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**SURROUNDED BY WELL-WISHERS** — Rabbi Nechama Goldberg relaxes with friends after her installation Sunday at Temple Am David.  
*Herald photo by Alison Smith*

## Rabbi Goldberg Ordained at Am David

by Alison Smith  
Herald Reporter  
Rabbi Nechama D. Goldberg spent the half hour before her formal installation as rabbi at Temple Am David, Sunday, warmly welcoming and chatting with members of the congregation and guests, completely at ease and in her element. The congregation, openly proud of their new rabbi and rejoicing in this occasion, filled almost every available seat in the temple.  
Rabbi Goldberg is the first woman pulpit rabbi to be installed in a Rhode Island temple, so it was an event of historical as well as religious significance.

President Steven T. Sholes, opening the service, welcomed guests and members of the congregation, and introduced speakers throughout the ceremony.  
Cantor Steven Dress sang "Hatikvah," "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Eli D'Vorim." Cantor Dress spent nine years as Temple Am David's cantor before moving to Temple Israel in Sharon, Mass., so it was in the spirit of homecoming for him to sing for Rabbi Goldberg's installation.  
Gov. Bruce Sundlun spoke, giving Rabbi Goldberg the benefit of some old research he'd done on Rhode Island myths in

a lighthearted moment, but adding that it was no myth that Rhode Islanders were outstandingly free of religious prejudice.  
To give just one example of this, he pointed out that while the state is mostly Catholic (64 percent, according to the *(Continued on Page 28)*)

## R.I.'s Political Elite Speak on 'Grassroots Politics'

by Taylor Holland  
Herald Reporter  
Rhode Island's political elite gathered Sunday at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island to discuss the road to Jewish political empowerment.  
Gov. Bruce Sundlun opened the session, titled "Grassroots Politics: Let Your Voice Be Heard," by telling the audience of the enormous opportunity for Jewish involvement in the Rhode Island political arena.  
"There is no political discrimination against Jews in Rhode Island," Sundlun said. "If there are Jews who are not in office, it's their own fault for not getting out there, and getting active, and getting involved, and

trying to get to a position of holding office."  
Sundlun, the state's second Jewish governor after Frank Licht (1969-73), continued his speech by chronicling the involvement of women in Rhode Island politics.  
"There are more women [in my administration] than in all the other Republican and Democratic administrations since the end of World War II combined," Sundlun said. "So women have a tremendous opportunity in this state, and I encourage them to get active."  
Gov. Sundlun was followed by keynote speaker Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the *(Continued on Page 19)*

## Testimony Continues in Jewish Home Case

by Anne S. Davidson  
Herald Editor  
Chairman of the Jewish Home's board, Dr. Stanley Aronson, and executive committee member and Trustee Melvin Alperin took the witness stand this past week as Superior Court Judge Richard J. Israel continues to hear the case of the Jewish Home. Israel is now devoting his full attention to the case, which, as of press time, has met on a daily basis since late last week.  
The case, which began hearings on Oct. 22, was brought by four former residents of the home who want to re-open the now-empty facility. Papers filed last month to sell the home to Antonio L. Giordano have been placed on hold, along with the facility's license, until the judge rules on this case.  
At the end of the day on Monday, Judge Israel asked Alperin, "Should I take away from these hearings the impression [that] the executive committee and the

board of trustees ... have decided to get out of the nursing home business for elderly and frail Jewish people?"

When Alperin responded, "No," Israel continued, "That being the case ... if I don't stop the sale of this [facility] ... and I don't remove the present management, the frail Jewish elderly who are already [moved to new homes] — what's the prospect for them?"  
Aronson told the judge that there is a need for a Jewish nursing home in Rhode Island "of a certain size."

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*Superior Court Judge Richard J. Israel*

"I would like to run a good home at the appropriate time, the appropriate size and do it right," he said, adding, "The board has not voted on that by any means."

The judge then introduced a hypothetical "Jane Doe." "For her, is she going to have to live in a secular nursing home and hope that Jewish people from *(Continued on Page 27)*



## Celebrating 150 Years

President Bill Clinton, with candle in hand, reads along in the Havdalah service recently at B'nai B'rith's 150th anniversary on Oct. 22 at the Jefferson Memorial. In remarks later, the president told the group, "I am very proud of the cooperation I have seen in the United States between American Jews and Arab Americans, working on what they can do together to make the peace agreement work. Clearly, more must be done, and we have not a moment to waste."

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## RIC to Host Expert on 'Psychology of Racism'

Creating an environment of "safety," being honest with

one's feelings, and getting people to learn about racism through an exchange of experiences and ideas are significant factors — generally held — that will break down barriers of racism," according to Beverly Daniel Tatum, associate professor in the Department of Psychology and Education at Mount Hoyo College in South Hadley, Mass.

Tatum will expound on her theories at Rhode Island College on Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. in Clarke Science, room 125, as part of the School of Education and Human Development's on-going series addressing issues of cultural diversity in education and in society.

The licensed clinical psychologist, who has done years of research on the topic of racism and has taught a class, "Talking about Race, Learning about Racism: The Application of Racial Identity Development Theory in the Classroom" for 13 years, identifies three major sources of student resistance to talking about race and learning about racism: "People are socialized not to talk about racism; in a U.S. society we're all trained to think that we live in a fair society, and the initial denial of any personal connection to racism."

She said the "inclusion of race-related content in college courses often generates emo-

tional responses in students that range from guilt and shame to anger and despair. The discomfort associated with these emotions can lead students to resist the learning process.

To dispel some discomfort in the classroom setting and to encourage honesty, Tatum asks students to honor the confidentiality of the group, "to refrain from taking personal attributions when discussing the course content ... discourage the use of zaps or overt or covert putdowns and finally, students are asked to speak from their own experience."

One of the problems students studying to become teachers and those who are practitioners face is that "there is limited information about the childhood development of children of color," Tatum said. "Most teachers in training take courses in human development," but when it comes to learning about different developmental stages and phases of children of color, there is a shortage of information.

The public is invited to the presentation by Tatum, who agrees that having public forums and extracurricular activities about racism helps students on college campuses learn more about the problem.

But she said, "It has become painfully clear on many college

campuses across the United States that we cannot have successfully multicultural campuses without talking about race and learning about racism. Providing a forum where this discussion can take place safely over a semester, a time period that allows personal and group development to unfold in ways that day-long or weekend programs do not, may be among the most proactive learning opportunities an institution can provide."

For further information, call Carolyn P. Panofsky, associate professor in the School of Education, at 456-8170.

## Brown to Sponsor Festival of Women Writers

The Program in Creative Writing at Brown University will present a two-day festival of innovative women writers, "Original Voices," from Nov. 11 through 13. The festival, open to the public without charge, will feature multiple readings as well as electronic and musical presentations by 12 women authors of note.

According to festival organizer Robert Coover, the T.B. Stowell University Professor and adjunct professor of English at Brown, "Original Voices" will offer "plentiful opportunities to discuss emerging trends in contemporary fiction with some of the boldest and most inspiring women writing in America today."

The highlight of the festival will be a symposium involving all 12 participants at 2 p.m., Nov. 12 in Grant Recital Hall at the corner of Hope Street and Young Orchard Avenue. The colloquium, inspired by the famous last words of author Gertrude Stein, will be titled "In that case, what was the question?" Participants will address questions from the audience and will discuss the concerns of women in the literary avant-garde.

Participating writers will be Ursula Molinaro, author of nine novels, including *Green Lights are Blue*, *The Autobiography of Cassandra*, and *Encores for a Dilettante*; and Joanna Scott, a Guggenheim and MacArthur fellow and a graduate of Brown's program in creative writing. Her novels include *Arrogance*, *The Closest Possible Union* and *Fading*, My *Parmaehene Belle*.

Also participating will be Carole Maso, author of the novels *Ghost Dance*, *The Art Lover* and *Ada*, which has been called "a breakthrough in form"; Patricia Eakins, whose collection of short stories, *The Hungry Girls*, was described as "a genuinely original and disturbing work of art"; and Ellen Akins, author of *Home Movies*, *Little Woman* and *World Like a Knife*.

"Original Voices" is a sequel to "Unspeakable Practices II," a festival of vanguard fiction held at Brown in spring of 1993. The festival of women writers continues the university's annual celebration of innovative fiction.

## OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Quilts made by members of the Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association will be displayed at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, now through Nov. 29; call 943-9080.

GWFC Warwick Women's Club will hold its 14th annual Crafts Show, Nov. 13 and 14 at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call 738-5609.

A Naval Diving and Shipwreck Symposium will be held Nov. 13, from 8:30 to 4 p.m. at Spruance Auditorium, Naval War College, Newport; call 841-4052.

"Hop for Health," an event to benefit the Hasbro Children's Hospital, will be held Nov. 14 at the Discovery Zone in Warwick. Fitness-related games and activities like face painting will be available for children ages 5 to 13.

A free beginning photography workshop will be held Nov. 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Photo Magique studio, 18 High St., Westerly. Advance registration required; call 596-0120.

The Small Business Development Center at URI will sponsor a conference on "Closely Held Business in Transition: From Survival to Profitability," at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Warwick Nov. 14; call 792-2451.

A company of five actors will present spine-tingling "Ghost Stories," by Stephen King, at 8 p.m., Nov. 16 at Roberts Hall, Rhode Island College, Providence; call 456-8090.

"Make It and Take It," a workshop for children 3 and older, will be held at the Children's Museum of Rhode Island Nov. 16, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The participants will be shown how to make, and play, their own musical instruments; call 726-2591.

Parents without Partners will sponsor a single's dance Nov. 14, from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the U.C.T. Hall, 1530 Atwood Ave., Johnston. The regular meeting will be held on Nov. 17, at 7:15, at the Meschutic Park Baptist Church on Oaklawn Ave., Cranston; call 621-3816.



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## FEATURE

# Remembering the Old-Time Games

## The Handkerchief(?) Game

by Harold Bloom  
Special to the Herald

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

One of the games played by the harder kids was played with handkerchiefs! It was, however, by no means a sissy game.

Each of the two contestants used a men's handkerchief prepared in the following fashion: The open handkerchief was held by two diagonal corners, one with the fingers, the other with the teeth, so that the resulting triangular configuration hung between them.

The corner being held in the hands was then twisted so as to wind the handkerchief gradu-

ally into a tighter and tighter curl that was, of course, thicker in the center than at the ends. When the curl became very tight, the ends were brought together, and the handkerchief would actually wind itself into a tight "pigtail." The ends would then be tied together with a simple knot.

At this point, some contestants would thoroughly dampen the pigtail with water. I can't, for the life of me, remember what we called this game in those days, but this is how it was played:

First, each opponent would declare himself "odds" or "evens." Next, they would "throw fingers"; that is, they would each start with a clenched fist, and, on a pre-arranged signal, would uncurl as many fingers as they wished. The resulting total number of extended fingers, odd or even, would indicate the winner of the "throw."

The loser would, thereupon, hold out his hand, palm up, and the winner would swing his "pigtailed" handkerchief as hard as he could so that the thick end would strike the outstretched palm. Play would then resume by repeating the process from the point of declaring "odds" or "evens."

As you can well imagine, it would not be long before the players acquired a pair of red, swollen, rather painful hands, and the game was over when one of them had had enough.

The best players were those who could combine two talents: 1) obviously, a high tolerance for pain, and 2) a strategy for outguessing his opponent in "throwing fingers" for 10 or 15 times in succession, which was usually enough to end the game.

Harold Bloom, a former Providence resident, now lives in Galway, N.Y.

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## The Journey Home

by Cindy Halpern  
Special to the Herald

This is a true but modern family saga about a man who rediscovers his lost roots.

Abraham and his wife Sarah had forever left the land and the ways of Ur and wandered across a great ocean, a lonely desert of the mind, and arrived on the shores of the Hudson, a new promised land.

Even in poverty, they sowed a seed and named their son, Isaac. As parents, they shared the great wealth of Israel with him, but their serious son did not remember the sweet words of the Torah, but his own bitter tears that rolled down his cheeks as the neighbors ridiculed his parents for practicing their strange customs.

He felt ashamed of his parents ways, but did not wish to disappoint them, so he married Rebecca, a distant cousin from a foreign shore.

Isaac hoped and even prayed for a son. Behold! Essau and Jacob were born! He dreamed of them attending university, not yeshiva; and so it came to be that his sons were educated well within the ivy gates, but they had forgotten the wailing wall.

The oldest son gladly sold his birthright by marrying a gentile and raising his children in the Amalek traditions in a distant

suburb.

The birthright was transferred to the other son, Jacob, who wandered far from the ways of Abraham and dreamed of climbing the corporate ladder. He, too, married a gentile and raised his children to follow the American dream, a Jewish nightmare of assimilation.

A great-grandson of Abraham did not learn the tongue of Israel, but he married an Israelite, who already had a daughter named Rachel. He adopted his wife's child as his own. He labored long and hard. He tilled the soil, not to win the hand of a fair maiden, but to send his beloved daughter, Rachel, to a Jewish day school to learn all the knowledge he never knew.

From the window of his modest home, one could see its mysterious glow that brightened the darkness of a dismal December evening. It was not

lights from a barbarian tree, but a menorah that illuminated sunshine on the darkest winter night.

In springtime, the bunny did not hop by, but the Passover dishes made a difficult journey down from storage.

Autumn leaves and fall winds no longer brought Octoberfest, but in its place was a Sukkot celebration.

Abraham's great-grandson seated himself in the synagogue for Yom Kippur and at the Shabbat table.

Finally, like a once-enslaved Jew of Pharaoh, he submerged himself in the River Jordan, filled by rain water. When he climbed out of the magical waters, he found his way home to Israel, the ancient land of his fathers. He was no longer subtracted from the nation, but was received into the Jewish faith on 16 Heshvan 5743. Amen.

## OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Visitor's Night will be held at CCRJ's Observatory on Nov. 17 and Dec. 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., clear skies permitting. An escort will leave the main lobby of the college (near the bookstore on the second floor) at 7:30, 8 and 8:30 p.m.; call 825-2178.

## BAY STATE NEWS BRIEFS

An antiques show and sale will be sponsored by the Land Preservation Society of Norton, Mass., and Country Cape Antiques Shows, on Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission costs \$3.50; call (508) 285-3534.

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# OPINIONS

## Open Letter to Dr. Manfred R. Lehmann

Dear Sir:

Your "Open Letter to Shimon Peres" (*Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, Oct. 28) is critical of a speech that the Israeli foreign minister recently gave to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, an event at which I was not present and so am not going to comment upon.

However, in your references to modern Jewish history upon which you base much of your criticism there are errors of a factual nature which I call to your attention.

1. You write: "Zionism, from 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."

The Balfour Declaration made no mention of a Jewish state, urging only the creation of a "Jewish homeland," a far more ambiguous term, deliberately chosen. Nor were any boundaries for Palestine described in the declaration.

Not only was today's state of Jordan not included in the "Jewish homeland," as referred to by

the declaration, Britain did not even have possession of Palestine or Jordan when the declaration was issued. Palestine at the time was a part of the Turkish province of Syria.

The mandate, which did include what is today both Israel and Jordan, was created by the

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League of Nations after the Versailles Treaty of 1919. The British division of the mandate into Palestine and Jordan, which occurred several years later, bore no relation to the Balfour Declaration.

2. After mentioning that the Reform rabbis in Germany 100 years ago were "rabidly anti-Zionist," you write: "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 state as of old." The inference is clear; the Reform movement today is still "rabidly anti-Zionist."

If you look on page 765 of

*Gates of Prayer*, the most widely used of the Reform prayer books, you will find the words to "Hatikvah," to be sung as a part of the Reform service. The Reform movement, which supports two kibbutzim, an aliyah program, institutions and other organizations in Israel and which maintains a branch of its rabbinical college in Jerusalem, did, originally, oppose Zionism.

So, I must remind you, did Orthodoxy. If you question the Zionism of the present Reform movement because of Reform's anti-Zionist positions at the beginning of this century, then yours may also be questioned because Orthodox also had its "rabidly anti-Zionist" period at about the same time. I am sure that you will agree with me that this is an unfounded reflection on the legitimacy of today's Orthodox Zionists. If it is, then in all fairness, it must also be unfounded for the Reform.

I should also add that the anti-Zionist wing of the Reform movement, grounded in the American Council for Judaism, came to an end during the Six Day War. The anti-Zionist wing of Orthodoxy, most visible in the Satmar movement in the United States and Israel, remains viable today and its advertisements branding Israel a Nazi state continue to appear in *The New York Times* and elsewhere.

3. And finally, you write: "It was a Meretz minister who objected to future trips by Israeli youth to Auschwitz, as such visits would increase 'nationalism' — in other words, strong Jewish feelings."

Shulamith Aloni — pardon me for writing her apparently forbidden name — did not object to those visits per se. Her objection, which is shared by many people who are not necessarily Meretz supporters, was that in traveling only to death camps, young Israelis, most of them on their first trips outside of the country, learn nothing about the rich cultural life of the Jews of pre-war Europe, nothing of their accomplishments, nothing of what they contrib-

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## Anti-Semitic Threats Prompt Inaction

To the Editor:

I'm including an article on a series of incidents involving anti-Semitism in a local Rhode Island community. The issue of domestic violence and stalking are also raised in the piece. I feel that the issues raised in this essay need to be aired before the larger Jewish community in Rhode Island.

A year and a half ago, an itinerant teacher approached me in the foyer of an elementary school of a Rhode Island suburb

must be treated with a degree of seriousness.

"What? I shot back, amazed and confused by his statement.

"Someone ought to teach her a lesson," he continued. "She's a friend of yours, isn't she?" he snapped, without waiting for a response. "She was supposed to have coffee with me on Wednesday, but she never showed." He became more agitated as he spoke, finally leav-

## Letters to the EDITOR



ing the foyer, not waiting for an answer.

The next day, the itinerant teacher brought in an article about a member of Alison's family. He pushed it toward me: "See? I told you her whole family is wacky." The article dealt with one of Alison's parents and a political issue affecting the state.

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During the following week-

end, I called Alison to alert her to the danger I perceived from this individual. She was extremely upset, having already begun to feel the wrath caused by her willful abuse.

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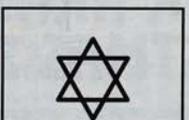
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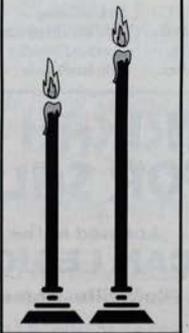
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## Candlelighting

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## Fifty Years Ago in the Rhode Island Jewish Herald

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 1943

### Omission Hinders Rescue Program

NEW YORK — Deep "disappointment" that the Moscow conference did not specifically pledge to avenge the Jewish victims of Nazism was expressed by leaders of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe in a wire to President Roosevelt. The committee, which has been active in trying to rescue 4,000,000 Jews from Nazi terror, made clear that it felt the conference had made a positive contribution towards future world order in its statement on atrocities. But it was felt that omission of the Jews from the list of those to be avenged would give Hitler a "green light to go ahead and exterminate them."

### Ramirez Restricts Jewish Activities

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — Following the order closing down Jewish relief and social organizations in Argentina, the Ramirez government is reported this week to have embarked on a policy of depriving naturalized Jews of their citizenship in preparation for expelling them from the country as "aliens." This report was brought here by Jews who fled from Argentina as a result of the increased anti-Jewish attacks there, declaring that life has become very difficult for Jews in Argentina during the last few weeks.

### Benjamin Kanes Honored at Testimonial Dinner

More than 200 guests attended a surprise testimonial dinner at the Narragansett Hotel last Saturday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kane who have shortly for Florida to make their permanent home there. The testimonial dinner idea originated at the Jewish Home for Aged in appreciation of Mr. Kane's leadership in the current building campaign.

# OPINIONS

## Anti-Semitic Threats

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to me) was the foremost among my enemies."

I recoiled at hearing the religious epithet, and warned my friend of the greater I perceived for her in the form of physical violence. I told her that the stalking behavior, harassing calls, and anti-Semitic remarks were all indicative of a very unbalanced person who is capable of far more mayhem. I advised my friend to file a complaint with the police.

During that afternoon, my family attended a swim meet in which my son took part. When we returned from the pool after dinner, our daughter informed us that the irate teacher had been calling repeatedly the entire afternoon and early evening. She said he slammed the phone down each time she told him that I was not at home. I picked the phone up on the first ring soon after dinner was finished.

He began running off at the mouth shortly after he recognized my voice.

"What did you tell Alison?" he demanded.

"That you were a danger to her."

"Where did you get that idea?" he screamed.

"From the things you said in school." Not intending to fuel his sense of indignation since he now knew his offensive diversion had been revealed, I became blunt. "When I hang up this phone I'm going to call the police to make a complaint about your harassing calls. Don't ever call this house again!" I hung up.

With the beginning of school on Monday morning, I called the superintendent of schools office to report the events of the past several days and to voice my concern about the safety factor for my friend, myself, and the children in the school. The itinerant teacher was conveniently absent, an action I expected.

My call to the superintendent was not returned, but I encountered him that afternoon in the hallway of a college in Providence at which we are both part-time instructors.

"Look, this is an outside-of-school matter. There's no way I'm going to deal with it as superintendent," he said. I reminded him that the statements about violence to my friend were made at school, and that our personal safety was now at risk. He reiterated that it was not a school issue, but became visibly upset that the itinerant teacher had used the term "the Jew" pejoratively.

The end of the school year quickly approached. I was on guard each time I saw the itinerant teacher. He often ducked into classrooms when he saw me, or parked nearby a classroom in which he was scheduled to teach, rather than walking through the hallways of the school building.

I had lunch with my friend as the school year ended. She filed a complaint of harassment with the police, but they could do little unless she was physically harmed.

The next school year began. The itinerant teacher exhibited the same cagey behavior I witnessed at the end of the past academic year. The entire school year proceeded this way. I considered this a good omen. My friend Alison heard nothing either.

A new school year started. I felt the events of a year and a half were history. How wrong! Time, and the lack of official action emboldened the teacher. He began parking near where I sat to have my lunch out-of-doors on pleasant late summer and early fall days. One day, I passed him in the school hallway. He commented, "No sense of humor," connected with a grimace cast in my direction.

Within minutes I located him in an empty classroom. There was no doubt that I would confront him. I felt his anti-Semitic comments had gone unanswered far too long. I looked at him unflinchingly. "If you have something to say to me, I suggest you do it directly."

"I didn't say anything to you."

I saw the confrontation, while incredibly uncomfortable, opportune. I specifically challenged his anti-Semitic remarks of the past.

As expected, he categorically denied them.

I told him, as I exited that if it

was trouble he wanted, it was trouble he would get.

He countered that he'd be the one to cause trouble.

Following my last class of the day, I met with the school principal. He was not supportive and was upset that the issue might be raised before the superintendent of schools.

When I spoke to Alison on the phone on Saturday morning, she was not surprised by the events I described. She warned me that the teacher is capable of any extreme of abhorrent behavior. She advised that I report the incident to the police.

On Monday afternoon, following school, I met with the superintendent. The superintendent didn't see any connection between the itinerant's behavior and past events. She was concerned with my confrontational behavior. She seemed to discount the anti-Semitic remarks of the past.

The next day, I spoke with a representative of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, who said the teacher's behavior is what can be expected in a less-than-perfect world.

When I told her of Alison's distress regarding the potential for violence, she became more concerned and advised me to call the state police.

The state police representative said that the state can only become involved once violence is connected to a religious slur. The state police recommended that I call the local police.

I'm amazed at the official inaction that I've witnessed and the carte blanche that has been given to the itinerant teacher to go about his business of harassment and intimidation without sanction.

What particularly concerns me is the model we're creating for children in a society that has established schooling for the purpose of democratizing its citizenry and exposing young minds to different cultures, thereby creating, at the very least, an atmosphere of mutual tolerance.

Howard Lisnoff  
Narragansett

## Why Did Isaac Prefer Esau Over Jacob?

In this week's Torah portion, Toldot, we read of how Isaac wanted to bless Esau but was prevented from doing so by Rivka, his wife. It was through her intervention that the blessings were bestowed upon Jacob instead.

to give the blessings only to him?

The truth is that Esau, the firstborn twin, possessed an extremely lofty soul capable of incredible spiritual accomplishments. In certain respects, Esau was on an even higher spiritual level than his brother Jacob.

Jacob was born to be a "dweller in tents (of Torah)," protected from the outside world, enclosed within the four walls of the yeshiva.

Esau, however, was "a man of the field," blessed with the spiritual strength to venture forth into the coarser material

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A fundamental question is raised by this incident. How could Isaac have possibly preferred Esau over Jacob? True, our sages tell us that Esau repeatedly tried to deceive his elderly father into thinking he was G-d-fearing and observant, by pointedly asking questions about religious law, but it is still hard to imagine Isaac being fooled by Esau's ruse.

In fact, when Jacob presented himself to receive his father's blessings, Isaac declared that "the voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau," recognizing how unusual it was for Esau to address him in such a civil manner or even to bring G-d's name into the conversation. Isaac surely realized that something was amiss.

But if Isaac was well aware of Esau's serious shortcomings, why did he nevertheless want

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Israeli Support for PLO Accord Seems in Doubt

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A state of anti-Arab violence by Jewish settlers in the administered territories last week was not the most extreme manifestation of what the government here fears is a drift in Israeli public opinion away from support for the Israeli-Palestinian accord on self-rule.

### NEWS ANALYSIS

The violence was touched off by the killing Oct. 29 of Chaim Mizrahi, a resident of the West Bank settlement of Beit El, who apparently was kidnapped and murdered by Islamic fundamentalists when he went to buy eggs at a Palestinian chicken farm.

Enraged settlers went on a rampage, blocking roads with

burning tires, stoning Arab cars, roughing up Arab drivers, and setting agricultural fields and Arab schools on fire.

The violence, which began the next night and continued for a few days, had mostly tapered off by midweek. But there was lingering concern about what some in the media were calling the start of a "Jewish intifada."

While the public recoiled from such excesses, which were condemned in the strongest terms by even right-wing politicians, it seemed nevertheless that, this time, the settlers had succeeded in attracting the sympathies of the Israeli public.

Their rowdy demonstrations in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 13 signing of the accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization had left the vast bulk of the Israeli public demonstrably cold.

But the brutal death of Mizrahi, who was ambushed while buying eggs from a Palestinian farmer, brought home to people the dangers

that Israelis living in the territories will still face — perhaps in even greater measure — once Israel begins withdrawing its forces from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho on Dec. 13, as called for in the accord.

The government's problems were probably exacerbated by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin himself.

In a typically sharp Rabin-esque comment Oct. 30, the prime minister appeared to lump together the Hamas ter-

rorists — three of whom butchered Mizrahi — and the Jewish settlers as enemies of the peace process.

But by the same token, Rabin's much-criticized remark served to focus the public debate.

It is true that in subsequent explanatory statements, Rabin carefully added the Hebrew word "Thavdil" — "to make a distinction." But he nonetheless retained the basic logic of his analogy.

## Moussa Intervenes to Break Deadlock in Taba Talks

by Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A one-day visit here by Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa raised hopes that talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, suspended last week, would resume. And so they did in "extreme se-

crecy" in Cairo Monday, the Associated Press reported.

After meeting Nov. 4 with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and military officials, Moussa declared his optimism that "things are going in the right direction on the Palestinian-Israeli track."

Moussa also said he had "definite hopes" for rapid results on other tracks, including that between Israel and Syria.

His comment fueled speculation that there is behind-the-scenes diplomatic movement between Jerusalem and Damascus.

The speculation was intensified when Peres, during an interview with Israel Television, coyly observed that additional progress in the peace process would soon be evident.

Newspapers here have been reporting that Peres held secret talks last week with leaders of an Arab state, either Jordan, Saudi Arabia or Tunisia.

The original purpose of Moussa's visit was to brief Israeli leaders on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's recent meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

When the Israeli-PLO talks on Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho were suspended last week, Moussa added that issue to his agenda when he met with Israeli leaders.

The suspension of the talks in Taba came after disputes arose over Israel's plans to withdraw its forces from Palestinian population centers in Gaza, and to redeploy them to areas near the Jewish settlements in the area.

Nabil Sha'ath, head of the Palestinian delegation in Taba, said the agreement of principles that formed the basis of the self-rule accord called for Israel to withdraw its military forces and not merely to redeploy them.

Moussa met with Sha'ath in Cairo the day before he came to Jerusalem.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat blamed Israel for the suspension, saying Israel was deviating from the declaration of principles.

Arafat has reportedly received telegrams from both U.S. President Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher to continue the autonomy talks. (JTA, JERUSALEM, NOV. 11, 1993)

### NEWS BRIEFS



#### INTERNATIONAL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Top Israeli officials have doubts about a claim by a senior PLO intelligence official that Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad was being held by the Syrians. Israel Defense Force and political sources expressed reservations last week about that claim as well as about a second claim that three other Israeli soldiers — Zachariya Baumei, Yehuda Katz and Zvi Feldman — were dead and had been buried in a Damascus cemetery. The claims regarding the missing soldiers were made Nov. 2 by Col. Nezar Amar, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization delegation to the autonomy talks at the Sinai border town of Taba.

#### NATIONAL

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Jewish institutions in the Greater Los Angeles area again escaped destruction and damage as the second series of firestorms took a fresh toll of more than 200 homes last week. Hardest hit Nov. 2 was Malibu, the oceanside residence of the rich and famous, and adjacent Pacific Palisades. Both have sizable Jewish communities. The Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue, a Reconstructionist congregation, had the closest call, with the flames leaping to within 15 feet of the structure.

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CLEVELAND (JTA) — A furor has erupted over revelations that a stained-glass mural of medical heroes at the College of Medicine at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, included the portrait of a Nazi doctor. The mural was erected more than 20 years ago, but it was only recently revealed that the mural included a picture of Col. Hubertus Strughold, who participated in experiments on concentration camp prisoners. David Crawford, spokesman for the OSU Medical Center, told the *Cleveland Jewish News* that once the discovery was made, the portrait of Strughold was covered. He said the university was anxious to correct the problem permanently by removing the offensive image from the mural.

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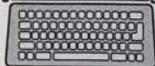
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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## NEWS BRIEFS



### INTERNATIONAL

GENEVA (JTA) — The churches of Hungary voted to support anti-Semitic laws at the outbreak of World War II, according to a sharply critical new study of the role played by church officials in Hungary during the Nazi era. More than 500,000 Hungarian Jews perished in Nazi death camps during World War II, the study says, adding that "sore wounds" are torn open every time one raises the question of how Hungarian churches behaved during the period.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — There are fewer Jews living in the former Soviet Union than had previously been believed, a survey conducted by the Jewish Agency for Israel indicates. According to the survey, which was compiled by the Jewish Agency's unit for the former Soviet Union and Central Europe, there are 1.4 million Jews living in 200 communities in the Soviet successor states.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — October was one of the most active months for operations against Israel in the border security zone of Southern Lebanon, according to reports quoting Lebanese security sources. Almost constant assaults were launched by rejectionist groups, especially the Hezbollah Islamic fundamentalist organization and hard-line Palestinian factions opposed to the accord between Israel and the PLO. The Palestine Liberation Organization.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Despite his last-minute deal with Orthodox voters, the mayor-elect has vowed to maintain the status quo of religion in Jerusalem. Ehud Olmert, whose Nov. 2 victory ended the 28-year career of Teddy Kolek, said bars, restaurants and cinemas that are currently open on Friday will remain open. New entertainment spots would be permitted to open if they did not "disrupt the life of the neighborhood."

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### A Knowledgeable Speaker

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, applauds First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton after her address recently at the 93rd general assembly of the UAHC, central body of Reform Judaism, in San Francisco. The first lady received a resounding ovation for her effective presentation of the president's health care reform plan and her knowledgeable references to Judaism. More than 4,000 delegates from the United States and Canada attended the convention.

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## Republican Wins Seen as Retaining Support of Israel

by Deborah Kalb

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Of the three Republicans who swept to victory in last week's major elections, two are seen by the pro-Israel community as being supportive of Israel, while the views of the third are unclear.

And the three have varying views on abortion rights, another issue of concern to the Jewish community.

In this off-year election, Republicans were winners as voters in New Jersey and Virginia elected new governors and New York City voters chose a mayor.

In New Jersey, Republican Gov.-elect Christine Todd Whitman is viewed as friendly to Israel, as was Democratic incumbent James Florio, whom Whitman narrowly defeated.

In addition, Whitman, like Florio, favors abortion rights. Most American Jews, with the exception of some in the Orthodox community, support a woman's right to choose to end a pregnancy.

By contrast, Virginia voters elected a more conservative Republican governor, George Allen, who is not seen as a supporter of abortion rights.

Allen defeated the Democratic incumbent attorney general, Mary Sue Terry, by a large margin, 58 to 41 percent.

Allen's position on Israel was not known.

Jewish Democrats were relieved last week that Virginia voters rejected the bid of Allen's running mate, Mike Farris, who has come under fire for his ties to the "religious right."

Farris, who has worked for the Moral Majority and other religious right groups, lost the race for lieutenant governor to Democratic incumbent Donald Beyer Jr.

Groups on the religious right back an agenda that includes

support for school prayer and rejection of abortion rights and gay rights, positions opposed by the majority of the American Jewish community.

Jewish Republicans did not

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## Jewish Voters Back Giuliani in New York Mayoral Upset

by Stewart Ain

The New York Jewish Week NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish voters are being credited with helping Rudolph Giuliani become the first Republican to be elected mayor of New York City since 1965, rallying behind him in larger numbers than virtually any other group in the city in the closest mayoral race in a century.

News media analyses of the exit polls showed that Giuliani received from 60 to 67 percent of the Jewish vote.

Exit polls conducted by Voter Research and Surveys found that only 4 percent of the voters questioned considered incumbent Mayor David Dinkins' handling of the Crown Heights riots to have been a major factor in their vote.

Among the findings of a state report on the riots was that Dinkins had been remiss in giving directions to the police to

quell the disturbances.

The riots' impact on Jewish voters was not immediately available, but several observers expressed surprise that Crown Heights had not hurt Dinkins more.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Differing Spins on Significance of Likud Victories in Mayoral Bids

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — When the polls closed last week, the Likud party had good reason to celebrate with songs and champagne at its national headquarters.

Although Likud scored many important victories in Israel's countrywide municipal elections Nov. 2, however, the implications of the local results for national political issues are not yet clear.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

In the broadest view, it appears that the Labor Party's win in last year's national elections had no coattail effect on last week's municipal voting.

When it comes to viewing the results as a referendum on the government's peace initiatives with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the municipal vote probably will be the subject of lengthy debate.

Likud candidates will become the mayors of 22 of Israel's 44 largest towns. Labor candidates scored victories in only 10, while several other contests will be decided in runoff elections later this month.

There were individual ups and downs, with Labor ousting Likud incumbents in Netanya and Holon, and Likud defeat-

ing Labor incumbents in Bat Yam and Beit Shemesh.

In Tel Aviv, Knesset member Ronnie Milo of Likud defeated Labor's Avigdor Kahalani.

The most dramatic victory, however, came in the capital.

After serving nearly three decades as Jerusalem's mayor, Teddy Kollek ended a distinguished career when he was defeated Nov. 2 by Likud Knesset member Ehud Olmert.

In what was anything but a gentlemanly campaign, Olmert, 47, targeted the octogenarian Kollek as too old and tired to effectively serve another term in office.

Kollek, of the Labor-affiliated "One Jerusalem" faction, maintained that Olmert would bring a right-wing taint to the office that would adversely affect the future of this city.

Kollek's resounding defeat by some 15 percentage points was a definite blow to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had personally campaigned for the incumbent mayor.

In addition, it was Rabin himself who had asked voters to view the Jerusalem election as a referendum on his peace initiatives with the PLO.

But Olmert's victory cannot be seen purely in right-left terms.

His win also can be seen as the result of an 11th-hour deal he struck with the Orthodox party.

Following discussions with Olmert, the United Torah Judaism Front candidate, Meir Porush, withdrew from the



## Optimistic for the Future

Gen. Colin L. Powell receives the Jewish National Fund Shalom Peace Award recently from JNF regional executive board member Ben Schuster and his wife, Deborah, and (at right) David Nevins, regional president. Speaking to more than 800 participants at the gala dinner, Powell said, "I am more optimistic for the future of the region than ever before."

mayoral contest. Acting on the subsequent prompting of the religious bloc's leaders, 85 percent of the fervently religious voters in the capital voted for Olmert.

Kollek's campaign struggled desperately to persuade Palestinians living in eastern Jerusalem to vote. But tallies indicate that fewer than 7,000 Arabs turned out at the polls.

Kollek's campaign had been hoping that 20,000 Palestinians would turn out in the capital to support him.

A bitter Kollek blamed his defeat on the many non-Orthodox Jerusalemites who stayed at home. Only 35 percent of those eligible showed up to vote. Secular Jews stayed home in droves, thwarting Kollek's re-election chances.

## Republican Wins Retaining Support

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actively support Farris throughout the campaign, although they did support Allen.

In the hard-fought New York City mayoral race, Republican Rudolph Giuliani won a narrow victory over Democratic incumbent David Dinkins.

Giuliani is viewed as a supporter of Israel, but his views on abortion rights are less clear.

The mayor-elect has disclaimed reports that he holds anti-abortion views, but he is not seen as being firmly in the pro-choice camp.

The dramatic Republican sweep Nov. 2 has Jewish political activists pondering the election's message for the more crucial 1994 campaign season.

Jewish Democrats and Republicans reacted predictably to the initial results.

While Republicans see their victories in the New Jersey and Virginia gubernatorial races and the New York City mayoral contest as a clear mandate against President Clinton's policies, Democrats are playing down the election results.

One Jewish Democratic activist said Nov. 3 that future battles over the North American Free Trade Agreement and health care policy are more important politically than the election results.

"How those come out will tell us a lot more about the political health of the Clinton administration than these elections," said Hyman Bookbinder, the longtime former Washington representative for the American Jewish Committee.

Bookbinder now serves as chairman of the advisory council of the National Jewish Democratic Council, which promotes grass-roots Jewish Democratic political activity.

A Republican activist said Nov. 3 that the Republican victories, combined with other Republican wins earlier this year in such contests as the Los Angeles mayoral race, demonstrate that Jews, like other Americans, are concerned about taxes, crime and welfare reform.

## NEWS BRIEFS



### NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — On March 4, 1994, Christian women in tens of thousands of Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic churches all over the world will pray for "peace in Palestine." Their prayers' wording has elicited objections from Jewish groups, whose efforts to have the organizers integrate more balance into the services were unsuccessful.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The United States has not succeeded yet in dismantling the Arab economic boycott against Israel, but sees some encouraging signs from countries adhering to it. Testing Nov. 4 on Capitol Hill, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the recent decision by some boycotting countries not to attend a scheduled meeting in Damascus on the boycott demonstrated some "hesitation" on their part.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a clear demonstration that the format of the Washington-based Middle East talks is becoming more flexible, Israeli and Jordanian negotiators discussed banking issues at the State Department last week. The discussions represented the first time one working group within an Arab-Israeli negotiating track had met here outside an officially scheduled "round" of talks. The Middle East peace process, once strictly focused on the rounds of talks in Washington, is evolving to adapt to the momentous changes of the past two months, including the historic Israeli-Palestinian declaration of principles and a subsequent Israeli-Jordanian agreement.

"Jerusalem is going to go now in the wrong direction," the 82-year-old mayor predicted after his defeat. "I hope I'm wrong, but I fear I am not."

Labor activists and neutral observers wondered, in the light of hindsight, whether it had been wise for the party to persuade Kollek to run instead of looking for a younger man.

Kollek himself enraged many of his longtime supporters by grooming, then dumping, a series of potential successors.

Rabin, in his post-election comments, noted that the peace negotiations would be that much more difficult with a Likud politician running Jerusalem.

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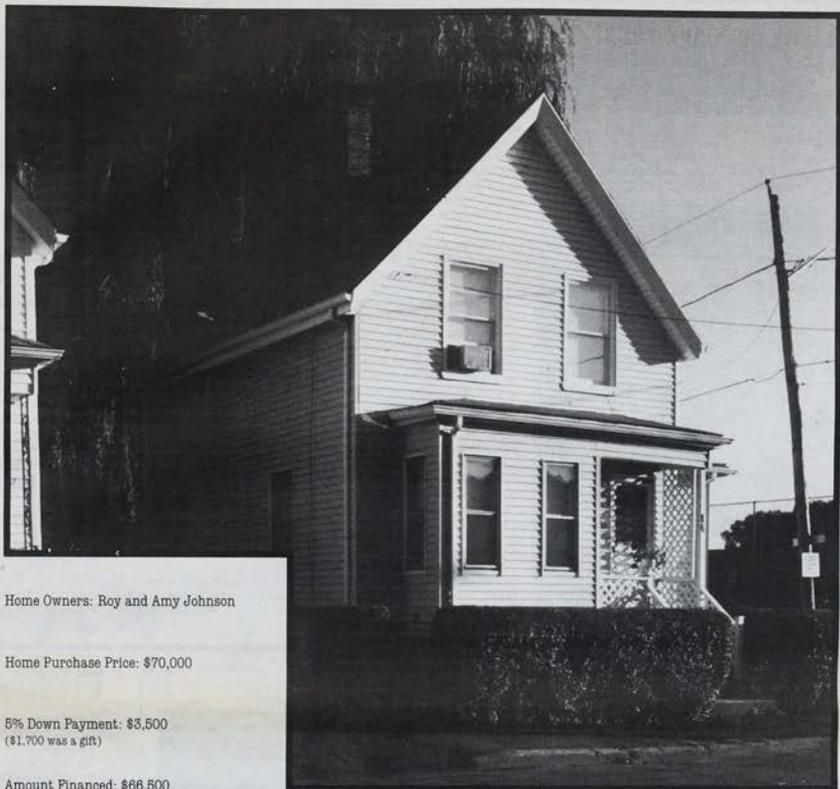
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# FEATURE

## Trip to Poland, Israel Changed Student's Life

by Alison Smith  
Herald Reporter

Erica Newman, 16, of Freeman Parkway, Providence,

spent 6½ weeks in Poland and Israel this summer, and came home, in her words, "changed for life."



ERICA'S BELOVED PORTFOLIO — Erica Newman's portfolio is crammed with memorabilia from her trip to Poland and Israel this summer.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Newman's pilgrimage to Israel was arranged and sponsored by the United Synagogue Youth group, a branch of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. To qualify against heavy competition, Newman had to write a total of nine one-page essays on topics selected by the group. The one that she found most difficult and distressing was a response to the current "revisionist" interpretation of the Holocaust.

After two days of orientation in the United States, the 62 members of the pilgrimage flew to Poland, where they stayed for nine days. During this time, they visited five concentration camps. The Nazis created the majority of the camps in Poland partly because Poland's very efficient railroad system, stretching across the country like a spider's web, made transportation so easy. At one point there were 6 million Jews in Poland. Now there are about 6,000.

The camp that made the deepest emotional impact on Newman was Auschwitz, which has been rebuilt as a museum. The displays of hair cut from hundreds of victims, and piles of their spectacles — mute reminders of eyes that were closed forever in the gas chambers — touched her as nothing had before.

As the group walked the streets of Poland, they were aware that they were the subject of much attention. Newman describes it as being constantly watched, as if the people around them were saying, silently, "Oh. They're there."

Some of the group were shoved deliberately, and Newman herself experienced discrimination in a fast food restaurant when the counter- man pointed at her Star of David and said, "Yid! Yid!" and refused to serve her.

At Birkenau, Newman remembers thinking of attending Alperin Schechter Day School and taking it all for granted. Now, on the site of the concentration camp, she thought how glad she was that her parents had sent her to Schechter. When the group boarded the plane that was to take them to Israel, Newman thought she had never been so happy to get on a plane. They landed in Israel, many wept with joy. "You feel safe in Israel," Newman says, "even though there are ... terrorist attacks, and all that. You want to be in Israel because it's a homeland — it's a place where everything is there."

There was no "average" day during the group's stay in Israel. One morning they got up at 1:30 a.m., travelled to Masada where they watched the sun rise at 4:30, did a three-hour climb, travelled to the Dead Sea, and returned to Jerusalem.

Newman sat down immediately upon her return and arranged all the souvenirs, pictures and printed materials from her trip in a massive portfolio. It took her a week. She treasures it greatly.

"I couldn't have asked for a better summer," she says.

## Poetry Corner

### Kristallnacht

by Lenka Rose  
Special to the Herald

The world shattered that night!

For the Jews of Europe a beginning and an end, a fight for life and frigit.

Hitler's ideology:

Blame the Jews for the ills of Germany, especially the economy.

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Before Hitler, the Jews felt safe in Germany.

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Hitler's strategy:

Reign Germany!

To get there, he needed a speedy vehicle:

His choice — the Jewish people.

In his speeches unleashing deranged rage against them.

"Heil Hitler," the German

people joined this madman promptly.

In a crazed whipped-up frenzy,

Thus the cradle for the "Jewish Question" (Juden Frage).

In conclusion

The "Final Solution,"

A drastic move to end Jewish life in Europe.

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"Kristallnacht"

The world shattered that night!

The story must be told.

"Never again" for a man so evil unfold!

Lenka Rose is a Holocaust survivor currently living in Providence.



## Rich Ritual

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

"Look up there above your head," says my neighbor, who walks to shul on Shabbat. "Lift up your eyes and see that thin wire over the top of the telephone poles. They mark out a backyard for all of us. Now you can take a case of seltzer out of your garage into your parlor. My mother used to

sew a few red stitches of thread to tie my handkerchief to my pocket or sleeve. But with the eruv, it's OK now to carry. I can even take off my jacket and toss it over a shoulder if I like, on a hot day."

People like to say their religion deals with moral or ethical principles. Less obvious is the concept of the sacred. In a throwaway world, everything gets trucked to the landfill before you can say a barucha. But now, our East Side eruv stands complete and it works. A space has taken on mystique and meaning, and everything it contains.

I had the privilege of attending the conversion of the son of a Jewish man. He went to the Elm Grove Avenue mikveh, tucked into the alley behind a lovely wrought iron gate with a tiny courtyard.

In the presence of three rabbis, he said his vows with the classic Hebrew phrases. He did the deep dip in the pure liquid.

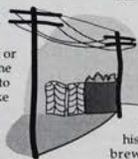
Water for the mikveh must fall from heaven in rain clouds. A pipe runs from the roof down through a closet. It mixes with reservoir tap and, sadly, with chlorine to boot, in our dirty world. But the message it delivers still says, "Blessings come from above. Nature, G-d, and our health fit together."

My friend looked and sounded both solemn and cheerful throughout the ceremony. All the while, torrents fell upon the place beneath. Afterward,

he took a new name — his own, but with a Hebrew accent, in a small chapel. He stood at the bima with menorahs and mezuzahs from far-off times and places keeping guard and serving as symbolic witnesses.

You have to go around and check out the lines of the eruv, to make sure all is well in the world, fixed fast and flowing along a regular path. You must also scour and scrub the mikveh so that the bath sparkles brightly.

The poet in me celebrates these rich rituals, that reach almost like magic charms into our deep collective unconscious, and conscious. We let them go but they are coming back among us. They knit us together on our way, smiles or frowns and waz, wizardry of wire and water.



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## FEATURE

## American Pop Culture Group Holds Northeast Conference

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"Madonna, a role model or just a rotten metaphor?" I walked into the popular American culture conference at Providence College, sponsored by Wentworth Institute, and carved my way into this coffee-hour debate. "She belts out a white song against a backdrop of dark male, sometimes gay cohorts. They want her or what she stands for. But they can't get her. Like the perks of our whole culture, they can't quite reach and touch."

Figures like Madonna lure scholars from here and there across the country to enter the panel discussions in Moore Hall on the last weekend of Oc-

tober. Topics included "Hidden Agenda of a Happy Meal," "The T-Shirt," and "Theology of Bruce Springsteen."

For me as a kid, pop culture had brought the big issues and major ideals of the Depression and the war to home base and my own block. Movies, radio and even the comics lifted your concerns to a higher level, farther off than your school or home.

Only when I went on to college in another town did I find out something about camera art, graphic design, the virtue of irony, the value of ambiguity, standards by which to make a split between good and bad kitsch. But these distinctions

have vanished, gone away.

"There is no vulgar voice, no refined craft, only people free to speak out," said Professor Chuck Martin of Queens College, an African-American academic panelist at the table I joined. He addressed the issue of black-gay dialogue.

"If you're homosexual, you bring ethnic groups together. It's a democratic thing. Maybe. But I don't want to disappear into somebody's photographs and never be heard from again." I butted in with a small speech about the death of good scripts, too much foul language, blunt images, simple slogans, the absence of elegance in today's popular American art and culture.

The paper I brought with me to read in Moore room 105 took us back to the sterling silver screen of the picturesque past. I described the faces and figures of the screen beauties who had played ghosts, phantoms, spirit loves. I went on about the charms of Merle Oberon, Veronica Lake, Jennifer Jones, Ann Blyth, Ava Gardner and Gene Tierney.

Movies like "Wuthering Heights," "I Married a Witch," "Portrait of Jennie," "Mr. Peabody and the Mermaid," "Pandora," or "Venus," "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," and a host of others, they crossed the line between earthly erotic drive and elusive romance. Though Hollywood could be hard and cynical, it could also come up with some lovely and lyrical visual ballads. Maybe they picked up some sort of Jewish longing for belonging, a yearning for spiritual beauty.

Somebody in the audience asked me, "Why did you leave out the vampire series?"

"Haven't we got enough of Dracula this weekend? Besides, I was interested in love, not gore."



Merle Oberon is seen in "A Ghostly Lover" in 1946.

I drove home in the rain, stopping at a video store to scour the shelves for more of the haunting and poetic black-and-white fantasies of my boyhood.

I settle down and watch the tapes twist like typewriter ribbons from side to side in my machine. The superb images spin from tube to brain, and I sit alone. These masterpieces of a

mix of genres belong only to me. Other rage about a louder mass consumer culture, in the broad terminology of the university. In the aftermath of the conference on pop art and culture, I brood upon beauty.



Father Flanagan and Henry Monsky  
**Men of Vision**  
The special friendship between Boys Town's founder and a great American Jewish leader

ELLIS ISLAND

### Jewish Relationship Celebrated

Father Flanagan's Boys Town, the nationally famous organization for troubled boys and girls that was founded in 1917 by Roman Catholic priest Father Edward Flanagan, recently celebrated its longtime relationship with the Jewish community. The celebration was the opening on Oct. 18 of the traveling exhibit "Father Flanagan and Henry Monsky: Men of Vision" at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum in New York City. Pictured at Ellis Island are Michael Klepper, left, and Father Val J. Peter, Klepper, who is chairman and founder of Klepper Associates Inc. of New York, was the primary underwriter of the exhibit. Father Peter is Boys Town's national executive director. The exhibition details the long-term friendship of Father Flanagan and Henry Monsky, the noted Jewish attorney who became international president of B'nai B'rith in 1938. Flanagan and Monsky were personal friends, and Monsky acted as Boys Town legal counsel and Flanagan's personal attorney. Monsky also is now recognized as the anonymous person who loaned Father Flanagan the \$90 he needed to start Boys Town.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Chang to Perform with Philharmonic

The Rhode Island Philharmonic's second Classical Concert of the 1993-94 season will be presented on Nov. 13 at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence and will feature 12-year-old violinist Sarah Chang performing the Paganini Violin Concerto No. 1 in D major. This will be Chang's only scheduled performance in New England this season.

Music Director Zuohuang Chen will lead the orchestra in a performance of Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony," Op. 25, Beethoven's "Overture to Coriolan," Op. 62 and the Beethoven Symphony No. 8 in

F major, Op. 93. This classical concert is sponsored by Citizens Bank.

Violinist Sarah Chang has already captivated audiences, critics and fellow musicians the world over with her astonishing technical facility and the depth and range of her musicality. At the age of 8, she appeared with Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic and since that debut she has appeared with prestigious orchestras all over the world.

Highlights of the 1993-94 season include performances with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Toronto Symphony with

Pinchas Zukerman, the New World Symphony with Michael Tilson Thomas, the London Symphony Orchestra and the



Sarah Chang

Berlin Philharmonic, to name only a few. Chang has been featured in such newspapers as

*The New York Times* and *San Francisco Chronicle*, and magazines such as *Life* and *People* and has appeared on "The Tonight Show," "Good Morning America," "48 Hours," "Evening at Pops" and a PBS special on "Gifted Children."

Free parking is available for all Philharmonic Classical Concerts both on the streets near the auditorium and at designated parking lots. Complimentary shuttle bus service is available to and from these parking lots.

A limited number of tickets for the Nov. 13 concert are still available and may be purchased at the Philharmonic office, 222 Richmond St., Providence, by phone 831-3123, or in person during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prices for the available tickets are \$18 and \$28 with discount tickets for students, seniors and disabled at \$15 and \$25. If any tickets remain on the day of the concert, they will be available only at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Box Office, 277-3150, from noon until curtain time at 8 p.m.

## The Battle Goes On

by Mike Fink

**Herald Contributing Reporter**  
Graenum, by Graenum Berger,  
KTAJ Publishing House; 815 pages.

This personal odyssey pulls you in like Boswell's Life of Johnson, with a richly knit texture of life itself.

The author modestly disclaims his nearly thousand-page memoir. "I just hope my grandchildren get something out of my account." But you too may read his paragraphs with pleasure and profit.

You know that classic routine about the Jew who knows everybody of note in the entire world — like Woody Allen's Zelig? Well, Graenum Berger runs into Henry Kissinger, Simon Wiesenthal, Philip Habib, not to mention Salo Baron and Tudor Parfitt (author of *13th Gate*). He sketches brief impressions of their responses to his plea for the rescue of the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia.

Founder of the American Association for Ethiopian Jewry, Graenum Berger fought an early, tough, solitary battle, fueled by his activist energies and stubborn will.

His wife, Emma, urged him to approach his lifelong quest for justice with greater tact, but diplomacy was not his feisty style. His brother Sam, though, served as Ambassador to Korea, and Graenum has also written a biography of his distinguished sibling.

Graenum's twin hobbies brought him to most parts of the planet, which he visited not as a tourist but as a Jewish spiritual explorer — and art collector. The Bergers collected not for gain but simply for joy. They have given away most of their



"Stations of Desire" by Claudia Esslinger will be on view at the Hera Gallery in Wakefield through Nov. 27.

The University of Rhode Island Department of Art presents "Sticks and Stones" through Dec. 8 in Kingston. The exhibit, by Barbara Pugh, explores a set of lines and shapes in relationship to each other; call 792-2131.

Brown University Theatre and Sock & Buskin will present Constance Congdan's "The Tales of the Lost Formicans" through Nov. 21 in Leeds Theatre; call 863-2838.

The All Children's Theatre Ensemble will present Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 19 and 20, and 3 p.m. Nov. 21; call 331-7174.

"The Sun's Musicians" will be offered at the Perishable Theatre Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. The play is based on a Mayan folktale about how music came to earth; call 331-2695.

The East Bay Coalition for the Homeless will present a "coffee house" style folk concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Haven United Methodist Church, 200 Taunton Ave., East Providence; call 437-1000.

"Objects and Images from Mesoamerica" will open at the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology in Bristol Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

Auditions for Common Ground's winter and spring productions of "Have You Seen the Tree" and "Worms" will be held at the Perishable Theatre, 124 Washington St., Providence, Nov. 14 and 16 from 7 to 10 p.m.; call 331-2695.

The Rhode Island Women's Health Collective will hold its fourth annual FIESTA! Multicultural Women's Arts Festival from noon to 6 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence; call 861-0030.

The Rhode Island Chamber Music Concert Series will present New York Philomusica Chamber Ensemble on Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. in Alumnae Hall at Brown University; call 863-2416.



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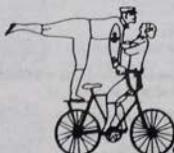
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Bristol Community College's Theatre department presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare Nov. 18, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. at the Bristol Community College Arts Center Theatre; call (508) 678-2811, ext. 2442.

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The Rhode Island Donation Exchange Program will hold its third annual fund-raiser at the Roger Williams Park Casino on Nov. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. North Star recording artist Ron Sanfilippo will be featured; call 942-8025.

## The Battle

(Continued from Page 12)

treasure, to children and grandchildren.

The AAJE in fact accomplished its mission. The Ethiopian Beta Israel is solidly ensconced in Israel, and the group which Graenum set up has folded its tent, and gone into the pages of this impressive text.

Graenum Berger strikes this reader as a gentle and caring person — but armed with a sturdy philosophy. You have to speak your mind, do what's right, and take the consequences. If you go in too deep for the common cour-

## Harper to Give Final Reading

Michael S. Harper, Poet Laureate for the state of Rhode Island from 1988 to 1993, will present a final public reading of his works as Poet Laureate on Nov. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Old State House, 150 Benefit St., Providence.

Harper, university professor and professor of English at Brown University, has been a visiting professor at universities around the country and has had numerous publications, including his latest, for which he served as co-editor, *Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep: An Anthology of Poetry by Black Americans Since 1945*, scheduled for publication in February of 1994 by Little Brown. He has been the recipient of the Governor's Poetry Award, a doctor of letters from Notre Dame College in Manchester, N.H., and was named a literary lion from the New York Public Library, to cite just a few of his many accolades.

The public is invited to attend this reception sponsored by the Providence Public Library, the State Department of Library Services and the Rhode Island Heritage Commission. Additional sponsorship is also being provided by the Cape Verdean Artist League.

For more information, call the library at 455-8090/8055 or the Department of State Library Services at 277-2726.



## Academy Players Present 'Anything Goes'

The Academy Players of East Greenwich announced the presentation of its fall musical production, "Anything Goes." Seen hamming it up here are Colleen Barry and Ed Carusi. Performances will be Nov. 12, 13, 14 and 19, 20 and 21. Friday and Saturday performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Performances will be held at the Swift Gym, East Greenwich Civic Center, Peirce Street, East Greenwich. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling 885-6910. Reserved tickets cost \$10; tickets purchased at the door cost \$12. For more information, contact Gerri Audette at 353-5124.

tesies, you make compromises and lose your way.

No ordinary liberal, Graenum staunchly defends Israel against any charge of coarseness or cruelty. He writes frankly though never crudely, politically but not rhetorically.

Graenum and Emma Berger came to Providence many times, to lecture on Ethiopian and American black Jews, and to visit their late son, Ramon. I met them again at his shiva. Graenum generously sent a

copy of his self-portrait.

A man of many parts, he had sculpted a head of Ramon as a young boy, a haunting piece that charms the living room of the house on Laurel Avenue.

But at this stage of life, losses figure on one's personal landscape. Yet Graenum closes his account with the following summation.

"Our circle of friends keeps increasing and, if anything, has become more intimate. Our battles, for I can find no other

words to describe them, for decent causes, show no signs of weakening."

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Senior citizens, who comprise 60 percent of the patients using the hearing clinic, are encouraged to make annual visits for hearing tests. Seniors can also purchase hearing aids through the clinic if it's a necessary part of their treatment.

"If a patient needs a hearing aid, the clinic provides and fits them at a significant savings than would be found elsewhere," said Connors. "The many senior citizens who visit the clinic find this option particularly helpful," Connors adds.

Children are the second largest group the clinic serves. Infants not responding to loud

noises or toddlers not responding to their name may have hearing impairments and should be checked. Older children often are screened in school first and are then referred to the clinic for follow-up testing.

For those children who are diagnosed with hearing impairments, several considerations must be made including seating them in the front of the room so communication with the teacher is more direct; encouraging parents to communicate face to face with children; and, when necessary, learning sign language.

In addition, the clinic provides speech therapy for children not speaking at levels considered appropriate for their age group, Connors says.

All testing at the clinic is carried out by trained professionals, according to Connors. Graduate clinicians conduct the testing with the help of a certified audiologist or speech pathologist. Aside from serving the community, the clinic serves as a means for graduate students to get hands-on training and earn credit toward their degrees.

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## Torah, Mental Health and You

by R.Y. Donowitz

Special to the Herald

People who seek help are seeking some kind of successful change in their lives. Stress is getting to them, a relationship is not working out or maybe they feel depressed. Unfortunately, some people may not "find" the change they are "looking" for and may try a number of helping professionals to meet their goal.

There are two special insights from this week's parsha, Toldos, which may prove very valuable in their search. First, as pointed out by Rabbi Eliyahu Eliezer Dessler citing the Ari Z.L., in order for a person to be affected by a change process, he needs to bring it beyond the verbal level.

It states in the Parsha: "And Yitzchak loved Aisav because he was a hunter in his mouth."

Aisav captured his father by the deceptive words of his mouth which made no imprint on Aisav himself. Aisav spoke well, but his deeds did not match his words. He gave lip service, not service of deed or service of the heart.

The second point is made by the Chafetz Chaim. He cited the section of the parsha describing the many wells that Yitzchak was involved in dig-

ging. Even after finding fresh water, Yitzchak had to contend with others who argued and took over those wells. Finally, he found a well which he was able to use in peace.

The Chafetz Chaim says this teaches us the importance of persistence.

Change does not come easy, but it does come. Imagine saying that you followed the doctor's orders by having your prescription filled, but never putting the pill in your mouth. Imagine even taking the pill for a few days. After noting no significant change, you decide to stop taking the medication only to find yourself seeking a different doctor and a new prescription.

Psychotherapy also has certain requirements. Frequently a therapist requires you to perform certain tasks, read literature or practice saying certain phrases. Persistence and action will help make successful changes.

R.Y. Donowitz is a certified mental health counselor and an educator with a private practice as an affiliate of Human Relations Consultants. He can now also be reached at his home office number, 861-1835.

## HEALTH

..... BRIEFS .....

A panel of female physicians will address some of the major health concerns of women after menopause at the next Community Wellness Program sponsored by Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. The emphasis will be on the importance of early detection and treatment, as well as regular checkups. The lecture will be held Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the hospital's Sayles Conference Center. Call 729-2459 to register.

Minority leaders and individuals are invited to attend a free public forum and reception on heart disease and audiology on Nov. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sopkin Auditorium, Miriam Hospital. The event is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate and the Miriam Hospital Health Connection. Individuals must pre-register by calling either the AHA at 728-5300 or The Miriam Hospital Health Connection at 274-6910.

The HOPE Center for Life Enhancement will present the third annual Tricia Lovett Stallman seminar entitled, "Hope for Healing: Crisis, Challenge and Spirituality," with Dr. Joan Borysenko, on Nov. 19 from noon to 9:15 p.m. at Salve Regina University on Ochre Point Avenue in Newport. Interested persons may pre-register by calling the HOPE Center, 297 Wickenden St., Providence, 454-0404.

Researchers at the Rhode Island Hospital Prostate Center will coordinate local participation in the first large-scale prevention trial for prostate cancer. Over the next three years, they hope to recruit about 300 men older than 55 in a study to determine whether taking the drug finasteride (trade name Proscar) will prevent prostate cancer, the most common cancer in men and the second-highest cancer killer of men. Men who are interested in participating in the trial should contact the hospital's Prostate Center at 444-6220.

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# HEALTHWISE

## HEALTH

### BRIEFS

Individuals who have had a heart attack or coronary angioplasty within the past few months are invited to participate in a new research project at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island. Those who would like to learn more about the study or register to participate can contact Susan Potter, R.N., at 729-2503.

The National Cancer Institute recently announced newly proposed breast cancer screening guidelines which suggest that "women ages 40 to 49 discuss with a health professional the need for breast cancer screening with mammography, taking into account family history of breast cancer and other risk factors." The proposal differs from the recommendations of the American Cancer Society and other agencies, which state that women between 40 and 49 be screened every one to two years and receive a yearly breast exam.

The Community College of Rhode Island's marketing class, in conjunction with The Rhode Island Blood Center, is sponsoring a blood drive. The theme for this blood drive is "health and sports." In this day of health consciousness, this blood drive will not only encourage donor participation but will also promote to the public and students of CCR the need for a healthy lifestyle. For more information, contact Kathy Connelly of the blood center at 453-8360.

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**GETTING INFORMED**—Robin Boyer (right), director of health services at Horizon Retirement Centers East Bay Manor in East Providence, Barrington, discusses osteoporosis with East Bay Manor resident Emily Alexander.

## Living With and Without Osteoporosis

As we age, beginning in our late 30s when our bones reach maturity, the rate of bone breakdown starts to exceed the rate of bone formation. This, unfortunately, results in gradual loss of bone mass. For some people, this process leaves their bones brittle and prone to fractures. This condition is known as osteoporosis.

For those who already have, or, would like to avoid this condition, you'll want to arm yourself with these useful safety practices and treatments.

There are several factors that affect the rate of a person's bone loss, according to Robin Boyer, director of health services at Horizon Retirement Centers' East Bay Manor in East Providence. Boyer spoke earlier this month about osteoporosis during a recent Health Update she conducts for East Bay Manor residents.

"Unfortunately, there are some factors that contribute to osteoporosis that we can't control such as our gender," says

Boyer. "Statistics show that osteoporosis affects four times as many women as men."

Our age, she continues, is another factor that affects bone loss — with the risk increasing after age 50. Other contributory factors include race (whites and Asians are at greater risk than blacks), a sedentary lifestyle, a calcium-deficient diet, caffeine, smoking and alcohol use.

"Educating people on what they can control, things they can do to treat or prevent certain disorders, is very important," says Boyer. "I feel good every time I help someone with a medical problem by telling them simple preventative steps to make their life easier."

According to Madeline Albanese, R.N. at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Pennsylvania, treatment of osteoporosis aims at controlling bone loss and preventing fractures by integrating a weight-bearing exercise regimen, a calcium-rich diet, and medication.

In an article she recently authored, she explains that exercise increases bone formation by improving muscle strength which increases bone density. Exercise, she says, also promotes circulation, which enhances the intestinal absorption of important nutrients such as calcium.

Boyer agrees. During the health update, she also stressed the importance of exercise in conjunction with smart safety practices and proper body positioning as excellent preventative measures.

"One thing you can do immediately is to wear comfortable, well-fitting shoes with rubber heels to help cushion and protect your spine when walking or doing any exercise at all," she urged. "Another, is to remove any throw rugs you may have lying around your apartment. And, a final tip to keep in mind — never, ever, bend at the waist."

While some East Bay Manor residents who attended the health update do suffer from this condition, others simply came to arm themselves with the latest medical information.

"Osteoporosis doesn't concern me too much because I was told I don't have it," says East Bay Manor resident Lorraine Sullivan. "But," she adds, "it's a great idea for people to sit in on these refresher courses and learn about important health issues including ways to prevent getting such conditions in the first place."

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# MILESTONES

## Evan Galkin

Evan Matthew Galkin, son of Pamela Manekofsky of East Greenwich and Dr. Harris Galkin also of East Greenwich, celebrated his bar mitzvah on Oct. 16 at Temple Sinai in Cranston.

Evan's grandparents are Celia and Fred Dunder of Cranston, and Trudy and Herb Galkin of Cranston and Boynton Beach, Fla. Evan is also the great-grandson of Mrs. Emanuel Breitkopf of Highland Park, N.J.



## Sarah Mehlman

Susan and Brian Mehlman of Dover, N.H., announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Marie. Sarah was born on Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, N.H.

She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia and Will Plattner of Huntington Station, N.Y. Paternal grandparents are Lesley and Ed Mehlman of Barrington.

Maternal great-grandmother is Agnes Prendergast of Huntington Station, N.Y. Paternal great-grandfather is Louis Lunin of Providence.



Amy S. Cohen

## Cohen and Bloom Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Alan D. Cohen of Pittsfield, Mass., announce the August engagement of their daughter, Amy S. Cohen of Providence to Steven C. Bloom of Providence, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bloom of Chicago.

The bride-to-be graduated from Lasell College. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hazen of Narragansett, and Mrs. Samuel B. Cohen

of Pittsfield. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Irving J. Glantz of Providence.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he received a master's degree. He is the grandson of Mrs. Louis Fishman of Chicago, and Mrs. Alex Bloom of Miami, Fla.

Date of the wedding is June, 1994.

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## Bohnen Elected Chairman

Michael J. Bohnen was recently elected chairman of the board by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) of Greater Boston at CJP's 98th annual

meeting.

Raised in Providence and now a resident of Newton, Mass., Bohnen is the son of Eleanor and the late Rabbi Eli



Michael J. Bohnen

Bohnen. He is a senior partner at the Boston law firm of Nutter, McClennen & Fish where he practices corporate law. A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, he has written and taught courses in his area of specialization.

Bohnen served as president of the Jewish Community Relations Council (1990-93) and Solomon Schechter Day School (1980-82). He chaired the Combined Jewish Philanthropies Social Planning and Allocations Committee from 1987-90. For the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston, he chaired the Israel Program Center and Boston's Israel Independence Day celebrations in 1985 and 1986.

Among the many local re-

## Local Resident Departs for Year of Service in Israel

Following months of interviewing, 120 college students and recent college graduates representing 28 Jewish Federations throughout North America were selected to spend a year in Israel as participants in Project Otzma, an early leadership identification program supported in North America by the Council of Jewish Federations and participating Federations. The participants are split into two groups of sixty persons each. Allison Covett, a local resident, is now in Israel with Project Otzma.

In Israel, Otzma is supported by the Israeli Forum, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the World Zionist Organization.

Now in its eighth year, Project Otzma is designed to heighten Jewish identity and commitment and strengthen the bonds between North American communities and Israel through volunteer serv-

ice. This year's participants are following in the footsteps of some 475 Project Otzma alumni.

The program involves a two-tiered approach: a year of service in Israel followed by a commitment to serve within the local Jewish community upon return. Otzma's program is continually changing to meet the current needs of Israeli society.

All Otzma participants take part in an ongoing educational program and are adopted by Israeli families for the duration of the Otzma year.

Upon their return to North America, program graduates serve their local Jewish communities in either volunteer or professional capacities.

Two pre-departure orientations and training seminars were held in late August at JFK airport in New York. Immediately following the seminars, the participants departed for Israel.

## Rothkopf to Celebrate 2nd Bar Mitzvah

Max Rothkopf, the Torah reader of Temple Torat Yisrael and the leader of the congregation's daily minyan, will celebrate his "second" bar mitzvah on Shabbat morning, Nov. 27, in conjunction with his 83rd birthday.

In Jewish tradition exists a wonderful mitzvah whereby a "second" bar mitzvah is arranged on the 70th anniversary of one's original celebration.

In Max Rothkopf's case, it is

particularly poignant, for he has been an enthusiastic and inspirational part of synagogue life ever since he stood before the congregation as a boy and recited his original bar mitzvah Haftarah in Nov. 1923.

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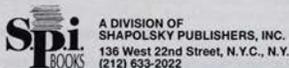
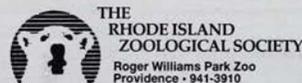
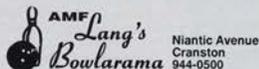


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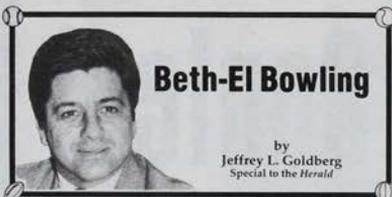
Rabbi George Astrachan, Temple Sinai, Cranston; Michael Fink, Herald contributing reporter and RISD professor; Johanna Sparling, Herald graphic artist; Rabbi Nechama Goldberg, Temple Am David, Warwick

Winners will be contacted by telephone by December 7 and announced in the December 9 Issue

Prizes will be award that afternoon at a party in the JCCRI Social Hallon Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, beginning after school and ending promptly at 5 p.m. Judges are also invited to attend.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



## Beth-El Bowling

by  
Jeffrey L. Goldberg  
Special to the Herald

Week nine for the Beth-El league brought out some fine individual performances for a veteran and a newcomer.

Marc Karnes rolled a fine 222 and gave the captain of Spare Change a reason to justify the big contract and anchor position. Let's hope it continues.

Lloyd Malin also of Spare Change found a groove and threw a 198. Be sure to notice this team — they will be in the thick of things.

Joe Goodman has been in a zone. He can't explain his amazing strength to date but the scores just keep getting better and better. Goodman rolled a 660 series and distanced himself between Benny Diaz's 641.

### Team Standings

Howie's Hammers 24, 8;

## Torat Yisrael Donates Canned Goods

Jewish Family Service recently received a donation of a large supply of canned goods collected by the members of Temple Torat Yisrael during this year's Yom Kippur donation drive. The supplies are currently being readied for distribution to needy families throughout the community.

Boxes of donated food were prepared at Torat Yisrael using boxes donated by Bob Starr of C.J. Fox and protective cellophane donated by Mel and Bud Frank at Union Paper.

The boxes were then brought by truck, the use of which was donated by Charlie Samdperil, to Jewish Family Service by Merrill Perceley, Dr. Al Jaffe, Bernie Bieder and New Americans Yevgeniy Khelimskiy, Dmitriy Vishnevskiy, Mark Rozenberg, Igor Levin, Alex

Baker Furniture 22.5, 9.5; Tooth Fairies 19.5, 12.5; Come Screen with Me 18.5, 13.5; Standard Class 18, 14; Oakland Mobil 15, 17; Shamrocks 14, 18; Goldstein Electric 14, 18; Halperin & Lax 11.5, 20.5; Spare Change 10, 22.

### Top Five Bowlers

Benny Diaz, 191.3; Barry Rappoport, 185.8; Joseph Goodman, 180.6; Larry Steingold, 180.5; Howie Wasser, 178.9.

**Last week's high scores:** Benny Diaz, high game scratch, 246; Benny Diaz, high series scratch, 635; Howie Wasser, most pins over average, 87; Sy Brooks, most pins over average, 81.

Igolnikov, Emil Dzhavadov and Alex Rozhokov. The food boxes will be stored in warehouse space donated by Hershey Rosen. The food drive, sponsored by Torat Yisrael as part of the national Operation Isaiah movement, was directed by Lonna Picker, director of education at Torat Yisrael.

Paul L. Segal, executive director of Jewish Family Service, emphasizes that the donated food is not attached specifically to the agency's resettlement program and that any families in need in the community will be eligible, while supplies last. (Jewish Family Service does not plan to establish an ongoing food pantry program).

Contact Jewish Family Service at 331-1244 for more information.

## Refusnik Tells of Her Struggle

by Taylor Holland  
Herald Reporter

Living as a refusnik in the former Soviet Union only four years ago, Ella Tsveyer has overcome the anti-Semitism of her homeland and built a new life for her family and other Russian immigrant families in Israel.

Speaking at a breakfast of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island's Women's Division last week, Tsveyer told of the obstacles of prejudice she faced, especially at the University of Leningrad where she earned a degree in electrical engineering.

"I have faced anti-Semitism my whole life," Tsveyer said. "[Even] my classmates in school made me feel it."

She characterized her experience at the university as six years of suffering, the only good coming in meeting her future husband.

When her first son was young, a tragedy occurred when some anti-Semites attacked him with a knife. He immediately called his Jewish faith into question.

"He came in the door bleeding," she said, "saying he didn't want to be Jewish, and didn't want me to be Jewish. It was a moment of truth."

Torn between educating her child on the principles of Judaism and compromising her faith, Tsveyer stuck by her guns and now her son is devout in his religion.

Tsveyer's life as a refusnik



REFUSNIK — Ella Tsveyer, a Russian artist who immigrated to Israel, talks with a member of the Women's Division of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island before her address last week.

Herald photo by Taylor Holland

because she was operating a Jewish library from under her bed. She told of using code names for books and informa-

**"He came in the door bleeding saying he didn't want to be Jewish, and didn't want me to be Jewish."**

Ella Tsveyer

tion, such as "nature" for illegal information about immigrating to Israel.

These activities left Tsveyer treading on thin ice with the

Communist government, in particular the KGB, who called her into their offices telling her they "knew everything" and to "remember she had a young child."

However, Ella Tsveyer refused to cease operation of her underground library, and it was a move that eventually allowed her passage to Israel.

Working as a tour guide at the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad, Tsveyer's life became more and more complex after her run-in with the police, having to constantly keep her son indoors and hold his hands tightly on the few occasions she allowed out of the house.

Nine months pregnant and ready to leave Russia, Tsveyer was told she needed 5,000 more rubles to gain passage to Israel for her and her family. As luck would have it, some American tourists from Cleveland, Ohio, who sometimes provided her with books and other literature came to her home, learned of her problem and auctioned some wall hangings she had in the hallway of her house for the needed money.

Tsveyer, who currently lives in Israel with her husband and two children, operates the Ra'anana community, the first such place to employ a direct absorption program of integration. Seventeen other immigrant families now live in the community, many of them Jewish-Russian artists like Tsveyer, who now holds a graduate degree in fine arts.

## Why Did Isaac Prefer Esau?

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world to wage war against evil and impurity, bringing G-d-ness and holiness down into the physical realm. It was Esau, therefore, who possessed the greater spiritual might.

This, then, explains Isaac's

desire to bless Esau, despite his knowledge that his son was abusing these spiritual gifts; Isaac hoped his blessings would cause Esau's considerable talents to be brought out and revealed. Not only would Esau repent of his evil ways, but the entire world would benefit from his actions.

G-d, however, knew it was too late for Esau to repent and

live up to his potential. Instead, the blessings were given to Jacob, and with them, the power to overcome evil and transform it into good, and to illuminate the world with the light of Torah.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer. Reprinted with permission of L'Chaim publications.

# Calendar of Jewish Events

### Thursday, November 11

Temple Torat Yisrael bazaar ..... 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Brown-RISD Hillel brown bag lecture, "Jewish Myths and Brazilian Life" ..... noon  
JCCRI Twentysomething Club ..... 7 p.m.  
Brown-RISD Hillel lecture "Hasidic Leadership During the Holocaust" ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, November 12

Brown-RISD Hillel faculty brown bag discussion ..... noon

### Saturday, November 13

Temple Beth-El Players present "The Cemetery Club" ..... 8 p.m.

### Sunday, November 14

Jewish Federation Women phonathon ... 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Club 456 and Outdoor Club to see Providence Bruins ..... 12:15 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 16

Temple Am David Sisterhood mah-jongg tournament ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Brown-RISD Hillel panel discussion, "Confronting Alcohol and Other Chemical Dependency in the Jewish Community" ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Temple Sinai seminar, "Peace Through the Eyes of an Arab and a Jewish American" ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Brown Judaic studies lecture, "The Jewish Budapest: A Recent Survey" ..... 8 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 17

Brown-RISD Hillel Jewelry Making Workshop ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, November 18

NCJW paid-up member meeting at JCCRI ..... noon  
Brown-RISD Hillel faculty luncheon discussion, "Strangers at Home: Jews in the Italian Literary Imagination" ..... noon

### Saturday, November 20

Temple Emanu-El Havurah Miryan ..... 10 a.m.

### Saturday—Tuesday, November 20-23

Brown-RISD Hillel Woody Allen Film Festival ..... 9 p.m.

Members of the community are invited to submit a calendar listing (in addition to press releases) to the Herald in writing by the Friday before publication. The event title, date and time, place and a contact person with phone number should be listed. Send items to: Calendar, Rhode Island Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940

# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Political Elite

(Continued from Page 1)

Reform Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, D.C.

Saperstein, who also teaches at Georgetown University Law School, spoke emphatically about the importance of Jewish political involvement and empowerment as an avenue to social justice.

"Study and ritual will not suffice. It is the doing of Torah that is the essential thing. The doing of Torah is social justice.

"We are partners with G-d," Saperstein said. "If our Jewish institutions cannot provide a sense of moral purpose ... then they will fail to capture the imaginations ... of significant sectors of our people, particularly our young.

"Part of what it means to be a Jew is to speak out on ... issues," he said. "Part of what it means to be a Jew is to participate in shaping a better and more hopeful future for all of our people."

Saperstein went on to discuss global issues including education, starvation, the stabilizing of democracies and the environment, pointing to Jewish activism as an imperative force in change across the Diaspora.

"This time we don't face expulsion from the garden, but devastation," he said. "If we don't act ... future generations will look back on this moment as one of the truly great failures of human history."

Rabbi Saperstein's speech was followed by a panel discussion of Rhode Island party politics and reform moderated by

## Ahavath Achim to Host Scholar Jackson

Susan Jackson, director of community services and youth activities for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, will be the 1993 Sydney L. Horvitz Scholar-In-Residence, the weekend of Nov. 19 and 20 at Congregation Ahavath Achim, New Bedford, Mass.

Jackson will speak on "The Jewish Family in the 1990s" following a family shabbat dinner Nov. 19.

On Shabbat, she will speak on "Jewish Women Coping in the 1990s" following lunch. Saturday night, she will address the issue of "Our Youth/What's in Store for Them in the 1990s."

For more information, call the synagogue office at (508) 994-1760.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER—Rabbi David Saperstein speaks with an interested citizen after his address on the Jewish political agenda at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on Sunday.

Herald photo by Taylor Holland

M. Charles Bakst, political affairs editor of the *Providence Journal*.

Consisting of Lt. Gov. Robert Weygand, State Treasurer Nancy Mayer and Phil West, executive director of Common Cause of Rhode Island, the panel discussed corruption in government and the subsequent road to change.

"There are going to be thieves among us all times," Weygand said. "You really have to stick your neck out if you're going to change something."

"We need to make it so the legislators have better information," West said. "People just don't know what they're voting

for."

All three panelists agreed in the end that awareness and involvement are the key to reform in government.

"We must be better-educated about the political issues," Weygand said. "We have to [comment] on what people in public office are doing. That's the only way we can improve government."

Rhode Island U.S. Sens. Claiborne Pell and John Chafee delivered short addresses during lunch outlining effective ways to impact government.

Pell said learning the issues, registering to vote, voting, expressing your opinion and run-

## JFS Receives Furniture Donation

Jewish Family Service recently received more than 100 chests of drawers and night stands donated by Arthur Robbins at the Providence Marriott. The donation and its delivery to Jewish Family Service for distribution is the result of six weeks of planning and the volunteer efforts of several generous people.

Charlie Samperli donated the use of his truck to move the furniture to warehouse space donated by Hershey Rosen.

The move was made by Merrill Percelay, Dr. Al Jaffe, Bernie Bierley, and new Americans Yevgeniy Khelmskiy, Dmitry Vishnevsky, Mark Rozenberg, Igor Levin, Alex Igonnikov, Emil Dzavadov and Alex Rozhkov.

The furniture is currently being readied for distribution to the new American community. For more information, contact Ellen Steingold, director of the resettlement program at Jewish Family Service, at 331-1244.

## JERI Representative to Lead Discussion at JCCRI's Mealsite

Deborah Samlan of Jewish ElderCare of Rhode Island (JERI) will show "Molly's Pilgrim," a film about modern-day pilgrims, on Nov. 18 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's kosher meal site. The film, followed by a discussion, will begin after lunch at 12:45 p.m. at the JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence.

Also for the week of Nov. 12 to 19: Part II of W. C. Fields' "International House" will be shown on Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon.

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

scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m.; bridge is held on Mondays from noon to 3:45 p.m.; Women's Forum is held on Tuesdays from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

"Friend to Friend" meets on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon and music appreciation with Dr. Wold is held on Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon. Shabbat traditions are observed on Friday evenings.

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.

ning for office are the best ways to have an impact on government.

Chafee agreed adding that focus on a particular issue and speaking for a group or organization is also important.

The speeches were followed by four workshops focusing on political advocacy, state and national party politics, women in politics and shaping your community.

The event was sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Rhode Island.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Cantor Shelkan To Be Honored

Hazzan Gregor Shelkan, Cantor Emeritus of Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill, Mass., will be honored at Ann Z'Miro: A Gala Cantorial Concert, to be held at the synagogue on Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. Fifteen member cantors of the New England Region of the Cantors Assembly, along with special guest Cantor Louis Danto of Toronto, will share their vocal talents in tribute to their beloved colleague. A hundred-voice combined synagogues choir will add yet another dimension to this musical extravaganza.

Cantors Steven Dress and Stephen Freedman, both of whom served Rhode Island congregations, will participate in the concert.

The concert is being held under the auspices of the New England Region of the Cantors Assembly; all proceeds will benefit the assembly's most important work in the areas of education and outreach.

General admission tickets are priced at \$10 each, with patron tickets available for \$25, a pair of sponsor tickets for \$100, and a pair of benefactor tickets at \$250. Benefactors and sponsors will enjoy a post-concert reception with the artists; they and patrons will receive preferential seating and a listing in the concert program.

Tickets are available at the Israel Book Shop in Brookline, Mass., and through the concert chairman, Cantor Murray Simon, at 527-2410.



THEY MADE IT POSSIBLE... Donors of Temple Torat Yisrael's Endowment Wall are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Pearlman. The wall was designed by temple member Harold Tregar and was commissioned by Lynn Martin of North Kingstown.

## Torat Yisrael's Wall Dedicated

Temple Torat Yisrael's Endowment Wall was formally dedicated on Oct. 22.

Lynn Martin of Seraphim Stained Glass studios in North Kingstown was commissioned by the temple Endowment Committee to prepare the wall in accordance with a design by temple member and Past President Harold Tregar.

The wall was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Davis and

and Mrs. Alan Pearlman.

Chairing the Endowment Committee is Mrs. Sidney Kramer, along with committee members Mort Coken, Aaron Davis, James Galkin, Andrew Gilstein, Barry Gilstein and Fred Kelman.

The Endowment Wall will serve as a legacy for now and for the future of Temple Torat Yisrael.

## Dvorah-Dayana Plans Meeting

The next meeting of Dvorah-Dayana Club of Na'Amat/USA will be held Nov. 15 at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Ceil Krieger, 381 Cole Ave., Providence.

Dvorah Dayana Club is eager to inform the community that Israel is facing the worst water crisis in its history. Jewish National Fund asks each one of us to help meet the challenge — the water shortage is a matter of life and death. JNF Blue

Boxes can be filled and turned in at club meetings.

Guest for this meeting will be Dr. Joseph Katz, a prominent member of the secular and Jewish communities of Rhode Island and a friend of Na'Amat. His topic will be "The Origins of the Yiddish Theater."

## Simcha Singles To Hold Bagel Brunch

Simcha Singles of Temple Beth-El Brotherhood will hold a bagel brunch on Nov. 21 at 10:45 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Diane Goodman, Ed.D., whose topic will be "Male-Female Communication."

Goodman is currently the acting affirmative action officer at the University of Rhode Island, and adjunct faculty in women's studies, and human development and counseling. For the past 10 years, Dr. Goodman has been teaching, training, and consulting in the area of human relations, particularly on diversity and gender issues.

Admission to the brunch is \$5.

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

Simcha Singles is open to all Jewish singles 35 and older.

## JFS Offers 'Dos and Don'ts' for Separated and Divorced Families

The High Holy Days are concluded, but Thanksgiving is coming, along with many birthdays and anniversaries. These events can be painful for separated and divorced families.

In fact, newly separated and divorced people and their children, as well as their parents, often anticipate special events with dread. Feelings of loss, sadness, confusion, failure, anger and loneliness often surface.

However, Julie Gutterman, clinical director of Jewish Family Service, says that many of that agency's clients report success stories even through difficult holiday times. Through her discussions with these clients, Gutterman has compiled a list of "dos and don'ts" that she feels may help those who have recently separated or divorced.

1) Don't ignore the changes. Don't try to pretend things are the same. Don't act as if the family structure is constant.

Do learn from those who have lost loved ones that it's good to acknowledge who's not there, what has changed.

Do communicate openly as the special event approaches that "things may be different this year."

Do ask your children/parents how they are feeling as the event approaches.

Do allow family members to express sadness, guilt or disappointment.

Do discuss with your children/parents various new ideas for the holiday or celebration.

2) Don't try to keep everything the same.

Do try new menus, new venues.

Do invent a new ritual. For example, at Thanksgiving, everyone can go around the table

and tell one thing they're thankful for.

Do set people at new spots at the table.

Do invite new people to join in holidays and other celebrations.

3) Don't avoid reasons to celebrate, even though it's tempting to avoid negative and uncomfortable feelings.

Do acknowledge and mark holidays and other events.

Do create a new occasion to celebrate something, for example, a child's achievement, a parent's "first."

Separation and divorce will occur in half of the first marriages and two-thirds of the second marriages that took place in the 1980s and '90s. "Separated and divorced families are normal families," said Gutterman. "If we are not among the statistics, then our parents, children, friends and neighbors are."

For those recently separated or divorced, she suggests approaching difficult times more openly and creatively.

Gutterman will be leading a workshop entitled "Separation and Divorce" this month as part of Jewish Family Service's Family Life Education series. The group will explore ways of coping with the experience of being single again, the many emotions involved and the process of revitalization.

Four sessions will be held on Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 18. The fee is \$40 per person and preregistration is required.

All family Life Education workshops are held at Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman St. in Providence, unless otherwise noted. Registration is open to all who wish to attend. For more information, call 331-1244.

## Breakfast Is On Financial Management

On Nov. 14, the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood will present a breakfast program on financial management. Brotherhood President Marvin William Lax, executive vice president of Halperin & Lax Ltd., will be joined by Larry I. Milder, regional vice president of Massachusetts Financial Services.

Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple Beth-El Silverstein Meeting Hall with the program to follow at 10.

Lax has been in the financial planning business for nearly 25 years and has received numerous industry awards. He is a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table and has spent his career helping people build a solid foundation for their business and personal finances.

Milder is the vice president of America's first mutual fund organization. Milder joined Mass. Financial Services in 1987. He will speak on investment strategies for college edu-



Marvin W. Lax

cation and retirement.

Members of the community are welcome to attend. There is no fee. For more information, call the Temple Beth-El office at 331-6070.

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## Children's Author To Visit the BJE

In honor of Jewish Book Month, world-famous children's author Carol Snyder will be a guest of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island's Library and Teacher Training Advisory Committees on Nov. 15.

A "Meet the Author" open house will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Snyder will read one of her books and answer questions during this afternoon reception, which is open to all children, parents and grandparents in the community.

Many of her books will be for sale and can be autographed at this time.

That same evening, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Snyder will lecture on "Connections: From Generation to Generation — the Stories We Share." Teachers, librarians, parents and grandparents are welcome at the evening lecture free of charge.

Snyder has received numerous awards over the years, including the Association of Jew-

ish Libraries' Snyder Taylor Book Award for outstanding children's books, The International Reading Association/Children's Book Council Children's Choice Award. She lectures widely in schools, libraries, and young authors' conferences.

The following books by Carol Snyder are available at temple and synagogue libraries, bookstores, school and public libraries:

### Picture Books

*Does G-d Like Cookies Too, Ike and Mama and the Once-a-year Suit, Ike and Mama and the Once-in-a-lifetime Movie, Ike and Mama and Trouble at School, Ike and Mama and the Block Wedding.*

### Books for Older Readers

*The Great Condominium Rebellion, Dear Mom and Dad, Don't Worry, Leave Me Alone Ma, Memo to Myself When I Have a Teenage Kid, The Left-over Kid.*

academic successes, admiring their dress clothes for Shabbat and Yom Tov, and relishing the relationships she had with some of them.

Shirley Goldberg was always an avid and dedicated supporter of Jewish causes on a national, regional and local level. She was a major donor to the Jewish Theological Seminary, a founder and lifelong supporter of Hadassah in Providence, and she was a major benefactor of both the Alperin Schechter Day School and the Providence Hebrew Day School.

She believed deeply in Judaism and in its growth and enhancement. She knew that Jewish educational and communal institutions were key to Jewish survival and the growth of Judaism in America.

Goldberg, deep at heart, loved children. Although she was not blessed with children of her own, she adored her nieces and nephews, and she "adopted" many a child from among the families here at Temple Emanu-El who grew close to her over the years.

By providing this endowment to Temple Emanu-El, Shirley Goldberg has ensured that her "children" for many future generations, will continue to receive the kind of Judaism and Jewish commitment that were part and parcel of her own life.



Shirley Aronson Goldberg

Some of the funds she left to the temple will be used to provide children's programming for the High Holidays as well as other programming involving children and families. In addition, some special funding will be provided to the Temple Emanu-El Religious School to help insure that each child will have the opportunity to receive a rich Jewish education.

Shirley Aronson Goldberg was a member of Temple Emanu-El from the time she moved to Providence from her native Boston in 1935 to her death in September of 1992.

From her seat in the middle section, middle row at synagogue she enjoyed seeing which families and children were at shul on a particular Shabbat — and she kept track of them: watching them grow over the years, taking pride in their



## Pro-Diversity Organization Appoints Trustees

The Rhode Island and Southeastern New England Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the organization dedicated to the mission of bringing people of different cultural, ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds together, recently appointed new members to its board of trustees. They are from left to right: (standing) Herbert W. Cummings, vice chairman, Citizens Financial Group; Casby Harrison III, partner, Licht and Semonoff; Sharon W. Linder, adviser external programs, IBM; Norman G. Orondenker, managing partner, Licht and Semonoff; William Watkins Jr., executive vice president, Narragansett Electric; and Bruce Rutenberg, partner, Licht and Semonoff; (seated) James H. Dodge, president and chief executive, Providence Energy Corp.; and Jackie Darcy Moran, manager, public and community relations, Ocean State Power. Not present for the photo were Richard Oster, president, Cookson America, and Charlotte I. Penn.

## Temple Emanu-El Announces Kickoff of Growth Program

The officers of Temple Emanu-El announce the start of a new program designed to build for the future through increased endowments.

Elaine Odessa, has been named Endowment Campaign chairwoman and comes to this role with a wealth of experience and a strong sense of direction. Her commitment to Temple Emanu-El is evident in all of her previous roles at temple.

As an honorary vice president and member of the Executive Committee, Odessa will work with our distinguished cadre of senior leaders including: Edward Feldstein, Estelle Klemmer, Bernice Kumins, Bernard Lightman, Donald M. Robbins, Jacob N. Temkin, Mel Topf and Manfred Well to ensure Temple Emanu-El's future. She feels that this plan to develop our Endowment Funds serves as an insurance policy for the temple's survival as the premier Conservative synagogue in Rhode Island.

Through the generosity and foresightedness of members of the temple family combined with prudent investment of available funds, the temple

endowment funds have grown to about \$6 million.

There are now 25 restricted funds and 124 unrestricted funds which are used to bring a wide agenda of services and programs to membership.

During this past summer, \$300,000 of new money was contributed to the endowment funds to support special programs.

For more information, call Sandra A. Mahoney, executive director in the temple office.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Area Residents to Play Key Roles In 7th Annual Havurah Retreat

Many local community members will be involved in this year's New England Havurah retreat — the seventh annual regional retreat in New England sponsored by the National Havurah Committee.

The retreat will be held at Craigville Conference Center, located on a site overlooking the Atlantic, near Hyannis, Mass., on the weekend of Dec. 17 to 19.

The retreat has drawn sell-out attendance in previous years. It features sessions devoted to study, prayer, spirituality, and community-building — all under the general theme of Jewish renewal.

Informal sessions will enable participants to share experiences on such issues as integrating children into Havurah life, forming new Havurot, and exchanging music, dance and liturgical skills.

During the classes and workshops, children's programming will be provided by experienced personnel. Meals are kosher and dairy.

The National Havurah Committee is a trans-denominational network of people committed to Jewish renewal, and is now in its second decade of operation. It sponsors an annual weeklong summer institute, publishes the *Havurah* newsletter, and serves as a resource center for havurot nationwide.

Among the weekend highlights will be sessions including:

- "Discovering G-d Through Song and Movement" by Hannah Tiferet Siegel, nationally acclaimed singer/songwriter.
- "Facing and Challenging our Fears: Selected Passages of Torah, Ecclesiastes, and Job," by Rabbi Alan Ullman, School for Jewish Studies, Worcester, Mass.

• "The Blessings and Dangers of Jewish Friendships: Analysis of Two Talmudic Tales," by

Rabbi Philip Graubart, Northampton, Mass.

• "Creating Liturgy that Preserves Tradition: Writing a Modern Siddur" by Rabbi Daniel Siegel, chaplain, Dartmouth College.

• "Meditations on the Siddur," by Joseph Rosenstein, teacher of meditation and professor of mathematics.

• "Early Sources of Jewish Magic" by Rebecca Leses, doctoral student in Religion, Harvard University.

For more information about registration and/or National Havurah Committee memberships, contact the New England organizers at (617) 527-2456; (413) 773-5884, 586-0220; (401) 861-0892; (508) 756-0300; or (203) 232-1173.

## Temple Emanu-El Plans Community Action Day

The Temple Emanu-El Social Action Committee is holding a Community Action Day/Winter Clothing Drive on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Temple members will be organized into six teams to take on various community service projects.

For more information about Temple Emanu-El Community Action Day, contact Barney Heath, co-chairman, Social Action Committee, at 272-7112. Temple Emanu-El is located on 99 Taft Ave. in Providence.

## Beth Sholom Plans Rummage-Bake Sale

Congregation Beth Sholom Sisterhood will hold its annual rummage/bake sale on Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the temple, located at 275 Camp St. in Providence.

## Kapstein Fund Established at Emanu-El

On June 22, a dear friend and supporter of Temple Emanu-El, Gladys C. Kapstein, died leaving a legacy of compassion and goodwill through her life.

This legacy will be memorialized through a special endowment contribution made by her daughter-in-law, Linda Kapstein (of La Jolla, Calif.) to fund the new restricted "Gladys C. and Sherwin J. Kapstein Endowment Fund."

Kapstein is fondly remembered for being the first in so many areas, including at Temple Emanu-El, where she served as the first woman to be chosen to chair the Cemetery Committee, which she did for 12 years.

She served on the Committee on the Status of Women at



Gladys C. Kapstein

Temple Emanu-El, and on Temple Emanu-El's executive committee and board among many other committees. She was also the first woman to be appointed as a board member for the Chesed Shel Emes and the Hebrew Free Loan Association and was selected by the Governor's Advisory Commission on Women as a "Rhode Island Women First" in 1989.

Gladys C. Kapstein Her accomplishments extended to the Jewish Federation, Hillel, the Jewish Family Service and many other organizations, but her love and commitment to temple was always among her top priorities. There, she made a spiritual, educational and cultural home for herself and her family.

There she married her husband, Sherwin, there she shared many simchas and tragedies with her extended temple family and there, she continued her lifelong commitment to education by her participation in two ongoing Torah classes. Her children: Jeremy, Deborah and Daniel were all educated there and it is fitting that she will be remembered by her compelling interest in

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## Beth Sholom to Honor Marder

Congregation Beth Sholom-Sons of Zion will be holding its first awards dinner Nov. 21 in the social hall at 275 Camp St., Providence.

Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m. followed by the awards dinner at 6. Live music will be performed by the Tzahala Trio. The minimum donation is \$50 per person. The deadline for reservations is Nov. 15.

This year's recipients will be Rabbi Chaim and Suzie Marder.

Rabbi Marder has been the spiritual leader at Congregation Beth Sholom-Sons of Zion for the last four years. He has brought to the position a special warmth and understanding which has attracted both adults and youth to the synagogue. He not only tends the needs of the synagogue but gives tirelessly of his time and effort to the community at large.

He is involved with the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Board of Jewish Education, the Brown-RISD Hillel, and the Vaad Hakashruth to name just a few. He also teaches classes in the Providence Hebrew Day School and the Mishra.

Suzie Marder, who holds undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's in social work, is also very much involved in the community. Besides serving as co-president of the Beth Sholom Sisterhood she also runs a parenting workshop. These are the tangible intangible traits of warmth, kindness and openness that she exudes is perhaps just as important in making Suzie Marder the well-rounded person she is.

An invitation is extended to the community at large to join in honoring this very deserving dynamic team.

## Torat Yisrael School Sets Book Fair

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, Torat Yisrael School announces its 10th annual book fair. This year's extended fair which begins on Nov. 18, will continue through Nov. 22.

It will feature a wide selection of paperback and hardcover titles for children and adults, as well as cassettes and CDs of Jewish musical favorites.

The public is invited to browse in the synagogue's library and school resource center where the fair will take place.

Book fair hours are as follows: Nov. 18, 3 to 5:30 p.m.; and 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to noon; Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Nov. 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## PHDS Plans Book Fair

The annual Providence Hebrew Day School book fair will be held Nov. 13 from 8 to 10 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school. Books and games for all ages, as well as kippot and Judaica items, will be on sale. See here, Reuven Yavner shares an interesting tidbit with Baruch Weiner as Yisroel Yavner looks on during a sneak preview of the offerings.

reaching out to others.

The Gladys C. and Sherwin J. Kapstein Endowment Fund will be used to fund the efforts of our Keruv Program, which they helped to found.

The Keruv Committee is committed to creating an environment which is warm and welcoming for intermarried couples and couples where both members are Jewish. This committee is working to create an environment where participants can grow Jewishly and feel comfortable interacting with other groups in the temple. In short, this committee will now have funding to help them reach out to couples who may not currently feel part of Temple Emanu-El.

## Bohnen

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gional and national organizations he has served are Hebrew College, Temple Emanuel, the Bureau of Jewish Education, Harvard Hillel, American Zionist Youth Foundation, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Council of Jewish Federations.

A recipient of CJP's Young Leadership Award in 1987, Bohnen also received the Synagogue Council's Klal Yisrael Award in 1992 and the Jewish Theological Seminary's National Community Service Award in 1992.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## 'Living As A Reform Jew' Is Theme of Weekend at Sinai

Temple Sinai's ninth annual Scholar-in-Residence program will examine the subject of "Living as a Reform Jew" during the Nov. 19 to 20 Sabbath weekend.

Principal speaker and program facilitator will be Rabbi Paul J. Menitoff, regional director of the Northeast Council of the Union of American Hebrew

Rabbi Menitoff will set the agenda for discussion groups, who will examine such subjects as "the December Dilemma" when the Jewish festival of Chanukah and Christmas are celebrated during the same month; the non-Jew in a Reform congregation and the feminist role in Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Menitoff will summarize the Saturday morning discussions after a buffet luncheon. The public is invited to participate.

Ordained in 1970 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio, Rabbi Menitoff has been at his present post since 1979 and also serves as director of the UAHF/CCAR National Commission on Rabbinic-Congregational Relations and as director of UAHF's Strategic Planning Task Force for Jewish Continuity and Growth.

He is a founder of the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts and has been a member of the executive board of the Central Conference of America Rabbis, among other posts.

Renee Fullerton of Warwick chairs the arrangements committee, which includes Arlene Oser of Lincoln; Judy Orosian, Baia Bender and Joseph Postar of Cranston; Phyllis Solod and Marian Goldstein of Warwick; Livia Weinstein and Selma Nasberg of West Warwick; and Leonore Sones, educational director of Temple Sinai.



### R.I.-Israeli Business Forum Planned

Israeli Consul General for New England Dan Kyram (second from right) met with Gov. Bruce Sundlun (center) on his first visit to Rhode Island recently. He assumed his duties in Boston in late summer. With Kyram and the governor are (from left) Steven A. Rakitt, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island; Harris N. Rosen, president of the federation; and Sheldon Sollosy, vice chairman of the federation's Community Relations Council. The council is working with the Consulate to organize a forum on business opportunities between Rhode Island and Israeli businesses. That forum will be at the Providence Marriott on Dec. 2.

### Baby-sitting Now Available

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island now offers baby-sitting services for parents while they use the center's programs and services. Available for children 3 months and older, the new service is available from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Children 3 months to 1 year must be dropped off with their car seat or carrier and parents must provide additional supplies which might be needed (i.e. diapers, bottles, etc.). The cost is \$3 for the first hour and \$2 for each additional hour or portion of the hour. Each additional child placed in JCCRI Baby-sitting Services will be charged \$2 for the first hour and standard charges for each additional hour.

Payment is to be made at the fitness room reception desk prior to picking up the child(ren). Reservations can be made 24 hours in advance by contacting the fitness room reception desk. Drop-ins are allowed when space is available. Baby-sitting service is limited to eight children.

For more information about the JCCRI Baby-sitting Services' policy or to make reservations, contact the fitness room reception desk at 861-8800. JCCRI Baby-sitting Services are to be used only when parents are using the center.

### Sons of Jacob Elects Officers

At the annual election of officers for Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue held Oct. 31, the following were re-elected:

### Torat Yisrael Plans Book Review Series

In conjunction with Jewish Book Month, Temple Torat Yisrael announces its Fall Book Review Series. All reviews will be part of the regular Friday night Shabbat services.

The schedule is as follows: *A People Divided: Judaism in Contemporary America*, by Jack Wertheimer on Nov. 12, 8 p.m.; *A Rabbi talks with Jesus*, by Jacob Neusner, Nov. 19, 8 p.m.; *To Live!*, by Harold Kushner, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., and *A Child's Book of Mishnah*, by Barbara Diamond Goldin, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the temple at 785-1800. The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston (opposite Roger Williams Park).

president, Harold Silverman; vice president, David Friedman; financial secretary, Mel Fleischer; recording secretary, Gerry Friedman; treasurer, Izadore Friedman.

According to Maimonides, there are eight degrees of charity—if you have forgotten and would like to know their definitions in depth, come into the synagogue and be refreshed with the steps in the duty of charity. Maimonides of course, was the very renowned 12th-century Spanish rabbi.



Rabbi Paul J. Menitoff

Congregations. His office is in Brookline, Mass.

Rabbi Menitoff will discuss the theme during the 8:15 p.m. Friday service. Rabbi George J. Astrachan of Temple Sinai will lead the Friday service and the 9:45 a.m. Saturday service.

After the morning service,

### JFS Joins Family Service America in Celebrating National Family Week

Jewish Family Service will join with Family Service America, an international nonprofit association dedicated to strengthening family life through services, education and advocacy, and its network of 280 Family Service agencies in North America, to celebrate National Family Week, proclaimed by President Clinton for Nov. 21 to 27.

The theme, "Families Yes!" focuses attention on all families worldwide and their contribution to society at large. This theme, with "Yes" displayed in different languages in the logo, values today's diverse families, supports ethnic differences, gives global recognition to families and celebrates the strength and resiliency of modern-day families.

Jewish Family Service recognizes that families continue to undergo change and are becoming increasingly diverse. This means there are many different types of family structures, with various strengths and weaknesses. It also means there is no "ideal family." Whether a family is a traditional nuclear family, a childless couple, a single-parent family, a serial or stepfamily or any other variation, it can still find that it needs help strengthening the familial bond.

As part of National Family Week, Jewish Family Service

and Family Service America have provided a Family Report Card, which asks families to rate themselves in nine categories to evaluate strengths and weaknesses.

For information on any of the services for families that Jewish Family Service offers, call 331-1244.

### Binder Will Read

The Library Committee of Temple Beth-El will present author, actor and teacher Mark Binder in a program to celebrate Jewish Book Month.

Binder will read from *Free Fall*, his new novel set during the recent credit union crisis, at a program in the Temple Beth-El William G. Braude Library on Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion and dessert will follow the reading. This project is co-sponsored by a grant from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



## The Key to the City

Dr. Irvin Fradkin, center, founder of the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, was honored recently in a ceremony at Cranston City Hall. Seen with Dr. Fradkin are Dr. Edward Myers, left, superintendent of Cranston public schools, and Cranston Mayor Michael Traficante, who presents Dr. Fradkin with a key to the city. Since 1958, Dr. Fradkin's efforts have resulted in millions of dollars worth of scholarships to thousands of students across America in the "Dollars for Scholars" community scholarship foundation programs.

## Scholar to Speak at Touro

Congregation Jeshua Israel of Touro Synagogue, the oldest synagogue in the United States, will sponsor a special lecture entitled, "The Jews of the Caribbean & Newport — The Touro Connection" on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in Touro Synagogue.

Ambassador Mordechai Arbell, the featured speaker, is an Israeli diplomat who has served as consul general and ambassador throughout the world. Ambassador Arbell is one of the world's leading scholars on early American Jewry and Spanish-Portuguese Jews in the Caribbean.

This special lecture will focus on connections between the Jewish settlers of Newport and those in the Caribbean. It will also explain how the Jews of the Caribbean helped create Touro Synagogue. Ambassador Arbell is a research fellow at John Carter Brown Library under the auspices of the Touro National Heritage Trust.

The lecture and the reception following are free to the general public. RSVP for the reception is requested by Nov. 20th.

For further information about Touro Synagogue or membership affiliation, contact Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro St., Newport, R.I. 02840, 847-4794.



Natalie Percelay

## Museum Named for Percelays

On Sept. 13, the board of directors of Temple Emanu-El voted unanimously to name the museum in honor of Natalie and Abraham Percelay.

Abraham Percelay served the temple with distinction as a board member and as chairman of the J.T.S. Campaign in Rhode Island. In addition, he and his wife received the National Community Service Award in recognition of their exemplary leadership and their endeavors to enrich the life of their community and Conservative Judaism. Both have been major supporters of Temple Emanu-El, Alperin Schechter Day School and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Natalie Percelay, who turned 90 this year, deserves the credit for steadfast devotion and nurturing of the museum where she served as curator for 25 years.

When asked to define her goals in establishing this central place for Jewish art, she said, "My mission would be to find items of loveliness for just such purposes. To seek an elegant menorah, a fine Torah scroll, a havdalah candle, a spice tower, an etrog box, pointers, mezzuzot and the myriad other appurtenances that would be a delight just to view."

And after the museum's development, she replied, "What the visitors saw were the Judaic treasures of holiness, that filled not one case, but many. And one did not have to listen too intently to hear the peons of praise wafting clearly heavenward."

Natalie Percelay's understanding of fine Judaica coupled with her true commitment to Jewish learning and living created the temple's museum.

With devotion and affection for her sister, Natalie, and a fondness for Temple Emanu-El, Zeldia Gourse has made a contribution to the temple endowment in honor of Natalie's birthday.

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### Correspondents Wanted

If you would like to correspond for the *Herald* by writing about what is happening in your community, contact the editor at 724-0200.

## Programs at JFS Provide Support to the Elderly and Families

When winter arrives in New England, many people enjoy going south for the season to escape the cold. However, for those caring for elderly parents, the fear of something happening while they are away may prevent them from making such a move.

As the following story illustrates, the services for the elderly at Jewish Family Service can help those people who are planning on going south for the winter but want to feel secure that their elderly parents will be looked after.

In October of 1992, Joe and Helen Miller (names have been changed to protect confidentiality) were planning to spend the winter in Florida. Helen Miller's mother, Mrs. Green, who lives independently in her own apartment, suffers from a

heart condition and vision loss due to macular degeneration. Helen, who is an only child and very close to her mother, visits her often, calls daily to check on her and does her grocery shopping since her mother can no longer drive.

Mrs. Green has become increasingly more dependent and her daughter was concerned about being away from her mother for so long, especially since she has no other family nearby. Fortunately, Helen Miller has received help through the many services offered to the elderly at Jewish Family Service.

Before the Millers went away last year, a social worker met with the family to assess Mrs. Green's needs and develop a plan.

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## Gift Benefits Kidney Research

On Oct. 18, a fund-raising effort by the Fraternal Order of Eagles culminated with the presentation of a \$2,000 check to Miriam Hospital to benefit kidney research. Accepting the gift on behalf of the hospital was Dr. Richard Cottrino (second from left), acting director of nephrology at Miriam. This grant has been allocated to the hospital's Department of Medicine Education and Research Fund to be used for kidney research. Seen with Cottrino are (from left) Henry Funk, grand worthy president, National Fraternal Order of Eagles; Richard Holland, chairman, Kidney Fund-Raising Event; and Edward Nunes, worthy president, East Providence Chapter Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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# School Beat



## Students Take Overnight Trip to Alton Jones

The sixth grade at Providence Hebrew Day School took a trip to Alton Jones at the University of Rhode Island on Oct. 19 and 20. A great time was had by all. The following are written descriptions of some of the events that took place while they were there.

### My Trip to Alton Jones

When I went to Alton Jones I had the best time of my life. One of the things that I liked best was when we were walking through the woods and then we came to the humongous field of grass. I loved it. Later, on that night we went for a walk and went back to that field. We walked to the middle of it and lay down. Then Karen (she was our teacher) told us a story about the stars, while looking at them. Their, Karen taught us how to call to the owls. The next day we went out walking again. We came to a stop. Then Karen gave us a blindfold and told us to put them on. Then we started walking. We walked about 3 yards. Then we stopped and Karen told us to lie down. Then she told us to imagine that we were some kind of insect just for the first time in our whole life opening our eyes. Then we took off our blindfolds. I looked up and saw all these tall trees circling me. It is the most beau-

tiful and quiet place I have ever seen. The only way that I can describe it is as a "thinking seat." A place where you can go where it is quiet. Somewhere you can think. It is too wonderful to describe.

When we left we did one last activity. This activity was quite unusual for we had to make a circle while sitting on other people's laps. Then we returned to our school feeling great about our trip.

Sarah Pliskin

### by Aaron Ziff

When we class went to the Alton Jones camps, we did all sorts of fun and educational activities. When we got there we unpacked our bags and we looked around our cabins. Then we played a game where we had to toss a tennis ball to each other. The goal was to

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### What Do You Think?

Alperin Schechter Day School assistant director and teacher, Marcia Kaunfer, goes over a portion of text from the first chapter in the Joseph story recently with members of her class, Ben Rotenberg, Amy Peiser, Dimu Meyerzon and Zach Marwil and Samantha Braverman (not seen in picture). The students have been analyzing the text by explaining traditional commentaries and writing commentaries of their own.

Herald photo by Anne Davidson

## Open House Set at Schechter

On December 3, the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Ave., Providence, will host its annual open house from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Bohnen Vestry of Temple Emanu-El.

Tours of the school will be led by school director Myrna Rubel, Assistant Director Marcia Kaunfer and Admissions Director Penny Stein. Visitors will also have an opportunity to meet with the administrators and get an overview of the Schechter program.

Also to be covered are such topics as: the application procedure, extracurricular activities, busing, and opportunities for financial aid.

The Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, with grades kindergarten through eight and fully certified by the state of Rhode Island, is one of a network of Conservative Jewish day schools across the United States and is a member of the Independent School Association of Rhode Island.

The school and its faculty have won awards for innovation and achievement in education.

Schechter eighth-grade graduates attend a wide variety of area high schools, both public and private. Schechter gradu-

ates have been accepted to many of the country's finest colleges and are now attending such schools as Harvard University, Brown University, Emory University, Brandeis University and the University of Chicago.

Those who are considering a Jewish day school education for children in primary and upper grades as well as in kindergarten, are invited to attend the open house. Information on lateral entry (grades one to seven) will be available. For more information, call Penny Stein, admissions director, at 751-2470.



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# OBITUARIES

## BESSIE BOLSKI

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Bessie Bolski, 90, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Robeson Street, died Sunday at the home. She was the widow of William Bolski.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Jacob and Dina (Wintman) Fishbein, she formerly lived in Providence. She was a member of the Pioneer Women and the Miriam Hospital Women's Association. She had been a member of the former Temple Beth Israel.

She leaves two sons, Norman Bolski of Somerset, Milton Bolski of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Rita Richman of Cranston; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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

## ROSE GREENFIELD

HARTFORD, Conn. — Rose Greenfield, 72, of 27 Westfield Village, Danielson, Conn., died Monday at the Hartford Hospital, Hartford.

Born in Brockton, Mass., the daughter of the late Isadore and Libby (Epstein) Greenfield, she has been a resident of Danielson for 12 years previously residing in Putnam, Conn., and Providence.

She is survived by one brother, Ralph Greenfield of Florida, a niece and a great niece.

The funeral service was held Tuesday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## CELIA HELFORD-SHERMAN

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Celia Helford-Sherman, 95, former publisher of *What's What* in Boston, died Nov. 1 at the Jewish Home for the Elderly, Fairfield, Conn.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Risha Helford, she has been a resident of Hartford for the past 40 years. She began her magazine career in Cleveland, Ohio, working in advertising for *This Week* in Cleveland magazine. She moved to Boston in the 1920s and published *What's What* in Boston, a magazine that described the theatrical, sports, and music events taking place each week in Boston. She interviewed Russian actress Alla Nazimova when she was in Boston on a tour in Ibsen's "Ghosts."

For the past 40 years she was prominent in Jewish organizations in Stamford, Conn., serving on the boards of Hadassah, B'nai B'rith and Temple Agudath Achim. She received "The Woman of Valor Award" for her contributions to the state of Israel for her work for Israel Bonds.

She leaves five nieces, Florence Markoff and Charlotte Shapiro, both of Providence; Barbara Morgan of Pawtucket; Rita Ginden of Florida and Ruby Aronsky of Allentown, Pa., and a nephew, Arnold Steinman of Norwood, Mass.

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

## ROSE PARIZER

PROVIDENCE — Rose Parizer, formerly of Charlesgate

Apartments, 670 N. Main St., died Nov. 2 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Louis E. Parizer.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Joseph and Jennie (Schimkowitz) Wansker, she lived in Providence since 1925. She moved to Orchard View Manor, East Providence, several months ago. She was a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans of America, Post 23. She was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild.

She leaves two daughters Beulah Lubner of Lake Worth, Fla., and Paula Rosenberg of Framingham, Mass.; four grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

A graveside service was held Nov. 4 at Beth-El Cemetery, Paramus, N.Y.

Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## LEWIS S. SKLAROFF

WARWICK — Lewis S. Sklaroff, 57, of 1811 Warwick Ave., operator of the former Norman Cleaners, Broad Street, Providence, until its closing in 1991, died Saturday at the William Backus Hospital, Norwich, Conn. He was the husband of Susan (Schoenholtz) Sklaroff.

Born in New York, he was a son of the late Solomon and Sylvia (Kaplan) Sklaroff. He was a dispatcher for Airport Taxi for the past two years. He was a member of Orpheus Lodge of Masons, and a Shriner. He was a member of the former Temple Beth Israel's Bowling League, and its Men's Club, and a Boy Scout leader for many years.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Neil A. Sklaroff of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a daughter, Jill B. Sklaroff, and a brother, Norman J. Sklaroff, both of West Warwick.

The funeral was held Monday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## NEWELL SMITH

PAWTUCKET — Newell Smith, 84, of 99 Sayles Ave., a partner in the City Tire Co., Allens Avenue, Providence, for the past 59 years, died Monday at Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Sadie (Gillon) Smith. He was the husband of the late Helen (Weiss) Smith. He was the husband of the late Claire (Meshnick) Smith.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Hyman and Rebecca Smith. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Brotherhood, the Allens Avenue Businessmen's Association, and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

He leaves a daughter, Deborah Greenstein of Scituate, a son, Louis Smith of Providence; a sister, Anne Fankel of Pawtucket; a brother, Bernard Smith in New Jersey, and five grandchildren.

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

## MARY SWARTZ

BRIGHTON, Mass. — Mary Swartz, 77, of 10 Belamy St., Brighton, died Saturday at St. Elizabeth Hospital. She was the widow of Ralph Swartz.

Born in Holliston, she was a daughter of the late Saul and Ida (Bubachek) Rubinsky.

She leaves two sons, Carl Swartz of Columbia, Conn., and Mark Swartz of Norwich, Conn.; two sisters, Ada Kleiman of Medford, Eithel Furman of Randolph, and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## Dr. Lehmann

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uted to the peoples among which they lived. All they learn is how the Jews of Europe died.

I doubt very much if either of us would want our children or grandchildren to know nothing of the lives of our European ancestors except the tragic manner of their deaths. Mrs. Aloni spoke for many of us when she objected to the limited nature of those visits.

At the Conference of Presidents at which Foreign Minister Peres spoke, there were representatives of 40 or more Jewish organizations. They included influential Reform leaders from whom you could have asked about their attitudes toward Zionism. They also included supporters of the Israel Labor Party, of Meretz, of Peace Now and other left-wing Israeli organizations who would gladly have discussed Mrs. Aloni's objections with you. And there were a number of persons versed in modern Jewish history who could have given you a copy of the Balfour Declaration to read and study.

All of them incidentally, are good Zionists, even if their opinions on some aspects of Israeli policy differ from yours. You should try to get to know them better.

**Yehuda Lev**  
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## Home Testimony

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JERI [Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island] will be coming by every week."

Alperin said that the JERI program would be sufficiently manned and run to serve the Jewish elderly of the state. "We would hope that a couple of the homes ... would serve as a nucleus of Jewish people. "Is it perfect? No. I think it's the best we can do."

On Thursday, Dr. Aronson testified that it will cost "an excess of \$2 million to close the home" — money taken from the home's \$5.1 million endowment fund (as of June). He said the total costs of closing the home won't be known until the end of December, since unemployment claims and bills still need to be paid.

Aronson testified that financial problems forced the home to eliminate positions and unilaterally reduce salaries of non-union employees "well before concessions were asked of union employees."

But under cross examination, it was not clear exactly when certain positions, such as assistant director and five nurse managers, were, in fact, eliminated. "You don't know if those positions actually were eliminated in 1993, do you?" Z. Hershel Smith, lawyer for the plaintiffs asked, pointing to an exhibit showing employee positions and salaries for 1991, 1992 and 1993.

"No, I do not," Aronson replied.

Aronson, who came on board as chairman only two weeks before the home voted to close, often could not answer Smith's questions. Referring to a \$270,000 loss for the first six months of 1992, Smith asked if there had been any discussion among the board or executive committee about what should be done.

Aronson replied that he did not know. "I did not take the chair until June of this year," he

reminded Smith.

Asked if any attempt was made to rectify the \$270,000 loss suffered by the home in June of last year, Aronson said, "Not that I'm aware of, except the usual — to achieve a balanced budget. Naturally the fund-raising continued."

He said at the time he came on as chairman of the board, the home was losing \$60,000 to \$70,000 a month "plus ... debts and extended loans from local banks that had to be paid," bringing the current fiscal year's loss to an additional \$600,000 to \$700,000.

Thomas Andolfo, a real estate appraiser with Andolfo Appraisal Co. in Providence, testified Tuesday that, in its current state, the Jewish Home is worth about \$5.5 million with its nursing home license. However, if it were filled with residents, it would be worth 15 percent more.

### Highlights from the Courtroom

■ At one point in the cross examination of Dr. Aronson last week, Smith introduced evidence that apparently is an unofficial copy of the minutes of the executive committee's July 27, 1993 meeting. The official minutes of the meeting had already been introduced as evidence.

"I'll decide which one truly describes what happened at the meeting," Judge Israel said of the two versions.

The unofficial minutes report that a member suggested transferring the home's endowment to the federation "and that way [it would] be protected from significant future claims against it."

But the home's lawyer had told the committee this would not shelter it from outstanding bills against the home and further discussion on the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

■ Judge Israel closed the courtroom for five minutes on Thursday afternoon while lawyers for the home introduced evidence and questioned Dr. Aronson.

The evidence included a letter of intent filed by the Jewish Home to the Department of Health; a letter to Antonio Giordano outlining the purchase of certain assets of the Jewish Home; an application for change in ownership; and a disclosure of ownership and control interest statement for Hill Health Center Associates.

Lawyer Joe Cavanagh Jr. came to the court representing the Providence Journal and asked Israel to keep the courtroom open.

Home lawyer Stephen H. Burke argued that a deal had yet to be consummated with Giordano and if the information was released prematurely, it could affect their ability to negotiate. The judge agreed that the information could be harmful to them, but said that he may make the testimony public later in the hearing.

■ Smith asked Aronson if any consideration was given to selling the home with its residents still in it. "We were aware of no potential purchasers at that time," Aronson said.

■ Judge Israel "tentatively" decided that the Jewish home is a charitable organization "and that it should be treated as a charitable trust, at least tentatively," he said. "Now whether trustee rules or corporate rules of governing be applied is not quite clear in my mind." He asked the attorney general's office to look into the matter.

"Trustees may well hold a higher obligation ... than corporate directors do to their shareholders," he said.

■ Also, under cross examination by Smith, Dr. Aronson testified Friday that no formal capital campaign had been conducted to raise funds for the Jewish Home once it was determined

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that the home was in trouble. Rather, he said, "informal discussions with major donors were undertaken."

■ Scheduled to take the witness stand Wednesday was Richard J. DeRienzo, an accountant from Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi and DeRienzo in Providence, the accounts for the home.

It was expected that testimony for the case might end this week.

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## Rabbi Goldberg

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Official Catholic Director published by P.J. Kennedy and Sons) three of the five top offices in the state are currently held by Jews. Sundlun himself is currently the only Jewish governor in the United States.

Burke Sano greeted Rabbi Goldberg on behalf of Warwick Mayor Lincoln Chaffee, who could not attend because of prior commitments.

Harris Rosen conveyed the welcome of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, of which he is president, and said that Rabbi Goldberg had already made a positive impression in the community.

### The Rev. James Miller, paraphrasing an old prayer, told Rabbi Goldberg, "already you are a blessing to us."

The Rev. James Miller, speaking for the Rhode Island Council of Churches, welcomed Rabbi Goldberg, and, paraphrasing an old prayer, told her, "already you are a blessing to us."

Rabbi David Rosen, chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, spoke of what Goldberg's arrival at Temple Am David had meant to the congregation, which has gone through two years without a regular rabbi or cantor.

Rabbi William Lebeau, acting dean of the rabbinical school and vice chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, was the installing officer. He confided that when he was a rabbinical student, he had the same room Rabbi Goldberg lived in while she was at the school many years later. He became Rabbi Goldberg's teacher and friend.

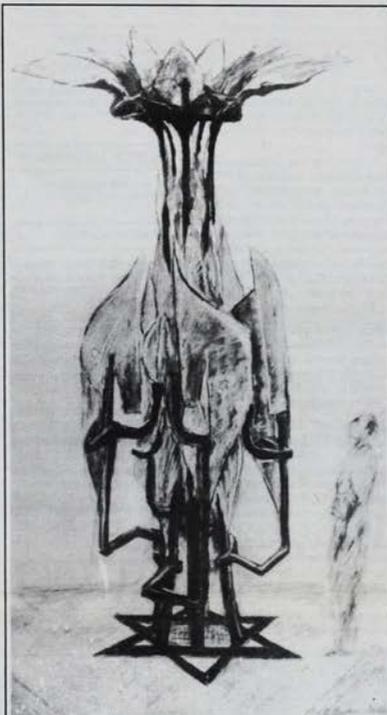
Lebeau said that these were times of great opportunity and great risk for Jews in America. Assimilation has become so easy that it could make inroads on the Jewish population. On the other hand, opportunity is great for a Jew to be as observant or

unobservant of ritual as he or she pleases. If Jews seize this opportunity, the synagogue can become a center of recommitment and renewed vigor.

He congratulated the members of the congregation on their

choice of a rabbi, and commended her to their loving care, asking them to treat her as a precious jewel — "no abrasives."

Rabbi Goldberg came to the rabbinate the long way around.



### Dedication Remembers 6 Million

This design, rendered by artist Barney Zeitz, was interpreted into a sculpture as a dedication to the 6 million men, women and children who perished during the Holocaust. The dedication of the monument on Nov. 9 commemorated Kristallnacht. For stories and photos on the events, see next week's *Herald*.

She earned a B.A. at Hofstra University and an M.B.A. at Adelphi University. Then, she went to work in the corporate world for 15 years, reaching a position as business manager for a big chemical company by the end of that time.

She had gone to religious school as a child. At 35, she started studying Judaism again, and at 36 she had her bat mitzvah. She went to Israel to study in a program sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary for lay people, and there she found her calling. She decided to become a rabbi, and after six years of study, she was ordained in May, 1993.

Studying the Torah as an adult, she said, helped her to find a greater appreciation of every moment of every day. She began to walk in "radical amazement," to quote one of her favorite modern Judaic writers — a state wherein she saw the daily wonders of the world as the miracles they truly are.

She addressed herself to G-d in prayer, recalling the path she had travelled to reach this moment, and asking for his help as she tried to walk in his way and



IN HER NEW PULPIT — Rabbi Nechama D. Goldberg speaks to her congregation after her installation at Temple Am David on Sunday.

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use her G-d-given abilities in his service.

After the service, a high tea was served in the social hall.

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### Corrections

A story in last week's *Herald* noted that the Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island program visits 16 nursing homes. Actually, the JERI program offers its official program at those 16 nursing homes, but it visits about 60 nursing homes, according to a program spokeswoman. In order for a nursing home to qualify for the official program, it must have five or more Jewish residents, she said.

We regret any confusion this may have caused our readers.

In the same story, lawyer Michael Mitchell was incorrectly identified as having asked Judge Israel for urgency in the proceedings on the Jewish Home. The lawyer addressing the judge was Steven Burke. We regret the error.

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