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## Middle East Leaders on Road to Peace R.I. Witnesses Historic Scene

by Anne S. Davidson  
Herald Editor

Rhode Island's leaders witnessed first-hand the historic scene Monday in Washington, D.C. — the handshake of sworn enemies, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, symbolizing a new era of peace for the embattled Middle East.

America's only Jewish governor, Rhode Island Gov. Bruce Sundlun, and Central Falls Arab Mayor Thomas Lazichas stood front-row, while Rep. Jack Reed and Jewish Federation of Rhode Island President Harris N. Rosen had up-close congressional seats.

Rosen took time Tuesday, upon his return from the nation's capital, to tell the *Herald* of the moving experience.

"It was a day of opportunity and a day of challenge. It was also very inspirational for me to be there. It gave me courage and strength to work even more in my job and I think that Jews everywhere feel that way," Rosen said.

Rosen received a call Sunday night from Rep. Reed asking him to be his guest for the peace ceremony.

"I think it was a triumph of diplomacy that it happened and now comes the challenge of implementation and that's a big thing," Rosen said of the agreement.

But Rosen does not expect the agreement to immediately end all violence between the two peoples.

And that was evidenced Tuesday when two Palestinians were killed in the Gaza Strip — one in what appeared to be a suicide attack on an Israeli police station and another, who was shot to death in an attempt to stab a soldier.

"There will be violence — especially from the extremists, because not everybody agrees with this," Rosen said.

Asked if the agreement might

be merely a symbolic gesture on the part of Rabin and Arafat, Rosen disagreed. "No, I don't believe that. They're down this road and they've got to continue."

He pointed to Rabin's surprise stop in Morocco on his way home from Washington for talks with King Hassan as another example of how far the parties will go for peace.

"They will do it. I think they have to do it. I think Mr. Rabin is right — there's been enough blood and enough tears," Rosen

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## Brown's Arab and Jewish Students Celebrate Peace

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

On Sept. 13, Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat shook the hand of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin before a captive audience on the South Lawn of the White House in the nation's capital. A few hundred miles to the north, Arab and Jewish students embraced, sang and recognized each other at an informal peace rally on the Brown University green on Monday.

Under sunny skies, about 50 Arab-American and Jewish students united as one group to show their support for the peace initiative. At the green in front of a brass sculpture, George

Younis, a Lebanese student, held up his nation's flag, beside Rachel Alexander, who proudly displayed the Israeli flag.

All around the rally, students hugged, sang and danced. A large peace poster depicting a dove holding an olive branch was signed by everyone present.

The rally was initiated by Simone Shaltiel, a Brown sophomore and coordinator of the Progressive Zionist Caucus. She called Jumana Musa, president of the campus chapter of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination League, asking if she would come.

One by one, students voiced their feelings about the historic

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THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP — Simone Shaltiel, coordinator of the Progressive Zionist Caucus, shakes hands with George Younis, a Lebanese member of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, at a peace rally on the green at Brown University Monday.  
Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## N.Y. Businessman Offers to Run the Jewish Home

by Anne S. Davidson  
Herald Editor

A New York nursing home owner and administrator has offered to run the Jewish Home and pay the first \$150,000 in losses, the *Herald* has learned. Jack Friedman, who owns and operates three kosher nursing homes in New York, sent the offer in a letter dated Aug. 31 by Federal Express to Jewish Home President Saul Zeichner; the offer expired last week.

According to Friedman, he received no answer from home officials after sending the letter and speaking with Trustee and Properties Committee Chairman David Cohen on the telephone. "I haven't received a re-

sponse from anyone in a responsible position," he told the *Herald* Monday. "I spoke with Mr. David Cohen and he asked me if I wanted to fill out a regular bid, but I am not really willing to buy the building or anything like that," Friedman said.

The offer, which was received nearly a week before the board of trustee's Sept. 7 meeting, was never presented at the meeting, according to a board member who asked to remain anonymous. "I feel very unqualified [to discuss the letter] because I myself don't know what's going on. Everything's a big secret and we should have been involved," the board member said.

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## Group Hopes to Re-Open Home

by Anne S. Davidson, Herald Editor

Fueled by a concern that not enough has been done to keep the Jewish Home open, a committee to re-open the Jewish Home was formed Sunday night, meeting at the Providence law office of Pearlman & Vogel. Headed by Dr. Aaron Wold, a retired Brown chemistry professor, and Thomas W. Pearlman, senior attorney of Pearlman & Vogel, the group is hosting a community-wide gathering on Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. The entire community is encouraged to attend.

Pearlman told the *Herald* Tuesday that the group does not intend to undermine the work of the home's executive committee. "I'm not trying to criticize the executive committee of the home," Pearlman said. "We must be fair to them in their decision making. What they overlooked, however, was, I believe, their obligation to go to the community and also to look around for people like Jack Friedman [see accompanying story]. He's doing us a favor."

In a statement released Tuesday, the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home outlined its five-fold purpose: 1) to re-open the Jewish Home; 2) to meet with the Jewish Home policymakers; 3) to coordinate grass-roots community support; 4) to raise any funds needed; and 5) to fulfill community obligation and trust.

Other members of the committee include Bernard Bell, retired

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A CELEBRATION DANCE — Students celebrate the signing of the peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians Monday by dancing the hora, a Jewish celebration dance, on the green at Brown.  
Herald photo by Omar Bradley

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Brown to Host Fall Seminars For Retired-Age Persons

The Brown University Community for Learning in Retirement (BCLIR), a group of retirement-age persons interested in intellectual challenge, has announced its seminar offerings for the fall. This semester's courses, which begin the week of Sept. 20, and continue through December, will range from oral interpretations of drama to a study of the history of American law.

A convocation inaugurating the BCLIR fall sessions will be held at noon Sept. 21, in the Crystal Room of Alumnae Hall on Meeting Street. Open to those enrolled in a BCLIR semi-

nar and anyone interested in joining the program, the event will feature an address by Artemis A.W. Joukowski, vice chancellor of Brown University.

Each of the nine BCLIR seminars will be presented once a week at either 10:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. Seminars on Monday will be "Latin American Literature" and "The Future of the American Family."

Tuesday's offerings will be "America in the Roaring '20s" and "Storytelling." Wednesday's will be "Irish Short Stories" and "History of American Law."

Thursday's seminars will be "American Art: The Impressionists and the Realists (The Ashcan School)" and "Oral Interpretation of Drama." BCLIR will present one seminar on Fridays, "The Antipodes: Australia and New Zealand."

In these collaborative learning programs, coordinators plan seminars that will focus on particular topics. Then, throughout the semester, each seminar member plays the role of teacher by hosting a presentation and discussion during one of the sessions.

Available at no extra charge to BCLIR members are courses offered evenings and weekends by the Brown Learning Community. Members also may enroll in regular Brown undergraduate courses, use the university libraries and may purchase access to the athletic facilities at a reduced rate.

Additionally, because BCLIR is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, a special committee is planning events such as excursions to theatrical and musical performances, trips to art exhibits, and a cruise.

Established in 1984, BCLIR's members are age 55 and older and include former homemakers, teachers, business professors and medical doctors from Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Membership is \$165 per semester or \$290 for the academic year.

For more information, call BCLIR at 863-3452.

## Bar Assoc. Devotes Year to Children

The Rhode Island Bar Association President Mark S. Mandell declared his one-year term as "The Year of the Child," an effort to help thousands of Rhode Island children in legal limbo.

On Sept. 21, the Bar Association will launch its program with an unveiling ceremony of the "Gorgeous Mosaic."

A compilation of 1,000 two-inch self-portraits by children, the mosaic will be displayed in Family Court from Sept. 21 to Oct. 21. The Gorgeous Mosaic is a national project of Attorney Charles Grossman and will be permanently displayed at the Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, due for completion in December.

The Bar Association began efforts to mobilize lawyers to take at least one pro bono child case through its Volunteer Lawyer Program. For every lawyer who enlists, Hasbro will donate \$100 worth of toys to the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence to be distributed to children in shelters around the state.

"There is no greater decency than to help children — in whatever way possible," said Mandell. "I truly believe that this is so. Hopefully, by the end of this year, we will have made the life of at least one child safer, happier and better."

Also slated for the year is a fund-raising event on April 29, 1994 at the Roger Williams Park Casino, the proceeds of which will be donated to a children's charity.

The CLE committee is planning a seminar on education law and the Volunteer Lawyer Program will offer a free seminar on custody issues. One issue of the *Rhode Island Bar Journal* will focus on children's legal issues and a new monthly column will highlight lawyers and their kids.

Additionally, the Bar Association plans to establish a program with the Urban League where lawyers serve as mentors for youngsters primarily from minority communities.

All these efforts are aimed at increasing lawyer awareness and asking them to devote more free time to children's issues. Coincidentally, the American Bar Association has also declared this the "year of the child" and they, too, will focus their energies on children's legal issues.

## OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Skyscrapers will hold a public telescope observing on Sept. 18 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Seagrave Memorial Observatory, 47 Peepoad Road, North Scituate. Participants should bring bug repellent, warm clothes and telescopes; call 726-1328.

The Museum of Natural History will present "Sharks: Villains or Victims?" on Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Museum auditorium, Roger Williams Park, Providence. The half-hour documentary is hosted by shark specialist H. Wes Pratt; call 785-9457.

The Rhode Island Association for Women in Education will present "The 'Meet' Market: Meeting People and Benefiting from the Connections" on Sept. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Aquinas Hall Lounge, Providence College upper campus; call 863-2413.

Butler Hospital will present its fall '93 professional lecture series in psychiatry with "Understanding the Change Process and Factors that Enhance Motivation," Sept. 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Ray Conference Center, Butler Hospital, 345 Blackstone Blvd. in Providence. Attending a lecture costs \$25 or \$60 for the entire series; call 455-6265.

The Community College of Rhode Island Observatory will hold a visitor's night on Sept. 22 and 29, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the observatory, Warwick campus; call for more information, 825-2187.

Sunrise Community Housing will hold its fourth annual meeting Sept. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Governor's Lounge of the Statehouse, Providence. Ronald V. Gallo, president of the Rhode Island Foundation, will be the keynote speaker for the agency, the only supportive residence in the state for AIDS victims; call for more information, 751-1888.

The HOPE Center for Life Enhancement will offer the first of four workshops on pain management and stress reduction beginning Sept. 23 with "Breath — You Are Alive," from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Church, 24 Orchard Place, Providence; call for more information, 454-0404.

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The East Bay Coalition will hold its fourth annual East Bay Bike-a-thon Sept. 18 in Rain Park, Bristol. All bikers are encouraged to register early. Proceeds will be used to support the East Bay's only transitional apartments program for homeless families with children. For registration and information, call 437-1000.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The First Baptist Church in America will host a "Festival of Caring for Children with AIDS" on Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Meeting House, 75 North Main St. Providence. Proceeds will go to the Family AIDS Center for Treatment and Support in Providence; call 454-3418.

The Autumnfest steering committee is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon at Club Par-X, 36 Stanley Ave., Woonsocket. Proceeds will help support the Autumnfest which takes place Columbus Day weekend; call 334-1000.

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs will process identification cards for seniors 60 or older and disabled persons ages 18 to 59 on Sept. 28 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Westerly Senior Center, 39 State St., Westerly; call 277-2880.

The next meeting of Families About Cardiac Children Together will be held Sept. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. The meeting is open to current and new members in the private dining room 3-4-5; call Gail or Ernie Houle at 245-5232.

URI will present "Envisioning Your Future Life and Work Plans," Oct. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Sheraton Tara Airport Hotel, Warwick. Jesse Stoner, an organizational consultant, trainer and author, will speak about personal goals and concerns; call 792-2471.

## BAY STATE NEWS BRIEFS

The Children's Museum in Dartmouth, Mass., invites the public to an Indoor Whale Watch on Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. at 276 Gulf Road, South Dartmouth, Mass. Dr. Alan Lee Hankin from the New England Aquarium will use slides and videotape to take you on a realistic whale watch; call (508) 993-3361.

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

## 30-Year Class Reunion Planned

Vocational Technical School of Rhode Island, class of 1963, will meet for a 30-year reunion Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at Carter's 19-Hole, Quonset Point, North Kingstown.

An open invitation is extended to all graduates of 1961 through 1965 to join in the celebration.

Classmates who have not been contacted should call Norman Wrigley Sr. at 884-0242, after 6 p.m.

## Hospice Seeking Volunteers

Hospice Care of Rhode Island which provides statewide home health care for terminally ill patients and their families, is currently conducting interviews for potential patient care volunteers to work in the northern and northwestern parts of the state where there is a particular need.

These volunteers help by running errands, providing transportation, or visiting with patients. Prospective volunteers should have good listening skills, compassion, and a non-judgmental attitude.

Audrey Scarpaci and Clare Sanberg of Lincoln, and Lynne



## Driving A Hard Bargain

Ray Eichenbaum barbers with Marlene Berman over a yard sale item at the Dvorah-Dayan Club yard sale Sunday. The sale helped raise funds to benefit women and children in Israel.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

Lapierre of Chepact will be conducting interviews throughout September for a series of classes scheduled to begin Oct. 4 and run through to Nov. 1.

For more information, interested persons should contact the volunteer office at HCRI at 727-7070.

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# OPINIONS

## America Beware Of Helping This 'Peace'

This piece appeared in The Los Angeles Times on Sept. 10.

by Rabbi Avi Weiss

The "Gaza-Jericho first" agreement between Israel and the PLO was signed with virtually no input from those who have a stake in it. The Israeli electorate has not spoken, nor have Diaspora Jews. Some argue that Israel's security decisions should be made solely by Israelis, but the very survival of the Jewish homeland is of concern to Jews everywhere, and to the United States, which has long been Israel's mainstay.

Extreme Islamic fundamentalism is on the rise throughout the Middle East, including countries bordering Israel. It threatens to topple the Egyptian government; it wreaks havoc in Lebanon; and poses a serious danger of King Hussein of Jordan. The Judea and Samaria area (the West Bank), is one of the few places where fundamentalism has been contained, solely because Israeli forces control the area.

Once Israel withdraws from Gaza and Jericho — and

shortly afterward from all West Bank cities — Palestinian civil war will break out. Already, PLO backers daily battle over extremists and Moslem extremists. Indeed, PLO gunmen opened fire in Gaza on Friday night, Sept. 3, on rivals from the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine merely because they were painting graffiti opposing the plan.

This is nothing compared to what will happen once the pullback is completed. Recall the tragedy in 1982 when Israeli forces withdrew from the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps in Southern Lebanon. Christian forces entered and massacred 400 Palestinians.

This time, however, it will be Palestinians facing off against Palestinians. "It is a terrible prospect," an Israeli negotiator was reported by the Reuters news agency to have said of the re-deployment of Israeli forces. "There are wild people out there. All of a sudden you can have ... a Sabra and Shatilla happening."

Even with Israel securing the area and banning firearms, al-

most 1,000 Palestinians have been killed by other Palestinians. Imagine the scenario once residents there are armed and allowed free rein.

The result will be the Lebanonization of Judea and Samaria. Islamic extremists living there now enjoy great support. Their ranks will be swelled by many extremists among the 800,000

damentalists view the west — particularly the United States — as their enemy in supporting not only Israel, but secular Arab governments as well. As we have seen in the World Trade Center bombing, terrorist attacks have already been launched on American soil.

There is another danger: Israeli-Syrian talks about the possibility of Israel pulling back from the Golan Heights, and similarly the Gaza-Jericho agreement, raise the specter of U.S. troops being stationed as a buffer in areas vacated by Israel. This will have devastating consequences.

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Thus, regardless of whether Diaspora Jews believe they should become involved in debate affecting the security of Israel, American Jews have the obligation to declare: the "Gaza-Jericho first" agreement is not in our country's best interests.

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## G-d Blesses the Month of Tishrei

In the beginning of this week's Torah portion, Nitzavim, it says: "You are all standing today." "Today" refers to Rosh Hashanah, which is the day of judgment. The Jewish people stand fast and upright on this day; i.e., we are judged favorably.

On the last Shabbat of each Hebrew month, we bless the upcoming month. However, on this Shabbat, the last one preceding the month of High Holidays — Tishrei — we do not bless the upcoming month; G-d himself blesses it. The Baal Shem Tov explained: "The first month is blessed by G-d himself. ... Thus empowered, the Jewish people bless the other months, 11 times in the year."



"You are standing today," is G-d's blessing on the Shabbat when we bless Tishrei, a month which is nourishing and nourishes all Jews with abundant goodness the year round."

Although the month of Tishrei is blessed by G-d, this blessing is acted by the Jewish people through the reading of Nitzavim this Shabbat.

A similar combination of the divine service of a Jew coupled with G-d's endowment from above can be seen in a major theme of Rosh Hashanah.

The Talmud relates that G-d says to the Jewish people: "Recite unto me on Rosh Hashanah ... [versus of] kingship so that you will accept me as your sovereign." The implication here is that the Jewish people crown G-d as king.

On the other hand, we say on Rosh Hashanah, "He [G-d] chooses," implying that the spiritual flow that is drawn

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## OPINION

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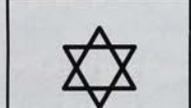
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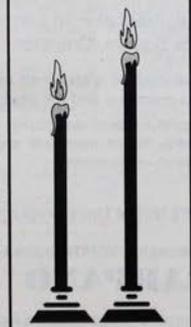
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## Fifty Years Ago in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1943

#### Argentine Paper Follows Axis Line

BUENOS AIRES — Although the Argentine government claims to be following a "neutral" policy between contending factions, the evidence that its sympathies are with the Axis group is enhanced with the reappearance, with obvious Government permission, of the magazine "Clarínada," one of whose demands is for the expulsion from Argentina of all Jews. The familiar pro-Axis pattern is followed by the sheet, which fills its pages with anti-Russian, anti-American and anti-Jewish comments. "Clarínada," tearing a leaf from the Nazi manual, also urges the seizure and destruction of democratic books.

#### Immigration Lowest in 80 Years

WASHINGTON — A drastic curtailment of immigration to the United States during the last twelve months was reported by the Department of Justice this week. Entries of aliens during the year ending June 30, 1943, were the lowest in 80 years. Only 104,842 aliens entered the country during the twelve month period, and of those only 23,725 came as immigrants intending to remain permanently, according to Earl G. Harrison, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

#### Equal Pay for Arabs and Jews

JERUSALEM — One of the economic changes wrought by the war which may leave permanent consequences is the leveling of the wages of Arab workmen, states the Palestine Post. Today there is hardly any difference between the pay of Jews and Arabs. This makes common organization more likely. Zionists — declares the paper — are not interested in the existence of a competitive proletariat and, indeed, farsighted political wisdom would make the Arab spokesman welcome the progress introduced by the immigrants from abroad.

# OPINIONS

## Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Sends New Year's Message

Message from the prime minister of the state of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, on the occasion of Rosh Hashanah 5754.

### My Dear Friends:

From our common home in Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the state of Israel and the everlasting capital and the spiritual home of the Jewish people, I send you my warmest wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Shana Tova.

Rosh Hashanah is a time of soul-searching for the Jewish people. Therefore, I would like to share with you some of my thoughts at one of the most significant times in the history of the Jewish state.

Let me begin by saying that the Jewish people in Israel share the deep concern of our fellow Jews throughout the world, over the demographic future of the Jewish people. The open pluralistic societies as well as other less fortunate ones have given Jews opportunities to integrate; however, they have also posed the greatest challenge to the task of preserving our Jewish identity, the danger of assimilation.

Indeed, Israel follows with great anxiety the growth of anti-Semitism, bigotry and racism. The old demons of anti-Semitism have found new ways to lure us. It is our sacred duty to combat fanaticism, to remain alert and to carry the historic message of our Jewish religion, a message of tolerance and openness.

Every Jew in the world should know that the days of wandering are well behind us. Our duty is to be the safe haven of the Jewish people and this mission is deeply entrenched in our minds.

The Zionist thinker Ahad Ha'am foresaw the Jewish state

as the spiritual center for all Jews, a source of pride, and a focus for our strongest energies. By the early decades of the next century, we will almost

This issue is not open to negotiation.

Moreover, the whole world is no longer against us. Israel now enjoys full diplomatic relations with more than 120 countries. Japan, China, India and other nations, some of them previously hostile or indifferent to our interests, are now our trading partners.

Leaders from around the world are interested in developing and strengthening economic ties. Multinational firms are viewing us with new interest. The Arab boycott is losing its grip. And most important, Israel's relationship with the United States is firmer and friendlier than at any time in history.

Dear friends, we know that your love for us — as well as ours for you — is undiminished by our geographical separation. We in Israel invite you and your children to come and make your lives here, to come here often, to invest in our industries.

Send your children to explore our country, to study in our universities, to learn in our yeshivot, to participate in our youth programs. There is no doubt in my mind that by doing so, not only will the bonds between our communities be



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

certainly reach a great Zionist milestone, and the state of Israel will become the largest Jewish community in the world.

Israel today is a strong country. And it is from a position of confidence that we are negotiating with our Arab partners. Peace is the essential element of our security doctrine. However, let there be no misunderstanding. There will be no unilateral compromises on any front.

The security of the state of Israel and its citizens is our first and foremost concern; nothing will allow it to be compromised. That is the main principle that guides us. Let me also assure you, Jerusalem will remain united forever, under Israeli sovereignty, as the capital of Israel and the Jewish people.

Dear friends, there are still countless challenges and obstacles facing Israel and the Jewish people, but Rosh Hashanah brings with it fresh optimism and confidence.

May the year 5754 be a year of peace, a year of strength, and a year of opportunity for the entire house of Israel. As we proclaim on Simchat Torah, "Chazak, hazak, v'nitchazek" — from strength will come yet greater strength.

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### Tishrei

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down on Rosh Hashanah emanates from G-d's very essence without the involvement of man. It would seem logical that the coronation come about without any arousal at all on the part of created beings and purely out of G-d's free choice since "accepting me as your sovereign" has yet to take place.

On the other hand, G-d himself says, "Recite unto me ... [verses of] kingship so that you will accept me as your sovereign." His sovereignty is activated by the recitation of these verses by the Jewish people — it follows that G-d's essential choice of becoming king comes about because of (and through) the Jewish people.

The involvement of the service of the Jew both in the blessing of the month of Tishrei in the coronation of Rosh Hashanah, bestows an additional measure of blessing in both occasions, with all of our people being inscribed and sealed for a good and sweet year.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer. Reprinted from The Chasidic Dimension.

# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Israel Agrees to Recognize PLO In Reversal of Policy

by Cynthia Mann  
and David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a historic government policy, Israel extended official recognition to the Palestine Liberation Organization last week.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres made the announcement Sept. 9 following a series of secret meetings in Paris at which high-level Israeli and PLO officials hammered away at the language of a mutual recognition pact.

In Tunis, PLO leader Yasir Arafat signed a letter Sept. 9 to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin renouncing violence and stating that the PLO "recognizes the right of Israel to exist in peace and security."

Rabin, in turn, formalized Israel's recognition of the PLO by signing a letter to Arafat Sept. 10, saying that the

Jewish state now regards the PLO as "the representative of the Palestinian people."

Rabin had originally been expected to sign the letter to Arafat late Thursday, but the move was delayed pending the arrival here of Norwegian Foreign Minister Johan Jorgen Holst, who helped mediate the Israeli-PLO negotiations and was to deliver the letter from Arafat.

In Washington, the United States resumed its own dialogue with the PLO, which was suspended in 1990 following an attempted terrorist attack on Israel by one of the organization's factions.

President Clinton had planned to make a major announcement on the Middle East last Thursday, but it was later canceled. Sources said the administration decided to wait until the Israeli-PLO recognition pact had been finalized.

Here in Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Peres' announcement of Israel's decision to recognize the PLO was made after the pact was approved unanimously by the 10-member "inner Cabinet" of senior ministers.

The ministers later hailed the historic development and expressed hope about the changes it would spur in the region.

The Knesset, which was expected to approve the pact, was scheduled to vote on the matter after Rosh Hashanah.

In Tunis, the PLO executive committee endorsed the pact Sept. 9, authorizing Arafat to sign the letter recognizing Israel.

### The Jordanians had preferred to wait for a breakthrough in Israel's talks with other Arab parties before it concluded an agreement with Israel.

Peres flew to Washington for the official signing ceremony with the PLO on Monday. The two parties also signed an agreement that would grant Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho as a preliminary step toward extending Palestinian authority throughout the territories.

Arafat, in an interview on French television last week, said he was ready to go to Washington if invited. "I said time and again that I am ready to meet

with Rabin and sign with him the peace of courageous men," the PLO leader said.

In a separate development, Peres said at a briefing for Labor Party Knesset members Sept. 9 that Israel also hopes to sign an agreement with Jordan soon on a framework for peace between the two countries. The agreement was signed Tuesday.

"We feel like we're pregnant — with twins," the foreign minister, clearly in high spirits, joked with his party colleagues. A draft of the agreement with Jordan, detailing an agenda that is to be negotiated in detail during future sessions of the peace talks, had been reached earlier in the summer.

But the Jordanians had preferred to wait for a breakthrough in Israel's talks with other Arab parties before it concluded an agreement with Israel.

The Israel-PLO pact was finalized in secret negotiations that were held last week in Paris.

The negotiations involved the same top officials from Norway, Israel and the PLO who together worked out the preliminary accord on limited Palestinian self-rule in the territories.

Among those present in Paris were Norwegian Foreign Minister Holst; Uri Savir, director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, and his legal adviser, Yoel Zinger; and Ahmed Khoury, better known as Abu Alaa, chief of the PLO's finance department.

The final text of the recognition pact was drafted Sept. 9 in the Hotel Bristol, a stone's throw from French President Francois Mitterrand's offices at the Elysee Palace.

Mitterrand appeared live on French television to salute "the extraordinary physical, moral and intellectual courage of those men" who reached the agreement on mutual recognition.

The French president had special words of praise for Peres and Arafat. Peres, from a studio in Jerusalem, thanked Mitterrand for his help in the peace process. But when Arafat came in live on the same program from Tunis, Peres left the Jerusalem studio.

Officially, Peres left in order to greet his Norwegian counterpart Holst at Ben-Gurion Airport.

But a reporter for the French television show in Jerusalem expressed the belief that Peres didn't want to go too fast and engage in dialogue on television with Arafat.

The letters that are being exchanged between Rabin and Arafat meet each leader's demands for the conditions necessary to achieve a mutual recognition pact.

Arafat's letter to Rabin includes the statements that "the PLO recognizes the right of the state of Israel to exist in peace and security" and that "the PLO renounces the use of terrorism and other acts of violence."

The letter from Rabin to Arafat says that "in light of the PLO commitments included in your letter, the government of Israel has decided to recognize the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people."

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said the PLO letter and the changes in the organization's covenant mark a clear recognition of Israel's right to live in peace and security.

He said the PLO leadership's call to its people to suspend terrorism and violence signifies a new chapter for Israel.

Minister of Culture Shulamit Aloni, who heads the dovish Meretz bloc, called the development the "beginning of a new era" and said she was going to celebrate.

But opposition politicians were enraged and denounced the agreement as treacherous.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu called it a "black day for the state of Israel and a happy day for its enemies."

Israel's former prime minister, Rafail Eitan said the agreement recognizes an entity bent on the destruction of Israel.

But Peres said the agreement has "great historic meaning." Saying he is "convinced we are doing the right thing," the foreign minister added, "We think it is going to revolutionize relations between the Arab world and the Jewish world, and between the Palestinians and the state of Israel."

In Washington, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which had lobbied for years against granting legitimacy to the PLO, issued a statement saying its leaders "warmly welcome the historic decision" of the PLO to renounce terror and recognize Israel.

"We believe that it is appropriate and within the intention of the law for the United States to reopen a dialogue with the PLO under these changed circumstances," the influential lobby said in a notable shift of policy.

In New York, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations was more cautious.

A statement issued by its chairman, Lester Pollack, and its executive vice chairman, Malcolm Hoelnein, called the Israel-PLO pact "a hopeful augury of reconciliation between two peoples who have lived in tension and hostility for nearly a century."

The statement by the umbrella group, which operates by consensus, called the agreement "one of the most significant developments in Israel's 45 years of existence" but did not endorse it or welcome it directly.

But some of the conference's largest constituents, such as the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League, had no such reservations, with ADL saying its leaders "welcome and support the Israeli government's bold moves."

Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Michel Di Paaz in Paris.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Reno Delays Decision on Crown Heights Investigation

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Shortly before U.S. Attorney Gen. Janet Reno was expected to announce that she would not pursue a federal investigation into the handling of the 1991 Crown Heights riots, Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) intervened and convinced her to postpone her decision, according to several knowledgeable sources.

Schumer, who represents sections of Brooklyn and Queens in Congress — but not the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn — is chairman of the House subcommittee on crime and criminal justice and is said to carry considerable clout in Reno's office.

Reno was expected to announce her decision regarding Crown Heights on Sept. 9. But news leaked out Sept. 8 that she was going to deny requests by both Jewish and black groups for an investigation to determine whether residents' civil rights were violated during the rioting.

At that point, Schumer inter-

vened.

Early on the 9th, he asked the attorney general to postpone her decision until she had a chance to examine more evidence from Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes.

She agreed to do so, and is expected to announce her decision within several weeks.

Hynes would not confirm any involvement in Reno's postponed decision.

In a statement, he said he "is gratified that Attorney General Reno has decided to postpone a decision on Crown Heights pending her evaluation of additional legal arguments."

Hynes refused to respond more specifically, saying that "it would be inappropriate for me to make further comment."

Sources in Schumer's office confirmed his and Hynes' involvement.

According to Schumer aide Jules Polometsky, the Justice Department had not recently spoken with Hynes, who felt he had since come across substan-

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## Leaders Meet for Interfaith Breakfast

Rabbi Matt Friedman (from left), (Congregation House of Israel, Hot Springs, Ark.), Rabbi Seymour Weller (Synagogue Agudath Achim, Little Rock, Ark.) and Rabbi Gene Levy (B'nai Israel, Little Rock, Ark.) meet with President and Mrs. Clinton Aug. 30 at the Interfaith Breakfast in Washington, D.C. In an address before religious leaders, Clinton said, "If people of faith treat issues about which they disagree as nothing more than a cause for a screaming match, then we also trivialize religion in our country. And we undermine the ability to approach one another with respect and trust and faith."

## Shas Pulls Out of Coalition, Weakening Rabin's Government

by Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a move that seriously weakens Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's government, the Shas party last week decided to withdraw from the Labor-led coalition.

Officials of the fervently Orthodox Sephardic party made the announcement Sept. 9. But they did not say whether the party would also withdraw its support for a historic agreement that would implement Palestinian self-rule first in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

As a result of the Shas secession, the Rabin government is left with a governing plurality of 56 Knesset members — out of a total of 120 — from the Labor Party and Meretz bloc.

Unless Labor can persuade additional parties to join the government, it will be forced to rely on the support of the five Knesset members belonging to the two left-wing Arab parties, Hadash and the Arab Democratic Party, in an upcoming crucial vote on the agreement for Palestinian self-rule.

The agreement, which was

approved two weeks ago by Israel's Cabinet, calls for Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho as a preliminary step toward extending Arab authority throughout the territories.

Until now, no Israeli government has relied on the Arab parties to stay in power. This situation would be particularly awkward at a time when Rabin seeks a broad mandate to make a controversial peace with the

Palestinians.

The government crisis was prompted by an Israeli Supreme Court ruling Sept. 8 that two top Shas officials, Interior Minister Aryeh Deri and Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Raphael Pinhasi, should resign in light of charges of financial misconduct that have been brought against them.

Deri submitted his resignation Sept. 8 to the prime minister; Pinhasi offered his the next day.

The Shas party has generally favored a settlement with the Palestinians. But the cases

against Deri and Pinhasi have generated anger and bitterness within its ranks, and a belief they are being persecuted because they are Sephardic Jews.

On Sept. 9, the party's spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, ordered two other Shas deputy ministers to resign from the government.

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# Around Town

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## 'Oklahoma' Pure Americana

Easily distracted? Dislike that feeling of fragmentation? Resist contending with bogged-down, day-to-day details?

Well, if Darrell Smith had answered yes to all three questions, he never would have left center stage for behind the scenes, where the former actor plays a major role.

After touring with the Troika Theatrical group and performing in shows like *Me And My Girl*, *Anything Goes*, and *Meet Me In St. Louis*, Smith was offered a top seat.

The shift from performer to management became apparent to Troika, which zeroed in on Smith's highly proficient skills in the art of organization.

And Smith is the right guy.

First and foremost, he has the perfect dynamics. It didn't take more than five seconds over the phone to tune into his tremendous energy and upbeat self.

Smith says Troika thought he had the right kind of personality for management and was the special kind of person the job required.

As company manager of *Oklahoma*, he has to be up and moving each day seeing that a multitude of details are taken care of besides moving 25 actors, eight musicians, nine technicians, two tractor trailer loads of costumes and sets, making sure everything arrives at the right places.

"We're out on the road and I've got to keep the company moving around the country all the time," he says.

You can believe it when Smith chimes, "I'm never down," in a voice brimming with tireless zest.

He can't be.

So much has to be done in advance. "It's all about organization," he claims. "If everything goes smoothly, the company will be moved from place to place without feeling disoriented.

"It's important they don't have any distractions. Their focus for the day is 8 p.m. when the curtain goes up, and their only concern is the show, which it should be."

As a performer with years of acting and studying voice behind him, Smith can easily lend a sympathetic ear to those concerns.

*Oklahoma's* company manager grew up in Little Rock, Ark., amid a musical family who steered their children toward traditional lifestyles. "We were raised

with the idea that you work a 9-to-5 job."

He earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Arkansas and worked as a respiratory therapist at Georgetown University Hospital.

"My heart was on stage, and after three years of respiratory therapy, the stage is where I had to go," he recalls. "There was a point in my life when I'd go



Darrell Smith, *Oklahoma's* company manager.

anywhere I saw an audition listed. I lived in New York for a while where you could audition every day."

When the 50th Anniversary Tour of *Oklahoma* comes to the Providence Performing Arts Center Sept. 24 through 26, the show will be in the early beginning of its 30-week tour across the United States.

Smith can't recall the words spoken by the original choreographer for *Oklahoma* at the Tony Awards last year. "Agnes DeMille's speech moved me to tears as

she recounted the soldiers who came to see the show and stood at the back of the theater. Her heart went out to those crying soldiers touched during the *Oklahoma* number.

"Though they sang about Oklahoma at that point, *Oklahoma* represented their home state," Smith says. "The soldiers were off to war. It was a very rallying theme for soldiers at that time.

"*Oklahoma* is the only show in Broadway history with the showstopper being a state song. *Oklahoma* is like pure Americana. It's a family show unlike the big spectacles you get today."

Smith says *Oklahoma* is a simple story and typical Broadway with a big chorus coming on and doing the big number.

"The show's designers came in and created a simple show so that the emphasis on the music and story would stand out, not the effects. They put together a really impressive production.

"I guarantee people in the audience will be mouthing the lyrics to the songs. It never fails. Everybody knows this show."

Smith was surprised last year while on the road with *Fiddler On The Roof*. "I thought everyone had seen this show, but you know, I could count the number of people who came up to me after the show and said it was the first time they'd seen *Fiddler* and how much they loved it.

"And I loved it," he says. "We had such a glorious run. The audiences loved the show and filled the theater nightly.

"The cast was ecstatic because they had such great audiences. The show is so beautifully written and keeps you on the edge emotionally.

"It was one of the most perfect pieces of theater. It was wonderful from the onset because we had Sammy Bayes who directed the *Topol* revival and *Fiddler* all over the world."

Darrell Smith believes that no matter when you bring a show out, there's always a new theater-goer. "I thought the same with *Oklahoma*. We're going to get new people in even though the show is 50 years old."

He expects positive reaction from *Oklahoma* audiences who hear Rodgers and Hammerstein's stirring songs the first time. "It's going to cause chills."

# Oklahoma!



A scene from the 50th Anniversary Tour of *Oklahoma*, which plays at the Providence Performing Arts Center Sept. 24 to 26.

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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Brown University's Sarah Doyle Gallery is showing "Photocollages" now through Oct. 1 at 185 Meeting St., Providence. The exhibit features the works of Sally Russell; call 863-2189.

The David Winton Bell Gallery is presenting "Howard Ben Tre New Works" now through Oct. 3 at 64 College St., Providence. The exhibit features cast glass sculptures, drawings and other works in architectural form.

The Cavanagh Art Gallery is showing "mandala" now through Oct. 15 at Providence College. Maureen Kelman will exhibit an Oriental mandala; call 865-2401.

The Jonnycake Storytelling Festival takes place beginning Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at South Kingstown High School Auditorium, Sept. 18 at noon on the Village Green, Peace Dale, and Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Larchwood Inn in Wakefield; call 789-9301.

The Rhode Island School of Design's Museum of Art will present "Picture This" on Sept. 19 beginning at 3 p.m. at the museum, 224 Benefit St., Providence. The program includes a discussion and a workshop conducted by Pamela Bomba; call for more information, 454-6347.

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island will present Maskapades Sept. 29 beginning at 3 p.m. at 58 Walcott St., Pawtucket. Children will be shown how to make creative masks as they view real ones; call for more information, 726-2591.

The Community College of Rhode Island will present "A Soiree of Jazz" on Sept. 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, Providence. The Tedross Avery Quartet will be featured and proceeds will go to benefit the Access to Opportunity Scholarship for Transfer Students; call for more information, 825-2305.

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'Hanna's War'  
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by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter  
"Hanna's War" slipped by us a few years ago. Films start out big, as major public events. They take up screen space in large auditoriums. But not many seasons later, they dwell in little boxes the size of paperback books. You rent them from a shelf. You buy them in bins at Woolworth's. You take them home to watch in your own small room.



But the story of Hanna Senesh stretches very wide. It knocks you for a loop. You may already know the outline, but the treatment on film by Menachem Golan takes advantage of some restrained, superb performances by a strong cast.

It takes you on location to Hungary and Israel with moody and poetic cinematography. The script moves you with eloquent words and poignant scenes, without resorting to simple sensationalism and trite feelings and ideas.

Hanna, a graceful and serious schoolgirl in uniform, is voted secretary of the literary club. But under Nazi rule, Jews can't take office. Hanna herself elects instead to quit Hungary and her Christian suitor altogether and pick up a new life in Palestine.

There she turns to agriculture and fishing to heal her grief. She lives joyfully and proudly. But when the war breaks out, she joins the British to help secure safe passage for downed English airmen in East Europe.

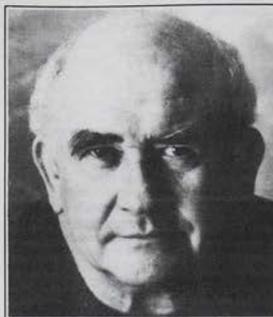
You learn a lot about the deep conflicts in the Jewish soul. "We have to fight with the British, even as we fight against them," her friends counsel her. Partisan resistance ran strong in Yugoslavia. She makes friends with the Communists. In an episode both lyrical and intense, they blow up a bridge and release a boxcar of Jewish prisoners bound for Auschwitz. This human cargo runs free into the woods.

As you know, Hanna is soon captured, tortured and executed. Her mother in Budapest lives on. The murderers go free and find safe haven in Argentina. You face these bitter and tragic facts without letup.

You never see Hanna in love, though she is lovely. She never fights with her mother, whom she protects. You don't even get to sneer at sadistic Germans, because the film deals instead with the weak and vile Hungarian collaborators clinging to petty power.

Ellen Burstyn plays the mother with great dignity. Donald Pleasance takes the role of the torturer and handles

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"FOR THE LIVING" — Ed Asner, left, hosts a revealing and personal behind-the-scenes look at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in "For the Living," a one-hour documentary special videotaped by WETA, Washington, D.C. In addition to archival film footage, the program features interviews with Holocaust survivors such as Professor Yaffa Eliach, creator of the museum's "Tower of Faces" photo collection and a variety of other riveting photos, exhibitions and artifacts to detail how the experience and events of the Holocaust are being recreated and remembered through a living history. The program airs Sept. 20 at 10 p.m. on WGBH/Channel 2 and repeats on Sept. 23 at 9 p.m. on WSBE/Channel 36 and WGBX/Channel 44.

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## Program Commemorates Holocaust Museum

A revealing and personal behind-the-scenes look at the creation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, videotaped by WETA, Washington, D.C., over a three-year period — from groundbreaking ceremonies to competition — is presented in a one-hour documentary special, "For the Living," airing Sept. 20 at 10 p.m. on WGBH/Channel 2 and Sept. 23 at 9 p.m. on WSBE/Channel 36 and WGBX/Channel 44.

In 1979, the Carter administration proposed the idea of creating a living memorial to the Holocaust. This museum would be established by an act of Congress, built in Washington, D.C., on land donated by the government, and would encompass the experience of the survivors, the victims of what President Carter called "the most unspeakable crime in the whole of human history" in which eleven million men, women, children and infants were murdered.

"For the Living," narrated by acclaimed actor Ed Asner, captures the drama and exhilaration of creating this "living memorial" — from the search for artifacts in Poland by museum curators — to the struggle of museum staff over how to design the exhibition.

A combination of archival film footage and photos, on-lo-

cation scenes at concentration camps and interviews with the people involved in the creation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum detail how the experience and events of the Holocaust are being recreated and remembered through a living history.

"For the Living" opens with the journey by exhibit designers Ralph Applebaum and Martin Smith to the original killing fields — the death zone in Poland — Auschwitz-Birkenau. Only by visiting these sites are they able to conceptualize a museum that captures the physical reality behind the Holocaust and reflects the same sensory effect as a walk through the camps — in both exhibits and materials displayed there.

Not only does the program show how exhibits and materials provide a reliable context for the story of the Holocaust, it also illustrates how the design of the museum building itself expresses this theme.

"For the Living" visits with architect James Freed of the New York firm of Pei, Cobb, Freed & Associates, renowned for its new generation of museums. According to Freed, his intention is that visitors walking through the museum will experience the Holocaust in the deepest sense — that they will feel "a sense of constriction, of the walls closing in." His design mirrors the memory of the Holocaust — twisted steel, blood-red bricks and shallow arches.

In "For the Living," viewers also witness the fascinating search by museum historians, under the leadership of museum Director Jeshajahu Weinberg, for (aside from the camps) the largest collection of

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# FEATURE



## The Fourth Lost Tribe

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Mort grew up in a brown tenement between Hope Street and Summit Avenue. His dad ran a tailor shop on Hope. Mort went to grammar school on Summit. Those earth-tone frame double-deckers looked all alike to me. They belonged to the blocks with the numbers, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, up to 12th. Like the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Mort was a lively and sprightly lad who tossed basketballs toward the hoops on garages in neighborhood driveways. After school or on holidays, you could find him in the recess yard or at the orphanage playground next to it. He got to be as buoyant as those rubber balls in his fingers, always coming back up for more of whatever life had to offer, highs and lows.

Mort ran and jumped in school as well as outdoors. He won the Anthony Medal at Bishop, in the January class just before my June graduation. I always watched Mort from a few steps away. I rode my bike while he waved at me between

classes. Those rough sketches of Dagwood, Blondie and Daisy doing things upset and infuriated me. But his presence like a light shadow still brought drama and honor to the upstairs linoleum salon on Fourth.

hinds the iron fence of the ball courts. He came by my street to pay court to my next-door neighbor, Faith, a redhead as high energy as Mort.

Now, Mort had an older brother who came into the picture of boyhood. Their mother, Mrs. Gilstein, clucked a bit with concern for her youngsters. This fellow brought something troubling, disturbing, about the greater world into our narrow horizon of streets and lots.

For one thing, he took up the big fight and joined the Jewish Army that won the day for Israel in 1948. But for another thing, he saved and gave among the pitching cards, comic books and other school-yard sacred treasure, erotic versions of the fannies.

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Mort's brother moved out to Hollywood. I read in our local papers of his lonely, mysterious noir death by violence. Mort said he'd let me know the details. He never came through with the story.

Over the years, I bumped into Mort in all sorts of places. I'd go to a funeral, and Mort would move forward in a neat suit and dark tie to hand me a yarmulke and shake my hand. If I had to pick up a tool or a toy at Benny's, Mort would take me over and fix me up with the right hammer or catcher's mitt. When I'd step into the lobby of the Marriott to grab a swim at their pool, Mort, jack of all trades, would stop his business call to say a quick hello. Across the aisle at temple, I'd reach over with my tallis waving to wish him a warm gut Shabbos.

I picked up bits of his tale from each meeting and greeting. He had daughters like Tonya. They had to work at their beads of family feeling like a

long, cold war that melts down along the way. Things happened, but nothing came real easy to Mort. Troubles never could keep him down for long.

He'll stop his car in traffic just to flash me a kindly smile and tell whoever I'm with on Main Street or Wickenden or Thayer, "Mike and I go way back." For me, Mort stands for the spirit, the genius, the nechama of our day, our time and place.

We come not from South Providence or the boulevard. We formed a small tribe of Israel among the joke and candy stores, the yards and stoops around the Gilstein encampment. The gaps in the Gilstein saga may or may not ever get filled in for me.

Mort makes promises, "We must get together and I'll tell you about my day, my brother, my life. We put it off. We are already here our history. It's in our bones and nerves. We bless each other and got on with it."

## When a Person Has To Eat on Yom Kippur

by Hershey Werch  
Special to the Herald

A person who is seriously ill, or who might become so if they refrain from food, is obliged to eat on Yom Kippur. If they refuse to eat or drink on Yom Kippur, they are held responsible for endangering their own life. The opinion of the patient, the doctor or any well-informed person is sufficient to determine that a person is obliged to eat.

If large quantities are necessary, they may be eaten at once. Kiddush over wine is not recited, but hands must be washed to the wrists. Grace after meals (Birkat Hamazon-Bentsching) is recited, and the specific additions for Shabbos and Yom Tov are inserted.

If small quantities are sufficient to sustain the person until after Yom Kippur without endangering them, the rules set out here apply.

The maximum quantity of solid food to be eaten at one time is 30 grams by weight (just about an ounce or 2 tablespoons).

The maximum liquid to be taken at one time would be 45 cc. (an ounce and a half or 3

tablespoons). Eating and drinking are independent of each other, so a person may eat 30 grams, then drink 45 cc.

Once nine minutes has elapsed, the same amount may be eaten and drunk again. This may be continued throughout the day as often as necessary. The person is then considered to have refrained from eating a meal, and no grace after meals is recited. It is better to begin eating these small quantities early in the day on Yom Kippur than have to eat a large amount some time later.

It is preferable that someone stay in bed all day fasting on Yom Kippur, than to have to eat or drink even in these measured amounts and so be able

to attend synagogue.

When forced to eat on Yom Kippur, high caloric food is preferable, the quantity will thereby be minimized.

If it is necessary to take medications on Yom Kippur, even non-seriously ill people may do so, preferably without water.

The rule to govern all doubts is that it is forbidden to eat more than is necessary for health.

Pregnant women and nursing mothers, too, have special needs that are acknowledged and provided for in the Halacha. The laws are complex and beyond the scope of this article; a Halachic authority should be consulted.

## 'Hanna's War'

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it with cold precision. Maruschka Detmers portrays Hanna both strong and gentle.

The screenwriting and the performances take ironic angles that make you think even as you feel. "Hanna's War," a splendid film, is worth hunting for among the stacks of video at your neighborhood store or library.

If I had the privilege of watching it with a Hungarian survivor, Feri Mr. Adler it wasn't a movie, but a memory. They threw the Jews into the river. These are some of the people who have no graves. Just ash and bones all over East Europe," he said.

Hanna's family, with a few exceptions, have gone with the winds of that war. But she was something else besides a warrior. Hanna was a poet, and her words live on. Emily Dickinson once wrote, "How fragrant is the frigate that bears the human soul." She was writing about poetry.

The movie helped me to understand Senesh's metaphors better than I ever had. "Blessed is the Match" takes on new fire. "This is a time of change in Israel. You may have picked up something about the country that bothers you. There was a time when both the Reform and the Orthodox turned their backs on Israel, each for different reasons. Our great Israel poetess brings you back to the torch of hope and despair that lit its first bonfires.

Israel figures as our spiritual home, no matter where your house is built. Anne Frank in Amsterdam believed in the goodness of human beings. Hanna Senesh put her faith instead in the goodness and freedom of the Jewish land and the Jewish sea. That's where we stake our claim to life.

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### Reno

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information bolstering the case for a federal investigation.

While Reno herself has given no indication of why she planned not to pursue federal prosecutions, one source close to the Justice Department said that Reno's office "has been saying that the kind and amount of evidence they have isn't enough to provide sufficient grounds for a federal civil rights investigation."

At her news conference Sept. 9, Reno indicated that she changed her mind after receiving some information early that morning.

"I didn't hear about it until

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this morning, and when people suggest that they have legal arguments and that there are no time deadlines and that there are no issues that would require that I make a decision today rather than wait to hear those legal arguments, and there may be some basis for those legal arguments, I hear them," she said.

While she was planning not to pursue federal prosecution, Reno was going to be "very critical of the handling of the Lemrick Nelson case," according to Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

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# GETAWAY



## Israel Hotel Reservation Center

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digs, beaches, as well as breathtaking mountains and desert sceneries and activities.

These knowledgeable travelers are already familiar with the convenient locations of the Sheraton Plaza in Jerusalem and the Sheraton hotel in Tel Aviv which overlooks the Mediterranean Sea. Both offer superior services and amenities. Exciting Eilat is definitely "a must" on the second visit.

The leading hotel chain, Isrotel, is offering packages including flights (from \$259 per person for four nights, breakfast daily, and Arkia flight) to its most popular hotels: King Solomon Palace, Lagoon, Sport and Riviera apartment hotel.

The Kibbutz hotels and guest houses, 27 in total, are scattered throughout Israel and mostly popular.

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the vouchers needed, so that the traveler can leave for Israel worry-free."

## B'nai B'rith Offers Travel Program

B'nai B'rith Center for Jewish Family Life Announces Grand Explorers — a unique travel program for grandparents and grandchildren to spend time together exploring the world.

While visiting a variety of places of Jewish interest, the two generations can explore their heritage and enjoy their special relationship in the company of other grandparents and grandchildren.

Grandparents traditionally have been expected to link a family's past with its future, to pass on family traditions and heritage, and to instill Jewish values and identity.

Now as families live farther apart, and with the divorce and intermarriage rates soaring, the grandparents' role is ever more necessary, but often more challenging to execute.

Grand Explorers' inaugural trip, a winter vacation tour of Israel, is offered in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Israel Commission, the World Zionist Organization Department for Leadership Development and Dor Hemshech.

It is scheduled from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2. Program highlights include:

- "Living Together": Home hospitality on a kibbutz to experience first-hand this unique way of life.
- "The Stones Tell Their Story": An archaeological program where you will dig at an excavation and uncover history with your own hands.
- Jeep tour of the Golan where you will behold sites of ancient and modern history.
- Visits to important historic Jewish sites throughout Israel.
- Conversations with Israeli children and their families to discuss life in Israel.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



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## Beth-El League Starts 57th Season

by Jeff Goldberg  
Special to the Herald

League President Elliot Slack did some investigating and found that the Beth-El bowling league is beginning its 57th season — not 51st as previously reported. The league currently has 11 teams and would like to fill some vacancies.

The first week of competition saw last year's champion Benny Diaz start where he left off. Diaz fired a 234/603 series to average 201 for the night. Summer league in Venezuela paid off.

Newcomer Rick Bloom and Larry Wacks fired 200 and 218 games. Veterans were a bit suspicious and notified league off-

cialists to beware.

The first Nocky night, a term endeared to longtime Beth-El bowler Nocky Rappoport, was held on Sept. 9 in honor of league President Elliot Slack's 71st birthday. The league will be off for the holidays and will resume action Sept. 23.

### Top Five Bowlers

Benny Diaz, 201.0; Rick Bloom, 190.0; Larry Wacks, 188.0; Sy Brooks, 187.3, and Howie Wasser, 186.3.

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### Team Standings as of Week #1

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## Marc Summer — His Field of Dreams

by  
Jeffrey L. Goldberg  
Special to the Herald

In a nation that has a deep feeling for the world of sports, we relish in knowing as much as we possibly can about the people, places and events that make up the sporting kingdom.

The following is a profile of a local guy working in an environment that most of us only dream of.

Our local guy is Providence native Marc Summer, the son of Erwin and Brenda Summer. His sister, Jill Summer, was beaming the day I ran into her and her father, when I mentioned an interest in doing a story on Marc. Summer works for ESPN, watched by millions throughout the country.

Marc Summer went to St. Dunstan's in Providence and graduated from Curry College in 1990 with a degree in communications.

He had a stint with Channel 56 in Boston in 1990, paid his dues and worked with Walt Perkins and Mike Crispino. Both of the aforementioned names had ties to Rhode Island. Summer's boss at Channel 56 was a gentleman by the name of Bill Fairweather. What goes around comes around. Fairweather just became part of the ESPN family.

Summer joined ESPN as a production assistant. When I interviewed him, he was excited about a recent promotion. Summer has just become an associate producer at ESPN #2. This new division will focus in on a younger crowd. It will be doing features on high school and college athletes and covering more close-to-home subjects on the cutting edge. As Summer explains, it's "sort of the MTV of sports." It sure sounds like a great avenue.

One obvious question to ask

Summer was some of his most memorable interviews to date. He has had the pleasure of interviewing Bird, Magic and Michael. To quote Marc, "ESPN sends me on an assignment to do an interview with those guys, and pays me to do it." His love of sports certainly



Marc Summer

makes his job fun, challenging and eventful. Summer was on his way to do an interview with Pat Williams, general manager of the Orlando Magic, when we spoke.

In his spare time, if there is any, he likes to visit Newport, and listen to music. He plays basketball when he gets the opportunity, which, again, isn't often. His goal is to continue to climb the ladder and be the best that he can be. You can tell that he is focused and relishes the opportunity to enjoy the "thrill of victory" and eliminate the "agony of defeat."

In the upcoming months, be sure to pay a little bit closer attention to the ESPN #2. Marc Summer, our hometown guy, will be one of the people responsible for bringing this new chapter on ESPN to you.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## JCCRI Meal Site Plans Trip to Darling's and Colt State Park

The kosher meal site at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island has planned an excursion to Darling's Restaurant and Colt State Park in Bristol for Sept. 21.

Those interested in attending should meet at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, at 10:30 a.m.; the group will leave at 10:45. The price is \$4 for Golden Age Club Members, \$9.50 for nonmembers. Seniors will return to the JCCRI by 3:30 p.m.

Other events this week include:

- Part II of the movie "Sweet Charity" to be shown on Sept. 19 from 10:45 a.m. to noon.

- "The Louvre," the history of the famed Paris museum and its priceless exhibits, from 10:45 a.m. to noon on Sept. 24.

The center will be closed on Sept. 17 due to Rosh Hashanah.

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

Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. Bridge is held on Mondays from noon to 3:45 p.m.; Women's Forum is held on Tuesdays from 11:15 a.m. to noon; "Friend to Friend" meets on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon; Shabbat traditions are observed on Fri-

days; tea, coffee and hot muffins are served on Sundays at 10 a.m., and movies and video programs are held once or twice per week.

Check the kosher meal site calendar for a listing of this month's events.

The menu for the week of Sept. 17 to 24 is as follows:

Sept. 17: Closed: Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 19: orange juice; pot-pourri, apple sauce

Sept. 20: soup, roast veal, mashed potatoes, carrots, fruit cocktail

Sept. 21: pineapple juice, tossed salad, sliced turkey on pumpernickel bread, macaroni salad, fresh fruit

Sept. 22: soup, marinated vegetable, roast chicken, mashed potatoes, string beans, sliced pears

Sept. 23: V-8 juice, garden salad, baked fish, baked potato, Italian vegetable blend, vanilla pudding

Sept. 24: soup, tossed salad, chicken cacciatore, noodle pudding, summer squash, apricots, bread, margarine, 1 percent milk and tea are provided with all meals. Diabetics who are daily diners may request fresh fruit for dessert. Some meals have modified salt (see the kosher meal site monthly menu) for those with sodium restricted diets.

For more information about kosher meal site and senior programs, contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800.



## In Honor of Working Parents

Carol Brooklyn, vice-president of the National Council of Jewish Women addresses members and guests which included Marion Goldsmith, chairwoman of the National Day of the Working Parent and Gov. Bruce Sundlun at the Statehouse on Sept. 9. The event kicked off a statewide campaign to distribute 2,500 informational lunch boxes to working adults.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Beth-El Sisterhood to Sponsor Auction

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El will sponsor a goods/services auction at the temple on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

Highlights of this evening will include silent bidding for many donations including home decorating items, antiques, artwork, clothing, jewelry and restaurant gift certificates.

Professional auctioneer Theodore Loebenberg from Broker's Unlimited, the guest for the evening, will conduct the live part of the auction.

Items to be auctioned include a four-piece black lacquer bedroom set donated by Andreozzi and Associates; a Richard Merkin serigraph donated by JRS Fine Art; a weekend for two in New York City donated by Fine Travel; a men's package donated by Hillhouse Ltd., Harvey's Ltd. and Squire's Salon, and a weekend for two at the Seacrest Inn on the Cape donated by Hope Travel.

Tickets cost \$12.50 each and include wine, a dinner, coffee and desserts.

All proceeds will go toward completion of Sisterhood's Handicapped Facilities Project within the temple.

For more information, call the temple at 331-6070.

## Women of Home Deliver Greetings to Former Residents

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged is dedicated to the continuing service of the Jewish elderly.

During the past week, more than 200 New Year's greetings were mailed to all the former residents who are now residing throughout Rhode Island, Mas-

sachusetts, Connecticut and Florida.

"It has been a sad and trying time for us all. Our Shono Tavo wishes for them are a happy and healthy life in their new environment," said a spokeswoman for the group.

The 23 remaining residents were visited personally by members of the Women's Association, who presented them with New Year's greetings and gifts of plants and sweets.

## Re-Open

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businessman; Dr. Joseph J. Fishbein, dentist; Leonard Klehr, son of a former resident; Sherwin Goodblatt, operator of private hospitals; Gershon Barros, financial and insurance consultant; Roger M. Pearlman, realtor and broker, and David Strachman, attorney and legal counsel to the group.

Thomas Pearlman said his first thoughts upon hearing of the home closing and its financial difficulties were to have "a multi-million dollar capital fund drive."

"In my opinion, at the very least, that should have happened. It still should happen, it

must happen and we owe it to the community to do that."

**"What they overlooked ... was, I believe, their obligation to go to the community."**

Thomas Pearlman

All those interested in attending the Sept. 20 meeting should call and/or write the group at P.O. Box 9007, Providence, R.I. 02940; 421-4343 or (800) 752-1003.

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## Hope for Peace Inspires Journalist

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

The eyes of Ruth Gruber, an author and foreign correspondent of *The New York Herald Tribune*, are as clear and penetrating as her probing stories.

But on Sunday, at Hadassah Day, Gruber's eyes were filled with warmth and gratitude, as she graciously autographed her two books, *Ahead of Time: My Early Years as a Foreign Correspondent* and *Raqela: A Woman of Israel*, at a brunch in the Newport Doubletree Hotel. Not only was she honored for being invited but she said she was overwhelmed by news of the impending peace accord between Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin.

As members from the nine branches of Rhode Island Hadassah were greeted by President Rosalind Bolusky, to the second annual statewide meeting, Gruber became the center of attention by everyone who passed her table. The celebrated author was invited to speak about her own life as a foreign correspondent — which she became at 23 years

of age — and of her exploits during World War II.

She was commissioned by *The Tribune* to write *Raqela: A Woman of Israel*, the story of a Hadassah nurse midwife. The chief editor asked her to go to Israel and find a woman — other than Golda Meir — that no one had ever heard of and, through her experiences, tell the whole story of Israel. Not only did Gruber find such a woman, but she wrote such a profound story that it succeeded in winning the National Jewish Book Award in 1979.

The book traces the woman's dramatic struggle to survive through the Arab riots, World War II, Israeli statehood and the Exodus.

But Gruber, 82, began her writing career in 1931, shortly after Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes sent her to Europe as a simulated general to rescue 1,000 Jewish refugees out of 18 European countries — travelling through Nazi-infested waters — before landing them in Oswego, N.Y. "They were put into camps behind barbed-wire fences, despite being refugees from Nazi persecution," Gruber said. Her exploits behind the scenes of prewar Germany touched many of those in the audience.

"I found her to be an exciting and fascinating woman," Bolusky said. "That she had the courage to bring people out of Germany shows the kind of mind she had for getting out in the world."

Gruber received her master's degree at age 19 and her doctorate one year later. "She was



AN HONORED GUEST — Dr. Ruth Gruber, author and foreign correspondent of *The New York Herald Tribune*, autographs copies of her books at the Hadassah Day Brunch in the Newport Doubletree Hotel on Sunday.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

a woman of note even before it became fashionable," said the president of Rhode Island Hadassah, who received an autographed copy of *Raqela* from Gruber. "I felt it was an honor and a privilege to have

met her and spoken with her," Bolusky said later.

While members dined on a buffet of fruit, pastries, eggs and coffee, Gruber enthralled them with tales of major news events — including the 1979 Camp David Peace Treaty between Egypt, Israel and the United States — and hair-raising eye-witness accounts of war.

But nothing held her attention more than the peace accord set for Monday that would mark the end of senseless violence and the beginning of a hopeful peace.

"I think this is an historic moment in all our lives," the correspondent said. "It seems to me so symbolic that it should be happening just before Rosh Hashanah — the new year — because this is the beginning of not only a new year, but a new life, a new landscape, a new destiny," Gruber said, "and a hope that now two peoples who have been fighting each other — for over a hundred years — over the same small historic piece of land can live in peace."

Looking at the peace talks from a journalistic perspective, the author said that if the Israeli government — realizing all the risks involved — is willing to take those risks, then Americans should support it. "Our sons don't have to face stones and rocks and molotov cocktails," the writer said.

Gruber, one of the few correspondents alive who has visited the Soviet Arctic and the Galus Archipelago in the days of Josef Stalin, said, "Jews are hoping with a kind of fearful joy, because I think there's no other way to go. ... We've got to have peace."

## Gerim Institute of R.I. To Meet at Emanu-El

The Conservative Rabbis and Cantors of Rhode Island announce the opening of the ninth year of the Gerim Institute for Prospective Converts to Judaism.

Classes will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning on Oct. 14, at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

The Gerim Institute will introduce students to a wide range of subjects, including Jewish beliefs, worship, history, customs and ceremonies, holiday and Sabbath observance, the meaning of Israel to modern Jews, and the importance of social responsibility in fulfillment of Jewish commandments.

Also included will be opportunities for discussion about the issues people may confront when making such an important transition in life.

Anyone interested in participating in this course is invited to contact Rabbi Franklin or Kauffman, or Cantor Mayer at Temple Emanu-El, 331-1616.

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## JCCRI Offers Youth Programs for Fall

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm-grove Ave. in Providence, is offering an expanded fall program of activities, clubs and classes designed to meet the varied interests of teenagers in grades seven to 12. Participants help to plan and implement their own programs, developing social and leadership skills as they work and play.

The Outdoor Club is aimed at young people who enjoy hiking, biking, camping, skiing and other outdoor activities, and schedules events and trips planned by the members with the guidance of a staff advisor.

Events this year may include a trip to Block Island, horseback riding, a Superbowl party, a whale watching expedition, apple picking, ski trips and other activities selected by the group.

The club is subsidized by the Robbie Frank Fund. The first meeting was Sept. 12.

Club 456 is an activity club for boys and girls in grades four, five and six. Special events and trips are scheduled once a month based on the suggestions and interests of the members.

Past events have included hay rides, basketball games, ice skating parties, ski trips, pool bashes and game room tournaments. The first meeting was Sept. 12.

Tusovska, Young Russians, for ages 16 and older, meets to discuss common concerns, plan trips and make new friends with other Russians around the community. The first meeting will be held Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

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## Aliyah Center Welcomes New Regional Director

The Israel Aliyah Center announces the appointment of Monica Zeligher as the new Regional Director (Shlichah) of the Israel Aliyah Center in New England.

the public sector was the assistant to the Deputy Civil Service Commissioner of Israel who was in charge of all personnel employed by the state of Israel.

In 1987, she joined the Jewish Agency where she was the senior assistant to the Director General of the finance department. Her first connection with the laypeople and professionals of the Jewish world involved in activities in Israel was established at this time. Since 1990, when the first wave of immigration (aliyah) began, Zeligher was responsible for the coordination and administration of all the special flights from Eastern Europe and, afterward, of the direct flights from the former USSR to Israel (at times organizing more than 10 flights a day). She efficiently carried out these responsibilities until her recent appointment in Boston.

Zeligher's wide range of experience in the field of aliyah will assist greatly in the process of New England immigration to Israel. She will assume her duties as regional director at the beginning of October and will be happy to meet with members of the community after the holiday season.

For additional information or to schedule an interview with Monica Zeligher, contact Tammy Kepnes-Pinhasi at (617) 423-0868.



Monica Zeligher

Zeligher brings to her post an impressive record of experience in public service in Israel and a wide knowledge of the Jewish world. After completing two years of army service in Judea and Samaria in 1981, she began her studies. In 1985 Monica received a B.A. in sociology and political science and in 1988 she received her M.A. in public administration, both degrees from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Zeligher's first position in

## Lecture to Prepare for Yom Kippur

Rabbi Hershy Worch, leader of Congregation Ohave Sholam (the Young Israel of Pawtucket), will visit the Hillel House at Brown University to deliver a lecture to prepare students and faculty for Yom Kippur.

The lecture, entitled, "Bringing the Prosecutor: Understanding the Yom Kippur Scapegoat," will take place on Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the schedule of services at Congregation Ohave Sholam, on the corner of East Avenue at Glenwood in

Pawtucket, is as follows:

Sept. 16, Rosh Hashanah, 9 a.m. and 6:40 p.m. At 4 p.m., there will be a walk to the Division Street bridge for Tashlich.

Sept. 17, Rosh Hashanah, 9 a.m. Shabbos evening service at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 18, 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 19, Fast of Gedalia, 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 24, Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 25, Yom Kippur, Shacharis at 9 a.m., Mincha at 5 p.m., and Neila closing service at 6:30 p.m.

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## Airborne

Rabbi Chaim Marder plays with his 4-month-old son, Ari, at the Temple Beth Shalom picnic at Colt State Park in Bristol on Sunday.

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## Annual Yizkor Service Will Remember Holocaust Victims

The fifth annual Yizkor service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 19 in the Memorial Garden of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

During the season of the High Holy Days, visiting the graves of loved ones and remembering those who are gone is traditional. The Yizkor service offers a formal way to reflect on the passing of those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis. The Rhode Island Holocaust survivors, the members of the second generation and the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum will cosponsor the remembrance of the 6 million victims of the Holocaust.

Guests are encouraged to make entries into the Book of Remembrance, a list of names of those who perished in the Holocaust, which is on permanent display at the museum. (Names can be added at any time, not just at the Yizkor service). Names added to the local Book of Remembrance are also sent to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem to be added to the permanent record there.

To commemorate the day,

the museum's Memorial Garden will display sketches, diagrams and models of the eight pieces entered in the sculpture competition sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. The works of art express in diverse ways the horror and anguish of the Holocaust and the hope for a future where such a thing can never happen again.

The winning piece, a steel sculpture designed by Barney Zetz, will be installed in the garden on Nov. 9, the anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Contact Museum Curator Beth Cohen at 861-8800 for further information about the above events.

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Holocaust artifacts in the world. These include cobblestones from the ghetto in Warsaw, a rail car of the type that transported Jews to their death, a Danish boat that rescued Jewish families, and 4,000 shoes from the Majdanek concentration camp.

The photos of one Holocaust survivor — Yaffa Eliach — who has spent years combing the world for snapshots of the small Polish town of Ejszyski where she grew up — are an important part of the museum's exhibit as well. The pictures of her neighbors, family and friends illustrate the humanity behind the impersonal horror of the Holocaust. Two of the people in these photos are narrator Ed Asner's father and uncle who left Ejszyski before it was annihilated.

Finally, it is the stories of the

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## A Presidential Reply

Sylvia Ziman, a senior activist, holds one of two copies of a reply she received from President Bill Clinton in response to her letter addressing the issue of health care and benefits for the elderly.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Competition Invites Authors of Children's Books

The Association of Jewish Libraries announces the ninth annual Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition for aspiring authors of children's books.

A cash award of \$1,000 will be given for the best fiction

manuscript appropriate for readers aged 8 to 11, written by an unpublished author. The story should have universal appeal, yet serve to deepen the understanding of Judaism and reveal positive aspects of Jewish life.

For entry forms and rules, contact Lilian Schwartz, Coordinator, 15 Goldsmith St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Deadline for submission of manuscripts is Jan. 15, 1994.

Award winners will be announced May 1, 1994, and will be presented at the 29th annual Convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries in Atlanta, June 1994.

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## Author Makes Providence Appearance

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

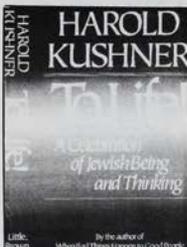
Rabbi Harold Kushner signed copies of his new book, *To Life*, at the College Hill Bookstore last week. "The minyan marks what makes us Jews," he said to the rapt gathering of all ages. "We pray not apart and alone but together as a group."

Rabbi Kushner answered questions about his book, *To Life*, and about his personal beliefs.

"Do you have an image of G-d?" somebody asked.

"Only pieces of poetry and metaphor. As a Jew, I can't limit G-d to anything I can picture. Theology isn't a Jewish concern either. G-d is important. Talking about G-d is not."

He touched upon hot topics like intermarriage and homosexuality. "People buy my book to give to sons- or daughters-in-law who are not Jewish. We've got to think of a mixed



Little, Brown by the author of When Bad Things Happen to Good People

wedding as a door opening in Judaism, not closing down."

"During the celebration of Israel Independence Day, people made a big fuss about the Jewish homosexuals who joined. To me it's a non-issue. All we celebrate and honor Israel but longed there. Love of that land should bring us together, not keep us apart."

Over coffee and cookies, spoke to Rabbi Kushner, who the white limousine waited the side of the store. "Do you think maybe we Jews have gone too far in stressing community — at the expense of personal and private life?"

He nodded his head and looked down gently from the dais. "Rabbis discuss the loss of spirituality, but I'd rather lead too far toward others than away from them."

"We are not only a biblical people. We interpret our scriptures everywhere and at a times. We are free to make choices that suit our times."

**"We've got to think of a mixed wedding as a door opening into Judaism, not closing down."**

Rabbi Harold Kushner

## Senior Guild Sets Meeting

The regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held on Sept. 21 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael.

In addition to a speaker, trips will be discussed.

All dues for 1993 and 1994 were due on June 1. Members who have not already sent them in should do so to remain in good standing. Dues are \$6 per person a year.

A trip to Bally's Grand in Atlantic City is planned Oct. 20 to 22. The package includes two nights deluxe hotel accommodations, two breakfasts, two dinners, two shows and \$25 in quarters. Members are advised to book early as spaces are filling up rapidly.

Anyone interested in the above trip should contact Evelyn Siegel, 738-5641, or Etta Swerling, 463-7166.

Plans have been made for a trip to Aruba Jan. 22 to 29, 1994, for seven nights and eight days at a deluxe hotel. Eleven meals, transportation from Providence to Logan Airport will be provided for direct flight to Aruba, non-stop. If interested, contact Ida WOLED, 861-2784, or Etta Swerling, 463-7166.



## Hanging Tough

Yoni Samlan, 10, keeps pace with his father, Rabbi Arnold Samlan, through Colt State Park in Bristol as the two made their way toward the Temple Beth Shalom picnic in the park on Sunday.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Young Judeaea Rallies on Behalf of Syrian Jewry

On Aug. 30, New England Young Judeaea joined more than 80 high school-age Young Judeaans on a trip to Washington, D.C., where they marched on the United States Department of State demanding the

immediate release of the Jews in Syria.

Fifteen New England students representing Young Judeaea, the national Zionist Youth Movement sponsored by Hadassah, called for a change

in Syria's emigration policy which does not permit Syrian Jews to travel freely or to emigrate in whole families.

With cries of, "Let our people emigrate — now!" and signs that read, "Freedom for Syria Jews," the students marched in front of the Department of State, where Syrian delegate to the Middle East Peace talks were meeting.

The rally, which took place at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 31, was sponsored by the American Zionist Movement and was preceded by a briefing at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.

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# School Beat



## Registration In Progress at Torat Yisrael School

Registration is currently in progress for Sunday school and midweek classes at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston. A Conservative supplementary school affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, Torat Yisrael offers a six-hour-a-week formal program in addition to a wide variety of extracurricular activities including family education, preschool programs, listening and learning center programs and family Shabbat experiences.

Torat Yisrael's senior students attend the Harry Elkin

Community High School. Its younger students (kindergarten through seventh grade) are exposed to a fully articulated curriculum, and a broad spectrum of individualized programs. A special education program under the auspices of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is a regular part of Torat Yisrael's program.

Midweek classes began on Sept. 9, and Sunday classes began Sept. 12.

For further information, call the school office at 785-1890.

## Schechter Holds Annual Meeting

The 15th annual meeting of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School was held on Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry of Temple Emanu-El.

The meeting began with a welcome by ASDS President Dianne Z. Newman. A D'var Torah was given by Rabbi David Rosen and Myrna Rubel, school director, delivered the school report.

Joel Roseman and Barry Fain delivered the report of the Nominating Committee and conducted elections and Samuel Shamon discharged the outgoing officers.

Installation of the officers and members of the board of directors was conducted by Rabbi Wayne Franklin.

The slate of officers included: president, Dianne Z. Newman; executive vice president, Nathan Beraha; vice president, administration, Leah Ehrenbus Hersch; vice president, education, Connie Liss; secretary, Elizabeth Goldberg; assistant secretary, Cheryl Teverov; treasurer, Seth Kurn and assistant treasurer, Deborah Shuster.

Sally Rotenberg, outgoing vice president, was designated

an honorary vice president and Rabbi Alvan Kauner was named founding director.

New board members include: term ending 1994, Inina Zayas; term ending 1996, Howard Bromberg, Mark Feinstein, Bari Harlam, Harris Harlick, David Kaplan, Robert Landau, Jackie Levinson, Sandy Rubin and Masha Ushomirovsky. Presidential appointees are Rachel Alexander and Joseph Mann.

After the installation of officers and new board members, president Newman addressed the meeting. Siddurim, donated by the Schechter board of directors in memory of Sanford Kroll, were presented by Elaine Kroll to members of the Schechter sixth-grade class. Gifts in memory of Shirley Aronson Goldberg were presented to sixth-grade students by Eleanor Lewis.

Nathan Beraha, Schechter executive vice president, introduced the ASDA mission statement which was prepared by the Long Range Planning Committee. The annual meeting closed with concluding remarks by Marcia Lapidus Kauner, assistant director.

## Fasting on Yom Kippur

Experts at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center have advice for those who fast on Yom Kippur.

According to Dr. Elliot Berry, head of clinical nutrition at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, one should take frequent drinks of water throughout the day before the fast begins, and the last meal before the fast should include complex carbohydrates, like macaroni, rice, potatoes, and whole grain bread. When complex carbohydrates are stored in the liver, Dr. Berry explains, water is retained so the body suffers less dehydration during a fast. Dr. Berry also advises against salty or sweet foods and beverages before the fast, since they make one thirsty.

Professor Ya'acov Bar-Tana, head of the school's Department of Medical Biochemistry, advises against overeating before a fast. He notes that proteins and fats are absorbed more slowly than sugars, and provide the necessary energy,

but it is advisable to include other elements to make a balanced meal.

Professor Bar-Tana says that the fast should be broken by drinking — but not carbonated beverages — and eating a slice of bread or dry cake. After an hour, one should sit down to a full meal.

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## Meeting of the Minds

Alperin Schechter Day School sixth-grade students Daniel Sternberg (left) and Judah Jacobson get some advice from computer teacher Gene Santos last week during school opening.

*Herald photo by Omsa Bradley*

## Open House Set at Agudath Achim

Congregation Agudath Achim, Taunton, Mass., will hold an open house and registration for religious school on Sept. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. The rabbi, teachers and members of the School Committee will be available to greet new students, as well as children who have attended previous classes. Parents will be able to register their children and pay the registration fee at this time.

Classes will be held for the following grades: preschool (ages 3 to 4); Chaverim (kindergarten to first grade); Sabra (second grade); Aleph, Bet, Gimmel, Daled, Hey (third to seventh grades, age 8 to 13); and Prozdor (confirmation).

Preschool, Chaverim and Sabra meet weekly. Aleph through Hey meet twice

weekly and Saturday mornings; Prozdor meets monthly. The opening day of classes for Chaverim, Aleph, Bet, Gimmel, Daled and Hey is Sept. 13; Sabras will begin on Sept. 22; the opening session of the preschool will be Sept. 19.

For further information, contact Rabbi Benjamin Lefkowitz at the Jewish Community House, 133 High St., Taunton, (508) 822-3230.

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# OBITUARIES

## FRANCES CEREL

PROVIDENCE — Frances Cerel, 87, of the Summit Medical Center, North Main Street, died Monday at the center. She was the widow of Jack A. Cerel, owner and founder of the former Cerel's Jewelry Store of Pawtucket.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Rose Mellion.

Cerel had been a member of Temple Sinai, Cranston, and of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, and its Sisterhood. She was a life member of the Women's Associations of the Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was financial secretary of the Women's Association of the Miriam Hospital and a volunteer at the former Ladd School. She was a mem-

ber of Hadassah.

She leaves three sons, Daniel Cerel of Warwick, Joel Cerel of Cranston and Murray Cerel of Boca Raton, Fla.; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## DONALD L. HYMAN

CRANSTON — Donald L. Hyman, 65, of 75 Oaklawn Ave., a shoe salesman for retail shoe stores in Providence and Los Angeles, Calif., for many years before retiring 10 years ago, died Tuesday at V.A. Medical Center.

Born in Providence, a son of Diana (Salzberg) Hyman of

Cranston and the late Manuel Hyman, he lived in Los Angeles for 18 years before moving to Cranston in 1983.

Hyman was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of America.

Besides his mother, he leaves two daughters, Lisa Grasso and Ellen Hyman, both of Warwick; a sister, Rosanne Litchman of Swansea, Mass.; a brother, Melvin Hyman of Providence, and two granddaughters.

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

## BERNARD JACOBVITZ

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. — Bernard Jacobvitz, 64, of 10 John Winthrop St., owner and operator of Bush and Co., North Dartmouth, for 40 years before retiring in February, died Monday at home. He was the husband of Roselyn (Zelner) Jacobvitz.

Born in Revere, a son of the late Hyman and Rose (Zuber) Jacobvitz, he moved from New Bedford to North Dartmouth seven years ago.

Jacobvitz was a member of Temple Tifereth Israel, North Dartmouth.

He was a Korean War Army veteran and a member of the Jewish War Veterans of New Bedford.

He was a member of Wamsutta Lodge, A.F. & A.M., New Bedford.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Martin L. Jacobvitz of Providence and Austin, Texas, and Harry J. Jacobvitz of New Bedford; a brother, Jack Jacobvitz of South Dartmouth; a sister, Lillian Osterman of East Providence, and three granddaughters.

The funeral service will be held today, Thursday, at 10 a.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## FLORENCE MARKS

EAST PROVIDENCE — Florence Marks, 84, of the Evergreen House Health Center, 1 Evergreen Drive, died Sunday

at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Raymond Marks.

Born in Fall River, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Michael and Katie (Levy) Bakst. She was raised in Fall River, and later lived in Central Falls for many years before moving to Providence in 1991. She moved into the Evergreen House Health Center three weeks ago.

Marks was a former president of the Sisterhood, Congregation Ohave Shalom, Pawtucket. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She attended business school, and was previously employed in the office of the former Cherry Webb store in Fall River.

Besides her husband, she leaves seven nephews, M. Charles Bakst of Barrington, government affairs editor of the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, Arthur Bakst of Barrington, Dr. Eric Marks of Rockville, Md., Ira Marks of Vienna, Va., Dr. Leon Marks of Brookline, Mass., Morton Marks of Providence, and Evan Brown of Boca Raton, Fla.; and four nieces, Margery Kelly, Andrea Nissenbaum and Maureen Nissenbaum, all of Chestnut Hill, Mass., and Elaine Josephson of Parlin, N.J. She was the sister of the late Lester Bakst, Hazel Bakst, Dorothy Feldman and Tillie Gair.

A graveside funeral service was held Tuesday at Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## LEONARD J. RUBIN

PORTSMOUTH — Leonard J. Rubin, 74, of 33 Gibbs Lane, who founded Newport Furniture Co., Middletown, in 1954 and has been its president ever since, died Saturday at home. He was the husband of Joan (Coffey) Rubin.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Louis H. and Goldie (Schwartz) Rubin. He had lived in Portsmouth for five years, previously living in Newport for many years.

Rubin was a member of Temple Shalom, Middletown, and Touro Synagogue, Newport. He was a past president of the Kiwanis Club, Newport, and a former board member of the Rhode Island Council on the Arts. He was a benefactor of the Martin Luther King Center, Newport, and recently received the Good Samaritan Award. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Barry M. Rubin of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; a daughter, Gail Ruggieri of Portsmouth; a stepson, Benjamin Coffey of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Deborah Buescher of Vero Beach, Fla.; a brother, Gerald S. Rubin of Portsmouth; two sisters, Sylvia Ziman of Providence and Rosalyn Joseph of West Yarmouth, Mass., and a granddaughter. He was the brother of the late Selma Rubin.

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

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An unveiling will be held in memory of the late Mary H. Fink on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 10:30 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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said, referring to the prime minister's remarks Monday in Washington.

"We who have fought against you, the Palestinians, say to you today in a loud and a clear voice: enough blood and tears. Enough," Rubin said.

Rubin told the Palestinian leader Israel does not desire revenge. "We harbor no hatred towards you. We, like you, are people. People who want to build a home," he said. "We are today giving peace a chance ... and saying, again to you: Enough. Let us pray that a day will come when we all will say farewell to the arms. We wish to open a new chapter in the sad book of our lives together."

Arafat said the international community is responsible for helping "the parties overcome the tremendous difficulties which are still standing in the way of reaching a final and comprehensive settlement."

Speaking to the people of Israel, Arafat continued: "We will need more courage and determination to continue the course of building coexistence and peace between us. This is possible."

Rosen said that now, more than ever, Jews must show support for the people of Israel. "And we do it the way disappora Jews do it," Rosen said, "with letters, with our encouragement and with our dollars. They are taking a risk — everyone is taking a risk."

"I applaud them for their courage, but they are taking a

"Let us pray that a day will come when we all will say farewell to the arms."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

risk."

In a joint statement from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Rosen and Karen M. Dannin, chairwoman of the Community Relations Council, said that "The Rhode Island Jewish community has always supported the commitment of the Israeli government to seek peace with Israel's Arab neighbors while guaranteeing the security of the country and its citizens. We welcome the announcement of Israel/PLO mutual recognition as a first step on the road to peace."

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, leader of the movement of Reform Judaism, last week hailed the letters of mutual recognition exchanged by Israel and the PLO, asserting that it will "change the Middle East forever."

Abraham H. Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League, noted that the road to peace "is not going to be a smooth one, though it is encouraging that at least the parties are on it. Israel will need to turn to American Jews at critical points to help smooth the way and we all should be preparing for that."

Meanwhile, Israel and Jordan signed a peace proposal Tuesday, opening negotiations between the 45-year enemies.



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## Students

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event that marks a new era between Arabs and Jews in the Middle East. Yet their message — to hold on to peace — was the same.

Musa, who is majoring in international relations, was stunned to see Arafat and Rabin, walking side by side, after decades of bitter opposition. "It's almost overwhelming... because you never really thought you'd see the two of them walking near each other or shaking hands," the league president said.

Shaltiel, who had lived in Jerusalem last year, was equally surprised and hopeful about the future. "I think that people don't realize how historic this day is," the Jewish student said, expressing fear and nervousness over the killing of Israeli soldiers recently.

**"I think that people don't realize how historic this day is."**

Simone Shaltiel

The whole point of the rally was to get people to realize the significance of the day, the Brown student stated.

Suddenly, men and women grabbed hands and danced the hora — a Jewish circle dance — basking in the warmth of the sun. "This is one of the happiest days in my memory... I will never forget this day," said Ayelet Cohen, a sophomore.

"I see it as a time of great hope and potential for the future and we students really have the potential to change our attitudes and move forward from here," Cohen said.

As far as she is concerned, Israel and the PLO — contrary to published reports — have always expressed a desire to recognize each other for peace. However, she hopes that past hostility toward Arafat and the PLO will be replaced with a new attitude for peace and reconciliation.

Also celebrating the occasion was Younis, a Lebanese-Syrian from Houston, Texas, who reflected on what the day means for Arab-Americans. "This day has been a long time coming because it's finally a first step [toward] some true lasting peace between Arabs and Jews," he said.

But Younis expressed cautious optimism in assessing what will be a long, gradual process of negotiations. "This plan has to be implemented... Just because Rabin and Arafat agree on a peace accord doesn't mean that Palestinians and Israelis are going to support it," the Brown senior said. "Agreements still need to be made with Syria and Jordan and Lebanon," Younis said, in order for the whole process to be successful.

"The obvious solution to this problem is to exchange land for peace and there's no other way about it and no other way it will be accepted," he said. On the other hand, Younis believes that the most moderate Arab and Jews will defend the peace initiative by avoiding violence.

When Ra'nan Abusch, a Brown senior and member of the newly formed Zionist Caucus, heard about the rally, he asked a friend to make the peace poster, while Younis produced one with the Arabic word "salaam" meaning peace on his.

Abusch said he hadn't thought about the prospect of peace two weeks ago, but now he sees the historic event as "overwhelming."

Like many of his fellow Jewish students, Abusch had seen acts of violence between the two peoples during visits to Israel. But Abusch feels that as long as people are optimistic and positive, it will send a message to leaders that this peace is something that everyone is in favor of, the senior said.

Standing in the middle of the students was Rabbi Alan Flam of the Brown/RISD Hilliel House, who was just as surprised as anyone over the spontaneity of the event. Flam's initial reaction to the peace accord was disbelief, but this gradually gave way to excitement and hope.

"In many ways it's a dream. Israel has always wanted peace since her birth and has never lived with that kind of security," the rabbi said. "I think that what was accomplished today was a huge step forward."

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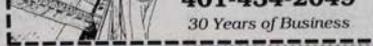
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## Bagels Are Now His Business

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

The first thing you notice about Ernest Aucone, owner of East Side Bagels, is his strong hands — a feature highly unusual for a baker. But for 34 years, Aucone was a machinist shaping metal instead of dough, before his former employers relocated out of state.



Instead of retiring, Aucone went into business with his sons-in-law at Bagelrama in Cranston, before deciding to open up his own business on the corner of Hope and Fifth streets four months ago.

Aucone admits that he's no stranger to baking — having worked in a family of bakers as a dough tender many years ago. "I decided to go into the bagel business because of [people's] interest in healthier foods," Aucone said.

But East Side Bagels is more than just a breakfast and lunch spot. Its quaint, romantic atmosphere — including small ornate tables and large picture window — is reminiscent of another time and era. Open the door and smell the sweet fragrance of Colombian supremo coffee — the house blend — and freshly baked bagels (eight varieties) and you'll know why customers keep coming back for more.

In fact, on opening day, Aucone and wife, Mary, sold more than 70 dozen bagels to a health-conscious public.

Maybe it's the way Aucone slowly bakes the water-boiled kosher bagels he receives from New York regularly or the way he serves the generous portions of gourmet coffee brewed to perfection. Aucone's bagels are larger than most bagels, but they weigh no more than 4 ounces, which makes them ideal for sandwiches. The homemade chicken salad and turkey breast are the customers' favorites, according to the easygoing owner.

Bagels also offers a variety of spreads — cream cheese, chive, walnut raisin and lox — for the customer's choosing. Aucone also possesses a Cimbali cappuccino and espresso coffee-maker, reputedly the best, of

which he's particularly proud. It's an item that brings out the very best in his gourmet French vanilla, Swiss chocolate almond and kosher coffees.

Aucone, who is married with two grown children, claims that the people he meets make his job worthwhile. "I like the people who come into the store," the owner said. On a given day, students, doctors, lawyers and white-collar types line up to get their daily rations or soak up some sun out on the raised landing in front of the store.

"If the business is a success, I don't see why I shouldn't continue working into retirement," Aucone speculated.

## Businessman

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Friedman's offer was valid for 10 days upon receipt of the letter, and expired late last week.

The Herald learned of the existence of the letter from an anonymous caller who claimed to have "zero connection" with the Jewish Home, but he knew about the letter and gave the Herald Friedman's phone number. On Friday, Friedman sent the Herald a copy of the letter, which had been addressed to Zeichner. He said he also sent a copy of the letter to the Providence Journal.

dence Journal.

When asked about the letter and any other offers the home may have received, Zeichner declined to comment. "I'm not free to comment on that. David Cohen's the only one who can. I have given David Cohen everything I've got," he said Monday. "The only other person you could speak to is the chairman of the board, [Stanley Aronson]."

Aronson, who was reached at home Monday afternoon, said he does not really consider Friedman's letter to be a "serious" offer. "I've seen that letter and it's far from an offer. It's rather tentative," he said.

"I read the letter and it does not have the quality or the understanding of where the home is in its present situation, and the letter to me is more of an exploratory inquiry than a serious offer," Aronson said.

But he added, the home is currently considering other offers in addition to Friedman's. He would not comment further, except to say there are offers both to run the home and to buy the home.

Home Trustee Patricia Cohen said her husband would be out of town until Tuesday evening. "I'm certain he will give you no information," she said when asked to pass along a message to her husband to call the Herald.

In addition to the offer to pay the first \$150,000 in deficit, should there be any, Friedman's letter says that "any profit or excess of income over expenses will be divided by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and other local charities."

"Since time is of the essence, due to the fact that the facility is being emptied out and its patients will no longer be able to observe the Hebrew Dietary Laws and the rituals of the holiest of days which are rapidly approaching, I therefore wish to make the following offer:

"I will operate the home under contract and will ensure that the Hebrew laws and traditions are observed in the future as they have been in the past," the letter states.

Friedman has been a licensed nursing home administrator for 34 years. He currently owns and operates Franklin Nursing Home and Fort Tryon Nursing Home, both in New York City, and Frydward House in New York City, N.Y., all kosher institutions.

**"I haven't received a response from anyone in a responsible position."**

Jack Friedman

"The reason I'm doing this is I've been in the field for over 30 years... When I read about the situation, I just thought it was terrible," Friedman told the Herald. He added that he felt compelled "on a moral ground" to try to help.

Friedman said he has "no Rhode Island connection," but the Herald has learned that his son resides here. Friedman heard about the closing of the Jewish Home from an architect by a friend.

The nursing home administrator said he is frustrated with the lack of response on the part of Jewish Home officials. "When you want to do a good deed, you really have to travel far and wide, but this is really getting to be obnoxious," he said.

"I think they have a serious problem on their hands," Friedman continued. "If the place ceases operation, it will never operate again."

"They would just assume to sweep this under the carpet," he concluded.

The letter also says that Friedman's comptroller, Nat Sherman, C.P.A., had been trying to contact David Cohen for certain information "and has been unable to speak with him. Bid Form for the acquisition of the property and this was never

sent to him."

Meanwhile, the home's executive committee voted within the last week to apply for an extension of its self-imposed Sept. 15 deadline to Oct. 31 "if not earlier, but no later," Aronson said. The executive committee needs "permission" first, Aronson said, because extra nurses had to be hired "to ensure that we could provide those services."

Twenty-one residents remained at the Jewish Home as of press time, but two residents were anticipated for discharge on Wednesday, according to a spokeswoman.

High holiday services are planned, Aronson said, but Rabbi Sol Goodman will not be officiating.

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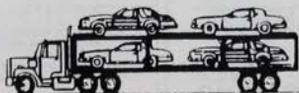
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