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New R.I. Partnership Applies to Buy Home

by Anne S. Davidson
Herald Editor

Just as the two remaining Jewish Home residents awaited transfer Tuesday, the state Department of Health received an application to buy the facility. Antonio L. Giordano, identified as one of the biggest delinquent borrowers in last year's banking scandal, filed an application with the state Division of Health Systems Development to buy the Jewish Home and acquire its license, according to state officials. Under the original application filed Tuesday afternoon, Giordano listed a company he owns outright, Consultants Inc., as the purchaser.

However, the *Herald* has learned that Giordano filed an amendment to the application late Wednesday morning listing the purchaser as "Hillside Health Center Associates, L.P., a Rhode Island limited partnership," the amendment reads. As of press time, the amendment had yet to be accepted or rejected, said Michael K. Dexter, health economics specialist for

the health department's Division of Health Systems Development. "My understanding is that Hillside Health Center Associates ... was created within the past couple of days," Dexter added.

The Jewish Home would be called Hillside Health Center, and would be run as a for-profit facility, officials said. Giordano reportedly has plans to operate part of the facility as a kosher home. Dexter said the application filed Tuesday was ambiguous as to exactly who the applicant was, "because it mentioned

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Michael Dexter

three parties — Consultants Incorporated, or its assigns, and it also mentioned Hillside Health Center Associates, L.P." The amendment submitted Wednesday named Hillside Health Center Associates, L.P., as the official applicant.

Consultants Inc. is a general partner in Hillside Health Center Associates, and Giordano is the sole owner of Consultants Inc., the amendment reads.

Giordano could not be reached

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'We Love Bugs'

First-grade teacher Melissa Conway encourages her students to name the various parts of a spider as part of a weeklong, up-close look at the creatures at Providence Hebrew Day School. "We love bugs in this class," Conway tells a visitor. The class wrote spider poems and learned a spider song.

Herald photo by Anne Davidson

RISD Professor Witnesses Anti-Semitism in Germany

by Taylor Holland
Herald Reporter

Rhode Island School of Design English Professor Bill Brown shared his reflections and observations of a year spent in Germany as a Junior Fulbright Scholar, Sunday morning at the Brown/RISD Hill House, in Providence.

Brown spoke for 90 minutes about the burgeoning neo-Nazi and fascist movements throughout Europe and the United States and the respective press coverage, the similarities and differences in the German and American way of life and searching for his roots in Eastern Europe.

When Brown arrived in Ger-

many in September, 1992, neo-Nazi uprisings had been steadily increasing since the Rostock riots in August, 1991. To illustrate his point, he passed out copies of a German newspaper clipping with a picture of a Jewish cemetery desecrated by neo-Nazis shortly after they had marched through the streets chanting "die Jews."

Brown went on to provide startling statistics, saying so far in 1993, more than 1,400 separate attacks have occurred on Jews in Germany.

"And it is a steadily increasing rate," Brown said. "In 1992, 80 Jewish cemeteries were desecrated ... which is equal to the number of desecrations in the five years before the Nazis took over ... to give you an idea of how serious this [situation] might be."

While at a meeting of the Fulbright Commission in March of this year in Berlin, Brown mentioned his distaste for the German situation to his colleagues.

Isaid, "The worst thing about my year [in Germany] has been reading the newspapers," he said. "And not only reading about Nazi violence and fascist violence in Germany, but all over Europe."

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Israel's Consul General Visits R.I. for the First Time

by Alison Smith
Herald Reporter

The new consul general of Israel to Boston, Dan Kyram, had a most attentive audience when he visited the Providence Hebrew Day School Monday on his first trip to Rhode Island.

The children sang the national anthem of Israel, directed and accompanied by Rabbi Mordechai Fried, music director and teacher at the school. Then Rabbi Daniel Goodman introduced their guest.

The consul told the children that the land where a consulate stands becomes, historically, part of the consulate's homeland. In Boston, the consulate represents a small piece of Israeli soil. He said that he tries to bring that extension of Israel

with him wherever he goes, to share with others. He ended his address by saying he hoped all the children present would eventually go to Israel, if not as settlers, then perhaps as visitors.

A question-and-answer period followed, and the children's questions ranged from "How do Arab and Israeli children get along with each other?" to "Does the PLO have any money?"

Kyram listened carefully to each question, repeated it over the microphone if necessary, and answered thoughtfully and clearly.

Rabbi Goodman, in closing the ceremony, gave the consul a token of the school's esteem and love for Israel. Every student

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A PART OF ISRAEL — Dan Kyram, center, the new Israeli consul general to Boston, stops outside the Providence Hebrew Day School for a word with Rabbi Daniel Goodman, right, Monday morning after meeting with students. This was the consul general's first visit to Rhode Island.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Talk to Highlight American Women in War and Peace

Marie Dick will give a historical talk entitled "American Women in War and Peace" at the Barrington Public Library on Nov. 7, at 2 p.m.

The talk, illustrated by models wearing costumes from a variety of eras from the Colonial period to the present day, is to be followed by a reception with refreshments.

World War I veterans will be honored with certificates during this event as well. Free and open to all, the program is cosponsored by the Rhode Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Barrington Public Library.

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The videos are for loan for the standard two-day period. For more information, contact the Reference Services Department at 455-8005.

Consul-General

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had made a donation to be put toward the purchase of an ambulance in Israel.

The consul's school visit was brief — 15 minutes — as he had a hectic schedule planned.

On this, his first visit ever to Rhode Island, Kyram met with the governor and lieutenant governor. "We discussed pos-

sible economic ties between Rhode Island and Israel," the consul told the *Herald*. He also met with the leadership of the Jewish community and said he had lunch with the publisher of the *Providence Journal*.

The consul general of Boston is appointed by the Israeli minister of foreign affairs for a three- or four-year tour of duty. Kyram began his tour of duty two and a half months ago.

But this isn't Kyram's first time in America. He served in Washington, D.C., between 1982 and 1986 at the embassy, and between 1974 and 1979 in the Israeli Consulate in Chicago.

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Education, Human Services Is Focus of URI's Lecture

What can be done to reclaim the one child in four who is in jeopardy of failing school?

Atelia Melaville, a senior research associate at the Center for the Study of Social Policy, Washington, D.C., has a few ideas.

A proponent of creating a collaborative partnership between America's educational and social service systems to address critical issues such as poverty, premature parenthood, substance abuse, unemployment and homelessness, Melaville will share her ideas for a more pro-family educational system at URI's 20th annual Finkelstein Lecture.

The lecture will take place today, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. in Barry Marks Auditorium, the Social Science Building, URI's Kingston Campus.

Melaville became interested in service delivery and co-ordination issues after conducting extensive work with children and their families in a variety of settings. As a caseworker, community organizer, administrator, teacher, and teacher educator, she has experienced first-hand the problems that young people and families face, the need for better coordination between social services and educational systems, and the barriers that make coordination so difficult.

Melaville is the author of *What It Takes: Structuring Inter-agency Partnerships to Connect Children and Families with Comprehensive Services*, a widely used primer on community-based collaboration. She is also the principal author of *Together We Can: A Guide for Crafting a Pro-Family System of Education and Human Services*, published jointly by the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services this year.

The Finkelstein Lecture Series was established in 1973 in honor of the late Robert Finkelstein, a noted Rhode Island industrialist and staunch believer in state and federal support of elementary and secondary education. He served as co-chairman of the Public School Association, chairman of the Committee to Protect and Strengthen Public Schools, and president of the Citizens Association for Public Schools.

In 1966, Finkelstein and his wife, Augusta P. Finkelstein, were honored by the Rhode Island Citizens Association for Public Schools, both given the title of president emeritus. The free lecture series is funded by Augusta Finkelstein and is open to the public.

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OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Francisco Goldman, author of *The Long Night of White Chickens*, will return to The Little Professor Bookstore, 519 Main St., Providence, on Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m., for a reading from his book.

Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne will speak on "The Four Crises in American Politics" at the Salomon Center for Teaching, Room 101, on Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is free, and open to the public.

A six-week **Healthy Back Program** will be sponsored by the Pawtucket YMCA, starting Nov. 2. To register, or for information on times and fees, call the Family YMCA at 727-7900.

Bradley Hospital will sponsor a panel discussion on **surviving childhood sexual abuse** Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at Rhode Island College. Preregistration is required; call Bonnie Braga at 434-3400, ext. 161.

Safe Place, a support group for people suffering from the suicide of a friend or relative, will meet every Tuesday in November at The Samaritans Center, 2 Magee St., Providence, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; call 272-4516.

The Hope Center for Life Enhancement will present an **educational program on cancer pain management** on Nov. 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Church, 24 Orchard Place, Providence; call 454-0404.

The East Bay Coalition will hold a **macaroni supper** on Nov. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Cup Defender's Association Wood Street in Bristol. Proceeds will go to the East Bay Coalition for the Homeless transitional housing program; call 437-1000.

The Class of 1978 of Cranston High School East is holding its 15-year **reunion** on Nov. 27, from 7 p.m. to midnight, at Johnson and Wales Airport Hotel; call Cindy Whelan at 942-1156 or write to Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 8303, Cranston, R.I. 02920.

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FEATURE

Henry and Pat

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Henry steps into the inner sanctum behind the wall of mirrors at my barber. "Instead of trimming your beard, you should take it off. It makes you look old. A brow is human, but a beard is bestial." I can't answer, because the scissors snip at my jugular area.

Henry goes on in a rich, clear voice, mixing an Austrian and an Italian accent. He works on his Italian with Stefano my coiffeur, and stops himself to ask if a word needs "lo" and "la." Henry was born a Jew in Vienna, took refuge for more than a decade in Rome, and has reached beyond his 80th birthday here in the Hope Street neighborhood.

I used to see him on the Hope Street line, laden with large volumes. He would take the seat beside me and make those speeches over and again.

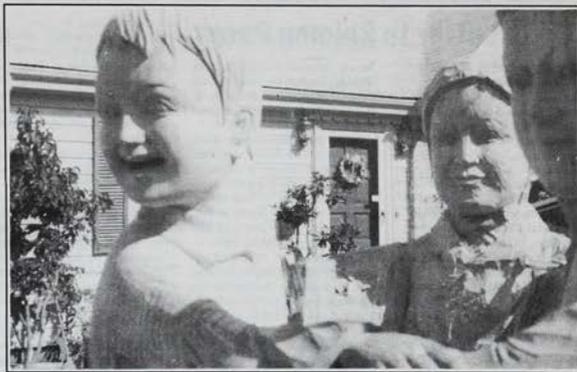
"I didn't choose my religion. G-d created the world and says that it was good. But I don't agree. I have a cat, an admirable creature. Still, she kills little mice

and brings them to me. It's her nature. You could argue, otherwise mice would over-run the land. But what kind of a good G-d would shape such a cruel order and then sit back and say it's something he likes?"

Henry looks at me, covered in white and surrounded by mirrors, symbols of reflection and thought. "Think of the terror and horror of the tiny victims. But the Buddha, he knew the Buddha, he knew the Buddha, he taught that our task is to lessen the pain in the world." When I'm through with my bi-weekly cropping, I shake Henry's hand and say, "Henry you're a philosopher. It's an honor to hear you ponder the great questions." Then he goes out to the bus stop, on his way to buy or borrow books on eastern religions from bookstores and libraries around town. I used to see him on the Hope Street line, laden with large volumes. He would take the seat beside me and make those speeches over and again.

I would then take up arms against his sea of troubles. "Henry, you take the Torah too harshly. The plan down the line is for lion and lamb to make up like brothers."

Stefano picks up the morning paper as I put on my jacket and cap. "Henry hates to see me read the Journal. Why don't you



A SPELL OF TIMBER — These happy children are carved into an oak tree trunk in the Hope Street yard of Pat Feinstein.

Herald photo by Mike Fink

take up a more worthwhile text? he orders me." Stefano sighs.

So Henry, with that devil of a name and fork of a tongue, is really a gentle prophet in disguise. All he says is, rise and shine.

Down the gentle incline of Hope Street, a Buddhist lady from Thailand has embraced Judaism. Pat Feinstein keeps her lovely home and office almost at the Pawtucket line. She practices child psychiatry in a bungalow surrounded by the most elegant garden with a special feature by now famous far and near. An oak blighted by hurricanes hid inside its trunk a group of happy children under a spell of timber.

You know what I mean. A Korean sculptor named Kim chiseled and carved the elegant

figures of happy children from within the broken tree. I snapped a few shots and went indoors to talk with Dr. Pat. "My husband Alan Shawn, he saw that philanthropy wasn't just a Jewish trait. In my Thai family, we share our burdens and pay for each other's needs. We gave our children a bar and bat mitzvah, but Buddhism isn't jealous. Giving is a blessing we do together."

"Maybe Eden looked like a Zen garden. You've brought Eden to Eighth Street," I nod politely to Pat as I get up and go my way.

I smile to myself and murmur a phrase that I like to mumble: "I've changed this signpost from Hope Street to The Silk Road." And on I move about my business.

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A Personal Brand of Humor



by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"I just want to go on doing what I do best. Not drive a cab, but draw."

Bernie Aronson shows me some sketches that have come out in the "Outdoors" section of the *Sunday Journal*. He reaches across the cafe table and hands me a packet of note cards. He created a line called "Peeves 'N Pets."

"If you show them around too much, somebody's going to steal your designs. They'll smuggle the group to Hong Kong, and leave you high and dry. But, if you don't let anybody at all know what you're doing, how are you ever hoping to sell it and make your living?"

I nod my head sagely and offer, "It's the dilemma of every artist." I recall Bernie from years ago. In a way, people don't change over the decades. Bernie, a good sport and a good sort, smiles with the same lively good-natured eyes and even lips, now tucked behind a dark lumberjack sort of beard. He'd look just right for "Northern Exposure."

Like Bernie's slight touch about himself and about our job in life. "I'm not really computer literate," he confides. "I wouldn't be able to compete with youngsters in today's marketplace," he notes modestly. "The Anonims

have two grown children. But the snapshot Bernie takes from his billfold shows me the portrait (Continued on Page 10)

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OPINIONS

Open Letter to Shimon Peres

by Dr. M. R. Lehmann
Honorable Sir:
Your recent appearance in New York evoked a great deal of resentment, as you know. It was not, however, just the "Orthodox" who were incensed, as the Israeli paper reported. It was practically everyone who attended the sadly remembered session at the Presidents' Conference — ranging from B'nai B'rith, WIZO, ADL, Agudah to your Reform friends.

Why the outrage at what you said? Because, in effect, you renounced Zionism: Zionism, since its founding, has striven for the re-establishment of a Jewish state, Eretz Yisrael. The Balfour Declaration of 1917 acknowledged this, and even applied this aim to the whole of what was then Palestine, including today's Jordan. Since 1948 this state is called Israel.

Yet, at the unfortunate meeting in New York, you cried out to questioners who worried about the future security of

Israeli citizens: "Your children and grandchildren will live in Eretz Pelishtim, like our forefather Abraham did. He lived in a Palestinian state."

With this outrageous statement you effectively declared that you no longer work for a Jewish state or Medina, Eretz Yisrael, but for a Palestinian state, called by a name which ceased to exist some 3,000 years ago: Eretz Pelishtim!

The affront of this declaration for Jews in current times was equalled by the ignorance of Jewish history it reflects. Unless it was meant as a bad joke, it was an insult to the intelligence of those attending the meeting.

Even a first-grade child in Hebrew school knows what happened to Abraham, as the lone sojourner, among the Pelishtim: They tried to destroy his family by seizing Sara, his wife. They tried to destroy the source of his livelihood by stealing his wells.

Is that the future you have in

mind for us and our children? Must our school children remind you that even while the solitary Abraham and his family were languishing under oppression by the Pelishtim, they were given G-d's eternal promise that they would inherit that whole land?

The Pelishtim of the past were never less hostile to Jews than the Palestinians are now. Take the story of Samson, the Jewish judge who tried so hard to fraternize with the Pelishtim. What did they do? They plotted unceasingly to destroy him, so that he repeatedly had to respond to cries of "Pelishtim aleycha Shimshon!" — "The Pelishtim are upon you, Samson!"

Attack on the Jewish Religion
But you not only renounced Zionism, you also insulted Jewish tradition and the Jewish religion — for you lectured your New York audience with these words: "You have no monopoly on speaking to G-d. We can also speak to G-d. To be Jewish does not require you to go to synagogue, but to be a 'light unto the nations,' with ethics and morality."

Again, your knowledge of history is in doubt. Those very words were uttered 100 years ago by the rabidly anti-Zionist Reform rabbi of Germany, who said Jews only have to be "a light unto the nations."

Thus, the Reform, until today, have eliminated from their prayer books any reference to the promised return to Zion and the re-establishment of the Jewish land as of old. With your statement you have now declared your solidarity with them, as incredulous as this is for an Israeli leader.

As you spoke, you continued to display more ignorance of Jewish history. You justified the offender by stating that the PLO by labeling it with the outrageous designation of being a "cursed city." Someone must have told you that Joshua bin Nun, the conqueror of the land of Israel after Moses' death, warned against rebuilding Jericho as a pagan city. But only

one man, Chiel, qualified for this "curse," since he came from the pagan sanctuary at Beth El, built by Jeroboam ben Nevat, to build a similar pagan site in Jericho. Of course he was punished for this.

Despite this, the annals of our nation record that Jericho was an active Jewish center: Elisha and Elijah lived there. A large academy of Jewish prophets existed there. King Zedekiah hid there from the Babylonian army. We even know exactly how many Jewish men lived in Jericho after returning from the Babylonian exile: 345, as certified by both Ezra and Nehemiah.

Jericho is thus a thoroughly Jewish city, a part of the Jewish land. As for its strategic importance, our rabbis of old knew more about this than Israel's leaders today. They said in Mishnah Tanchuma: "Jericho is the key to Eretz Yisrael. He who controls Jericho controls the whole land." No wonder the PLO will do anything to get control of that strategic city.

Our Christian friends, too, who accept the Hebrew Bible as G-d's word, are outraged by the prospect of seeing the land promised to the Jewish people being given up to persistent enemies of the Jewish people.

Although you often say "peace cannot be made with friends, but with enemies," this is only true for enemies who become friends after peace is made with them — but definitely not for enemies who remain enemies even after "peace" is made with them. It was with regard to such enemies that the prophet Jeremiah said "shalom shalom v'eyn shalom" — "they talk of peace, but there is no peace."

Who Is a Racist?

When it became clear that Rabin would not have a Jewish majority in the Knesset for the peace plan with the PLO, but would receive only 56 Jewish votes, you said that anyone objecting to Israel being governed by the input of the five additional Arab voters — though they depend on instructions

from Arafat in Tunis — is a racist.

This is another manifestation of your disregard for the Jewish character of the land and the government. You should not be surprised if the majority of Jews and friends of Israel expect Mr. Rabin to call for new elections, or reshuffle his cabinet, so that a Jewish majority will support the Jewish government of the Jewish land.

Your efforts to de-Judaize the land of Israel reveal your close affinity with the extreme leftists of the Meretz Party.

It was a Meretz minister who objected to future trips by Israeli youth to Auschwitz, as such visits would create "nationalism" — in other words, strong Jewish feelings. The same Meretz minister objected to the prime minister uttering at the Warsaw Ghetto memorial the ancient, sacred, time-honored words "Shma Yisrael," which countless Jewish martyrs called out on their lips before dying with hope and faith in the coming of the moshiah. On the other hand, visits to Auschwitz by such questionable "cultural" personalities as Elton John, Michael Jackson and Madonna, to "perform" before hundreds of thousands of impressionable Israeli youth, are encouraged by the same Meretz leader.

Your affinity with these people is so long been suspected. Now you confirm it. What all this adds up to is an outrageous attempt to destroy the Zionist concept of Eretz Yisrael, the moral fibre of future generations and Judaism as a whole. You cannot blame us, therefore, that we have our reservations about trusting you with negotiations which must ensure a secure, air-tight, peace agreement.

The ongoing strenuous attempts by your government and by your friends over here, the Americans for Peace Now, to brainwash American Jews to embrace the questionable peace program with a PR blitz will therefore not succeed.

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Fifty Years Ago in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 1943
Providence Listed as Race Riot Danger Zone

The American Civil Liberties Union this week listed Providence as one of 23 cities where "danger of race riot exists," and suggested a 6-point plan for prevention of such disturbances, in a pamphlet called, "How to Prevent a Race Riot in Your Home Town." The cities besides Providence, include Birmingham, Ala.; Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven, Conn.; Chicago, Indianapolis and Gary, Ind.; Alexandria, Baton Rouge and Shreveport, La.; Detroit; Baltimore; Newark; Columbus, O.; Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chester, Pa.; Houston and Dallas, Tex.; Memphis, Tenn., and Washington, D.C.

Boston Probe to Include All Massachusetts Cities

BOSTON—The investigation of anti-Semitic attacks ordered here by Gov. Stalwart will take in the entire State of Massachusetts, it was learned this week. It was announced that many attacks on Jewish children by organized gangs of hoodlums have been reported from Chelsea, and Brookline, Boston suburbs. In this city, where the Governor appointed a five man committee to confer with him on how to check further outbreaks of anti-Semitism, the attention of Stokes was reported focused on the activities of the Police Dept. in combating the outbreaks.

Non Partisan Group Urges Eligible Voters to Turn Out

Speakers for the Providence Public School Association this week urged that a large percentage of the eligible vote turn out for the school elections in District G and E next Tuesday to assure a fair expression of choice. In District G where the candidates are Dr. William G. Braude, rabbi of Temple Beth-El, and Gordon F. Mulvey, a city employee, Dr. Braude, at the request of Mr. Clifford, president of the Providence School Association, issued the following statement: "A few days before the time for filing nomination papers expired, a group of community-minded citizens suggested to me that I become a candidate for the School Committee. I consented to do so because I felt it was high time that an attempt be made to respect the provisions of the Strayer Act and that an Independent run for the School Committee."

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

The Binding of Isaac

This week's portion, Vayeira, contains the account of the "binding of Isaac." Abraham's 10th and most difficult test. Commanded by G-d to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, Abraham responded with alacrity and devotion, but at the last minute was prevented from carrying out his task by a heavenly angel.

Abraham was prevented from doing so. Abraham could therefore be credited with only the willingness to carry out G-d's will, but not with the actual deed. It was for this reason that Abraham prayed so insistently for G-d to consider it as Isaac himself had been sacrificed.

Because of Abraham's extraordinary devotion in this re-

TORAH TODAY

"And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram... and he offered it up for a burnt-offering instead of his son."

Abraham intoned the following prayer at every stage of the service as he offered the animal: "May it be your will that this action be considered as having been performed on my son."

Abraham was not content to merely offer the ram instead of Isaac; he prayed for his actions to be considered by G-d as if he had actually sacrificed his son.

It was then that the angel called out to him again: "By myself have I sworn," says G-d, "because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son. I will greatly bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in heaven."

Abraham's offering was so favorable to G-d that he swore in confirmation of the blessings he would bestow on Abraham and his children.

What was so special about the offering of the ram, and why did the angel call out only after it was sacrificed? And, why was it so important to Abraham for G-d to consider it as if Isaac had been offered, as originally commanded?

The explanation for this lies in the difference between a person's willingness to do something and the actual performance of the deed. A person willing to sacrifice his life for the sanctification of G-d's name is not on the same level as one who actually does so.

When Abraham was commanded by G-d to sacrifice his son, he was willing to obey without any hesitation whatsoever. When it came to actually performing the deed, however,

Open Letter

(Continued from Previous Page) people, so important at this critical hour in our history, can only be restored if our fate is entrusted to those who are truly dedicated to the Zionist dream of thousands of years, and to the basic tenets of Judaism which kept us alive throughout the diaspora. Countless martyrs throughout our history died for these concepts, and we cannot tolerate them being thrown to the wind for questionable motives.

Dr. Manfred R. Lehmann is chairman of the newly founded World Committee for Israel, and national vice president of the Religious Zionists of America.

Neo-Nazi Group Surfaces in Ukraine

by J. A. Sisman

KIEV, Ukraine (JTA) — A group of Ukrainian students is busily engaged in neo-Nazi activities, according to a report in a local newspaper.

Kievskiy Vedemosti (Kiev News), the tabloid paper which carried the report, also wrote that another newspaper had recently published an excerpt from Adolph Hitler's *Mein Kampf*.

The neo-Nazi group is based in the southern Ukrainian city of Zaporozhye, according to the Oct. 17 edition of *Kievskiy Vedemosti*.

Under the banner headline, "The Fascists are Coming," the paper's front page showed several pictures of the group dressed in SS uniforms and displaying Nazi flags and other paraphernalia.

The story inside the paper, which is the largest-selling

daily here, was accompanied by photographs of members of the group participating in paramilitary training.

According to the report, a group of students at Zaporozhye Government University met around April 20 — Hitler's birthday — and decided to form the neo-Nazi group.

It is unknown how many people are members of the group, but it is believed to be very small.

In an interview with the paper, one member of the group, a 25-year-old resident of the city, was quoted as saying, "We like the era of the 1930s in Germany — the storm troopers, the firm, iron discipline. Hitler was a strong personality, a great man."

According to the report, one member of the group is a fifth-year student at the university

and also teaches history in a local school.

The newspaper commented that the formation of the group was especially ironic, since the city of Zaporozhye is currently marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the city by the Red Army from the Germans.

During World War II, Ukraine was occupied by the Nazis and was the scene of some of the harshest fighting anywhere in Europe. Several million citizens of the country, including an estimated 900,000 Jews, were killed during the war.

In late September, the Jewish community of Kiev commemorated the 52nd anniversary of the mass slaughter at Babi Yar (Continued on Page 22)

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Israel, PLO Reach Deal on Release of Prisoners

by David Landau
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have reached an understanding on an initial release of Palestinian prisoners.

After a day of talks in the Egyptian border town of Taba, the two sides reportedly agreed on the release of sick, aged and young Palestinian prisoners.

He urged members of the media covering the negotiations not to "take the temperature" of the talks every half-hour.

Gen. Amnon Shahak

The release of prisoners, which began this week, was intended to demonstrate to the Palestinian people some immediate results from the self-rule accord signed last month in Washington by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Though the number of prisoners to be released was not disclosed, sources among the Taba delegates said the first release would total about 1,000 Palestinians.

There had been reports that

Israel was planning a massive prisoner release, and the Palestinians originally had demanded the release of 12,000 it said were being held in Israeli prisons for security reasons.

But both sides had agreed that the release will come in stages throughout the five-year interim autonomy period.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking to reporters during a visit to the Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis, said prisoner releases would proceed in accordance with progress in the negotiations.

Israel and the PLO, Rabin said, are committed to negotiating the implementation of the self-rule accord within two months — the timetable mandated by the declaration of principles that forms the backbone of the accord.

Rabin warned that there would be ups and downs in the talks, but he seemed confident the parties could meet the deadline.

One snag was encountered Oct. 21 on the issue of security in the territories. According to the agreement, Israeli forces must withdraw from Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho by April 13.

Senior Palestinian delegate Nabil Sha'ath told reporters (Continued on Next Page)

U.S. and Israel Differ Publicly on Need for Progress with Syria

by Deborah Kalb

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli officials are sounding far less enthusiastic than their American counterparts about the need for a quick breakthrough with the Syrians in the Middle East peace process.

At a conference at the Israeli Embassy here last week, Edward Djerejian, the assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, presented the American position: that an Israeli-Syrian accord is essential for the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord, or any future Middle East peace accords, to survive.

"In our analysis, the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict has been the Palestinian question, the political heart. But the geopolitical and strategic heart of that equation is the relationship between Israel and Syria," Djerejian said.

"What we should all be focused on," he added later, "is to not lose the historic opportunity we have now to engage Syria and Israel in a comprehensive effort to make peace."

But Israel's deputy chief of mission here, Michael Shiloah, did not seem to share Djerejian's sense of urgency about the Syrians.

Echoing other top Israeli officials, Shiloah said Israel has enough to do right now im-

plementing the Palestinian accord.

"We may overload the wagon. We have to patiently and thoroughly sort out our difficulties with the Palestinians," he said.

"If the president of Syria says, 'I'm now resting with my personal feelings of offense and frustration at being left out of the loop by the Palestinians and not being at center stage and thus, I wish to rest for three or four months, I don't think that it is in the interest of Israel to disturb his rest,'" Shiloah added acerbically.

Israel will not ignore Syria, but will continue preparing for progress on the Syrian track, which could come "perhaps this winter or early next year," Shiloah said.

Despite the appearance of a split between the Americans and the Israelis over the immediate importance of the Syrian negotiating track, analysts here say the differences are not as great as they seem.

The difference is not the long-term goals, but the timing," said Daniel Pipes of the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

The Americans see a sense of immediate opportunity that should not be squandered, while the Israelis are concerned about overloading their political and psychological systems, Pipes said in an interview.

In the wake of the agreement with the Palestinians, Israelis have expressed concern about their ability to handle the security issues involved in land-for-peace deals with both the Palestinians and Syria at the same time.

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INTERNATIONAL
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rafael Eitan, the charismatic leader of the right-wing Tsomet Party, plans to run for prime minister, a move that could skew the race in Israel's first direct election for the post. With Eitan's announcement, the campaign has generated additional excitement. The time-honored tradition of electing a government according to a system of proportional party strength was changed after years of criticism that such a system did not truly represent the popular choice.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israelis engaged in the fight against AIDS were ecstatic upon hearing that Magic Johnson would be visiting Israel in October. They viewed Johnson's visit — during which he was scheduled to participate in an exhibition game against the Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team — as a means for raising tens of thousands of dollars for AIDS research and education, and for boosting the level of AIDS awareness in Israel.

KIEV, Ukraine (JTA) — The European Board of Rabbis held a meeting here recently that marked the first time that convened in any of the countries of the former Soviet Union.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

INTERNATIONAL

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Police in Amsterdam have detained 19 Israelis living in Holland in connection with the laundering of millions of dollars of drug-related money. Announcement of the arrests was made here Oct. 19, the same day that Tel Aviv police said that they had detained two other Israeli-based members of the operation who had been investing the illegal funds in real estate there.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a powerful show of concern for women's health issues, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism submitted a petition to President Clinton last week calling for an increase in breast cancer research. The petition was delivered Oct. 18 during a White House visit that came as part of the league's biennial World Affairs Conference, held in Washington from Oct. 15 to 19.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — American Jewish business leaders heard a strong pitch from the Clinton administration last week to get involved in business opportunities in the Middle East in order to assist the peace process. With the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian accord last month, economic visions of regional cooperation once dismissed as dreams have now become distinct possibilities.

Skinhead Who Planned Race War To Get Wiesenthal Center Counseling

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — In an unusual plea bargain with federal prosecutors, a skinhead leader who planned to launch a race war through deadly attacks on black and Jewish targets has agreed to a counseling program at the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Christopher Fisher, 20, leader of a group calling itself the Fourth Reich Skinheads, pleaded guilty in federal court to charges that could land him in prison for 10 years.

Fisher and two juveniles were arrested three months ago by the FBI, which had infiltrated the group, in a widely publicized sweep of white supremacists in Southern California.

The raids also netted six other people, identified as members of the White Aryan

Resistance and the Church of the Creator, both virulent white supremacist groups.

At the time of the arrests, investigators charged that Fisher's plans for a race war included murdering Rodney King, blowing up a leading

"Hopefully, this will give him a dose of reality."

Marc Greenberg, federal prosecutor

African American church and machine-gunning its congregation, and sending letter bombs to prominent Jews in Orange County, south of Los Angeles.

Fisher has admitted vandalizing Temple Beth David, also in Orange County, last January. The novel idea of including the Wiesenthal Center educational component as part of the

plea agreement came from federal prosecutor Marc Greenberg.

"If we don't do something to address [Fisher's violent racism], 10 years from now he will emerge [from prison] with the same view, maybe even more hardened," said Greenberg. "Hopefully, this will give him a dose of reality," the prosecutor said.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, welcomed Greenberg's suggestion and said his staff would work out a program for Fisher to include a visit to the center's new Museum of Tolerance and face-to-face discussions with Holocaust survivors.

"Through such a program, we can confront him with the consequences of hatred," said Hier.

Hier, as well as spokesper-

sons for other local Jewish defense organizations, said he could not recall any instance in which such a re-education effort was made part of the official court proceedings.

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Release of Prisoners

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that Israeli proposals on security in the two regions meant the perpetuation, in effect, of the current Israel Defense Force occupation.

The head of the Israeli delegation, Gen. Amnon Shahak, sought to cool the atmosphere by telling reporters that differences were to be expected. He urged members of the media covering the negotiations not to "take the temperature" of the talks every half-hour.

"You will all be invited to the signing ceremony," the IDF deputy chief of staff said.

Later on Oct. 21, the atmosphere at the talks reportedly improved, with word leaking out of an imminent first release of Palestinian prisoners.

Rabin said Israel holds 9,500 prisoners and security detainees. He said other published figures were wrong, misleading and harmful to the negotiations.

Some reports have put the total at as high as 14,000 prisoners.

Rabin enjoyed the rare experience — unprecedented during the past five years of the intifada — of being cheered by Khan Yunis' Palestinian populace, who came out onto the

streets to welcome him.

But a day before he arrived there, the streets of Gaza were the site of another murder.

On Oct. 20, a noted Al Fatah activist in Gaza City, Assad al-Saftawi, was shot dead by unknown assailants. He was the third member of the PLO's mainstream Fatah movement to meet this fate since the ceasefire agreement was signed.

Rabin said he was not ruling out intermestic strife within Fatah as the reason for the murder.

Foreign Minister Shimon

Peres, in a speech in Tel Aviv, expressed his sadness at the murder and said the Palestinians would have to protect themselves once the agreement was implemented.

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FEATURE



OUT OF THE PAST

by Eleanor F. Horvitz
Special to the Herald

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The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association is very proud to be the recipient of Maj. Gen. Leonard Holland's memorabilia. The general has left Rhode Island to take up permanent residence in Florida. One of the perplexing problems for Gen. Holland was the proper repository for the documentation of his military career of 42 years from his enlistment as a private in the United States Army Infantry in April 1941 until his resignation as major general on Aug. 6, 1983.

Gen. Holland's career has been so distinguished and varied that to write a single article about it is far too inadequate. For example, he was appointed the adjutant general of Rhode Island by Democratic Gov. John A. Notte Jr. on Jan. 3, 1961.

Two years later on Jan. 2, 1963, he was re-appointed by Republican governor, John H.

Chafee. He served under Gov. Chafee until Democrat Frank Licht was elected governor; Gov. Licht re-appointed Holland on Jan. 5, 1971, and he served under him for four years.

Holland continued to serve as adjutant general in the administrations of Democratic governors Philip W. Noel and J. Joseph Garrahy until his retirement in 1983.

For this unprecedented consecutive service under five governors, a special session of legislature passed a resolution, which was signed into law by the governor, to life-long title of adjutant general emeritus. In addition, he has the distinction of holding the title of senior adjutant general of the United States, for no one has served in that position as long as he — 22½ years.

One particular honor in the general's career is indicative of the many awards bestowed upon him. He received one of the highest medals awarded by

the United States Army — the Legion of Merit Medal. On Sept. 2, 1971, Lt. Gen. Claire E. Hutchin, commanding general, first United States Army, arrived at Greene Airport to make a courtesy call on Gov. Frank Licht and to award the Legion of Merit to Maj. Gen. Leonard Holland, the adjutant general and commanding general, Rhode Island National Guard. He also awarded this medal to Col. Donald J. Jalbert,

And now in Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Archives are the awards, citations, commendations, plaques and mementos of Gen. Holland's 22 years as Rhode Island adjutant general and commanding general of the National Guard.

senior army adviser for Rhode Island, upon his retirement from the U.S. Army.

The awards were made in Gen. Licht's office with families and friends of the two honored guests attending the ceremonies. The front page article and photograph on this Legion of Merit award appeared in the *Evening Bulletin* of Sept. 2,



THE LEGION OF MERIT — Lt. Gen. Claire E. Hutchin Jr. pins the Legion of Merit medal on Maj. Gen. Leonard Holland.

Photo courtesy of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association

1971.

Gen. Holland received his award for "exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services" from January 1961 to January 1971.

In the *Congressional Record* of the Senate's proceeding of the 98th Congress dated Aug. 4, 1983, is recorded the many laudatory remarks made by Sen. Clairborne Pell on Maj. Gen. Leonard Holland's "career of excellence." Included in the *Record* was an

article which appeared in the *Providence Journal*, "The State's Top Military Man Steps Down," by Wayne Worcester. The reporter described Holland's accomplishments as "the leader of 4,400 people — 3,000 in the Rhode Island Army National Guard, another 1,400 in the Air National Guard."

His career has been unequalled. And now in the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association Archives are the awards, citations, commendations.
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Don't Give Up

by Leonard Chernack
Special to the Herald

My life was like an up and coming ballplayer.

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That it wasn't for me to reach a goal.

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Someone was standing in my way.

It could have been the devil.

Just as I was ready to call it quits,

A voice from above I heard,

"Stay in there, my son.

"You're going to hit that ball

"And everything you feared

"Will turn out bright.

"But you must fight.

"Never give in.

"You will win.

"A beautiful life ahead."

So with the backing of the Alm-ghty

I hit that ball.

Because I listened to what he said.

Thank G-d I can look back now

To where I used to be.

I tell you folks, never give up,

You must fight.

You will hit that ball.

You have the backing of the Alm-ghty.

Now, to show your thanks

To G-d above,

Who guided you through life,

Give to those who need some help.

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FEATURE

Remembering the Old-Time Games

by Harold Bloom
Special to the Herald

(Editor's note: This is the first in a four-part series.)

Back in the 1930s, we kids didn't have television, and so we spent more time playing than kids do today. We didn't have computers either, so the games we played were mostly played with other kids.

Of course, some games seem to be universal, both in place and in time: Monopoly and similar board games, for example, or checkers and chess, and some card games. In the more physical activities, there have continued to be the pickup games of baseball and touch football; neighborhood track and field competition, etc. We played these and a few other

games still played today. Some of our old-time games, however, seem not to have survived to this day and age. Let me describe a few of these.

Kingers

With little money to be spared for frivolous items in the days of the Great Depression, we frequently made use of commonly available materials for our games. One such item was the buckeye nut, more fa-

miliarly known as the "horse chestnut."

When fall completed the ripening of the horse chestnuts, the prickly green husks would begin to crack open, and an eager youngster could start hurling objects up into the tree branches in attempts to knock the chestnuts to the ground.

The reason for such impatience with the natural ripening process (which would allow the

nuts to fall to the ground in the succeeding week or two) was the eagerness to get started playing "kingers."

For kingers, the reddish-brown horse chestnuts contained in the husks were the "toys" in the game.

First, a hole was put through the chestnut (with a small drill — more often, with a nail or ice pick). Then, a heavy cord — frequently a shoelace, was threaded through the hole and knotted at one end.

Games were played by two opponents; each with his (or her) own prepared chestnut. One player would hold the unknotted end of his chestnut's cord; allowing the nut to hang below. The other player would hold the unknotted end of his cord in one hand and the chestnut in his other hand. The latter player would then swing his

chestnut on the cord as if it were a sling — striking the first player's chestnut. Alternating the "striking" role would continue until one horse chestnut broke, whereupon the surviving chestnut would score a "kinger."

What made the game particularly challenging was that a victorious chestnut could claim all the victories of a vanquished chestnut. Thus, if a "five kinger" survived over a "three kinger," the victor would become a "nine kinger" (five of its own victories plus three of its opponents plus one for its most recent victory).

While the years since I last played "kingers" have dimmed my memories more than somewhat, I seem to recall various comrades showing off wrinkled, chipped specimens of horse chestnuts that they claimed were kingers of double figures.

Harold Bloom, formerly of Providence, now lives in Galway, N.Y.

PEEVES'N PEKS



Humor

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of a dog, a female springer.

"She calmed us down in our hectic household. She was the perfect dog for us Aronsens." And Bernie unfolds a T-shirt he also made. I hold it out and up to read the message. "I gave the dog the shirt on my back," it reads. I don't get the joke till I turn it over and laugh at the imprint of paw marks. Bernie's work offers a cryptic, personal, private quality.

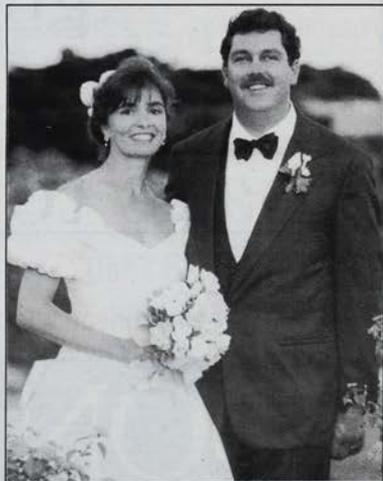
They say a jest disguises a person. I go along with Shakespeare, "Many a true word is said in jest." Bernie breeds his own brand of humor. Bernie worries these days that ride hard on artists. "Maybe we should have left town years ago."

"No, I think you belong here." Bernie Aronson brings me back to the old notion I had about your home base. It grounds you the way your dog keeps you rooted. He lives in Bristol, on Sea Breeze Lane and calls his one-man company, "Bright Ideas." He'll a filament of light for me over a cup of coffee.

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Franek and Hodosh are Married

Cornelia Franek and Alex Hodosh were united in marriage on Sept. 12 at Hamersmith Farm in Newport. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bruno Franek of East Greenwich. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Milton Hodosh of Providence.

Sabrina Dougherty served as matron of honor for her sister, Alexis Franek, the bride's niece, was flower girl, Cameron Gibbs, nephew of the bridegroom, was ring bearer.

Best men were Dr. Steven Hodosh, brother of the bridegroom, and Randall Gibbs, the bridegroom's brother-in-law.

The bride attended Vassar College and Boston University for her B.A. She completed a post-B.A. concentration in psychology at Brown University and received her masters and

The couple honeymooned in Italy. They have made their home in Providence.

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Touro Synagogue Historian Receives Portuguese Award

Bernard Kusnitz, historian of America's oldest synagogue, the Touro Synagogue in Newport, received the "Order of Merit of Portuguese Communities" at a moving ceremony on Sept. 26.

The "Order of Merit of Portuguese Communities" gold medal is awarded by the Portuguese government, through its ambassadors and consuls general to someone who lives outside of the country in recognition of outstanding accomplishments.

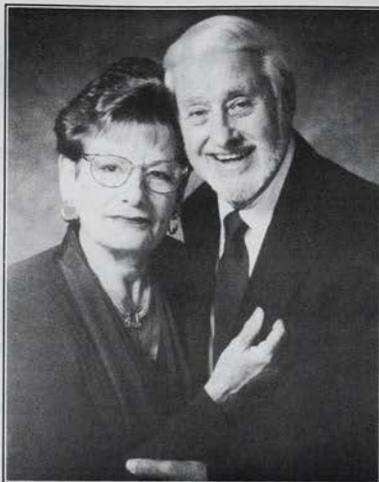
Kusnitz was given this award for his work in bringing the Portuguese and Jewish communities closer together. It is of interest to note that the "gold medal" is typically presented to Portuguese citizens, but Kusnitz, although an American citizen, was chosen because his help to the Portuguese government and its citizens has been significant.

In a special ceremony that

took place during the Portuguese-American Convention at Roger Williams University, Portuguese Ambassador Francisco L. Trichler Knopfl, and the consul of Portugal, Joao Luis Laranjeira de Abreu, presented the award to Kusnitz.

In receiving the award, Kusnitz noted that many people asked him why he had gotten involved in this particular cause, and he noted that Touro Synagogue's roots are in Portugal, and that the formal apology by President Mario Soares in 1989 had opened the door for new interaction between the two groups which have strong ties going back to the Middle Ages.

David Bazarsky, president of Touro Synagogue's congregation, noted that this public expression was a welcome symbol of the significant steps which have been made by the Portuguese-American community in the past four years.



Tedi and Sid Green

Greens Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Family and friends from California, Florida, New York, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island were all guests sharing in the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Tedi and Sid

Green of Providence.

The affair was held at the Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth, Mass., on the exact day and date of their wedding in 1943—Oct. 24.

Richman Will Marry Levinson

Maxine and Stephen Richman of Barrington announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Beth, to Scott Bennett Levinson of Columbia, Md. A June 11, 1994, wedding is planned.

The bride-to-be, a 1983 graduate of the Wheeler School in Providence, graduated from Boston University School of Communication in 1987. She is acting media director for the

National SAFE KIDS Campaign based at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She is the granddaughter of Hannah Blum Roy of East Providence and the late Nathan Roy.

Her fiance, son of Carol and Barry Levinson, of Cherry Hill, N.J., is a 1987 graduate of Boston University School of Management. He is a sales representative for Consumer Lighting Products in Baltimore.

Kushner Named 'Woman of Achievement'

State Rep. Linda Kushner (D-District 4) (Providence and Pawtucket) received the Providence Business and Professional Women's 'Woman of Achievement' award at the club's monthly meeting held recently.

Rep. Kushner thanked the club stating, "I am honored to have been selected for this prestigious award and will continue to support our goals by working toward obtaining civil and equal rights, health care, reproductive choice and economic equity for all women."

The mission of the Business and Professional Women's Club is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for working women.

Martineau Will Marry Golditch

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Martineau of North Smithfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann Martineau of North Smithfield to Jason Alan Golditch of Providence, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Golditch of Providence.

The bride-to-be received a B.A. from Rhode Island College in 1988, and an M.A. from Emerson College in 1992.

Her fiance graduated with a B.A. from Rhode Island College in 1990.

An Oct. 2, 1994, wedding is planned.



Rep. Linda Kushner

Judith D'Antuano Tucker, second vice president of the club, presented the award, calling Kushner, "a woman who personifies our goals through her special dedication to the needs of women and children throughout the state of Rhode Island."

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Arnold Friedman

Arnold Edward Friedman, the son of Mary Friedman of Pawtucket and the late Arnold E. Friedman, was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree recently at the 431st convocation of the University of Chicago.

Friedman's dissertation was on computer simulations of retinotectal maps in goldfish.

A 1967 graduate of Pawtucket West High School, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1971 from Brown University in biophysics and theoretical biology. He and his wife, Shelley, have a young son, Daniel A. Friedman.

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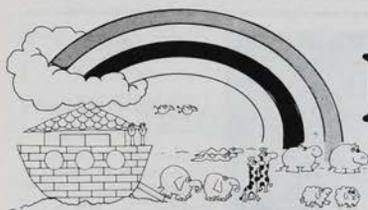
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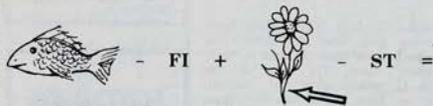
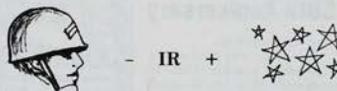
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Rebus - (Ree-boose) ריבוס

Who was the great-great-great-great-great-great grandfather of Abraham?



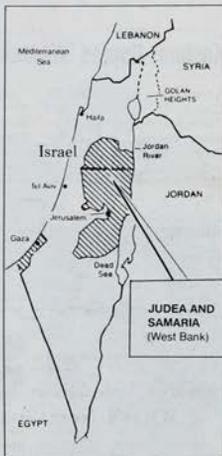
- Answers on next page

Opening The Door To Peace

A great moment in history recently took place! The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel have signed an agreement of peace. Who is the PLO and why is it such a surprise that a peace agreement has been signed?

The PLO began in 1964. They promised that all of the land called Israel would be given to the Palestinian people and the Israelis would be "driven into the sea." Yassir Arafat became the leader.

From 1948 to 1967, the area known as the West Bank, or Judea and Samaria, was under the rulership of the kingdom of Jordan. Most of the people living there were Palestinians. (Palestinians are Arabs who had lived in the land now called Israel before Israel became a state in 1948.) In the 1967 war, Israel won the West Bank. It also captured the Gaza Strip from Egypt and the Golan Heights from Syria.



Meanwhile, PLO members continued to fight against Israel. They murdered innocent men, women, and children and bombed towns and villages in Israel.

In 1991, leaders of Israel and some Arab countries began talking together about peace. Later, for the first time, Israeli leaders talked face-to-face with the Palestinians!

On September 13, 1993, Israel and the PLO signed the first part of a peace agreement in Washington, D.C. The agreement stated that Israel would recognize the PLO as the representatives of the Palestinian people. The PLO agreed that Israel has a right to be a state, living in peace, and that they would solve the problems between them by talking instead of fighting. U.S. President Bill Clinton called the agreement an "open door to peace."

There are still many problems to solve. Many people - both Jews and Palestinians - are afraid to trust the other side.

As the peace talks go on, we can only pray that lasting peace will come to Israel and the Middle East.

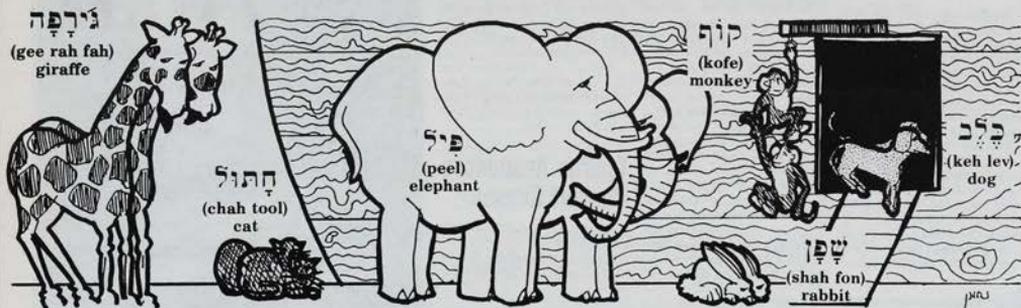
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(Me-lo-nee) – My Dictionary – מלוני



Jumble

Which bird did Noah send to see if the flood was over?

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The Animals Went Into The Ark, Two by Two . . . Or Did They?

God told Noah to take two of every unclean animal, but seven of every clean animal and every bird. The rabbis believe that Noah was told to bring seven of the clean animals for two possible reasons. One reason is so that Noah would have enough clean animals to offer a sacrifice to God after the flood was over and the ark safely landed. The other explanation is that these same animals would later be considered clean (kosher) by the Jewish people.

Answer To Rebus

Note - te + earth - er + soldier - ir + stars - ar + bone - be + fish - fit + stem - st = Noah's oldest son, Shem.

Answer To Jumble



Heart, hive, tree, queen
After the flood, Noah sent out a raven. The raven could not find food and returned to the ark. Seven days later, Noah sent out a dove. Because the dove eats plants, Noah knew it could only find food if the earth was no longer covered with water. However, the dove returned in the evening. After seven more days, the dove left again olive-leaf in her mouth. This showed Noah that the waters had gone down, but had not disappeared completely. After seven more days, Noah sent the dove again. This time she did not return, so Noah knew that all of the water had gone into the earth.

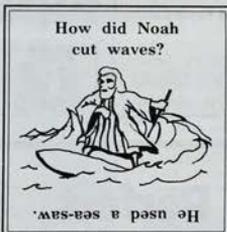
מה חדש בספרייה?
(Mah Chah-dahsh Bah-seef-ree-yah)
What's New In The Library?



BLESSED ARE YOU. Traditional Everyday Hebrew Prayers. By Michelle Edwards. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, copyright 1993. \$15.00 hardcover.

Michelle Edwards' newest book is a collection of thirteen traditional Hebrew prayers. Some are prayers that children might already know, such as the "Modeh Ahnee" morning blessing, or Ha-Motzi, which is said before eating bread. Other prayers that are not as well known are also included, such as the prayer for hearing thunder or the prayer which is said when someone sees the ocean or sea.

This is a beautiful book that is recommended for children of all ages!



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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Arts Council to Sponsor Classical Music Trips

The Pawtucket Arts Council will sponsor trips to Boston Symphony Orchestra this fall and winter. Included in the cost of all trips, with the exception of the Handel & Haydn Society on Dec. 8, is round-trip transportation, admission to the concert, and gratuity for the bus driver.

Seats to the following events are still available and the arts council is offering a series discount for the following events:

- Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. — a Boston Symphony Orchestra open rehearsal with Andre Previn conducting violin soloist

Anne-Sophie Mutter. A bus will depart from Pawtucket at 8:30 a.m. and return immediately following the concert.

- Jan. 7 at 1:30 p.m. — a Boston Symphony Orchestra performance with Yuri Temirkanov conducting Joshua Bell, violin soloist. A bus will leave Pawtucket at 11 a.m. and return immediately following the concert.

- Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. — a Boston Symphony Orchestra performance featuring Jessye Norman, renowned operatic soprano. A bus will leave Pawtucket at 5 p.m. and return immediately following the concert.

- April 8 at 1:30 p.m. — a Boston Symphony Orchestra Performance with Josef Suk, violin and Yo Yo Ma, cello. Seiji Ozawa will conduct works by

Brahms and Gabriel Harbison. A bus will leave Pawtucket at 11 a.m. and return immediately following the concert.

Contact the Pawtucket Arts Council at 725-1151 to make reservations, or send your check to 474 Broadway, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860.

Chorus Announces Concert Season

George Kent, music director of the Chorus of Westerly, has announced the program for the chorus' 1993-94 concert season.

The season opens Nov. 21 with "The Splendour of Brass," a program of great works for chorus and brass by Gabrieli, Schutz, Hindemith, and Hailstork. Benjamin Britten's "Spring Symphony" highlights the final concert of the series on May 15.

The 1993-94 series will be presented in the Chorus of Westerly Performance Hall, 119 High St. in Westerly.



Camelot Coming to Providence

Robert Goulet returns to Providence as King Arthur in Lerner and Loewe's Tony Award-winning musical "Camelot." Nov. 5, 6 and 7 at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Produced by Shelly Gross for Music Fair Productions. "Camelot" is directed and choreographed by Norb Joelder. For information or tickets, call 421-ARTS. Photo by Scott Windus

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Photo © Stephen Brigid

Maxmillian's Offers Eclectic Menu

by Taylor Holland
Herald Reporter

Maxmillian's Ice Cream Cafe, 1074 Hope St., Providence, provides the prospective customer a maximum number of dining possibilities.

With an eclectic menu including many varieties of vegetarian, tuna, chicken, turkey and meat sandwiches, Maxmillian's gives the customer a pleasant escape from the old burger and fries routine.

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ously sized sandwiches affordable at under \$5.

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DINING GUIDE



'Anything Goes'

The Academy Players of East Greenwich announces the presentation of its fall musical production, "Anything Goes." Performances will be Nov. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 and 19, 20 and 21. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. and Sunday, 5 p.m. For reservations, call 885-6910. Reserved tickets cost \$10. Tickets purchased at the door cost \$12. For more information, call 353-5124.

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Former Rhode Islander Makes Big Splash in Music Industry

by Anne S. Davidson
Herald Editor

"It never happens like this," marvels Cumberland native Loren Harriet, sitting in his Studio City, Calif., recording studio. Harriet still can't believe his first album has been greeted with such enthusiasm. "It's a miracle," he said.

One of the music world's newest rising stars actually got his start at Congregation Agudas Achim in North Attleboro, Mass. "That's where we would do shows," he told the *Herald* recently, "because they really didn't have a synagogue in Cumberland." Later, in high school, Harriet's band Legacy played for proms and parties in Newport.

"To assemble these great players and have the sessions run so smoothly was an amazing thing."

Loren Harriet

But now, Harriet is staring face to face with the big time.

For a first album, "Round Up the Usual Suspects" boasts some of the biggest names in the business — quite a phenomenon in an industry known for its cut-throat reputation.

Instead of jamming with his old Cumberland buddies, Harriet now plays with the likes of Timothy B. Schmit (vocals) of

the Eagles; Michael Botts (drums) of James Taylor and Dan Fogelberg; Andrew Gold (guitar), also of James Taylor and Linda Ronstadt; and Boston Pops trumpet Dennis Alvey, also a former Cumberland resident.

And the list goes on. Harriet's resume lists 26 musicians and vocalists who have performed with such top music artists as Bruce Springsteen, Madonna, Bruce Hornsby and Phil Collins, to name a few. One reviewer called it "networking deluxe."

"To assemble these great players and have the sessions run so smoothly was an amazing thing," said the Rhode Island native.

Harriet, just 30, sang all the lead vocals for the album, wrote nine of the songs and co-wrote two more. His longtime friend and session drummer Botts wrote the song "El Dorado," which has developed some followers in the listeners of southern Rhode Island radio station WBLQ, and other "light" stations are now playing "Friends."

For some reason, though, it's taken a long while for Rhode Island's radio stations to catch on. While "Friends" was being a hit in Nashville, Los Angeles, Phoenix and Cleveland, Rhode Island stations had yet to even play it.

Harriet was more than a little frustrated at this, since he had intended to release the album in Rhode Island first. Ann & Hope stores offered the compact disc before it even arrived in other parts of the country.

"We just got picked up in Los Angeles," Harriet said over the telephone recently. "It's going to be a hit. Everybody is playing it but Rhode Island, my own hometown." But since that call, other local stations have begun playing "El Dorado" and "Friends," he said.

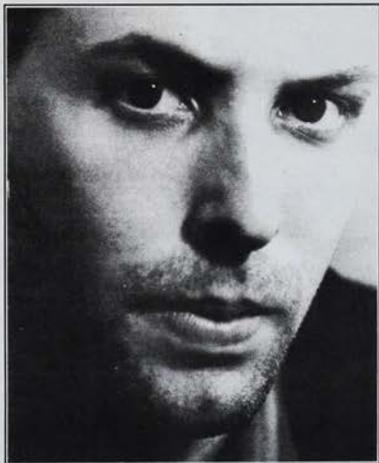
Rick Edwards, program director for WBLQ in Narragansett, saw Harriet's talent the first time he listened to the new

CD. "I felt that the most saleable sound on the entire album was 'El Dorado,'" he told the *Herald*. "It's got the kind of sound that a wide age group audience would like. I liked it, so I put it on the air."

Harriet sees his rise to the top

mother. "I wouldn't let him study music — the old Jewish mother syndrome."

Instead of leaving B.U., Harriet took courses at night at Berklee College of Music. "He doubled up summer school to finish the last semester," his mother re-



A RISING STAR — The cover of Loren Harriet's album, "Round Up the Usual Suspects." Harriet is a native Rhode Islander.

as fortuitous. "We've been real lucky — It's been an incredible snowball effect. I was friends with the drummer [Michael Botts]. I worked at a talent agency in Hollywood and his wife was a model at the agency. We became good friends."

But go back a little further. Loren Harriet played the piano in Legacy, a typical rock 'n' roll group of high school musicians hoping to hit the big time. Harriet had written a song, "Loyal Friend," but his buddies refused to play it. "The guys wouldn't do it. They didn't think it was a good song," he recalls. Today, a version of that song is getting play nationwide — "Friends," the last cut on the new album.

Harriet wanted to go to school for his true love — music — but his mother thought that impractical. And while attending Boston University, he thought he might move to California to pursue his dream.

"I insisted that he finish college," noted Estelle Harriet, his

mother.

Harriet graduated B.U. in 1984 with a business degree and then moved to California. And as luck would have it, his business background actually got his foot in the entertainment industry's door. "That's how he got his job at the talent agency," his mother said.

Once in California, he reformed his band from college and played local shows at the Roxy, the Strand and other Los Angeles clubs under the group name Burnikens, said Gold Hat spokesman Ted Seifman.

Harriet says he has been influenced most musically by Billy Joel, the Eagles, The Police and The Who. He signed a recording contract with Gold Hat Records in September 1991.

Harriet's Ocean State influences have stayed with him. He chose a childhood picture taken in 1970 by Harriet's mother for the CD's back cover. The photo features Loren, 8, with brothers Alan, 6, and Steve, 2. "It's a



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The Fine Arts Center Galleries at the University of Rhode Island will present "We, The Mixed Blood... Mixed Race Books and Kimonos by Dorothy Imagine" from Oct. 28 to Dec. 11. The exhibit deals with complex issues of cultural identity and assimilation through textual and photographic mediums.

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The RISD Museum of Art will present "Conservation by Design," an exhibition of contemporary furniture made from recycled products, wood and natural resources. The exhibit opens Oct. 29 and runs through Jan. 16; call 454-6348.

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Paintings by Rhode Island artist Dana Vacca are on exhibit at the Community College of Rhode Island's Art Gallery at the Lincoln campus through Oct. 29; call 333-7154.

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Longwood Opera will present Mozart's "Don Giovanni" at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 at Salomon Center, Campus Green, Brown University; call (617) 455-0960.

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RISD assistant professor of liberal arts, Mary Bergstein, will deliver a lecture titled "The Otherness of Venice: Mosaics, Mirrors and the Feminine Ideal" at 5 p.m., Nov. 1, Room 412, College Building, 2 College St., Providence.

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The Providence Performing Arts Center and WHY radio will present a stage production of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Nov. 4 at 10 p.m.; call 421-ARIS.

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phenomenal. playing." Harriet said. "I'm playing guitar." Alan is on trumpet and Steve plays a mini-saxophone.

Harriet's parents, Melvin and Estelle, moved to Boca Raton five years ago. They were teachers in Cumberland for many years. Melvin Harriet grew up in Pawtucket and Estelle (Alpert) Harriet grew up in Fall River, Mass. Mrs. Harriet speaks proudly of her other children. Alan, 29, who is an IRS agent in Miami, and Stephen, 27, the youngest, is an electrical engineer. He works with Navy weapons in Indiana. "We had one girl," she adds, "a dog."
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Local Athletes Invited to '94 Youth Games

The 1994 JCC North American Maccabi Youth Games will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, it was announced recently.

The 1994 national games, set for Aug. 14 to 21, capture the attention of 7 million people — from friends and relatives of the athletes to sportsmen and sportswomen worldwide. Twenty-five hundred Jewish athletes from 70 cities in the United States and eight foreign countries participate in the nationals, which occur every other year.

The Maccabi Games have provided an amateur springboard for major athletes such as swimmer Mark Spitz, who earned a record-breaking seven gold medals in the 1972 Olympics, and Mitch Gaylord, 1984 gold medalist and the first American gymnast to record a perfect 10 in Olympic competition.

Competitions are held in 14 sports, including basketball, tennis, cross country, golf, gymnastics, racquetball, soccer, softball, swimming, table tennis, track and field, bowling, volleyball and wrestling.

The games are hosted by the Jewish Community Center of Cleveland, in cooperation with the Jewish Community Centers Association; the United States Committee, Sports for Israel and Maccabi Canada.

Since their origination in Memphis in 1982, the JCC North American Youth Maccabi Games have become a



The Great Outdoors

Max Silverman and JCCRI Koshers Meal Site volunteer Hazel Shatz enjoy the warm weather Friday after a day of activities at the meal site. While there was a light breeze, many regulars from the meal site took advantage of the sunny weather while they waited for the van to take them home.

Herald photo by Anne Davidson

biennial tradition and have been held in Detroit (twice), Toronto, Chicago and Balti-

more, home of the 1992 games.

For information about participating in next year's games, contact the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence or call Jay Snyder, JCCRI's director of fitness, recreation and sports services, at 861-8800.

Scholar to Speak at Sisterhood Shabbat

The annual Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Shabbat will focus on the strength and spirit of five early biblical women on Nov. 5 at 7:45 p.m. Our ancient ancestors were not merely silent partners — they were warriors, judges, peacemakers, prophets, fervent believers and guardians of the light.

As in past years, the service will recognize the many contributions of Temple Beth-El Sisterhood. This tribute service is designed and led by Sisterhood members.

Following the service, the Sisterhood welcomes Lynn Davidman, assistant professor of sociology and Judaic studies at Brown University. Trained as a sociologist, she received her Ph.D. from Brandeis in 1986.

Davidman is the winner of several grants and awards, notably the 1992 National Jewish Book Award for the best book on contemporary Jewish life. Her new book, published by Yale University Press, considers the feminist perspective on Jewish studies. She will speak on the topic which won the National Book Award — the return to Orthodoxy by contemporary Jewish women.

Eileen Rose: Serving Tennis With Style

by Jeff Goldberg
Special to the Herald

I have known Eileen Rose for many years. It came as no surprise to me when I found out how involved she had become in a new project. Eileen (Newman) Rose is the wife of Harold Rose, and the mother of Greg and Mitchell. She graduated from Hope High School and the University of Rhode Island. When Rose got involved in projects, they were handled with integrity.

Rose first got involved playing tennis seven years ago. It was a form of exercise, and something to do. She started out taking lessons at Rally Point during the fall and winter.

Bruce Werchadlo and Tad Conerton were the instructors. Seven years later, Rose is heavily involved in playing, coaching and promoting club tennis in a big way. When you read this article, Rose will have already returned from Arizona with her team from Rally Point. The team earned a berth to play in the national club tournament this year.

Club tennis is built on a rating system. Rally Point plays in an inter-Rhode Island league. Other clubs in the league include Tennis Rhode Island West Bay, Center Court, and Pond View. When Rally Point started out four years ago, it was given a rating of 3.0. The rating system ranges from 2.5 to 5.0. Rally Point is currently rated at 3.5 and continues to move up. The team is captained by Rose and Joyce Bellows.

Team members include: Sue Sugarman, Patti Levin, Lisa Martin, Julie Mayhew, Debbie Windsor, Kathy Craven, Lisa Vinacco, Maria Dejesus, Lindsay Gettinger, Darlene Bishop and Jeanne Marzilli.

The team has stayed close and moved up the rating ladder

together. In order for Rally Point to get to Arizona, it had to win its league. The team has done that every year for the past four years. It moved on to the districts and played against Vermont and Connecticut. The sectionals were held at Mt. Holyoke College in August where the competition was from all over New England. Rally Point won and earned the right to participate in Arizona. They opened up against Texas and results will follow at a later time.

Rose should be proud of Rally Point's accomplishments. She is really interested in promoting tennis in the state. Rose is currently the secretary of the adult leagues. The organization is very well-represented and currently has George Haley handling grouping of players. Rose is the community representative for the state of Rhode Island and USTA tennis. She is looking for volunteers to continue to help promote adult and junior tennis. There are many programs and seminars currently in place.

Rose and Haley are trying to develop a junior program and welcome any inquiries. Ask for George Haley or Eileen Rose. They can be reached by calling 942-2710.

Their goal is to have as many programs going this year as possible. What a great way to get involved in exercise, and fun, coupled with competition and an opportunity to meet nice people. After all, "tennis is a game of love."

Beth-El Bowling

by
Jeffrey L. Goldberg
Special to the Herald



The Beth-El Bowling League offers something for everyone. The camaraderie is unparalleled. That this league has been in existence for 57 seasons is testimonial to the members who support it year in and year out.

Harold Halzel, who carries a 138 average, was the recipient of the five-strike jackpot the other evening. Halzel won the jackpot which had not been claimed since the season opened. CONGRATULATIONS.

By the way, if memory serves me correct, Halzel does have a knack for winning. For the past few years, he has been a consistent winner at Lincoln where the mid-season banquet is held. It's nice to see the founding fathers of the Beth-El league strut their stuff. Merl Rodyn rolled a 200/582 series and lived to talk about it. Marvin William Lax reminded me that he is bowling well and feels the Herald articles have something to do with it. Who am I to put a whammy on Lax? Keep bowling well.

The top five keep turning in good scores. Their averages have dropped, but that's expected. What, with the constant barrage of autograph hounds, the top five have found it difficult to focus. Benny Diaz is rumored to be in negotiations for a combination bowling/dance video.

Team Standings

Howie's Hammer — 19, 5; Baker Furniture — 16.5, 7.5; Standard Glass — 15, 9; Tooth Fairies — 15, 9; Come Screen With Me — 13, 11; Goldstein Electric — 12, 12; Oakland Mobil — 11, 13; Shamrocks — 10, 14; Halperin & Lax — 9.5, 14.5; Spare Change — 6, 18.

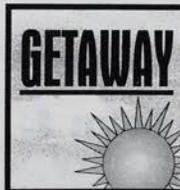
Top Five

Benny Diaz 188.3, Barry Rappoport 187.2, Rick Dressler 186.6, Larry Steingold 183.7, Joseph Goodman 177.2.

Last week's high scores: Merl Rodyn, 220; Myer Jarcho, 204.

Standard Glass team high single: 712. Standard Glass team high series: 2032.

Jason Blank: Most pins over average, 78. Norman Tobin: Most pins over average, 56.



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The Presidential Award

Eunice Greenfield, left, receives the Presidential Award from Rosalind Boltsky, president of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah. The award was presented to Greenfield for her service to the Providence Hadassah Group for the past two terms. Under her leadership, all projects surpassed their goals. For information on Hadassah, call 463-3636.

Bakst Will Address Senior Guild

The monthly meeting of the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on Nov. 3 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston. Refreshments will be served.

Edmund Beck, vice president for program, announces that, by popular demand, M. Charles Bakst, political analyst and columnist for the *Providence Journal*, will be the speaker for the afternoon.

Paid-up members are urged to make their reservations for

the annual Chanukah Luncheon, which is slated for Dec. 8 at the Venus de Milo. Contact Selma and Sam Price, co-chairpersons, at 943-3427.

In other news, Judah Rosen, vice president for trips, advises that there are still some seats available for the "Welk Show" at the North Shore Music Theatre for Nov. 10. Tickets cost \$31 per person (lunch on one's own). Contact Chairwoman Janet Richman immediately, at 461-7108.

Workshop Set for Interfaith Couples

Congregation Agudath Achim, Taunton, Mass., will present a Family Life Education Workshop entitled "Mixed Blessings: One Marriage, Two Traditions."

This four-session workshop is designed for couples with interfaith backgrounds. The workshop will explore the impact of different religious traditions on the couple's relationship, on the family, on child raising and belonging to the

community.

Leading the workshop will be Lori Swartz, L.I.C.S.W., and Rabbi Benjamin Lefkowitz. There will be an \$18 registration fee for couples who are not members of the congregation.

The first session will be held Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community House, 133 High St., Taunton.

For details or to register, call Rabbi Lefkowitz at (508) 822-3230.

Anti-Semitism

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Brown also discussed the similarities and differences between the American and German people in relation to neo-Nazism. He said while Americans tend to live a life of convenience and have a propensity to express their anger and frustration (i.e., drive-by shootings), Germans are quite conversely irritated by daily life and tend to let discontent simmer unexpressed.

He went on to suggest this behavior makes it easier for the German people to think about an overall change, or societal revolution, which could be accomplished by the rise or re-emergence of fascism, finding a scapegoat in Jews.

He also spoke of his experience searching out his Jewish roots in Eastern Europe.

"The separation between European and American in my family is pretty much complete," Brown said. "[My parents] will never go back to either their

parents' or grandparents' birthplaces.

"When I went back to Russia in April this year, I was the first of my bloodline to be back in any part of Eastern Europe in almost 90 years," he said. "All over Europe I met young Jews who were doing precisely the same thing.

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Brown received a bachelor's degree in general studies from the University of Michigan in 1982. He also worked at the *Ann Arbor News* from 1981 to 1984 as a music journalist.

From 1985 to 1989, he was a graduate student in American literature at the State University of New York in Buffalo, where he did his dissertation on the works of author William S. Burroughs.

Brown will be making two more presentations on his time in Germany at the Hillside House. He will present a slide show of Jewish cemeteries in six European countries on a date to be named later, and on Nov. 17 he will show slides of the Berlin Wall and pro-Communist rallies in the former Soviet Union.

Social Seniors Plan Meeting

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick.

Musical entertainment will follow. Refreshments will be served.

On Nov. 17, members will go to "White's of Westport." Lunch, entertainment, transportation will be included.

For more information, contact Sally Goldman.

Torat Yisrael To Hold Bazaar

Temple Torat Yisrael's bazaar will be held on Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Selections will include all kinds of new and used merchandise including furniture, jewelry, gift items, candy, produce, hardware, shades and rods.

Refreshments will be available at the snack bar.

The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston. For information, call 785-1800.

Youth Clubs to See Providence Bruins

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's two largest youth clubs, Club 456 and the Outdoor Club, will take a trip to the Providence Civic Center to see the Providence Bruins hockey squad play Portland on Nov. 14.

Members of Club 456, for children in grades four through six, and the Outdoor Club, for those in grades seven through 12, should meet in the game room of the ICCRI, 401 Elmwood Ave. in Providence, at 12:15 p.m. The bus will leave promptly at 12:30 p.m. and return about 4 p.m.

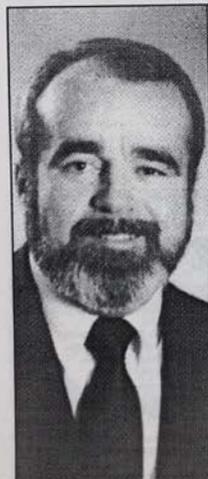
The cost is \$10 for 456 and Outdoor Club members and \$15 for nonmembers.

The Outdoor Club is co-sponsored by the ICCRI's Youth Department and Robbie Frank Fund. Club 456 is sponsored by the Center's Youth Department. Respond to Alisa Yanow, 861-8800, by November 7, as seating is limited.



RETURNING SCHOLAR — Rhode Island School of Design English Professor Bill Brown shares his experience Sunday morning at the RISD/Brown Hillside House, in Providence, having just returned from a year in Germany as a Junior Fulbright Scholar.

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Intermarriage: What a Difference 10 Years Make

by Alison Smith
Herald Reporter

A panel discussion on intermarriage was held at Temple Emanu-El, on Taft Street in Providence, Sunday, as part of a series sponsored by the Leisure Club. The program theme for the year ending next April, according to Doris Dimond, chairwoman of Sunday programs, is "Young at Heart." Members of the panel were Rabbi Alvan Kauner, Cindy Blackwood and moderator Doris McGarry.

Dimond opened the meeting by admitting that she had been worried that such a glorious fall afternoon might prove too much of an attraction, and keep the audience small, but by the time she introduced the next speaker, a sizeable group had assembled in the hall. The program was divided into four parts, one featuring each of the three speakers, and an audience participation session at the conclusion.

At Temple Emanu-El, mail is now addressed to both spouses — "Mr. and Mrs." — and when tickets for High Holy Days are sent out, a ticket is included for the non-Jewish spouse.

McGarry spoke of situations she encountered as a Jew married to a non-Jew. She made a strong plea for congregational acceptance of people in her position, and spoke with gratitude of those who had worked to make her situation more pleasant years ago.

Among the facts she cited were statistics from a 1990 population survey which revealed that 50 percent of Jewish children are currently marrying outside the faith. Of this group, only 5 percent of the non-Jewish spouses eventually convert to Judaism. Twenty-eight percent of the children of these mixed marriages are brought up in the Jewish tradition, 31 percent are brought up with no religious training, and 41 percent are raised in some other faith.

To change this situation, McGarry urged that an attitude of acceptance, even welcome, toward the non-Jewish spouses be encouraged. She spoke of the three situations a married Jew might find himself or herself in — endogamy, which means married within the tribe; conversion of the spouse to Judaism; and, hopefully, the experi-

ence of keruv, or outreach, whereby the non-Jewish spouse is made to feel more welcome by the congregation than was true even 10 years ago. It is possible that outreach may eventually bring the non-Jew to conversion.

McGarry pointed out that little things loom large because they represent deep emotions. For example, at Temple Emanu-El, mail is now addressed to both spouses — "Mr. and Mrs." — and when tickets for High Holy Days are sent out, a ticket is included for the non-Jewish spouse. She sees these two steps as real progress.

The Conservative branch of Judaism now recommends that when a non-Jewish parent agrees to rear the child as a Jew, that parent should be allowed to stand with the Jewish parent at naming ceremonies and bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs.

In another step forward, Temple Emanu-El has prepared and offered to all visitors a booklet explaining the service step by step, so newcomers will not feel confused or at a loss. A keruv committee worked hard to put this booklet together.

Cindy Blackwood, one of the workers on the booklet, was the next speaker. Originally a Christian, she is the daughter of a philosopher who encouraged her to study other schools of thought. She walked into the temple one day as an adult, and "immediately felt at home." She took a course in Judaism, converted three or four years ago, and married a member of the congregation.

Blackwood said that most members of the congregation made her feel welcome from the start, and she thanked them again for that, Sunday.

But some were — and still are — upset that her two older sons attend Alperin Schechter Day School and have not yet converted, she said. It is her hope that when they reach an appropriate age, they will decide to convert, too. Since she has experienced both rejection and acceptance through her own family, she now champions a welcoming attitude on the part of temple membership.

Rabbi Kauner came to Temple Emanu-El in 1975, and for some time after that, he recalls that the prevalent feeling among Conservative congregations was, "If you reject Judaism, then we're going to reject you." Families emphatically rejected their own children for intermarriage.

But, he said, such practical considerations as the statistics



PANEL FOR CHANGE — Cindy Blackwood, Doris McGarry and Rabbi Alvan Kauner of Temple Emanu-El in Providence prepare to discuss intermarriage Sunday afternoon. Behind the panel is a wall hanging created by the children of the Alperin Schechter Day School.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

McGarry cited have persuaded Jews to reconsider their position. Rejection, he said, does not stop intermarriage. "It does not work."

And, he discovered, as did other leaders of the congregation, that many Jews who are married to non-Jews are still very committed to Judaism. These people had been deeply hurt by the rejection they suffered.

Rabbi Kauner posed the difficult question of how far acceptance should go. If a Christian spouse becomes a member of temple groups, of congregational leadership, you could theoretically have a situation where a Christian holds a post of leadership in a temple. In

1964, "honors" were forbidden non-Jewish members of mixed marriages, and this ruling was not overturned till the mid-'80s.

He went on to say, "We feel we want to encourage especially the raising of our children Jewishly." During the questioning from the audience which followed the discussion, the rabbi reminded everyone that Jewish marriages insure Jewish survival. The Jewish child must be there to carry on the religion.

At one point during the question-and-answer period, the rabbi said he would like people to at least think about the possibility that the place for Judaism may be in Israel — that a better place for their Jewish grandchild-

ren may be in Israel. An audible sigh of concern and dis-

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The Havurah Minyan provides a nurturing atmosphere for those congregants who

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Brandeis Home to Sakharov's Archives

Elena Bonner, right, the widow of Andrei Sakharov, left — the man the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize committee called the "conscience of mankind" — is donating her husband's archives to Brandeis University, where researchers from around the world will be able to study his unique legacy to mankind. Dr. Sakharov's archives, which will be housed both at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., and in Moscow, (with copies from the latter available at Brandeis) encompass his scientific research, his human rights work, and his personal papers. But the archives include much more than Sakharov's papers; they are in fact the archives of the human-rights movement in Russia. Even the KGB does not have many of these documents. Bonner came to Waltham from Moscow for the official announcement of the archives recently and was joined by former Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky and Bonner's daughter, Tatiana Yankelevich.

Agudath Achim Plans Holiday Craft Fair

Congregation Agudath Achim, Taunton, Mass., will host a Holiday Craft Fair on Nov. 7.

The fair will be at the Jewish Community House, 133 High St., Taunton, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is open to the public for buying and selling.

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The fund-raiser, scheduled for Nov. 4, will start with a festive breakfast at 9:15 a.m., followed by a program featuring guest speaker Ella Tsveyer, absorption center worker, artist, and entrepreneur.

Tsveyer, a former Russian Jew and refugee who emigrated to Israel, was educated as an electronics engineer. However, she pursued graduate studies in art and worked as a guide at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg.

Like any other Jew in her po-

sition at the museum, she was allowed to interact with Russian visitors only, to prevent her from making contact with foreigners. Now, in Israel, she works in Ra'anana's absorption office where she and her family had experienced the direct absorption program of integration. Concomitantly, she operates a self-established business in which she markets the arts and crafts of former Soviet olim. Her talk will encompass the many-faceted pursuits of her very active life.

Randie Goldman and Sharon Yarlas are co-chairwomen of the day. Ex-officio committee members include Women's Division president, Glenda Labush; Campaign chairwoman Dee-Dee Witman; and executive director, May Ronny Zeidman. The meeting place is being provided by Roberta Andreozzi, co-owner of Details and Design.

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Immigrant Experience Is Topic at Providence Hadassah Meeting

"A Day of Memories" will be the subject of the next Providence Hadassah meeting on Nov. 8 at Highland Court. The guest speaker will be Rochelle Rosen of the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities.

She will show a short film and talk about the immigrant experience in the early 1900s. Members are then invited to relate some of their own or their relatives' histories when arriving in the United States.

Ruth Goldstein and Esther Share are co-chairwomen of

the program, which will be the keynote of a new study group on this subject. Later in the year, the group will study the Jewish theater in America.

The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with a current events study group moderated by Doris McGarry. Those attending should bring a brown bag dairy lunch. A coffee hour for all will be held at 12:30 p.m., followed by a brief meeting and the program, open to the public, at 1 p.m.

Borenstein to Address Nurses Council

"Jewish Medical Ethics" will be the topic discussed by Dr. Bruno Borenstein at the Hadassah Nurses Council meeting on Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Cory Fink in Warwick. Dr. Borenstein, clinical assistant professor of medicine at Brown University, received his B.S. and master's credits in sociology at City College of New York, and his M.D. at Downstate Medical Center in New York. His post-graduate and medical training were served at Lenox Hill Hospital, Cornell University-affiliated hospitals and the North Shore University Hospital, all in New York.

In Rhode Island, Borenstein received a fellowship in medical oncology and was the chief medical resident at Brown University and Roger Williams General Hospital.

Dr. Borenstein has been ap-

pointed to numerous medical service groups in Rhode Island, and has volunteered his time endlessly in the community. He has served on the boards of several local medical organizations and societies.

Currently, Borenstein is an associate of the Providence Medical Society, a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society and the American Academy Home Care Physicians. Several publications of medical books and journals are to his credit. Borenstein wrote a weekly newspaper column, "The Doctor's Quiz," for the *Providence Journal Bulletin*.

Cory Fink, program chairwoman, encourages all area nurses, working or retired, to join in an open dialogue with this remarkable man. For information, call 463-3636.

Meal Site Unravels Mysteries of Pyramids

"Mysteries of the Great Pyramid" is the title of this week's featured JCCRI kosher meal site VCR program. The program will be shown on Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

Kosher meal site invites seniors to join in a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon weekly, Sunday through Friday. Doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour; exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m.; bridge is held on Mondays from noon to 3:45 p.m.; Women's Forum is held on Tuesdays from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

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Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays; tea, coffee and hot muffins are served on Sundays at 10 a.m., and movies and video programs are held once or twice a week. Check the kosher meal site calendar, posted in the JCCRI lobby for a listing of this month's events.

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

JCC Takes Part in Food Program

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Dressed in authentic, hand-tailored clothing of the period, he will impersonate a clerk in a shipping office on the Boston waterfront 200 years ago and bring to life this colorful and exciting era.

Dimond was a professor at the Boston University College of Communication for 16 years and is the recipient of 18 national awards for his creative work. He has been delighting audiences throughout New England. WEEI Boston hailed the program as "a marvelous, imaginative way of teaching history."

This program is sponsored by the Cultural Enrichment Committee of the Parent Teachers Association. The committee arranges for visiting artists to come to the school and share their expertise and special cultural heritage with the students.

Participants in the program have included: Ramona Bass, storyteller; the Ensemble Afrique; Charleston String Quartet; Shakespeare & Company; and artists-in-residence the Everett Dance Troupe.

PHDS Offers After-School Activities

Students at the Providence Hebrew Day School have begun an after-school program. Classes in arts and crafts, water colors, and drama are offered for the first eight-week session. Other classes will be offered for the next sessions.

The program is under the direction of Rabbi Mordechai Nissel, director of student activities.

The teachers for each class are: Melissa Conway, watercolor; Kirsten Sheehan, arts and crafts; Doba Shaver, drama.

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'The Spider's on my Head'

Hannah Schacht, a first-grader in Melissa Conway's Providence Hebrew Day School class, shows a visitor the song her class has been learning. The class sang the "Spider On the Floor" and demonstrated their vast knowledge of spiders, which they studied all week.

Herald photo by Anne Davidson



A HANDS-ON PROJECT — Kirsten Sheehan and students work on an arts and crafts project recently as part of an after-school program at the Providence Hebrew Day School.

Intermarriage

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truss rippled through the audience. Rabbi Kaunier offered some words of hope and encouragement for the future, and said it was just something to think about.

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OBITUARIES

SELMA BENNETT

PROVIDENCE — Selma Bennett, 86, of Providence, died Friday at home. She was the widow of Herman L. Bennett.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Lena (Roseblatt) Silverman. Bennett was a life member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Providence Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. A life-long member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, she was also a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Providence Chapter of Hadasah, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, B'nai B'rith, the Rhode Island School of Design Museum and Ledgemont Country Club.

She leaves two daughters, Barbara Levine and Dorothy Lampal; a sister, Ruth Pritzker of East Providence; a brother, Harold Silverman of Providence; three grandchildren, Bennett L. Greenstein, Loren G. Lampal and Gary B. Lampal, and a great-granddaughter, Rebecca Greenstein. She was the sister of the late William Silverman, Milton J. Silverman, C. Sydney Silverman and Miriam Soforenko.

MILTON FILLER

CRANSTON — Milton Filler, 79, of 168 Glen Ridge Road, died Saturday at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Anita (Harris) Ratush-Filler. He was the husband of the late Miriam (Marks) Filler.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Fannie (Friedman) Filler, he lived in Cranston for 22 years. He had also lived in Warwick.

Filler was an Army veteran of World War II, and was a prisoner of war in Germany. For 35 years, he was associated with the John Hancock Life Insurance Co., and for many years was staff manager of its Pawtucket office until retiring 17 years ago.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, and its Men's Club. He was a volunteer

worker in the emergency department at Rhode Island Hospital for 15 years. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of America.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Barbara Roberts of Newport; a stepdaughter, Rosaline Bilow of Natick, Mass.; a stepson, Elliot Ratush of Cranston; a sister, Lillian Feldstein of Pawtucket; a brother, Samuel Filler of Columbia, S.C., and five grandchildren. He was father of the late Steven Filler, and brother of the late Morris Filler.

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

ROBERT GERTNER

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Robert Gertner, 86, of Boca Raton, Fla., died Oct. 16.

Formerly of Cranston, Gertner moved to Florida nine years ago. He is survived by nieces Ruth Arons and Janice Arnoff, and a great-niece, Barbara Arons Lewis. He was the husband of the late Claire Wonnour Gertner and son of the late Solomon and Bella Gertner.

He was a court clerk in Newark, N.J., served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans. Services were held in Florida on Oct. 18.

MARTHA GOLDSMITH

CRANSTON — Martha Goldsmith, 79, of 50 Seymour Ave., died Friday at home. She was the wife of Solomon Jack Goldsmith.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Minnie (Schleifer) Williams, she lived in Cranston since 1952.

Goldsmith was a member of Temple Sinai, its Sisterhood, and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband she leaves a niece, Beverly Rouslin, of Cranston.

The funeral service was private and held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

HENRY HELFENBEIN

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Henry Helfenbein, 88, of the Kimwell Nursing Home, 495 New Boston Rd., died Sunday at the home.

Born in Fall River, he was a son of the late Harry and Sarah (Chislow) Helfenbein.

Helfenbein was a graduate of the Bradford Durfee Textile School. He was a self-employed salesman, and for many years specialized in dental supplies. He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, served in the African Theater, and as a result of military service became disabled. He was a member of the American Legion in Swansea, and the William Green Chapter, DAV. He was a violinist and viola player for the Fall River Symphony Orchestra many years ago.

He leaves a sister, Toby Weiser of Bristol, and three brothers, Robert Helfenbein of Harrison, N.Y., Herman Helfenbein of Somerset, and Joseph Helfenbein of Swansea. A graveside service was held Tuesday at Hebrew Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL LERNER

PROVIDENCE — Samuel Lerner, 85, of 72 Prospect St., professor emeritus of engineering and former director of construction planning at Brown University, died Oct. 20 at home. He was the husband of Ethel S. (Bogin) Lerner.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Harry and Sarah (Roitman) Lerner.

He was a 1930 graduate of Brown University where he was a Frances Wayland Scholar, and a member of the Sigma Xi and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He received his master's degree from Syracuse University, where he taught before returning to Brown University in 1936 as a member of the faculty until his retirement in 1973. He received a doctorate from Polytechnical Institute of Turin, Italy, where he collaborated with Gustavo Colonnetti on a book about the methods of construction.

While at Brown, Lerner co-

authored research papers with William Prager and P.P. Gillis. During his term as director of construction planning, the university erected such facilities as the Rockefeller Library, the Barus and Holley Building, the Graduate Center, the List Art Building, the Sciences Library, and the Medical School.

Under his direction, Brown University installed a new high-temperature, hot-water facility that distributed heat, electricity and cooling to the campus. As a professional engineer, he maintained a private architectural practice. He was the designer of numerous factories, office buildings and houses in southern New England.

Lerner's works are credited in various publications, including John Hutchins Cady's *The Civic and Architectural Development of Providence*; *Providence: A City-Wide Survey of Historical Resources: Historical and Architectural Resources of the East Side, Providence*; and *Pawtucket, Rhode Island: A Statewide Preservation Report*.

He was a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a life member of the American Society for Engineering Education, a member of the Providence Engineering Society, the American Association of University Professors, and the University Club. He was a member of Temple Beth-El.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Steven L. Lerner of Providence.

The funeral service was held Sunday at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

REUBEN POLLOCK

WARWICK — Reuben Pollock, 75, of 1469-B Warwick Ave., owner of the R. Pollock Refrigeration Co., died Sunday at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Stella (Reitman) Pollock.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Anna (Kuchneroff) Pollock, he lived in Cranston for 35 years before moving to Warwick five years ago.

Pollock was an Army veteran of World War II, and served as a major in the European Theater. He was a graduate of the Army Officers Training School, Fort Monmouth, N.J. He was a member of the Olympic Club, and the Crestwood Country Club, Rehoboth, Mass. He was

a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston.

Besides his wife he leaves daughter, Debra L. Miller of Warwick; a son, Bruce G. Pollock of West Warwick; two sisters, Celya Reichin Freidman of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and Minnie Rosa of Providence; brother, Hyman L. Pollock of Fall River, Mass., and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter.

Neo-Nazi Group

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in October 1941, when the occupying German army shot more than 30,000 Kiev Jews during a period of two days. *Kiev News* also reported that another paper, *Holos Nacii* (*The Voice of the Nation*), which is published in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv — as Lvov is now known — had published an excerpt of Hitler's *Mein Kampf* in a recent issue.

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Member of neo-Nazi group

According to the article, the editorial board of *Holos Nacii* — which is published by the Ukrainian National Army, a right-wing nationalist group — said it chose the excerpt "to acquaint" its readers with the theoretical foundations of fascism.

Holos Nacii ran a disclaimer stating that the theory of Slavophobia that was espoused by the Nazis is completely unacceptable to Ukrainians.

But the paper ran the excerpt, the editorial board explained in the disclaimer, because it was necessary to study the phenomenon of nationalism in Nazi Germany.

Copies of *Mein Kampf* and other Nazi books are routinely sold on the streets of major cities in Ukraine as well as in other countries of the former Soviet Union.

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for comment as of press time. He is a partner in Mount St. Francis in Woonsocket and the Coventry Health Center.

Early this week, Temkin and Stone, the law firm representing the Jewish Home, filed a letter of intent to sell the Jewish Home to Consultants Inc. with the state, according to Wayne Farrington, chief of the Health Department's Division of Facilities Regulation.

The executive committee of the Jewish Home authorized the negotiations and signed the letter of intent to sell the facility, "but nothing is final until the trustees meet to approve [the offer]," Jane Sprague, spokeswoman for the home, told the Herald. "Any agreement is subject to the approval of the [full] board [of trustees]."

Because Giordano came in just before the last residents were moved and the license revoked, the home's license can now be extended for up to six weeks, Farrington said.

As reported previously, once the patient census reached six or by Oct. 31, the state had planned to close the facility. But once the census actually fell below six, the state said the home could remain open and licensed until the last resident was moved, Farrington said, thus retaining its license.

Two residents were transferred on Monday, bringing the patient census to five, three more residents were moved Tuesday and two were to be moved Wednesday, according to Rob-

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Syria

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"Everyone agrees the Syrian track is important," Richard Haas, a former Bush administration Middle East specialist who is now a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment, said in an interview.

But, Haas continued, "there's only so much traffic [Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin can put on his political bridges at this point."

Another analyst said Israel's "public posture of hesitancy" in dealing with Syria is not a "stumbling block" to progress. "I don't think there's much daylight between" the U.S. and Israeli positions, Robert Satoff of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy said in an interview.

If Syrian President Hafez Assad were to make the "right offer" tomorrow, the Israelis would find a way to accept it, he said.

In addition to Israel's political considerations, the Americans just have a different way of looking at Syria than do the Israelis, Pipes said.

The United States has been actively involved in trying to work with Syria, although it remains on the State Department's list of state sponsors of terrorism.

By contrast, said Pipes, the other three "rogue states" in the Middle East — Iran, Iraq and Libya — are not treated as kindly by the Americans.

But to the Israelis, such countries are "all trouble," Pipes explained. "The Israelis have less confidence and hope in Assad than the United States does."

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U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, the special coordinator for the peace talks, was shuttling from one Middle East capital to another last week trying to stimulate Israel and Syria into some sort of movement toward peace.

Negotiations on the Israeli-Syrian track have been stalemated for months over definitions of peace and withdrawal.

The Israelis have been waiting for the Syrians to define what they mean by "full peace," while the Syrians have been waiting for the Israelis to specify their plans for withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Meanwhile, in a possible indication of Assad's frame of mind, an Arab league meeting scheduled to have taken place in Damascus Sunday reportedly has been postponed indefinitely.

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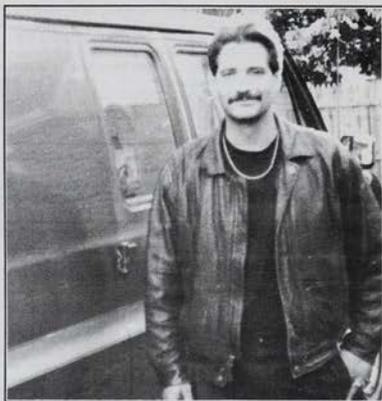
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Clean Carpets Are Necessity to Any Home, Mercurio Says

by Taylor Holland
Herald Reporter

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Mercurio, who said business has nearly tripled since the company's formation in 1983, believes carpet cleaning is a sanitary necessity to any home. "People don't realize that it's actually hazardous to have dirty carpets," he said. "One doctor wrote in an [Environmental Protection Agency] report that if it was up to him, he would not allow carpet in a house unless it was cleaned so many times a year."

This is good news for Mercurio, who said the danger of dirty carpet lies in the fact that people track everything from motor oil to grease and dirt

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onto a carpet from the bottom of their shoes.

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Mercurio recently invested \$12,000 in a Hydromaster cleaning machine that not only cleans carpet and upholstery, but also pumps water out of cellars and basements.

Having a small business in direct competition with larger chain stores isn't easy, so Allstate offers free estimates, free pre-vacuuming and pre-treating of heavily soiled areas, as well as carpet grooming, and the moving, padding and replacement of furniture.

"I also don't charge anything for pre-spray," he said. "It lifts up about 95 percent of the spots. ... I have 12 different kinds of cleaners for paint, ink, grease, chewing gum, lipstick and iodine."

Though the American economy is currently depressed, it hasn't affected Mercurio because of his other business, Mercurio Painting, which has done work for the city of Providence and Mayor Vincent Cianci.

Mercurio also works extensively on the East Side of Providence. "I'm well-known to the Jewish community after working in that neighborhood for 10 years," he said.



Partnership Applies to Buy Jewish Home

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ert DiCenso, acting administrator in charge of closing the home. A staff of 20 was on hand for those last remaining residents.

Dexter said the state would probably have determined the application's acceptability for review by Wednesday afternoon. Then, the review would commence Nov. 1 and would be concluded within 60 days "if practicable. It can be extended a total of 90 days," he added.

Meanwhile, a group seeking to prevent the Jewish Home's closure has been fighting to keep it open.

Lawyers representing four residents who were recently transferred to other nursing homes last week asked Judge Richard Israel for a preliminary injunction to keep the home from closing or being sold. Thomas Pearlman, Z. Hershel Smith and Leo P. Attili argued last week that home trustees went back on their commitment to the community to offer residents a kosher nursing home.

"Any agreement is subject to the approval of the [full] board [of trustees]."

Jane Sprague

The sale of the home will not affect the lawsuit, Farrington said.

The hearings were held Oct. 21 and Friday, but were continued to Wednesday at 11 a.m. Offering testimony to keep the home open were Rabbi Eliezer Gibber, dean of the New England Rabbinical College; Annette Miller, whose aunt was transferred from the home to a nursing home in Attleboro, Mass.; Bennett Formal of the former Sons of Zion; and union Vice President Stanley Israel.

Lawyers read a deposition from Nat Sherman, accountant and comptroller for Jack Freidman, a New York nursing home owner who has filed a formal proposal with Jewish Home officials to run the facility. The deposition reiterated what Friedman has said in the past — that he is confident the home can be up and running as a profitable facility in less than a year.

Previous attempts to seek



The Jewish Home for the Aged
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court orders to keep the home open failed. Superior Court Judge Ronald Gagnon denied a request by the ad hoc Committee to Reopen the Jewish Home Sept. 28. Co-chaired by Pearlman and Dr. Aaron Wold, the group has maintained that the community has a responsibility to its older residents to keep the facility from closing.

But Martin Temkin, a lawyer representing the Jewish Home, told the *Herald*, "I don't know what the other side is trying to accomplish. We have not been able to fathom that since the start of their action. I don't know where they're headed frankly or what they want."

Temkin said the group's request is identical to their previous requests, which were denied.

Lawyer Mary Ellen McCabe of the Department of Health had

argued at the September hearing that the home be closed immediately, in accordance with the department's policy to do what is in the best interests of the residents.

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