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## N.Y. Businessman Makes Formal Offer to Run Jewish Home

by Anne S. Davidson  
Herald Editor

A formal proposal to run the Jewish Home at "no cost" to the community has been submitted

by New York nursing home operator Jack Friedman to the board of trustees of the home and to the ad hoc group seeking to re-open the facility, according to Friedman and Providence lawyer Thomas Pearlman.

While the details of the proposal have not been made available to the press, Pearlman, co-chairman of an informal group seeking to re-open the facility, did say that the proposal "indicates they are ready to go right in and make the home open."

and that both inpatient and outpatient care would be offered "without cost to the community," he said.

Friedman told the Herald that he would rather keep the specifics of the plan private for now. "I'd rather negotiate with them directly at this point, but we are working full steam ahead," he said Wednesday.

Pearlman said the formal proposal arrived at his offices sometime Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Stanley Aronson, chairman of the home's board, received a copy of the proposal by fax Wednesday morning, according

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Jack Friedman

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### One Link at a Time

Kidspacer's Juliana Taylor, 5, Nina Gammer, 5, and Jonathan Wolpert, 5, decorate a sukkah with paper-link chains at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island recently in preparation for Sukkot.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Official Denials Notwithstanding, Rabin Apparently Met With Hussein

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin denied it — but despite all their denials, all the major dailies here are reporting that the two leaders did indeed meet for a few hours Sept. 26 on board a ship in the Gulf of Eilat.

The respected daily *Ha'aretz* reported Sept. 28 that "political sources in Jerusalem" had unofficially confirmed the report.

*Ha'aretz* also provided the names of two other Israeli officials attending the meeting: Major Gen. Danny Yatom, Rabin's military secretary, and Oded Ben-Ami, the prime minister's press adviser.

According to reports from Jordan, Hussein, along with Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Abdul Salam al-Majali, were "vacationing" Sept. 26 in the port of Aqaba, which lies just east of Eilat. Jordanian officials were publicly denying that the meeting with the Israelis occurred.

Ever since the signing of the Palestinian self-rule agreement in Washington on Sept. 13, Hussein has shown clear signs of nervousness about his place in the new regional power balance that is gradually taking shape.

The Jordanian monarch is said to be deeply worried that

his kingdom is in real danger of being overthrown by Palestinians, who constitute a majority in his country, numbering 2.5 million out of a total population of 3.7 million.

As a result of these fears, Hussein had been expected to postpone the general parliamentary elections, which were originally scheduled for November.

He said last week that he did not want the elections to degenerate into a referendum on the accord signed in Washington between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

An election, he also feared, might lead to an explosion of violence among Palestinian factions within his country.

But despite these fears, Jordanian officials announced Sept. 28 that the elections would indeed be held Nov. 8. They will be the first multiparty elections in Jordan since 1956, when Hussein banned all political parties.

In addition to the sensitive issue of the elections, Hussein also has been concerned that when the Palestinians assume control of the West Bank town of Jericho,

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## Religious Freedom in America Still at Risk, Law Survey Shows

by Steven Weiss

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Religious freedom in the United States has been threatened by recent federal court decisions, a national survey revealed last week.

Most legal experts surveyed for the American Jewish Congress' second annual "Report Card on Religious Freedom" think the federal courts are not adequately protecting religious liberties.

The survey, a project of AJCongress Kahn Religious Liberty Resource Center, asked 21

prominent law professors to look at government provisions relating to religious practices.

"The responses to our survey show that legal scholars across the country are still very concerned that our religious liberty may be in jeopardy," said Sylvia Neff, director of the project and the executive director and legal counsel of the AJCongress Mid-West Region.

The professors assessed five areas in which there was government activity concerning religion: discrimination against

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### Working on the Wall

Dorothy Kramer and James Galkin, co-chairpersons of Temple Torat Yisrael's Endowment Wall Project, committee member Fred Kellman and John Devine of Northeast Signs study the stained-glass wall designed by temple member Harold Fregar and constructed by artist Lynn Martin for the temple Sunday. The sign is being framed with zinc and pewter before being mounted in the foyer of the temple. (See story on Page 16)

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Arthritis Self-Help Offered

The Arthritis Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter is offering a six-week course to give people with arthritis the knowledge and skills with which they can take a more active part in their arthritis care.

On Wednesdays, Oct. 13 through Nov. 17, the Arthritis Self-Help Course (ASHC) will be offered at the Arthritis Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter office, East Providence, from 7 to 9 p.m. The course will also be offered on Fridays, Oct. 15 through Nov. 19, from 1 to 3:15 p.m. at the Warwick Senior Center, Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick.

"The course covers exercise, relaxation, pain control, the role of medication and nutrition, and coping with depression and other problems that can result from arthritis," said Jean Lepore, who will lead the course. "Participants us a text-

book titled *The Arthritis Help-book*, which is written in easy-to-understand language."

For more information on how you can become involved in the Arthritis Self Help Course, contact the Arthritis Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter at 434-5792. Pre-registration is necessary.

## Bay Tour Focuses on Naval History

Following last year's tour of the West Bay's coastal defense sites, the Rhode Island Historical Society is hosting its sequel — the Eastern coastal defense sites of Narragansett Bay on Oct. 30.

Narrated by author and historian Walter K. Schroeder and Capt. Frank Snyder, U.S.N., retired, emeritus, Naval War College, the focus will be on Narragansett Bay's naval and military history, discussing early fortifications along the bay, Navy installations, World War II submarine nets and more.

There is a \$15 (nonfundable) fee. Those planning to attend should bring a lunch; beverages may be purchased on board. The Vista Jubilee departs at 11 a.m. from Blount Marine Shipyard in Warren (boarding begins at 10 a.m.) and returns at 3 p.m.

Contact the RIHS at 110 Benevolent St., Providence, or call 331-8575 if interested. Pre-registration for this event is required.

## Visit Japan at International House

International House of Rhode Island, 8 Stimson Ave., Providence, will present "A Visit to Japan," on Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. The evening will feature a dinner of Japanese specialties, including vegetarian sushi, tofu soup, sukuyaki, chicken teriyaki, sweet and sour meatballs, shrimp and vegetables, rice, and a special dessert of fruit cocktail and Japanese sweets.

The dinner will be followed by a presentation on "Food and Health in Japan" by Dr. Toru Choji.

The evening will be coordinated by International House Board Member Yoko Rabson.

Seating is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-paid basis by Oct. 15. The fee for the event is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers, and \$10 for students.

International House is a non-profit community agency focusing on the needs of temporary international residents in Rhode Island and serving as a center for intercultural and educational activities for the Rhode Island community. For further information about any of the above programs, call 421-7181.

## Religious Freedom

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individuals, restrictions on religious practices, promotion of religion, inculcation of religion in public schools, and financial entanglement with religious institutions.

"The good news is that the scores seem to have leveled off this year, and even gone up slightly," said Neil.

A small improvement was seen in the area of government restrictions on the religious practices of individuals. This year's survey gave federal courts a "C minus," meaning that this right is seriously "threatened." Last year's grade, a "D," categorized this right as "endangered."

However, Neil said, the mark was a source of "great unease."

## Jewish groups considered the ruling a dangerous precedent for laws that could limit such ritual practices as kosher slaughter.

The grade remained low as a result of the Supreme Court's 1990 decision in *Employment Division vs. Smith*. That ruling stiffened the requirements for individuals to challenge government regulations that limit the free exercise of religion on constitutional grounds.

Neil said this case, which concerned the ritual use of the hallucinogen peyote in Native American religious practices, "decimated the free exercise clause."

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Since the *Smith* decision, numerous court rulings have relied on its standard to allow states greater leeway to restrict certain religious practices. Organizers of the project point to the religious Freedom Restoration Act as a legislative light at the end of the judicial tunnel.

The act, pending before Congress, would restore individuals' ability to challenge government regulations to the pre-*Smith* standard.

Neil said she also is encouraged by the appointment of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court. The Report Card addresses "principles that Ginsburg believes in," Neil said.



The Cranston Public Library is now receiving registration for its **Fall Story Hours** beginning this month. Programs are being offered for 2- and 3-year-olds and preschoolers accompanied by an adult; call 943-9080.

The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts and Education presents its fifth annual **Men Who Cook Festival** on Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. at 1 Hilton St., Providence. The Bill Thompson Quintet will provide live music and the public may sample appetizers, desserts and entrees by some of Rhode Island's best cooks; call 943-5422.

The annual **Fleet Heart and Sole** triathlon has been set for Oct. 9 starting at 9 a.m. at Lincoln Woods State Park, Lincoln. The event is a 2.5-mile run followed by an 11-mile bike ride. Funds raised support the American Heart Association's research and education programs; call 728-5300.

Parents Without Partners will hold a **Singles Dance** on Oct. 10 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the U.C.T. Hall, 1530 Atwood Avenue, Johnston. Music will be provided by a disc jockey; call 621-3816.

The South County Museum's 17th annual **Harvest Festival and Apple Pie Contest** will be held Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canonchet Farm, Route 1, Narragansett. Hand-crafted items, homemade foods and wooden toys will be offered for sale.

The **Compassionate Friends** will hold its next meeting on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan's Church Hall, 33 Turner Ave., East Providence. The self-help group is for parents who have suffered the death of a child; call 885-2900.

The **Rhode Island Mother of Twins Club** will hold its next meeting on Oct. 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Shawmut Baptist Church, West Shore Road, Warwick. A guest speaker will lecture on their aid at the open meeting; call 828-4961 or 822-4805.

The Samaritans of Rhode Island will host its second annual "Something's Afoot in the Park" Walkathon on Oct. 16 beginning at 9 a.m. at Roger Williams Park and Zoo, Providence. Registration for the event will take place at 8:30 a.m. with all proceeds going to support the 24-hour toll-free crisis hot line; call 272-4243 or 272-0122.

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## FEATURE

## A Balfour Declaration on the Blackstone



by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

One of my ancestors must have dwelt in Canaan in the time of the golden calf, or in Eden when those silver rivers ran through its orchard. I look for the sweet wild grasses on the banks of turquoise streams in the time of Tashlich, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah.

I cruised over Broad Street in Central Falls along the second-hand stores, among pawnbrokers, and musical instrument shops till I spotted the Cumberland Players Theater. No Eden yet. The actors were rehearsing their parts for "Dracula." But the playhouse parking lot next-door turns down into a dock. You can rent a canoe here, from the dark little bait stand called "Hook and Feather." The guys that run this place used to work as landscapers. They took that wasteland, that desert, that asphalt jungle, and tilled it in no time into an oasis of charm and harmony, in a glass, a wadi, a modest miracle done in a flash, over one weekend.

They dug and spaded, moved a few bricks and rocks they unearthed while clearing for a garden, and shaped a bright terrace. A falling chule of stone and curbing catches runoff rain to collect in a cement pool—a makeshift forest waterfall in back of a downtown bridge.

This secret hideaway in Central Falls still holds an amateur thrown-together look that wins you over with its simplicity and makes you smile with respect.

Just below the dock, on the Blackstone River, lies a brand-spanking-new four barge called the Explorer. This "yar" ship comes complete with Cap'n Matt, crewman Ed and scout-guide Dave — Dave Balfour, if you please.

Ed lives on the banks of the Blackstone, right here, a sleeping bag snuggled and neat in a screened and zippered tent beside his outdoor desk for company business. Ed's a Vietnam vet, slim, easygoing, bearing the tattoos of that time and place—kind of like a troll or a Popeye. He sells you a ticket and shows you around the grounds.

My wife and I went over to catch the fiddle concert aboard scheduled for a Thursday sunset and twilight. The Chamber of Commerce canceled the junk, so we just hung around and watched the flowers glow in the September gold.

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But come Sunday dawn, I sneaked out again, with my son, for a dawn's early light river ride. We shared the Explorer with a man and two kids. "This is my grandson, and here's my granddaughter. I live right around the corner, in the house I was born in. It was my grandmother's place." He sat with them in back, we took the front-row seats — five places out of room for 50.

But Dave Balfour gave us the complete tour just the same. He told us about Blackstone, the guy who gave his name to the river. "He was an eccentric, a rebel, an individualist, a loner on a white steer going his own way."

Balfour declared for almost an hour. "The Industrial Revolution took place right here before your eyes on this body of water. The mill owner put up the store where you bought your provisions with your salary. He built the row houses for your family to live in. He paid for the church to pray in on Sunday. He had your whole life in his hands, even your soul. You couldn't get away from the boss. Why did the mills have so many windows? Because your kids got to work at dawn and stayed to dusk spinning cotton yarn."

Balfour pointed out the sprawling beds of wild goldenrod, purple strife and hay on the banks, and the families of

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## The Business of Windowshopping

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

I have this habit. You may claim my vice on my dad. Or on the great depression or World War II. I could lay a guilt trip on my kids, who scatter sawbucks like sawdust, sending my earnings into the wind.

I windowshop. I furnish castles in the air, but I bring home no stack of packages. I see some pretty object shimmering in a display—a figurine for the mantel or for the garden. I eye a turquoise ring with magic healing powers. This fetish could change my life and guarantee luck.

But another part of me whispers, you've seen it. It's yours like a wildflower you've sniffed or glimpsed. Once you grab it and drag it home, it will lose its charm, like a parrot in a cage. Thoreau warned us in Walden about getting snagged on dusty objects in your cabin.

Then again, things can burst into the dimensions of life like words caught in a spell. Jews peddled goods as well as tales from port to port and border to border — on Roman roads or Spanish galleons.

Let's get real here. Several shops on our East Side give a prospect on the horizons of far-off worlds. Stephen Doyle on Wickenden Street greets me among a grouping of upholstered chairs in his elegant antique store. Steve runs his space like a salon, next door to Coffee Exchange. He haunts the dealers and artisans of a wide New England region. He knows and respects each item, from the odd wood sculptures of feet and hands to the Czech wall bas-reliefs. A generous and kindly host, Steve gives you refuge from your errands, or your ennui.

I sit and talk and listen and then step next door for my coffee.

In Richmond Square in the

meadow on the waterfront, MaryBeth and Sandy Moore traffick in all sorts of pagan gods and goddesses. — Fans and Dianas, to fill with ivy or birdseed and place as sacred tokens on your terrace or in your

I sit and talk and listen and then step next door for my coffee.

yard. They have lit new fires in the forge hearing that dates back more than a century. Angels with the wings of butterflies, pots of a soft moss-green color or cutout silhouettes of rusty metal or scarred cement will add mood, age, allure to your garden. Graveyard rubbings of mysterious upward pointing hands settle on the brick wall next to gargoyles or Bacchus grimages.

I gave them one of the chipped axes from my dad's garage as a wall piece. I wander among the September weeds behind the brick building. I move on and curve up to Hope Street.

My top favorite new place in town is called Soaring Spirits. You can't miss the sign of the neon eagle in the window. Go in and look around. There is nothing there that is not splendid, authentic, uplifting. Things

of silver and stone, birchbark and copper, cactus and bone. Figures of Native American folklore and myth, flute-playing pranksters and hunters along with silhouettes of old men and women who make me think of the eternal wandering Jew. The walking sticks are things of great beauty.

But I've got sticks and axes at home. Let's get back, to my habit, my alibi, my declaration of missing the mark.

I windowshop. These won't (Continued on Page 19)

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# OPINIONS

## Letters to the EDITOR



### Our Talents Must Serve the Torah

Torah belongs to the sphere of the intellect and it is our obligation to study Torah and to understand it.

Would it not be more appropriate then, to celebrate Simchat Torah in an intellectual manner, by intensifying our study of Torah, delving into it in greater depth, and rejoicing in the growth of our knowledge and understanding?

In fact, we seem to do exactly the opposite. Instead of study-



### Midrash of the Month

by Rabbi Vicki Lieberman  
Special to the Herald

In honor of Simchat Torah and our once again reading the Torah from Bereishit, I would like to share the following, which is part of the very first midrash in our midrashic anthology, Midrash Rabbah, one of the oldest collections dating back to the centuries of this era.

The Torah declares: "I was the working tool of the Holy One." In human practice, when a mortal king builds a place, he builds it not with his skill, but with the skill of an architect. The architect employs plan and diagrams.

Thus G-d consulted the Torah and created the world, while the Torah declares, "In the beginning G-d created (Gen 1:1)," beginning refers to the Torah. Thus the verse means: By means of the Torah, G-d created...

The Torah is the blueprint for the world. Have you ever seen blueprints? How exciting they are! They leave nothing to chance. And, they are as difficult to fold as a map and so we roll them (much like a scroll). I find it a bit amusing to imagine G-d consulting blueprints. Of course, G-d has no trouble folding the thing.

The Torah is claiming that G-d started out with a set plan to follow. G-d just had to follow the blueprint of the Torah and everything would turn out fine.

That is what is supposed to happen when you use blueprints. You are supposed to follow the details, the quarter inch here, the 45 degrees there, and everything is supposed to fit nice and snug.

The fact is, just as an architect and builder constantly consult the blueprint, constantly adjust to modification, we use the Torah in much the same way. We consult the Torah on questions of observance, ritual and ethics. We consult the vast literature of Jewish law which compensates for changes.

### Our traditions, our laws still act as a blueprint for the world — a real blueprint.

Thus, Torah and Jewish law are ever evolving — are ever updated to respond to the current situation. Our traditions, our laws still act as a blueprint for the world — a real blueprint — forever modifying to the demands of the situation.

An architect never forgets that her goal is the finished product; the blueprint is just the guide. So too, our Torah is the guide instructing us to live our lives as educated, involved, caring people.

The finished product is the life we lead. Do we observe the Torah as a blueprint for behavior, or do we consult some other text, like a business magazine? Is our goal to help better the world, or is our goal only to better ourselves?

Jewish law has as many nooks and crannies as any blueprint. Sometimes there are such exciting ways to observe Jewish law that we get lost in all those details. The details of using a timer on Shabbat, or not using the lightbulb inside the refrigerator on Shabbat are

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### The Phoenix: A New Jewish Home Can Arise

#### To the Editor:

The Jewish community is witnessing the slow, gruesome death of our Jewish Home for the Aged. As we watch it gasp for one final breath, some people are desperately trying to find solutions to keep this beloved institution alive.

But its body, the building, has wasted away from the cancer of decay and the smell of death lingers in the air. All that remains is a faint pulse, our memories of better days.

Do we put the Jewish Home on a respirator that will maintain vital signs but not restore the soul it once had? Its former patients are scattered throughout the state; many are beginning new lives while others have died. The staff have found new jobs working in other nursing homes or have dis-

tanced themselves from geriatrics entirely.

It is time to re-focus our collective grief about the past and channel our energy into a positive new beginning. Starting again is a difficult task, but like the phoenix, a new Jewish Home can arise from its ashes. A smaller facility located at a new location and fresh ideas to replace old ones that no longer work will make the future Jewish Home for the Aged a state-of-the-art nursing home that Rhode Island Jews can be proud of.

All the sadness we feel now will not disappear, but the cycle of grief must end before the seed for a new Jewish Home for the Aged can be planted for the next harvest.

Cindy Halpern  
Providence



ing the Torah, we take it in our arms, rolled up and clothed in its cover in a manner that makes it impossible to read, and instead of serving the Torah with our heads, we serve it with our feet — by dancing.

Torah, it is true, is ultimate wisdom and intellect. But it is not our wisdom, not our intellect. It is the wisdom of G-d.

The scholar can grasp its true essence no better than can a small child. The Torah speaks not to our limited human intellect, but to the Jewish soul itself. For the soul, too, is "part of G-d above." When we study Torah, we are connecting the essence of G-d found in the

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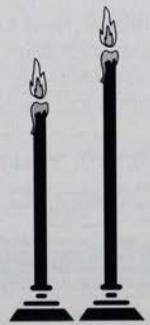
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## Fifty Years Ago in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 1943

#### Vichy Takes Head of Warning

LONDON — Allied warnings of immediate and severe retribution should Vichy officials continue to carry out the restrictions on Jews ordered by Nazis have resulted in a slight alleviation of the plight of French Jewry. French authorities have postponed the levy on Jews until November 1st in defiance of Nazi commands, and generally are showing a somewhat softer attitude toward the Jews. At the same time the Nazis, acting in concert with the police, have intensified the deportations and mass arrests of Jews and continue their systematic raiding of Jewish homes and institutions.

#### Jews Escape Denmark

STOCKHOLM — Southern Sweden has become a haven for at least 1,100 Danish Jews who risked drowning or the guns of Nazi patrol boats rather than face deportation to Polish or Baltic labor camps, it was estimated here this week. The nation opened its arms to the refugees, who used rowboats and fishing smacks to run the gauntlet of alert Germans across the narrow channel which separates the two countries. Offers made by the Swedish Government to Berlin to provide a haven for 8,000 of the 10,000 Jews in Denmark have been ignored by the Nazis.

#### Rehabilitation is Post-War Problem

MONTREAL — Rehabilitation of about 30,000,000 European refugees will be "one of the most urgent tasks of postwar reconstruction," the International Labor Office declared this week in making public an exhaustive study of displaced populations and their resettlement. The problem is far "beyond the powers of any single country," the report pointed out. Predicting that a redistribution of labor may become necessary if full employment is to exist, the report went on to say that such redistribution "would call for nothing less than the organization of an international employment office."



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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Fate Unclear of Jews Remaining in Fallen Georgian City of Sukhumi

by Cynthia Mann  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Direct contact has been lost with the small Jewish community remaining in the Georgian city of Sukhumi on the Black Sea, following its capture by Abkhazian separatists last week.

Around 200 Jews remained in Sukhumi, after five separate Jewish Agency rescue operations brought 1,000 of the war-torn city's Jews to Israel in recent months.

Fifty were to have been evacuated two weeks ago during the Russian-brokered cease-fire, but the day the operation was scheduled, the cease-fire collapsed and the rescue was aborted.

Baruch Gur, director of the Jewish Agency department dealing with Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, said that Jews who had managed to get out before the city was engulfed in fighting reported few or no casualties among the Jews.

But he said that Jewish casualty figures were not known with any degree of accuracy, as the areas where Jews had lived had been badly damaged in the heavy fighting.

"We only know rumors and estimates brought out by those who managed to escape," he told Israel Radio.

Jewish Agency representatives in the Black Sea port cities have so far located 15 Jews

among the 13,000 refugees gathering there.

The fall of Sukhumi, the Georgian government's last stronghold in the Abkhazia region, marked a decisive defeat for the forces of Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister of the Soviet Union, after 13 months of the civil war.

### Five separate Jewish Agency rescue operations brought 1,000 of the war-torn city's Jews to Israel in recent months.

Shevardnadze, who was forced to flee Sukhumi to the Georgian capital of Tbilisi hours before the city fell, warned that the defeat could lead to the disintegration of Georgia into civil war between ethnic minorities. Tbilisi itself is faced with civil strife.

Given the likelihood of continuing conflict, Gur of the Jewish Agency estimated that between 30 and 35 percent of the 16,000-strong Jewish community in Georgia is likely to come to Israel by early next year. He said he expects a majority of the Georgian Jews to have reached Israel within two years.

Seventy-seven Georgian Jews were scheduled to arrive in Israel last week on a Georgian airline with the help of the authorities there, despite the shortage of planes and fuel.

Gur also said it was premature to predict the impact of Russia's current political crisis on the immigration by Russian Jews to Israel.

Two weeks ago Natan Sharansky, head of the Zionist Forum, said the dramatic events in Russia could spur

aliyah by "masses of Jews" and called on the Israeli government to be ready to absorb huge waves of new immigrants.

Gur said the resources are in place to bring to Israel the people expected to emigrate and that it is too soon to recommend to the government any change in the absorption policy based on recent events.

Speaking with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on the day following the fall of Sukhumi, Gur said he is "very bitter" about the decision by the city's 200 Jews to remain there, despite repeated warnings over many months by Jewish Agency representatives that the situation would worsen and they would be in grave danger.

"We did our best to convince them to leave earlier, to facilitate their evacuation," but they chose to stay behind because of their property, he said.

Gur said the Jews of Sukhumi face danger, as do the people of Kutaisi, the capital of Mengrelia, south of Abkhazia, and Grom, to 2,500 Jews.

Former Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia, a bitter rival of Shevardnadze, has many supporters in the Kutaisi area, which make it fertile ground for civil war, said Gur.

"Shevardnadze has difficulty controlling the country, and there is a danger of another civil war," he said.

Gur said he expects Jews from Kutaisi to begin immigrating to Israel more steadily.

He noted that, for now, immigration to Israel from the Soviet successor states is lower from the big cities, such as Moscow and St. Petersburg, than from smaller towns, where the economic distress is more extreme.

He also observed that in the North Caucasus, where there is more opposition to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, there is relatively more Jewish immigration to Israel.

Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Hugh Orgel in Tel Aviv.

## Survey Finds Jews Strongly Support Peace

by Larry Yudelson  
NEW YORK (JTA) — American Jews strongly support recent Israeli moves toward peace, according to a survey sponsored by the American Jewish Committee.

By more than 5-to-1 margins, a sample of American Jews supported the mutual recognition pact signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the accord that will grant Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

But questioned on further Israeli compromises — both those mandated by the signed accord and those likely to follow in the negotiations with Syria — those polled were much less supportive.

The poll was conducted Sept. 20 to 26 by Market Facts, a public-opinion research organization. The sample size was 1,009, and had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Supporters of the way the Israeli government has handled the peace negotiations outnumbered opponents, by roughly 84 percent to 9 percent, with 8 percent unsure.

Ninety percent considered the Israel-PLO recognition agreement a positive development for Israel.

The autonomy plan was supported by 74 percent of respondents, with 13 percent opposing and 13 percent unsure.

In a surprising finding, 57 percent favored the establishment of a Palestinian state, with 30 percent opposed. And yet only 43 percent supported extending autonomy to all of the West Bank, while 34 percent were opposed.

"What you see here is ambiguity," said David Singer, director of research for the AJCommittee.

"People have been asked to absorb a new reality that's absolutely mind-boggling."

"There's a sense that if the Israelis have done this, who am I to think this isn't a positive thing, while at the same time, many of the old fears remain," he said.

The results of this poll in fact mirror those found within Israel by an AJCommittee poll conducted there earlier in September.



### INTERNATIONAL

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — President Clinton has called on the U.N. General Assembly to repeal its past resolutions condemning Israel. Speaking before the world body Sept. 27, Clinton said that "the repeal of outdated U.N. resolutions" would buttress peace in the Middle East. The United States, along with Russia and Egypt, has said it would work with Israel to ensure that dozens of resolutions critical of Israel are not automatically renewed this year.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Reserve Maj. Gen. Aharon Yariv, an Israeli expert and early advocate of direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, is reported to be in serious but stable condition following a stroke and automobile collision. Yariv, a former head of Israeli military intelligence and currently director of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, was taken to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital on the evening of Sept. 27 after suffering a stroke.

KIEV, Ukraine (JTA) — Several hundred Jews gathered here recently to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the mass execution of the Jews of Kiev at Babi Yar by the Nazis during World War II. Speaking to the audience Sept. 26, Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich, chief rabbi of Ukraine, said, "The scene at Babi Yar showed the barbarity of the fascist regime, which had intentions to kill every Jew that they found. Though they shot tens of thousands of Jews in Kiev, the Jewish community in Kiev still lives and has survived and stands as a living confirmation of the words 'Am Yisrael Chai' [the people of Israel live]," said Bleich.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's two chief rabbis have held a rare meeting with a women's rights delegation pressing for solutions to the problem of agunot — women who cannot get a divorce because their husbands refuse to grant one or because the husbands cannot be located. After talking with the two rabbis on Sept. 27, members of the women's delegation said they were heartened by the meeting, but that it represented only the beginning of the work it will take to solve the agunah problem.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## NEWS BRIEFS



### NATIONAL

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Jewish leaders met privately last week with the leadership of the Congressional Black Caucus, in an effort to determine how closely the black power establishment is embracing Louis Farrakhan, who heads the Nation of Islam, is widely regarded as anti-Semitic, in light of his past remarks disparaging Judaism. Representatives of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and some of its constituent agencies met Sept. 28 in Washington with Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.), and leaders of the Anti-Defamation League were scheduled to do so Sept. 29.

## Plans for Gas Chambers Published

by Michel Di Paz

**PARIS (JTA)** — The French weekly magazine *L'Express* has published documents described as secret Nazi files about the building of the gas chambers and crematoria at the Auschwitz extermination camp.

The files, according to a recent issue of *L'Express*, were kept in Moscow at the Central Archive, where some 80,000 Nazi documents taken from Auschwitz in 1945 were stored, apparently untouched until now.

A French chemist, Jean-Claude Pressac, gained access to the documents.

In the resulting work, "The Auschwitz Crematoria: The Machinery of Mass Murder," he made use of official Nazi documents, blueprints and letters exchanged between the SS and the builders of the gas chambers.

Pressac disclosed in detail how the Zyklon B gas was introduced into the gas chamber, how it worked and how the poisonous gas was removed from the chamber.

*L'Express* speaks of Pressac's work as presenting the ultimate and undisputed proof of the existence of the gas chambers.

Pressac, a non-Jew, formerly was a follower of the French Holocaust denier Robert Faurisson. Pressac found flawed the documents brought forward by Holocaust deniers, however, and conducted research of his own.

Further helped by French Nazi hunter and lawyer Serge Klarsfeld, Pressac changed his views about the Holocaust. He is now a consultant at the Auschwitz Museum and at the recently opened U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

## Senate Resolution Urges U.S. to Probe Crown Heights Riots

by Deborah Kalb

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — The Senate voted unanimously last week to seek a Justice Department investigation of the 1991 disturbances in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn.

In a 97-0 vote Sept. 29, senators called for a federal investigation into the rioting two years ago between Jews and African Americans.

Two members of the House of Representatives who have been urging Attorney Gen. Janet Reno to investigate the disturbances, New York Democrats Charles Schumer and Nita Lowey, welcomed the news.

Reno is expected to announce soon whether she will pursue an investigation. In early September, she was expected to announce that she would not pursue a federal investigation, but she postponed the decision at the urging of Schumer and Brooklyn District

Attorney Charles Hynes.

Schumer argued that the Justice Department should review additional evidence before making a decision.

The Senate action, a so-called "sense of the Senate" resolution, was passed as an amendment to an unrelated appropriations bill, and is unlikely to survive a House-Senate conference committee.

But supporters believe the unanimous vote will send a message to the Justice Department.

"I applaud today's action in the Senate, which echoes our demands for a thorough investigation," Lowey said in a statement.

The Senate resolution does not call on the Justice Department to reach any particular conclusion, but simply to conduct an investigation. The Senate is joining our cry for justice," Schumer said in a statement.

## Leaders Around Globe Holding Meetings with PLO

**London Jewish Chronicle LONDON (JTA)** — The first-ever public meeting between the lay leader of the Anglo-Jewish community and the Palestine Liberation Organization representative to the United Kingdom took place in London last week, with both men giving a ringing endorsement of the self-rule accord recently signed in Washington by Israel and the PLO.

In an echo of the historic moment between Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat at the White House on Sept. 13, the president of the Jewish Board of Deputies here, Judge Israel Feinstein, and PLO diplomat Afif Safieh sealed their meeting with a handshake.

Their meeting, under the auspices of a multi-faith group, was one of several first-ever encounters between Jewish leaders and PLO officials that have been held in various countries since relations between Israel and the PLO began to thaw.

Foreign Minister Douglas Hogg was expected to invite Arafat to visit London, the *London Jewish Chronicle* has learned. Hogg and Arafat were expected to meet last week in

Tunis.

A visit to London would boost Arafat's standing in the administered territories, where his supporters face opposition from Palestinian militants.

## "History is in the making. History is on the move."

Afif Safieh, PLO diplomat

In London, Safieh told the audience of Jewish leaders and Arab diplomats that recent polls indicate there is overwhelming support for the self-rule accord among Palestinians.

A survey taken in Gaza, he said, revealed that more than 70 percent are in favor of the accord, while 11 percent oppose it.

"History is in the making," Safieh declared. "History is on the move."

The PLO official stated that the PLO's goal is to create a Palestinian state living peacefully "side by side with Israel."

Safieh, who called the Israel-PLO accord a "splendid" achievement, said that the problem of Jerusalem could be solved by making it the capital

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they may also seek to take possession of the strategically important Allenby Bridge crossing into Jordan.

## Hussein has shown clear signs of nervousness about his place in the new regional power balance that is gradually taking shape.

Israeli officials have given the king assurances that they will maintain control of all border crossings into Jordan.

Hussein is also concerned that as a result of the accord with the Palestinians, Jordan may lose its special strategic value in the eyes of Israel.

Assuming that the meeting with Rabin did take place, these were undoubtedly some of the issues discussed between the two leaders.

Rabin was believed to have assured the king that Israel has a strong interest in keeping Jordan as a major player in all

of both Israel and Palestine. "It should remain undivided with free access to everyone," he said.

In Sydney, Australia, the elected head of the Australian Jewish community and the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Australia took part for the first time in a direct, person-to-person exchange.

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present and future arrangements with the Palestinians.

Moreover, the Israelis reportedly are interested in signing an early peace agreement with Jordan, even before the implementation of the autonomy agreement with the Palestinians begins picking up momentum.

On Sept. 14, a day after the signing of the landmark Israeli-PLO self-rule agreement, Israeli and Jordanian officials signed an accord in Washington laying out the elements of a peace agreement between the two countries.

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Tickets for the Oct. 16 performance at 8 p.m. and the Oct. 17 performance at 2 p.m. cost \$32.50, \$30.50, and \$18.50. Tickets may be ordered by call-

ing the Providence Performing Arts Center Box office at 421-ARTS and at TicketMaster locations or by calling 331-2211.

Tune devotes his energy to recapturing the spirit of early show-business days in "Tommy Tune On Broadway." Performing with two accompanying dancers and a full orchestra, Tommy Tune pays tribute to song and dance men of earlier times including Fred Astaire and Ray Bolger, as part of this cabaret show. Tune also presents selections by veteran Broadway songwriters like Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Jerry Herman during this new revue.

Tommy Tune returns to Providence after appearing in the 1991 production of "Bye Bye Birdie" at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Audi-

ences will appreciate Tune's nostalgic recollections as he shares his experiences in New York during the 1960s. The 1992 opening of this show at the Gershwin Theatre in New York marked the beginning of a new Broadway era for Tune after a 10-year absence.

His talents as a director and choreographer have brought Tune his most recent successes on Broadway. Tommy Tune won the Tony Award for Best Choreography and Best Direction of a Musical for both "Grand Hotel" and "The Will Rogers Follies" in the past five years. The final presentation of the 1993/1994 Fleet "Best Of Times On Broadway" season at the Providence Performing Arts Center in May will be "The Will Rogers Follies."

## Alias Opens Season with Good Humor

Alias Stage premieres its 10th season on Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Bell Street Chapel in Providence with the fast-paced comedy, "The Kathy And Mo Show: Parallel Lives," written by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najmy.

Half-price preview performances at \$5 are scheduled Oct. 14 through 16 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. Press night is Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. and is open to the public.

Tickets cost \$10 general admission and \$7 with student or senior ID. There is a 2 p.m. matinee only on Halloween, Oct. 31. There are no performances on Oct. 21 and Nov. 4.

The production runs Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through Nov. 14.

Performances of "The Kathy and Mo Show: Parallel Lives" are at Bell Street Chapel, 5 Bell St., off Broadway on Providence's West Side. Alias Stage



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is housing its current production at Bell Street Chapel due to ongoing construction at its new performance space in downtown Providence.

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The Rhode Island School of Design's Museum of Art presents a lecture by photographer Lorna Simpson on Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Rhode Island School of Design Auditorium, 2 College St., Providence.

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**time.** These decisions, and think them over to be first co narrow down then return w to make final. **Take adv** **istry consu** experts ar sources of ac everything from quiette to bon **Be descr** write down ju on the registr not be the st clude as much space allows. **Register in** China, crysta and housewa — and pere with brides a but consider furniture, spo ing equipme tools, comp Several speci mail-order c offer registrie from antique

## Modern W

Today, at an average age of 24, your typical bride is older than in any previous generation. And second marriages are on the rise. The older age of today's brides and the increasing rate of remarriages mean that most women have furnished at least a small house, hold — even if it was a studio apartment. Select gifts that match the couple's lifestyle. In most of today's married couples, both spouses work. Working women — and that includes 70 percent of all women today — require items that make work around the house easier. Easy-to-use food preparation appliances can save time and effort every day. Fast and easy operation and dishwasher-safe

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**Don't overlap.** Register for each item in one store only, otherwise you will go crazy keeping track of gifts that have and haven't been purchased.

**Never announce your registration in wedding invitations** — this implies that gifts are as important to you as guests. Friends and family can make sure word gets out.

**Save mailing labels** from the packages you receive. If you decide to return the gift, the label may be your only proof of purchase.

**Keep a running gift list.** Make a note of each item you receive, who sent it, and any thoughts that come to mind when you unwrap it. This will make writing thank-you notes easier; once gifts start piling up, cards are easily misplaced, and your memory becomes unreliable.

**Follow up** with your bridal registrar. Contact her after the shower to compare notes; after the wedding, fill in any purchases that weren't received from guests.

## Wedding Gifts

parts will make a working woman's life easier. Coffeemakers that can be set to automatically begin brewing before breakfast will prevent a morning rush for the working couple.

Consider high quality small appliances. Many couples already own "the basics," so gift-giving offers an opportunity to upgrade.

Practical gifts are often welcome. As can be expected, there are some variations in gift selection between first-time and second-marriage brides. If you stick with selections that are both highly requested and up-to-date — such as thermal carafe coffeemakers and food processors — your gift will be on target for today's bride.

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# MILESTONES



Nancy B. Goldberg and Gene Rubenstein

## Goldberg to Marry Rubenstein

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Goldberg of Cranston, Narragansett and Boynton Beach, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy B. Goldberg, to Gene Rubenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rubenstein of Philadelphia, Pa., and Margate, N.J.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halpern of Pawtucket and Boca Raton, Fla., and the late Katharine B. Halpern, and Tillie Goldberg of Johnston and the late Al Goldberg.

She is a graduate of the Moses Brown School and Tufts University, and is a registered professional engineer. She is a project engineer for the structural engineering firm Lim Consultants Inc. in Cambridge, Mass.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bryant College and is a qualified pension administrator. He is an employee benefit specialist with the accounting firm Tofias, Fleishman, Shapiro & Co., P.C., located in Cambridge, Mass.

A May 21, 1994, wedding is planned.

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## Strause and Weiser Plan July Wedding

Julie Strause and David Weiser, both of Atlanta, Ga., are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Strause of Charlotte, N.C. The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Weiser of Warwick.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Queens College. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island.

A July 23, 1994 wedding is planned.



## Lisa Waldman

Lisa Beth Waldman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin E. Waldman of Providence, has received a master of science degree in human development, counseling and family studies from the University of Rhode Island.

She is currently employed as an outpatient counselor for Codac East in Barrington.

She is the granddaughter of Rae Pickar and the late Sidney Pickar, and the late Dorothy and Morris Waldman.

## Weinstein Is Named Director

Lynn Weinstein has been appointed to the Pawtucket Credit Union board of directors, the first woman appointed to the board in the 65-year history of the credit union.

Weinstein, who is manager of East Providence-based Waterview Villa nursing home, is looking forward to bringing her business and management talents to the board. "I plan to take it one meeting at a time," says Lynn. "I feel my appoint-



Jodi Lee Pass and William Charles Gaess IV

## Pass and Gaess Engaged

Dr. Harry E. Pass of Warwick and Rayna A. Pass of Highland Beach, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jodi Lee of Warwick to William Charles Gaess IV of Wakefield, son of Dolores Gaess of Wakefield and the late William C. Gaess Jr.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ithaca College where she majored in communications. She is an account supervisor for Nova Marketing Inc., an advertising agency in Quincy,

Mass.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he majored in accounting. He works for Perspectives Inc. in Narragansett.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Irving and Doris Ackerman of Cranston and Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Phoebe Adriance of Fairlawn, N.J.

The couple will marry May 21, 1994.

ment is very progressive of Pawtucket Credit Union."

A state-licensed nursing home administrator, Weinstein also serves on the board of directors and as trade show

committee chairwoman for the Rhode Island Health Care Association. She is a past secretary of the American College of Health Care Administrators.

Weinstein graduated in 1983 from the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor of science degree in business administration/marketing. She has also received her certificate in interior design from the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. She currently resides in Barrington.

## Midrash of the Month

(Continued from Page 4)

part of the overall framework. We must be careful to see the forest through the trees. The minutiae of Jewish law is not in and of itself an end. It is the overall framework of the Torah which seeks to give us a recipe for a fulfilling life — that is the goal.

The midrash teaches that just as the Torah was good enough for G-d to use as a blueprint for creation, we certainly can rely on the Torah as a guide for our lives.

Rabbi Vicki Lieberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket.



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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Reeder Wears His Stripes With Pride

by Jeff Goldberg  
Special to the Herald

Basketball, the universal sport. Do it by yourself. Create the imaginary shot clock ticking down, with just seconds remaining and the ball in your hands; it's your chance to hit the winning shot.

How many times have you practiced that one special moment? I know I have more times than I can remember.

The lead in to my stories sometimes takes unusual paths. This story and the individual I will tell you about are not unusual. If anything, stories of this nature are fun and writing about him is pleasurable.

Mike Reeder from Pawtucket got his first taste of competitive basketball while in the ninth grade. He had played at the YMCA Boy's Club, and Nathaniel Greene as a youngster. Nathaniel Greene Junior High was used by the Jewish Community Center before it had its modern facilities of today.

Reeder's first coach at the old Pawtucket West High School (now Shea) was Bill Rutledge. Rutledge was on the URI teams back with Ernie Calverly and certainly knew how to win. Reeder played varsity ball at West and later played in a number of men's leagues.

But while Reeder enjoyed moderate success as a player, his refereeing is where he has made his claim to fame.

Everyone has a mentor, and for Reeder, Buster Ianotti broke

him in. Reeder got involved with refereeing by doing somebody a favor. George Labssiere was running a league at the Boy's Club.



Mike Reeder  
Herald photo by Anne Davidson

He asked Reeder to help officiate on a particular Friday evening. He had never done it before but was familiar enough with the game to try. He has never looked back.

After the Friday night game, he was asked to come back on Wednesday.

Since Mike's first game in the '70s, he has done 16 state finals, both boys and girls. Officials for the finals are picked by coaches.

This record is certainly one to be proud of. Officiating is truly a thankless job. You are forever making one side happy and the

other miserable.

Reeder takes a dedicated approach to the game. He is in total control, knows the rules, and uses his talents to their extremes.

I have had the opportunity to have him officiate many games that I have coached over the years. Although there have been times when I would have appreciated a different call, Reeder was right. He has worked countless games and whether it's a youth game, high school or college, he is consistent.

Although Reeder shuns the spotlight, his accomplishments should be noted: past president of the boys board 1989; 1990 president of the girls board; 1990 president of the Rules Interpretation Committee; 1993 appointed to the National Rules Committee; much sought after lecturer on rules interpretation; 18 years on the high school board; co-assigner of officials to prep school games. Although it is always the players and coaches who grab the headlines, some officials in Rhode Island should get some recognition. Reeder has worked with many and was proud to mention Mike Cabral, John Jaworski, Carl La Branche, and Mike Gabarra as officials currently working in Division I.

Legendary Dick Lynch and Ken Walker, who worked NCAA and Atlantic 10, also came out of the officials' fraternity.

Reeder has played an important part in the growth of high school basketball in Rhode Island. His service to sports was highlighted by an induction to the Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988.

Another season of hoops is just around the corner. Mike Reeder will once again showcase his talents throughout the state. If you need to know about the definition of control of a game, you need not look any further than to Mike Reeder. He makes the calls.

Reeder's picks as the best in the upcoming season:

Class A Boys — LaSalle and Bishop Hendricken.

Class A Girls — West Warwick, Ponagansett and St. Raphael's.

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## Bowling Continues to Strike Fun

by Jeffrey L. Goldberg  
Special to the Herald

Week four of the Beth-El Bowling League concluded in high gear. Many of the new bowlers continue to open eyes with terrific scores being rolled. Rick Bloom and Larry Wacks continue to average in the 170s.

Captain Len (I'm here to have fun) Berk must be pleased with his off-season acquisitions. Howie (am I really that noisy?) Rappoport stays in the top 10, and Larry Steingold stays on top in the early going with a 193.4 average.

Last week's High Scores: Larry Steingold, 225 and Joe Goodman, 221.

Team High Single: Shamrocks, 799. Team high series: Shamrocks, 2201.

Most pins over average: Larry Steingold, 146; Joe Goodman, 100.

### Top Five Bowlers

Larry Steingold, 193.4; Benny Diaz, 190.1; Rick Dresler, 189.3; Sy Brooks, 183.3; Barry Rappoport, 182.2.



## Torah Reader

Aryeh Jakobowicz, 17, a Hebrew student from Philadelphia, unrolls his Torah scroll before attending Sukkot services at Providence Hebrew Day School on Friday. Scores of Orthodox Jews converged at the site to participate in the daily prayers during the holiday.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Touro Fraternal Assoc. Plans Upcoming Events

On Sept. 22, Touro Fraternal Association kicked off its 1993-94 season with a "full house" dinner meeting featuring R.I. Attorney Gen. Jeffrey Pine.

On Oct. 20, harmony and friendship lodges present a night at Foxwood's Casino in Ledyard, Conn. The night includes round-trip transportation on board a deluxe motor-coach and Foxwood's famous dinner buffet, all for \$30 per Touro couple or \$20 for non-members accompanying a Touro member.

On Oct. 27, Friendship Lodge will present a complete hot dog and bean dinner featuring guest speaker Doug White, news anchor from WJAR-TV.

Touro will also hold a new member open house Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Touro Fraternal Association, 45 Rolfe Square, Cranston. Call 785-0066 for more information.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Torat Yisrael Announces 'The Jewish Omnibus'

Temple Torat Yisrael announces its Adult Learning Program, "Jewish Omnibus," beginning Oct. 14 at the temple.

Classes will be in Bible, Agadah, Yiddish, spirituality, Israel and G-d with such topics as "Exploring Exodus," led by Rabbi David Rosen, "Views of G-d," led by Rabbi Deborah Gardner Helbraun and "The Struggle for Peace: What now for Israel," led by Yehuda Lev in the first hour.

Second hour classes will include: "Wellness and Spirituality," led by Rabbi Rosen, "Kum Gezintzer Heit Yiddish for Beginners," led by Cantor

Shimon Gewirtz and "Opening the Book of Legends," led by Rabbi Helbraun. All instructors are qualified for the above courses. Rabbi Rosen is the spiritual leader of Temple Torat Yisrael.

Cantor Gewirtz is the hazan of Temple Torat Yisrael. Rabbi Helbraun was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in June, 1993. She is currently teaching in the Torat Yisrael School and elsewhere in Rhode Island.

Lev went to Israel in 1948 to serve in the Israel Army. From 1956 to 1967, he served as director of English language

broadcasts for Israel State Radio in Jerusalem and as a correspondent for CBS. He is currently a columnist for the *Jewish Journal* of Los Angeles.

Jewish Omnibus classes meet on five Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 9, Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18. There will be no class on Nov. 11.

Registration costs \$15 per person for one or two courses. Complimentary refreshments are served between classes. Class registration is open to anyone — Jewish or otherwise — who is interested in learning about Judaism and the Jewish way of life.

Registration takes place from 7:15 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14. For additional information about Jewish Omnibus, contact the temple at 785-1800. The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston.



## Bermuda Bound

Temple Sinai in Cranston is busy planning a fund-raiser that will feature a trip for two to Bermuda. The fund-raiser offers a trip for two, including round-trip limo service to Boston's Logan airport, direct flight to Bermuda, ground transfers, three nights and four days at the Mermad Beach Club Resort, breakfast and dinner daily, tips and taxes. The winner of this getaway gets a choice of the trip for two with \$1,500 in spending money, or the trip for four people (with an additional room), but with no spending money.

Second prize to the drawing is a weekend for two in Boston at the Marriott Long Wharf, including limo service from your home to the hotel and return, breakfast and dinner daily, plus tips and taxes.

Seen here are the committee co-chairmen of the fund-raiser, Marty Woolfson (left) and Peter Cotton, keeping track of ticket sales on the computer.

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## Adult Courses Offered at Agudath Achim

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The class will meet on Wednesday evenings, twice monthly, at the Jewish Community House. The first session will be held Oct. 13. A calendar

and syllabus will be distributed at that session.

The Hebrew session will begin at 7:30 p.m. Basic Judaism will start at 8 p.m. The course is open to both members and nonmembers of the congregation.

Fees will include the cost of textbooks. There will be an \$18 registration fee for nonmembers of the congregation. These courses will serve as partial fulfillment of the requirements for adult bar/bat mitzva.

For further information, call Rabbi Lefkowitz at (508) 822-3230.

## Brown Bag Club to Feature 'The Way We Were'

The JCCRI's Brown Bag Club will show the movie "The Way We Were" on Oct. 12 at noon.

The group meets at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month to hear speakers, discuss current events and take trips.

Barbra Streisand is the Jewish college coed activist and Robert Redford is her non-Jewish love interest in the film.

Toby Rosner of the Bureau of Jewish Education will lead a brief discussion following the movie. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. A \$1 donation is appreciated.

Yiddish Vinkel will follow the Brown Bag Club at 2 p.m.

Contact Evy Rappaport at 861-8800 for additional information about Yiddish Vinkel and/or the Brown Bag Club.

# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Shalom Education Program Will Tackle Tough Subjects

The fall semester of the Adult Education Program of Temple Shalom, the Conservative congregation of Newport County, will commence on Oct. 19 and continue for the next four weeks, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16 at 8 p.m.

The topics are as follows:

**Session one:** "Questions and Answers: The World of the Rabbits" will provide a survey of the legal process in Judaism called Halacha embracing personal, social, national and International relations. A taste of the literature of she'elot u't'shuvot — the responsa literature on such diverse subjects as homosexuality, driving to shul on Shabbat, the ordination of women and whether swordfish is kosher.

**Session two:** "Doing the Right Thing: Jewish Ethics." What is the difference between ethics and Jewish ethics? What are the sources for Jewish ethics? Are there differences between the different branches of Judaism? What does Judaism say about physical and psychological ethics? The session will discuss — interpersonal ethics — relationships between

parent and child, spouses and friends.

**Session three:** "Why Pray? Doesn't G-d Know What We Need?" This session will look at why we pray, how we pray, when we pray and the benefits of prayer.

**Session four:** "Are You Proud to be Jewish, But Not Sure Why?" This session will survey some of the unique contributions Jews have made throughout history and identify the source of our people's extraordinary vitality.

**Session five:** "Celluloid Judaism — Tuesday Night at the Movies." How does Hollywood define Judaism? Why are there so many Jews in the industry? How do Jewish films influence world perception of Jewish tradition? Excerpts from films will be presented.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner will serve as instructor for all courses. Registration can be made by phoning the temple office at 846-9002 and will be accepted on the first evening of classes.

There is a registration fee of \$15 for temple members and \$20 for non-temple members.

## Singles to Hear Tony Petrarca

Tony Petrarca will speak at the Simcha Single's bagel brunch on Oct. 10 at 10:45 a.m. at the temple.

Petrarca works for Channel 12 as a meteorologist. His topic of discussion will be "Why I Became a Meteorologist and the Fascination of this Science."

Petrarca is a native of Rhode Island. He attended Toll Gate High School in Warwick and received his bachelor of science degree in meteorology from Lyndon State College in Vermont.

Besides working as Channel 12 meteorologist weekdays for the morning and noon news, Petrarca has been the local host for the annual Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

He is active in many local charities including Wish Come True Inc., Muscular Dystrophy, Rhode Island Cardiac Children and the Leukemia Society. Donation to the brunch is \$5. Simcha Singles is open to all Jewish singles 35 and older.

The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston (opposite Roger Williams Park). For information, contact Sid at 751-1264 or Judy at 943-7272.



## In the Swing

Wayne Demsey of Danvers, Mass., thrills the audience with some fancy clarinet playing at the Kadima concert at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket Sunday. Demsey also plays alto and soprano saxophone for the quintet.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley



## A Class Act

Singer Joanne Mouradian entertains a packed auditorium comprised of Leisure Club members at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday. Diana Smirnov served as accompanist and Irina Matt directed and arranged the program that included Hebrew and American "Golden Oldies" from the past.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## AARP Safe Driving Course Offered

Seniors interested in participating in the American Association of Retired Persons' "55 Alive" safe driving course are invited to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, on Oct. 13 and 14 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The course is open to people aged 50 or older, whether or not they are an AARP member. The cost of the course is \$8 per person and checks should be made payable to the AARP.

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## Sons of Jacob Sets Services

Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue announces its service schedule for the upcoming holidays:

Oct. 7, Shimini Azteres: Shacharis, 8:30 a.m.; Yizkor, 10 a.m.; Mincha, 6 p.m. (candle-lighting at 7 p.m.); Maariv and Hakalos, 7 p.m.

Oct. 8, Simchat Torah: Shacharis, 8:30 a.m.; Mincha, 5:55 p.m. (candlelighting at 5:55 p.m.); Maariv, 6:55 p.m.

Oct. 9, Shabbos Bereshis: Shacharis, 8:30 a.m.; Mincha,

5:55 p.m.; Maariv (Shabbos ends), 7 p.m.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



Mikhail Yanovitsky  
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## Pianist to Perform at Temple Beth-El

Mikhail Yanovitsky, 28-year-old Russian pianist, winner of the 1991 Young Concert Artists International Award, will be a guest of the Temple Beth-El Benefactors on Oct. 19 at 8 p.m.

Yanovitsky's many honors include the 1991 Bruce Hungerford Memorial Prize, the Richmond Symphony Soloist Prize and the first prize in the Miriam Klausner International Competition.

During 1992-93, Yanovitsky made his concerto and recital debuts in Japan. His engagements in the United States included appearances as soloist with the Reno Chamber Orchestra in Nevada, the Santa Barbara Symphony in California and in New York with the Little Orchestra Society.

Yanovitsky's program will include Mozart's Sonata in A Minor, K. 310, Beethoven's Sonata N. 13 in E-Flat Major, and Hindemith's Sonata No. 3.

Yanovitsky was born in Leningrad and began piano studies with his mother. He later attended Leningrad's special music school for gifted children. He has performed as soloist with Soviet orchestras including the Moscow Philharmonic, the Leningrad Chamber Orchestra, and the Leningrad Chamber Orchestra.

## Torat Yisrael's Stained Glass Wall Installed

After many months of planning, designing, fabricating and completing the new endowment wall at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, members of the Memorials/Endowment Committee have seen the fruits of their labor delivered into the synagogue's lobby for final preparation and installation.

Designed by temple member Harold Tregar, the "jewel" is actually multi-faceted stained glass measuring about 6 feet in diameter. Each separate facet will contain the name of an endowment established by members of the congregation. The entire wall will be back-lit to enhance the various colors.

Lynn F. Marin of Seraphim Stained Glass studios in North Kingstown was commissioned to fabricate the wall, using Tregar's original design.

After Marin's intricate work was finished, her entire piece weighing hundreds of pounds had to be secured within a frame and then secured to the wall and wired for lighting. John Devine and Carol Gerold

of NorthEast Sign Co. in Chepachet took on this responsibility and created the framework needed to enclose and suspend the stained glass jewel.

Nobody had ever created such a wall before and the magic of synergism took place as all the pieces in this artwork began to come together to create the endowment wall.

The temple is planning a formal dedication of this wall on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m., just prior to the weekly Shabbat service in the main sanctuary. An invitation to families who have established endowments, committee members, officers, board members and guests will be sent from the congregation.

The entire project has been underwritten by the generosity of two temple families, Muriel and Aaron Davis, and Hope and Alan Pearlman.

The Memorials/Endowment Committee invites all temple members and all others in the community to join in the evening's festivities to celebrate, to dedicate and to meditate.

## Emanu-El Launches Campaign

The Officers of Temple Emanu-El announce the beginning of the temple's endowment campaign, "L'dor V'dor — From Generation to Generation."

The principal goal of this campaign will be to ensure the synagogue's future vitality.

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## Men's Club Sponsoring CPR Course

Temple Am David's Men's Club is sponsoring a CPR course, conducted by Chief Joseph Simas of the Warwick Fire Department EMT on Oct. 17, 24 and 31. All three classes must be attended to receive certification.

The course will be offered at

the Temple Am David Social Hall, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The cost for the course is \$20 and includes breakfast. Reservations are required by Oct. 12, 1993.

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## Association Names New Leaders

The elected leaders of Touro Fraternal Association for 1993-94 are as follows: (seated from left) Barry Shaw, board member; Stephan Labush, treasurer, Friendship Lodge; Michael Mitchell, association secretary; Milton Bronstein, board member; Allan Gouso, board member; Simon Chorney, past chairman of the board.

Second row, from left: Robert Miller, board member; Michael Smith, board member; Nathan Lury, vice chairman of the board; Arthur Poulsen, chairman of the board; Rodney Locke, board member; Ronald Berman, secretary, Friendship Lodge; Charles Dressler, vice president, Friendship Lodge.

Third row, from left: Joseph Shapiro, board member; Gerald Hodosh, association treasurer; Morton Coken, board member; Peter Traugott, board member; Stephen Stolzberg, secretary, Harmony Lodge; Judah Rosen, association chaplain; Alan Hochman, president, Harmony Lodge; Andrew Lamchick, board member and president, Friendship Lodge; Peter Hodosh, treasurer, Harmony Lodge.

Board members Robert Hodosh and Irving Wolpert were not present when the photo was taken.

# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## R.I. Teacher Witnesses the Turmoil in Russia

by Omar Bradley  
Herald Assistant Editor

A Riverside Junior High School math teacher — who is in Moscow attending a mathematics conference — witnessed tracer fire between Russian President Boris Yeltsin's military forces and protesters from the 11th floor of her Cosmos Hotel room in Moscow on Monday.

Lynn Rakatansky, a mathematics teacher from Riverside Junior High School attending the United States/Russia Joint Conference on Mathematics Education, called her father, Ira, at 4:30 p.m. Monday (12:30 a.m. Moscow time) to assure her family of her safety.

Rakatansky, a seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher, is the daughter of Ira and Lenore Gray of Providence.

"We were relieved to hear that she was doing well," her father told the *Herald* on Tuesday. Both parents spent many hours worrying about their daughter's safety until her call arrived.

The fighting took place three-quarters of a mile from her hotel; a blackout was instituted to protect hotel guests from being targeted by the protesters. But despite having been so close to some of the worst fighting — according to news reports — since the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917, Rakatansky told her father that she and her colleagues were not harmed.

The teacher told her father that she feels exhilarated by the people she is with, and feels the program is well worth the effort — despite the conflict. She said she looks forward to being in

## Sons of Jacob Plans Gala

On the 97th year of the founding of the Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue, Jack Levin, who has been a consistent supporter, his sister, Lillian Coleman, and their families, will present a Sefer Torah and crown on behalf of their late parents, brother Max, and Sylvia Young Cohen Levin to our synagogue.

"This presentation is a most unique and special occasion," noted Harold Silverman, president of the synagogue. "To my knowledge, there has not been such a personal bequest in many years."

In celebration of this event, the community is invited to a celebration on Oct. 17 at the synagogue, 24 Douglas Ave., Providence. There will be many invited guests, dignitaries, speakers, music, entertainment and refreshments.

The Sons of Jacob is the second oldest active Orthodox synagogue in Rhode Island and is recognized on the United States and Rhode Island Historical Registers of Historical Buildings.

A guided tour and brief history will be given. Festivities will begin at 1 p.m.

class with Russian students, her father said. She also told him that she delivered her presentation on Monday and was planning to travel to Minsk, Belarus, on Thursday.

Four years ago, Rakatansky and seven Riverside teachers were flown to Flint, Mich. — thanks to a \$20,000 grant from Workforce 2000 — to learn about the special program sponsored by General Motors Institute (G.M.I.) and the University of Michigan. "Tune-In Math and Science" is a special math course beamed via satellite from Flint, Mich., covering Algebra I and Basic Math I that Rakatansky taped to use in her

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## Balfour Declaration

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swans and herons in the marshlands. I cut him with "Look, the first turtle, on the driftwood log!" stretching out my arm for the small fry to see.

David Balfour went on. "The river hasn't really changed very much over the years, but the town goes on." The dead screens of the Lonsdale Drive-In loom ghost-like. Phantom bands in the morning mist of cleanup crews doing tikken olam greet us like Indians. They're gathering up the throw-away junk of today, and hunt for the antique flossam and jetsam of yesterday.

"Who knows what people long ago may have left behind when they took off for something better?"

My son wore my denim jacket and I shivered in shirt sleeves in the chilly breeze. We stepped off the barge, drove back to town, and let the mirage evaporate. We'll go back to check out the foliage by the Explorer in Woonsocket next month. If all's well, kineinhora, baruch hashem.

## Kosher Meal Site Adds 'Music Appreciation' to Weekly Activities

The JCCRI's kosher meal site will begin a new late morning music appreciation on Fridays, beginning Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to noon. Seniors are invited to join the group and enjoy music tapes of opera, classical and Yiddish music.

Other kosher meal site events for the week of Oct. 8 to 15 include:

- VCR Program, "The Glass of the 20th Century — 1968-1970," on Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to noon.

- Part I of the VCR movie, "A Stranger Among Us," a story about Hassidic life and customs, on Oct. 12 from 10:45 a.m. to noon.

The center will be closed on Oct. 8 due to Simchat Torah.

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



FROM RIVERSIDE TO RUSSIA — Seventh-grade math teacher Lynn Rakatansky poses with her class prior to leaving for Russia recently to attend a United States/Russian Joint Conference on Mathematics Education in Moscow. The two-week conference was planned for by 100 American and several hundred Russian math educators.

Herald photo by Omar Bradley

## Touro Synagogue Kicks Off Adult Education Program

The annual Adult Education Program at Touro Synagogue of Newport will start on Oct. 13. Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro, the spiritual leader of the congregation, will be the instructor for all of the courses.

Registrations are now being accepted in the synagogue office. The fall term will commence with the popular "Hebrew Reading Crash Course," which will be held on six consecutive Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

This free course is open to the public, and is co-sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program. It is aimed at teaching the basics of reading Hebrew, with the goal of future participation in synagogue services and for advanced Hebrew, Bible and language study.

An advanced Hebrew con-

versation/literature class will be conducted on Monday evenings, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., starting Oct. 18.

Also on Monday evenings, a new unique course, entitled "Halachic Responses to Today's Challenges," will investigate in depth several basic principles of Judaism and to see how they relate to many current social issues. Some of these controversial areas include abortion, birth control, homosexuality and business ethics. This course will be given on Monday evenings, from 8 to 9 p.m., also starting on Oct. 18.

The Monday courses involve a \$10 donation to the Touro Synagogue Charity Fund. All of these courses are open to the community and will be held in the Touro Jewish Community Center, 85 Touro St., at the corner of Division Street. For

further information or registration, contact the Touro Synagogue office at 847-4794.

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# OBITUARIES

## LEAH LITCHMAN

**PAWTUCKET** — Leah Litchman, 87, of the Slater Health Center, Gill Avenue, a sales clerk for the Outlet Co., Providence, for 25 years before retiring, died Monday at the center. She was the widow of Robert Litchman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Robert and Hannah Lerner, she had also lived in Warwick for 13 years. She also lived for a year at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence.

Litchman was a former member of the Shalom Tenants Association, Warwick. She was a member of Hadassah, and a former member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was an original member of the Jewish Home for the Aged Comprehensive Day Care Program and served in the program for 10 years. She had been a member of the original Congregation Sons of Abraham.

She leaves a son, Allen Litchman of Providence; a sister, Miriam Rosenberg of Miami, Fla.; two brothers, George Lerner of Providence, Samuel Lerner of East Providence, and a granddaughter.

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

## LENA MILLER

**NEW BEDFORD, Mass.** — Lena Miller, 96, a resident of The Oaks nursing home in New Bedford, Mass., died there on Oct. 1. Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Annie (Rosen-

berg) Miller.

She had resided in New Bedford since she was a child. She had worked at New Bedford retail stores as a saleslady for many years and worked there 20 years at the former Lincoln Department Store, retiring at age 65.

Miller had been a member of Menorah Rebekah Lodge of Boston. She was a 57-year member of Wamsutta Grange, honorary member of Smith Mills Grange and Old Colony South Pomona Grange, being a member of state and national granges for more than 60 years. She was a member of the Jewish Convalescent Home of New Bedford.

She is survived by one niece, Shirley Howitt, of Seekonk, Mass.; one nephew, Lawrence Bertman of Cranston, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A graveside funeral service took place Oct. 3 at Plainville Cemetery in New Bedford. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## DAVID NEMTZOW

**PORTSMOUTH** David Nemtzw, 73, of 121 Belmont Drive, an optometrist at 499 Broadway, Newport, for 40 years, died Sept. 30 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. He was the husband of Sheryllyn (Pelletier) Nemtzw.

Born in Newport, a son of the late Abraham and Sophie (Newman) Nemtzw, he moved to Portsmouth in 1990.

Nemtzw was a 1941 graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the Medical

Corps with the rank of second lieutenant. He was a member of Temple Shalom, Middletown. He was a member of the Greater Tiverton Community Chorus, and had sung with the Swanhurst Choir, Newport. He was a founding member of the Newport Concert Band and was active in the beautification of the Point area, Newport.

Besides his wife he leaves four daughters, Kristen Dupuis, and Jann Dean, both of Newport, Monique Kelly of Eters, Pa., and Lisa Nemzo of Lopez Island, Wash.; a brother, Simon Nemzow of Providence; two sisters, Dorothy Lippman of Providence, Beatrice Shore of Narragansett, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday at Temple Shalom, Valley Road. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

## J. RAYMOND STERNBACH

**WEST WARWICK** — J. Raymond Sternbach, 78, of 25 Pond St., died Tuesday at Ellenville Community Hospital, Ellenville, N.Y. He was the husband of the late Dorothy (Frank) Sternbach.

Born in West Warwick, he was a son of the late Abraham and Minnie (Markel) Sternbach.

Sternbach was a graduate of the former Rhode Island Radio School, Providence. For 58 years, he and his brother, Maurice Sternbach, owned the former Sternbach's Co., a fuel oil firm in West Warwick. He was the husband of the late Dorothy (Frank) Sternbach.

He leaves a sister, Florence Futersak of Warwick, and two brothers, Maurice Sternbach of West Warwick, and Harold Sternbach of Kingston. He was brother of the late S. Marvin Sternbach.

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

## PETER STRELOW

**NORTH MIAMI BEACH,**

Fla. — Peter Strelow, 101, a former resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, died Sept. 29 at Hampton Court. He was the husband of the late Mollie (Russian) Strelow.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Moses and Thurbe Strelow, he lived in Providence for many years before moving to Florida six weeks ago.

Strelow was an Army veteran of World War I and served in France. For 46 years, he owned the former New York Tailoring and Furrier Co., formerly on Camp Street, and then Hope Street. He was a former member of Congregation Mishkon Tiloh, Providence. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of America, Post 23. He was a member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

He leaves three daughters, Thelma Morrison of Providence, Ethel Lowenstein of Cranbury, N.J., and Martha Gross of Lynbrook, Long Island, N.Y.; a son, Haskell Strelow of Providence; seven grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

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

## JEANNETTE A. TOLL

**MIDDLETOWN** — Jeannette A. Toll, 77, of 9 Admiralty

Drive, died Sunday at Newport Hospital.

Born in Newport, a daughter of the late Max and Dora (Teitz) Toll, she moved to Middletown in 1980.

Toll was a secretary for the former S. Adelson Co., Newport, for 40 years before retiring in 1976.

She leaves a sister, Frances Toll of New York. She leaves a friend, Bernard J. Higgins of Middletown. She was sister of the late Dorothy Winton, and Pauline de Baryshe.

The funeral was held Monday at the Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery.

## ESTA YARLAS

**EAST GREENWICH** — Esta Yarlas, 54, of 300 Sixth Ave., died Monday at Kent County Memorial Hospital.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Max and Bessie (Peskin) Yarlas, she lived in Warwick for many years before moving to East Greenwich last year.

She leaves an aunt, Pauline Kaufman of Cranston, and three cousins, Stephen Yarlas of Narragansett, Stuart Yarlas of Warwick, and Donald Yarlas of Wilmington, Del.

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

## Invitation to a Dedication

The monument "for those who have no graves" will be dedicated on Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Cantor Brian Mayer and Ritual Director Edward O. Adler, who also serves as secretary to Holocaust Survivors of Rhode Island, will lead the ceremony. Representatives of second and third generation survivors will also participate.

"I used to go to the cemetery on the prescribed days in the Jewish year with no stone at which to direct the prayers. I would say them at the site of a person who happened to have

the same first name as my father, or my brother. Now, like others, I will have a place to go."

Adler, who researched the appropriate inscriptions and made contact with the stone cutter, said these words to help explain the purpose of the new marker. "I urge the survivors to come to this event."

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## Turmoil in Russia

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classes. The grant allowed the school to install a satellite dish on its roof to receive the institute's math and science courses. The program is broadcast three times a week live to a classroom television and allows students to actually call the instructor in Michigan to answer their questions concerning math problems.

**"We were relieved to hear that she was doing well."**

Ira Gray

But Rakatansky took it upon herself to fly out to Michigan several times on her own, according to Riverside Principal Howard Levine. "She is a dedicated teacher who comes to school every day, does home tutoring for students and the kids love her," the principal said. If a student is out sick, he or she can easily catch up because Rakatansky tapes the lessons — all 80 of them — in a math library. Yet Levine admitted that it's the veteran math teacher's devotion and genuine love for her work that has drawn the students to love and trust her, Levine said.

"I enjoy teaching math very much and also get an opportunity to introduce English while teaching students," Rakatansky said the day before leaving for Moscow.

The program is manipulative for students. Rather than give them the rule — follow a formula — they are really learning by doing," the 18-year veteran teacher said. It was her dedication to the program that won her approval by G.M.I. to make the program presentation at the conference.

The math conference — which began Oct. 3 — is sponsored by the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People International and was founded by President Dwight Eisenhower. The purpose of the program is to link up professionals from different countries.

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derful storekeepers who collect marvelous things by artists and craftspeople and offer them to us in their lovely private rooms on our streets, they must hate to see me coming. I look, touch, admire, and then take home a bookmark, a postcard, a lapel pin. Windowshoppers depend like parasites on the true shopper to keep my friends in business.

In other ways I do my share. I mean I keep the wine merchants going. I go to the movies. I buy books. For me, the guys and the gals who keep the town going, though, are the ones who sell beauty and truth. I pray at the start of the new season of shopping that the city people will discover what a wonderful community they are and keep them thriving.

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## Meetings

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The recent meeting between Isi Leibler, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jews, and PLO representative Ali Kazak focused on the need to encourage dialogue between Australian Jews and Muslims and on ways in which Australians and the Australian government could support projects that would provide economic assistance to the Middle East.

In Belgium, PLO representative Chawki Armali met with the Jewish community and, for more than an hour, took part in a radio show organized by the Belgian Jewish radio station, Radio Judaica.

The Jewish audience, which did not conceal its concern and distrust, listened carefully to Armali's declarations.

"My presence here among you proves the reality of the psychological shock caused by the Israel-PLO agreement," he said.

He explained that the PLO wants to build a society that is pluralist, democratic and respectful of human rights.

Armali also stressed the need to continue to explain the Palestine agreement to the Palestinians "in order to stop violence and to counter the extremists such as Hamas."

Contributing to this report were JTA correspondents Jeremy Jones in Sydney, Australia, and Joseph Kopel in Brussels.

Correspondents wanted: 724-0200

## Correction

An announcement appearing in the Sept. 30 issue for Hadassah incorrectly identified one of the co-chairwomen for an Oct. 4 program.

Stella Pollock was co-chairwoman of the program.

We regret any confusion this may have caused Stella Pollock or our readers.

## Offer Made on Home

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to Jane Sprague, spokeswoman for the home.

Friedman's original offer to run the home, which came in the form of an Aug. 31 letter to home President Saul Zeichner, indicated that he would cover the first \$150,000 in deficit, "should there be a deficit."

However, Pearlman said, "The worst inference was made of that" and Friedman, in this formal proposal, has put a cap on that figure; he stressed that this would come at "no cost to the federation."

Meanwhile, as of press time, nine residents remain at the Jewish Home awaiting placement at other facilities, according to Robert DiCenso, acting administrator in charge of closing the Jewish Home.

Last week, a Superior Court judge denied the Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home a court order to keep the home from closing. The home will officially close once the census falls below six residents, or by Oct. 31, whichever comes first, state officials said.

However, now with a formal proposal in hand, the group to re-open the home will try again to keep the facility open at a hearing set for Oct. 12 with Judge Ronald Gagnon at Superior Court.

While Pearlman said he received a draft of this proposal

last week, no draft was ever forwarded to or received by anyone associated officially with the home, according to Sprague. "They received nothing last week," she said.

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