture at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, Mass. Telushkin's topic for the 8 p.m. lecture is "Words that Hurt, Words that Heal: The Jewish Ethics of Speech."

Telushkin is a highly regarded lecturer, author and activist. His first book, *The Nine Questions People Ask about Judaism*, was hailed by Herman Wouk as "the intelligent skeptic's guide to Judaism" and is now the most widely used English language introduction to Judaism.

Rabbi Ziskind was a spiritual

leader of Tifereth Israel Congregation from 1929 until 1966 when he became rabbi emeritus. He died in 1968. Minna Ziskind, his wife and helpmate, died in 1967. Following the rabbi's death, the Rabbi Bernard H. and Minna Ziskind Memorial Lecture was established as a tribute to their contributions to the synagogue and to the New Bedford Jewish community.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception, hosted by Shulamith (Ziskind), Rabbi and Mrs. Ziskind's daughter, and her husband, Sheldon Friedland, will follow. For more information, contact Rebecca B. Holmes at (508) 997-3171.

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R.I. Student Heads to Russia

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

In the tumultuous world of international politics, small successes are often overshadowed by larger events, yet for their participants a single act of friendship is just as important as a national trend.

No one understands this better than Josh Breindel, a 17-year-old Moses Brown student from Providence who spent two weeks in Cheboksary, Russia, as part of a cultural exchange program. Josh first made contact with a Russian student last year through Project Harmony, which began through the efforts of Tim Bick-

Josh was treated as an American first and a Jew second. He learned that Jews are better off seen than heard.

ford, a Moses Brown history teacher, and Yuri Chumakov, a Cheboksary teacher who collaborated on the exchange program three years ago. Ironically, the concept for exchange began during the Cold War by a group of musicians, according to Gary Bliss, director of public relations at Moses Brown.

Since then, Moses Brown and Providence Country Day School have hosted and exchanged students with Russia for the past three years, Bliss informed. The purpose of the program is more cultural than educational; the Russian students spend time with their

host families, taking day trips to Boston, Mystic and New York before returning to their countries.

When Josh landed in Cheboksary last March, he wasn't prepared for the weather. "It was a blizzard when we landed there. If you looked out the window you couldn't see a thing," he recalled. But the warm welcome of his host family, the Petrovas, made up for the harsh climate. Although the family lived in a modest four-room apartment, Josh was given his own room, which showed him how considerate Russians really are. "I learned that, for the most part, that Russians and Americans are, quite frankly, just people. There's no difference aside from really superficial items," Josh said.

During his two-week stay, one of the first things Josh bought was a luxurious Russian fur hat for \$10 to ward off the 20-degree temperatures blowing over the frozen Volga River. He visited the opera, ate Russian borscht, blintzes and ravioli, and made friends wherever he went. Josh was surprised to hear the Beatles, Elvis and Michael Jackson being played at a party he attended with his host, Tatiana Petrova.

One of his most unforgettable experiences came the day he met Jane, a Soviet Jew, while visiting the Cheboksary Teachers' Training College. "When I told her I was Jewish, she was very excited and asked me to explain everything about Judaism to her," Josh recalled. He



CULTURAL EXCHANGE—Kate Yustus, a Russian exchange student, speaks with Arlene Violet, former attorney general, of WHJJ radio, recently while Yuri Chumakov, a Russian teacher from Cheboksary, and Moses Brown student Josh Breindel listen.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

realized from Jane that Jews are still not as free as Americans to express themselves, and Jane's lack of fundamental knowledge proved that.

Josh was treated as an American first and a Jew second, but was spared from any indifference. He found no Jewish temples anywhere in town. He learned from Jane that Jews are better off seen than heard.

When Josh returned, he gave his brother a Soviet uniform, a military watch and a rabbit fur hat from the Petrovas. Because of the friends and experiences Josh had, he feels Russia is a great place to visit; however, he

has no plans to live there.

Recently, 18 Russian students and five teachers from the Russian town of Cheboksary were the guests of Moses Brown, Providence Country Day and Brimmer & May of Cambridge, Mass., all of which are participants in the exchange program. Six of the Russian students stayed with families of Moses Brown students.

One student, Kate Yustus, joined Josh Breindel and Yuri Chumakov, one of the founders of the program, on Arlene Violet's radio talk show at WHJJ in East Providence recently. During the show, Violet

learned that Kate had visited the Boston Museum of Science, the Hard Rock Cafe and a pizza parlor, which turned out to be a pleasurable experience. Kate said she was taught English in the second grade and would enter college this fall at age 16.

Chumakov, an English teacher in Cheboksary, explained that education is strongly emphasized as a means of expanding the range of a student's potential.

When Violet asked what television shows Russians watched, she was surprised to discover "Santa Barbara" was the No. 1 soap opera in the country.

Sinai Sisterhood to Meet May 11

On Tuesday, May 11, the Sisterhood of Temple Sinai will hold its general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the temple. The speaker for the evening is Jami Weinstein of Bread and Circus in Providence. She will be talking about "Conscious Eating — Choosing the Foods that Fit your Needs." Sisterhood Sabbath will be held on May 14 at 8:15 p.m. at Temple Sinai. Debbie Gerstenblatt is the chairwoman. Sisterhood members taking part will be Judy Fogel, Livia Weinstein, Arlene Elman, Millie Shuster, Ann and Linda Miller, Phyllis Solod, Pam Manekofsky, Sukey Dennis, Sandy Dupree, Rita Astrachan, Margie Brown, Natalie Fleisher and Ellie Marcus.

Scouting Troop Plans Camping Trips

For those who enjoy the outdoors, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Boy Scout Troop 104 has something to offer. The troop has already scheduled a number of camping trips for the spring and summer; the next one will be from May 21 to 23. Boys who are 11 years old or who will complete the fifth grade this spring are invited to come along and join in on scout meetings without committing to join.

The troop will be having a second camping trip in June, and another, provided that

there are enough interested scouts, in July. In August, the JCCRI scouts will attend a week of camping at Yawgoog Scout Reservation.

Troop meetings are held every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Scout Den located at the JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence. Contact Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800 for more information.

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Judaic Scholar

Professor Shaye Cohen is the featured speaker at Temple Beth-El in Providence on May 14. His topic for the 7:45 p.m. lecture is "Conversion to Judaism in a Historical Perspective."

Kosher Meal Site to Feature Video Biography

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, invites the center's kosher meal site to watch the "Biography of Harry Truman," a VCR program to be shown on May 14 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Other VCR movies and programs scheduled for the week of May 7 through 14 are as follows:

- "America: Money on the Land," a VCR program, will run on May 7 from 11 a.m. to noon.

- Part 2 of the movie "How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying," will be shown on May 9 from 10:45 a.m. to noon.

Members of the kosher meal site are also invited to attend the JCCRI's 68th annual meet-

ing to be held on May 12 at 7:45 p.m.

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THE DATING GAME — Neil Segal, a member of the Asian-American Student Association at Brown, discusses the issue of inter-dating between Asians and Jews at Applegate Lounge on April 21.
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Jewish-Asian Dialogue Ends Unresolved

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

Culture more than race was the issue for Jewish and Asian students discussing inter-dating recently at Brown University. The forum was part of a series of dialogues between Jewish and Asian students who

are members of the Asian-American Student Association, according to Neil Segal, a member.

The discussions began out of a desire by both groups to understand their cultural similarities and differences. For in-

stance, Jews and Asians both value education, family values and skilled professions, and have a deep regard for spirituality, according to Segal. Asian immigrants often moved into formerly Jewish neighborhoods to set up grocery stores not unlike Jewish delicatessens, he said.

Although many Jews and Asian students often share the same classes in medicine, law and engineering, it has been unclear how many Jewish and Asian students date. Howard Chen, a freshman and co-facilitator of the group, said he dated a Jewish girl for several years. He recalled how her parents became upset when he failed to escort her back to New Jersey after she visited him at Brown. Chen believed the incident may have been racially motivated.

On the other hand, a Vietnamese girl dating a Jewish student wondered if maintaining one's ethnicity is more important than being in love and assimilating into each other's culture.

Another Asian student feels that it is important for her to respect her parents' feelings about preserving her ethnic identity; but, she added, it is equally important for them to recognize her right to choose a husband.

Segal drew laughs from the group when he shared stories about parents who have invited him to date their "nice Jewish daughters."

"It isn't a question of Jewish ethnicity before anything else," a Jewish student expressed. "Race was not the factor."

An Asian girl countered: "I'm an adult and I make my own choices."

Another Asian student said that a woman must marry a man above her own stature.

No matter how each group looked at it, the topic drew lively discussion that ended unresolved. But Segal thanked the students for coming and invited them to future discussions to bridge the gap between their cultures.

NCCJ's Funding Receives a Boost

Norman Orodnenker, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Prejudice and Bias (formerly the commission on Religious, Racial & Ethnic Harassment), member of the executive committee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and managing partner of Licht & Semonoff, announced that a portion of the Governor's Executive Fund will be made available to the commission for joint programming with the Interfaith Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The announcement was made at a meeting of the board of directors of the National Conference on April 13.

The demand for NCCJ program services has increased sharply following last November's "Stop Hate" conference cosponsored by the NCCJ Interfaith Council and the Governor's Commission. The two groups are now planning follow-up events for halting crimes of hate and bias and for redressing institutionalized discrimination.

Support has already been given to "Stop Hate" theme-related events sponsored by universities and religious organizations throughout Rhode Island.

A year ago, racial rioting and unrest in Los Angeles was the focus of comments by speakers at the NCCJ's 40th Anniversary Brotherhood Award Dinner, including National Conference President Gillian Sorensen. Since that time, the local NCCJ organization has redoubled its commitment to building bridges between diverse groups

in Rhode Island and creating an atmosphere for open dialog about intercultural and interracial concerns.

"As a result of increased programming," noted John J. Partridge, the National Conference 1993 dinner chairman and partner of Partridge, Snow & Hahn, "now there is statewide awareness of the NCCJ. The annual Brotherhood Award Dinner, the NCCJ's major source of funding, needs to expand its base of support in order to meet increased program needs." He informed the board that the governor's appropriation will enable NCCJ to implement some of the plans for new programs in the field of race relations.

The 41st annual Brotherhood Award Dinner, to be held on May 6, at the Venus de Milo Restaurant in Swansea, Mass., will honor four outstanding people whose community deeds contribute to building harmonious relations among citizens of Rhode Island.

The honorees are Lincoln C. Almond, former United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island; Ann D. Hill, director of the St. Martin de Porres Center who participated with NCCJ in an intergenerational pilot program entitled Green Circle, and Stephen Hamblett, chairman of the Providence Journal, who was instrumental in the establishment of the NCCJ-Michael P. Metcalf Media Award, and Arthur S. Robbins, President of Robbins Properties, Inc., both members of the National Conference board of trustees.

Outdoor Club To Visit Block Island

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Outdoor Club, for those in grades nine through 12, will be heading to Block Island on May 23 for a day of hiking and touring the island.

The group will leave the JCCRI at 9 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Those planning to take the trip should meet at the center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, ready to go by 8:45 a.m. (The Outdoor Club will leave on the 11 a.m. Galilee ferry and return on the 3 p.m. ferry.)

The fee of \$15 for club members and \$20 for nonmembers will cover all transportation costs and snacks. The deadline to reserve a space on the trip is May 16. Contact Alisa Yanov at 861-8800 to RSVP or to help with transportation to and from the ferry.

The Outdoor Club is cosponsored by the Youth Department and the Robbie Frank Fund.

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Temple To Hold Sabbath Dinner

On May 14, the congregation of Temple Shalom will join for Sabbath worship followed by a Sabbath dinner.

Reservations are a must and can be made by calling club members office on or before May 10. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under the age of 8.

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Corrections

The story titled "Drench Uses Humor to Tackle Topic of AIDS," which appeared in the April 22 *Herald* contained several inaccuracies we would like to clarify. Meredith Drench, director of Adaptive Health Associates Inc. and a therapist, presented her research on AIDS to health professionals in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia (not Greece, as the story mentioned).

The talk was presented to the Hadassah Nurses Council and the audience was comprised of nurses (no medical technicians were present, as noted in the story). A quarter of a million adults and adolescents in the United States have developed AIDS; many more are HIV positive (the story said a quarter of a million are HIV positive).

Also, currently, AIDS is the leading cause of death in women age 15 to 44 years in New York City (the place was left out of the story). In addition, Drench emphasized that it is often difficult to warn teens about AIDS, since they don't necessarily know someone with the disease — difficult, not fruitless, as the article mentioned. Finally, Drench noted that AIDS is caused by a virus (not based on a virus, as noted in the story).

We apologize for these errors and for any inconvenience they may have caused Meredith Drench or our readers.

The *Herald* willingly corrects errors printed in the paper. Contact the editor at 724-0200 or write to *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940, when you would like an error corrected.

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School Beat



A Time of Reflection

by Rachel Cane
Special to the Herald

April of senior year is the beginning of a time of reflection that covers the whole high school experience. It is a time for a strange and wistful mix of regret, relief and rejoicing in the past. I find myself musing on my time in B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, which has played an integral part in my life over the last three years, as a source of exciting new social opportunities and firm friendships, a channel for creative leadership energy, and a means to explore Judaism on a personal and educational level.

As I contemplate the lasting significance of the myriad of activities I have planned and participated in, one begins to distinguish itself in my mind as exemplifying so much of what I believe all Jewish communities should strive for. In February of this year, my chapter, Judy Ann Leven, created a service for the day designated as International Shabbat with truly meaningful to all of us because it carefully taught the structure of the traditional service and significance of its prayers.

Three of us gathered to do this: Cheryl Mizrahi, a day school-educated Orthodox Jew, Molly Shabica, an unaffiliated Jew with little formal education, and I, who consider myself primarily educated by a summer at Kallah, BBO's Judaism institute. What we had in common were gaps in our knowledge and a desire to fill them with information from each other and the wealth of reference books we had pooled.

We put together two packets for the service; the first was the liturgy itself, the second supplementary explanation and commentary. The first packet divided the service into the important individual prayers and gave the Hebrew and transliteration for each one. We were especially aware of the frustration non-Hebrew readers feel when they cannot follow what is being said because no transliteration is provided.

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Reading Week Is Celebrated at Schechter

The week of May 3 through 7 is Reading Week and a host of exciting interdisciplinary projects and events were planned for the students of the Ruth and Alan Alperin Schechter Day School.

The week kicked off with an author's presentation. On May 3, Amity Gaige, a young adult author who has been published since she was in the seventh grade, will visit the school. She brought some of her work and gave a slide presentation, helping students connect with the real world of writing and publishing.

On May 5, all students got in the act with an opportunity to

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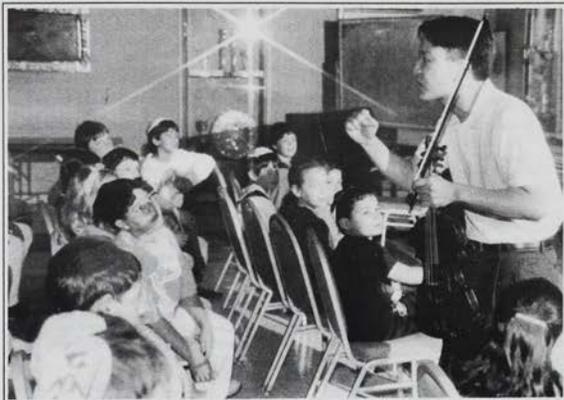
Violinist Doesn't Fiddle Around

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

As far as the third, fourth- and fifth-graders at the Alperin Schechter Day School are concerned, world-renowned violinist David Kim doesn't fiddle around when it comes to his music. For it was Kim's keen wit and musical expertise that enraptured a spirited group of students during an April 21 concert in the Bohnen Vestry.

Kim, a child prodigy at age 6, when he began giving recitals, appeared with Itzhak Perlman at age 12, on a WNEW-TV (New York) production. A founder of the Summer Chamber Music Festival at the University of Rhode Island, Kim was the only American to win a top award at the prestigious International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1986.

During the hour performance, Kim captivated the young audience with colorful facts and snappy jokes about music and his violin — a Nicolaus Gagliano made in Naples 258 years ago. He explained that the bow is made of Arabian horse hair, while the violin strings come from sheep intestines wrapped in metal wire, a revelation that brought groans of disgust from the youngsters. Kim played intricate selections from Brahms, Mozart and Niccolò Paganini, his mentor. Kim, who recently performed a benefit concert for The Music School at the Rhode Island School of Design Auditorium, was invited to the



MUSIC MAESTRO — David Kim, a world-renowned concert violinist, entertains students at the Alperin Schechter Day School with his musical wit and wisdom in the Bohnen Vestry April 21.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Alperin Schechter Day School by the PTA Cultural Enrichment Program. When asked

why he made facial expressions while playing, Kim answered that it is an extension of playing. Another student wondered why he used a handkerchief and Kim explained it protects him from the edges of the violin which is made of Penobscot wood from the Amazon rain forest. Ironically, Kim revealed that he hated to practice the violin as a child, but his mother encouraged him to practice — a point Kim emphasized to all the students if they

want to succeed at whatever they aspire to become in life.

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Provident Hebrew Day School students Leora Petashnick (from left), Golda Antokol and Nathan Kaufman cash in tickets for a special carnival for Yom Ha'Atzmaut, which was organized by girls from the New England Academy of Torah (NEAT). Much effort and preparation went into planning the event, and the smiles on the faces of the children definitely made it all worthwhile. Proceeds from the carnival went to the school and to the NEAT Girls' Student Council.

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OBITUARIES

HARRY BERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Harry Berman, 92, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Hillside Avenue, died May 2 at the home. He was the husband of the late Mabel (Hollander) Berman.

Born in London, England, a son of the late Joseph and Molly (Bierenbaum) Berman, he lived in Providence for 87 years.

After World War I, he served in the Army for many years. He worked in the silver department at Gorham for 40 years. He was a member of the former Congregation Sons of Abraham, and a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham.

He leaves three sisters, Miriam Strauss, Evelyn Broomfield, both of Providence, Emma F. Simon of East Providence, and a brother, Phillip Berman of Springfield, Mass.

A graveside service was held May 3 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Funeral arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

DR. MARSHALL BORNSTEIN

WARWICK — Dr. Marshall Bornstein, D.D.S., 70, of 692 Orleans Court, a dentist for 45 years, who maintained an office at 40 Toll Gate Road, died May 3 at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth (Rodinsky) Bornstein.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Ethel (Mistofsky) Bornstein, he lived

in Cranston before moving to Warwick 35 years ago.

Dr. Bornstein was a graduate of Providence College, and Tufts University Dental School. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a past president and a past chairman of the board of directors of the Touro Fraternal Association. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal, and a past president of Temple Beth Am.

Dr. Bornstein was a member of the Round Table Commission of the Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the Jewish Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. He leaves a son, Thomas Bornstein, with whom he made his home; two daughters, Beryl Lions of Cheshire, Conn., Robin Sagerin of Belmont, Mass., and seven grandchildren.

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

SADIE BULOTSKY

TAUNTON, Mass. — Sadie Bulotsky, who was Taunton's oldest resident, died April 27 at the Wedgemere Convalescent Home at 146 Dean St. She was 106.

She was the wife of the late Jacob Bulotsky. She was born in Russia in 1886, 30 years before the abdication of the last Russian czar. She was the daughter of the late Leo and Barbara Bulotsky.

Bulotsky was very involved in the community, serving as a

member of the Workmen's Circle and in the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Helping Hand Society.

She was a member of the Congregation of Agudath Achim and its Sisterhood, and was a member of Hadassah.

She leaves two sons, Robert Bell of Taunton and Benjamin Bulotsky of Sloughon; a daughter, Mae Fineberg of Woburn; 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was also the mother of the late Nathan Bell. She was the grandmother of the late Freda Fistel.

A graveside service was held April 29 at Mount Nebo Cemetery in Taunton. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. in Providence.

IRVING KLINE

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Irving Kline, 74, of 130 Canal St., a retired furniture salesman, died April 29 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Lillian E. (Feinberg) Kline.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Isabel (Elman) Kline, he lived in Fall River for many years.

He was a member of Temple Beth El, the Diabetes Association of Greater Fall River, and the Board of Mental Health of Fall River.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Sheldon Kline of Burke, Va., four daughters, Sandra Marci of Windsor, Conn., Paula McGillivray of Burlington, Elizabeth Isaacs of Boca Raton, Fla., and Elaine Arnold of Pensacola, Fla.; a brother, Arthur Kline of West Warwick; a sister, Ruth Horvitz of Fall River, and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral service was held April 30 at Fisher Memorial Chapel, 422 North Main St., Fall River. Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River.

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PHDS Students Celebrate

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behind a dark curtain.

But Daniella Friedman, 10, had no time for such childish things, as 11th-grader Adina Szendro braided her hair for 25 cents. Almost every other student was wearing some kind of outlandish face-painted mask drawn by Rachel Rashkin, who was just putting the finishing touches on Anna Boyshkiz, 10.

A Time of Reflection

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The second packet followed the format of the first and served as the translation or explanation of the Hebrew. It provided thought-provoking information gleaned from commentary in the art scroll sidur and from my memories of the rabbis and participants of Kallah.

We had designed the service for all levels of Jewish knowledge; as it so happened, the people who attended were overwhelmingly unfamiliar with the Jewish service and almost everything was new information to them. (Two of them, incidentally, were Russian immigrants and another was from an interfaith household.)

Molly found herself suddenly the expert from what she had learned in creating the service, and I was surprised to be using the leadership skills I had learned at Kallah with almost no one to fall back on because Cheryl had been unable to attend.

We led the service cautiously at first, adjusting to the pace and needs of the members, going slowly over the Hebrew words and tune of songs that they wanted to learn. Each member around the circle introduced a prayer by reading from the second packet and this often provoked comments or questions that we sometimes were collectively able to answer, but more often collectively wondered about.

Not all the fun and games were reserved for the kids: Elana Vogel, a Hebrew language teacher, tried her luck at a game of chance and lost. "I am a very good gambler, but I like losing to my students," Vogel said.

All in all, the Providence Hebrew Day School students had a fun time honoring Israel's independence.

After the service, we had an admirably well-stocked oneg. I was not only impressed with the extent to which these [A]lers finished the food but that, although we had not planned it, our conversation of turned to personal and Jewish matters.

It was an exceptional atmosphere that night: many of us did not know each other terribly well and yet we fell easily in to opening up to each other about our unique feelings and perceptions about Judaism. We talked about experiences that had made impressions on us and the attitude of our families as well as how we envisioned ourselves practicing Judaism in the future.

I left that evening having checked BGG Shabbat off in my head as another successful program for our chapter, but months later, I am now beginning to see it emerge in my memory as one of farther-reaching significance.

I am proud that Judy Ann Leven BGG recognized a truly golden opportunity to help its motivated members educate both themselves and each other about Judaism, to expose a number of Jews positively to the Jewish tradition of prayer, and to provide a means of sharing Jewish issues of personal importance.

The thoughts this service evokes in me lead me to rejoice in the past, but not without a hint of regret about what I will be leaving.

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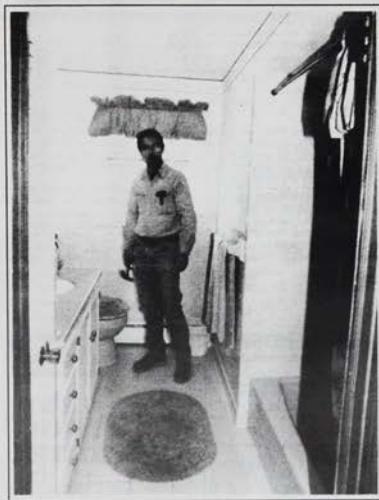
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BATHROOM SPECIALIST — Wayne Goodlin encourages his customers to consider quality of materials before deciding what to spend on a remodeling job.

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Goodlin Specializes in Quality

by Omar Bradley
Herald Assistant Editor

Some of the most important aspects when remodeling a kitchen or bathroom are durability as well as design. Time will test the strength and look of a tile floor or countertop, noted Wayne Goodlin, "The Bathroom Specialist." He hopes most customers will take these facts into consideration when planning to remodel their bathrooms or kitchens.

For more than 16 years, Goodlin has been involved in everything from bricklaying to cabinetmaking and everything associated with home improvement. A licensed contractor in Rhode Island and Massachusetts with a degree in corporate management from the University of Rhode Island, Goodlin started remodeling kitchens and bathrooms in California, where he worked with a private contractor for three years before heading back East to be closer to his wife's family.

After seeing the poor workmanship other contractors he was working for produced, Goodlin decided to start his own business. "I just grew disgusted with the shoddy way houses were being thrown together," Goodlin recalled. He said he knows the top products available, so he can give the customer the best possible value in cost and quality. He recalled stories of crumbling tiles, leaky fixtures and angry customers forced to make emergency repairs due to sloppy construction.

"I try to be mindful of the people living there, making sure the floors are covered with drop cloths and bathrooms are available for them," Goodlin stressed. He'll even walk your dog, if necessary, and has good rapport with children, for whom many contractors have no patience.

Goodlin's finished bathroom is showroom-perfect, with no

visible defects and clean as a whistle. Goodlin couldn't emphasize enough that in bathroom remodeling, "You get what you pay for." For instance, "Water is the enemy of building materials, but nothing resists water more than ceramic tile that is properly grouted," he said. A tile wall and floor, a composite countertop and cast-iron tub are the epitome of beauty and longevity, he added. But sometimes people settle for something less and eventually pay for it again as time takes its toll.

Goodlin knows that a careful, well-planned remodeling job using durable building materials will last the life of the house with proper periodic maintenance. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," Goodlin said.

Reading Week

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participate in a variety of special workshops. Grades three, four and five chose from "Songwriting," "On the Prairie with Laura Ingalls Wilder," "Micrography," "Spooonisms," "Sports Story" and "Character Cubes."

Middle schoolers attended workshops entitled: "Jewish jokes: Just what IS the point?," "No Talking! Mime it instead," "Word Wizardry: How well can you weave words?" and "Get in the Mood: Can you set the stage?"

At the end of the week, students met in groups for "Writer's Workshops." They shared their own written work—poems, essays and stories—functioning as "friendly critics" to encourage and help develop writing skills.

The reading/writing celebration were intended as a Hebrew/English integrated promotion of students as readers and writers. The goals of the program are to provide each student with an opportunity to understand the reading/writing process better, to create something new of their own, and to share what they have created with an audience.

Teacher Deems Museum

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sight of the fact that those whose memories are preserved in this building were and are human beings, with all of the dignity that being a human being demands. These were people who somebody loved and who gave love in return. They were people who were made in G-d's image and likeness, and that is what makes their suffering and deaths such a great tragedy.

Those who visit the Holocaust Memorial will leave with both a sense of the humanity of those who were the victims of the Holocaust as well as a true understanding of the great magnitude of this most deplorable act. At the end of our tour of the museum, we sat and watched a videotape, which presents excerpts of the testimony of victims, rescuers and liberators. It is something that cannot be easily forgotten by anyone who takes the hour to watch it. The humanity of those who are presented is clear for all to see. Even those whose knowledge of the Holocaust is not overly detailed will leave with a clear message from what they have experienced.

My wife has always supported my work as a teacher. Last spring, it was at her urging that I went to Poland and Israel. I truly believe that when we left the museum, she under-

stood what is fast becoming my life's work far better than anything I could have said to her.

At the dedication ceremonies, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel described the Holocaust memorial as "a question not an answer." In the days that have followed since returning from Washington, there are many questions for which I am still seeking answers.

How did people allow the Holocaust to happen? How have the survivors managed to go on with their lives? Why did some people choose to act as rescuers, while others chose to do nothing? In the face of such horror, how can similar acts of genocide continue to happen? I do not have answers to these questions, but I must continue to seek them.

The answers to those questions may be long in coming, but there is one other question for which I must find an answer as soon as possible. How can I use the Holocaust memorial to help my students better understand? As a teacher, I can do many things, but for me there is no greater goal than to help my students make our world a place where genocide could become become a dead memory in the 21st century.

Jim Wilcox is a teacher in the Social Science Department at B.M.C. Durfee High School, Fall River, Mass.

Corrections

In last week's obituary for Hannah Frank, the graveside service date was inadvertently listed as April 24. It should have read April 26. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused Hannah Frank's family, Lincoln Park Cemetery, the funeral home or our readers.

Also, a story in last week's Herald, titled "Survivors, Students and Statesmen Pay Tribute at Holocaust Observance," quoted Jenny Klein, chairwoman of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. She is not a survivor, as the story noted. We regret the error.

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