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## Iran Rumored to be Near Long-Range Missile Capability

by Hugh Orgel  
TEL AVIV (JTA) — Within a year, Iran will have the capability to fire long-range North Korean-made "Nordong" missiles at Israel, according to the head of Israel Air Force Intelligence. The official, identified as "Col. A." in an article in the current issue of the *Air Force Journal*, said the missiles presently can carry conventional high-explosive warheads, but in the future they can be fitted with chemical or nuclear warheads. "Iran is undoubtedly trying to purchase the capability to produce such chemical and nuclear warheads," Col. A. wrote. "We

know that Iran is making great efforts to develop its aircraft and missiles so that they can directly threaten Israel."

The intelligence official also wrote that Iran and Syria were cooperating in the purchase of long-range North Korean-made Scud-C missiles, which can present a direct threat to Israel's civilian population in the event of war.

The official indicated that Syria has not been able to buy advanced surface-to-air SA10 and SA11 missiles, a top government priority, apparently because of the country's dire economic condition.



DR. FRADKIN AND SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY — in Washington, D.C., looking over a Dollars For Scholars newsletter.



## Zimriyah Takes Off Once More

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-Editor

Zimriyah, a traditional all-school festival of song at the Alperin Schechter Day School, took place Dec. 23, this year, in the Alperin Meeting House of Temple Emanu-El.

The theme of this year's performance was "Traveling through Israel." To enter the auditorium, each member of the audience had to step through the hatchway of a mock-up of an El-Al plane.

It appeared to this reporter that every single member of the student body did take part in the singing, and that made the quality of the performance all the more remarkable.

Credit for planning the event goes to Ruth Adler, Ulzi Eliashev, Wendy Garf-Lipp, Elizabeth Kaplan, Assist. Director Marcia Kaufner, Deborah Miller and School Director Myrna Rubel.

Musical accompaniment was provided by Mark Bram on the guitar, and Shelley Katsch on the piano.

The very name sounds joyful and jubilant — Zimriyah! — and it turned out to be appropriate. Everyone seemed to be having a marvelous time, throughout the evening. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

## He Created Dollars For Scholars

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald Co-Editor

You may have already heard of the organization Dollars For Scholars. Let us now introduce you to the founder, Dr. Irving A. Fradkin.

For a young child growing up in the Depression Era, there were not many programs for children. For Fradkin, after-school activities were mostly playing ball on the streets of Chelsea, Mass.

Violence and crime were rare and anyone could walk down the street at any time without feeling threatened or afraid.

Fradkin also had the security of a good, traditional Orthodox Jewish home, with a mother and father who cared deeply for their seven children.

Since he had four sisters and two brothers, hand-me-down outfits were not unusual for Fradkin. As the baby of the family, his jackets were a little worn, his oversized knickers hung long, but the family managed to keep everyone warm when the New England weather turned bitterly cold.

Food was always provided as his father, Abraham Fradkin, was a baker 12 to 14 hours a day. "Mother made sure we never left the house hungry," Fradkin remembered.

The doctor's father had a deep love for this country. He called this land a Golden Medina, using the Jewish word for a golden world. He left Russia because of the anti-Semitism that existed then, as it does now. Russia was not the best place

to bring up a Jewish family. It took a great deal of courage for Fradkin's father to leave Russia to seek his future in America. He realized he would never again see his parents or siblings.

Abraham Fradkin arrived in America in 1912 and in 1917 had saved enough money to send for his wife, Eva Steinberg, and their five children.

"One who saves a single soul is as though he had saved a whole world"

From the "Mishnah"  
(Sanhedrin 4: 5)

During the trip west, Fradkin's mother was arrested in Germany. Apparently she had stolen some wood for fuel to keep her children warm. With help from her 12-year-old daughter, she was released from jail.

No matter what country a person's ancestors came from, they came to America because they didn't have freedom. Leaving your homeland takes courage and that is the type of people who made this country great, Fradkin believes.

"People should come here to create a better society rather than to make a better living. The Founding Fathers did not create a land of opportunists, they created a land of opportunity. We are not going to eliminate selfishness. That's not what I'm advocating. But we must show

that in the long run the welfare of America is also their own welfare, and that of their children and great-grandchildren." — Vartan Gregorian, President, Brown University.

News of the Holocaust began to reach the United States in 1942. While most men Fradkin's age were serving in World War II, he was declared 4-F (unable to serve) due to a hip injury that has left him with a permanent limp.

During war time, Fradkin got involved with the New England Council of Young Judeans, as well as four or five other groups.

Although not able to serve in the military, Fradkin was able to use his time encouraging young people to make a better life for themselves. Simultaneously he became more involved in Judaism.

Speaking solely Hebrew until he was 5 years old, Fradkin was bar mitzvahed and received a Hebrew education.

Directly after high school he attended the Massachusetts College of Optometry. In 1943 he graduated, studied, passed the dental boards, and opened his practice in Fall River with \$700 borrowed from his father.

It is written in the "Mishnah," a classic Jewish text, that "one who saves a single soul is as though he had saved a whole world" (Sanhedrin 4: 5).

This is the philosophy that has motivated Fradkin in his autobiography, *Dollars For Scholars: Founder, Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America*.

At the beginning of his book (Continued on Page 3)

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Local Hospitals Merge

The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital, Providence-based teaching hospitals affiliated with the Brown University School of Medicine, announced that their respective boards have reached an agreement in principle to consolidate the two institutions. The consolidation will result in the creation of a new, nonprofit holding company with each hospital as a major subsidiary electing an equal number of directors to the new corporation.

Each hospital will retain its individual identity, its own board of directors and/or trustees and continue to direct the expenditure of its restricted endowment. Both will also continue physical plant operations at their current Providence locations.

Everything will remain the same for patients for the foreseeable future as they will continue to receive their care at the same locations from the same health care providers.

## First Night '94: The C.D.

by Sydney Himmel  
Special Reporter  
To the Jewish Herald

Thanks to Big Noise (production company), music-loving Rhode Islanders have a chance to bring home the sounds of "First Night '94" in a limited edition C.D. showcasing 19 of the night's stellar performers. This wonderfully eclectic collection has something for everyone. Jazzgrass, folk music, R & B, blues, rockabilly, New Age and A Cappella are

among the featured styles. Many listeners will be hearing some of these artists for the first time. Be prepared to be impressed. Especially enjoyable is Luko Adjaffi's "Grey Cathedral," an acoustic gem with an unusual reggae-jazz flavoring. "Ayinde O" by Babemba USA with its mesmerizing tribal rhythms and haunting vocals is particularly moving. Dan Moretti's "Milkyway Boulevard" is as slick a jazz piece as you'll find anywhere. In fact, each of the selections on this

recording are of exceptionally high quality. Those of you lucky enough to obtain a copy of "First Night '94" will surely agree!

"First Night was meant for everyone to attend," says "Big Al" Big Noise co-owner and executive producer of the First Night C.D., who will literally be running around Friday night stocking and restocking C.D. displays.

It was worth it because the last two First Night releases were both named album of the year by "The Providence Phoenix's Best Music Poll."



## The Faces Behind the Music

A. Michelle and Al Gomes, ever-busy with the marketing and publicity arrangements for the CD "First Night '94" look forward to their most successful year ever. Photo courtesy of Jim Egan

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## Library Literacy Grants Awarded

The U.S. Education Department has granted \$8 million to support library literacy in 43 states, including projects that will help educate senior citizens, prison inmates, and those with limited English skills.

The local projects will train volunteers as tutors, recruit students to participate in literacy programs, purchase books, videotapes and other teaching materials for use in literacy programs.

Local award amounts received from this fund include the following:

**Rhode Island**  
Coventry Public Library, \$20,395; East Providence Public Library, \$29,375; Providence Public Library Family Literacy, \$34,991; Providence Public Library Family Writing Centers, Providence, \$34,983; Rhode Island Department of State Library Services, \$34,383; Woonsocket Harris Public Library, \$18,890.

Steping up plans to bring about a reduction of racial tensions among young Americans, the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith has joined with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in a pronounced effort to bring about the reduction of racial tensions among Americans, youths in particular.

## ADL and NAACP Join Forces

This step was spurred on by the increasing number of disturbing reports of racial polarization throughout the USA. The ADL and the NAACP will explore the creation of a multi-racial task force which will gear its outlook and activities toward reducing racial prejudice and acts flowing from such prejudice.

In a joint statement issued recently, leaders of each of the organizations indicated that this step "demonstrates that our two communities are serious about working together to change racial attitudes of young Americans before they become ingrained." NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Chavis, Jr. and ADL National Director Abraham Foxman reported that their organizations would seek other groups with which to develop educational programs on the high school and college levels.



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## FEATURE



## Oil for the Lamps, Footprints in the Snow

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Chanukah fell on my birthday as usual and, of course, on the brink of the new season and calendar. The miracle of the oil makes me pray for the continuing marvel of life in time.

I go out and buy myself the usual inequivalent gift, a fresh new desk engagement book of the months and days to come. I hunt for just the right design. Maybe a Jewish cross-reference of holidays by moon or sun calculation, illustrated with pretty ritual objects. Perhaps a ghostly group of studio portraits of the lovely classic stars of yore.

I end up with one decorated with gardens of the world and poets' words about gardens. I also put on my wall a hanging date calendar with hummingbirds and butterflies. This way I can look up or down and still locate the day as it starts or ends.

This year I reached a certain significant point in the Roman marking of time. I look back, these days, not at minutes spent, or weeks, or months, or even years, but at whole decades.

Around this time of the passage round the sun, I "take stock," to use my dad's phrase. I stare into my yesteryears and ask, what have I done, and what have I left undone till now?

Well, I've hit most of the major marks I set out to target. I mean, I have my wife, my three kids, a home, even a summer cottage. I paddle my own canoe, literally, on Narrow River. I've gone off to the same college of fine night on 30 years already.

It hasn't always been easy to hang onto a job that long. I don't take anything for granted. I never did. I got my driver's license a year or so after most other guys. Even before that, I figured out how to tie my shoelaces and get up on a bike a little later than most. By the standards of my day, I began my family late, too, but caught on fast.

Holding on to your desk over tens of years isn't fluid drive. You jostle and you joust to maintain your position. And I have handed down my parents' genetic message to the world.

My Canadian mom used to try out the French proverbs

she'd learned by heart in school. She mixed them all up with her Yiddish chochmas. "Eat with bread!" combined with saying I picked up in Paris, or out of some old foreign film — "He ate his bread." It means, he passed away, he's all done. Bread, the staff and stuff of life.

Anyway, I've broken my challah, munched my rye, dunked my pita or baguette in coffee or wine, in several corners of this old world. I've said my words in letters, and in a tongue or two. I've had my point heard in court, won some cases, lost some. Won Eichenbaum of blessed memory named me an "honorary survivor" in a city hall — a great honor indeed. So I've known, like everybody else, joy and regret, calm and storm.

We all live a secret life within our thoughts, a private realm. Nobody knows who or what travels the roads of your brain as you drive, walk, sleep, or just hold a pen idly in your hand. I worry the same frets and dread the same fears I knew and went over and over at age 6.

We small fry used to chant cheerfully, on the brand new sidewalks, the phrase, "They put you in a wooden box, and cover you over with dirt and rocks." I found out for sure, they do, they do.

I'm making notes on my balance sheet, like those bank pads with errands and numbers penciled in rows which my dad stuffed in his pockets decades ago.

On one side, where have I gone wrong? My foes would list a ladder of shortcomings.

On the other hand, what do I do that's right? I always send season's greetings to my former teachers and loyal students and wish the world well at this chilly

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solstice. I try to keep my old biends as best I can and to form new friendships along the way. I gain, and I mourn.

On this big little birthday, a former student called from California as she usually does. My wife bought me my winter bottle of good cognac, plus some cozy cotton socks from Bread and Circus. My boy got me a box of pinecones treated with something magic that colors the flames in the hearth brilliant hues like pictures in an old-fashioned book. My daughter Lily gave me a book of Jewish jokes.

Maybe I'll find the answer to the meaning of life along with a chuckle in the bargain.

## Dollars for Scholars

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Fradkin asks: "If a caring person were to have a dialogue with G-d, he might ask: 'G-d, why do you allow such a terrible world so full of hate and crime, so torn by violence and bigotry? What are you going to do about it?' G-d might reply: 'I created you, didn't I? You're on earth. You have to be my ears and hands, my eyes and heart. It's up to you, working with me, to make a better world.'

With this in mind, G-d created the heavens, the earth, and much later, the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America.

Sometimes the most effective programs start out as nothing more than a dream. When Fradkin founded the CSF in 1958 he did so with just \$500. Over the past 35 years the program has generated \$210 million dollars, with half of that figure raised in the last four years.

The program is a community supported scholarship foundation designed to make an educational difference for thousands of students across America. "To motivate and inspire scholarship recipients to use their education to make a better living for themselves and to give back something of themselves," says Fradkin.

The concept is without confusion. Citizens of a community raise funds locally for scholarships. Recipients are selected by

a panel of local residents on the basis of financial need, scholastic standing, employment history, leadership activities, unusual circumstances and other criteria. Applications are coded to keep bias out of the selection process.

"Oil in the ground is not more precious than a person's mind," states Fradkin.

He believes that educating our children will build a better country by decreasing drop-out rates, increasing the number of students going on to higher education, stimulating community pride, encouraging responsible citizenship, and promoting the idea of brother/sisterhood regardless of background.

"We are all G-d's children," he says; all unique, all unusual and all given opportunities — it's what we have with the chance that counts" ... but always with a premise that you leave this place a little better than you found it."

Scholarship recipients have a moral obligation to repay the money so that someone else might get an education.

According to Fradkin, he has never earned a penny from his endeavor. He says, "I have all the riches a man could want. This is just my way of saying thanks for living here."

Now at age 72, with Charlotte, his wife of "47 beautiful years," by his side ("I would marry her again tomorrow"), three wonderful children and three grandchildren, he feels that he is the "living example of the American Dream."

Fradkin continues his beliefs in the Jewish religion without reservation. "I can walk in a church, he says, and still know who I am." A longtime member



Dr. Irving A. Fradkin  
Herald photo by Stacy A. Pacheco  
with Congregation Adas Israel, Fradkin is also a dedicated member at Temple Beth El, both of Fall River, Mass.

Announcing The American Dream Challenge in September of this year, Fradkin wonders if it is possible to inspire young children to understand and appreciate democratic values as early as fourth grade and through every subsequent class thereafter.

This would allow students nine years before high school graduation, to learn and absorb the principles of our priceless freedom and heritage. They would, he hopes, excite, encourage and influence their peers to do likewise.

"Ask not what this country can do for you, but what you can do for your country," said John F. Kennedy. Fradkin agrees.

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# OPINIONS

## 'Earth, Wind, Fire and Snow

by Cindy Halpern

Life on earth is short and temporary; the roots of life develop in springtime, the petals slowly open up as they are nourished by the warmth of sunlight, and young life blooms, but then the days become shorter in the autumn as fallen petals are blown away with the wind. But winter snow does not bury all traces of life.

Perpetual care for the dead is not performed at the cemetery grounds but in the deeds of the survivors.

Gene Wilder starred in the movie, "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," but he played a more important role when his wife, Gilda Radner, died of ovarian cancer. He began a network to warn women about the early symptoms so others would avoid death.

Robert Clary starred as Corporal Le Beau in "Hogan's Heroes," but in real life, he is a survivor of the Holocaust; the flames of hatred consumed the lives of most of his family. In these, his later years, it pains him deeply to see the flames of bigotry ignite once again, so he is trying to educate anyone who will listen about what the fires of racial hatred can do.

Rabbi Harold Kushner of Natick, Mass., reached out to people whose lives were struck by tragedy when he wrote the book, *When Bad Things Happen To Good People*, after his own 13-year-old son perished from a rapid aging disease that robbed him of his youth and his life.

There is a woman who lives here in Providence named Tina

Chernick-Jordan, also a survivor of the Holocaust, who lost two sons to Muscular Dystrophy. As the rescue sped through the streets with her 23-year-old son in critical condition, radio contact with the hospital went dead. The drug that could have prevented her son's brain death could not be administered because needed permission could not be given. Shortly after her son was buried in the frozen winter ground, this grief-stricken mother testified before the state legislative body to help get a bill passed to insure that the drug could be administered in similar circumstances, so other lives could be spared from her son's fate.

I know this woman well because she gave birth to me.

Unlike a flower, human life leaves traces of its existence behind no matter how deep the snow becomes in a winter's storm.

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When we arrived in Hawaii, we took a cab to the prettiest hotel on Waikiki Beach. Our rooms were spacious and were decorated with exotic colored wallpaper and carpeting. In our refrigerator, there was fresh pineapple juice.

Even though we were exhausted from a long day of traveling, we wanted to see the Hawaiian sun dip below the tropical water. We were rewarded with a moon that shined brilliantly on the shores of the beach. We were a million miles away from all our troubles. A calmness came over us,

but Ma especially seemed affected by these beautiful surroundings. She smiled more than I ever remembered before.

She never had a real childhood. She lived in the shadow of anti-Semitism of her native Vienna. She survived the flames of hatred that engulfed Europe and spread like a forest fire. She moved to America and thought she was living the American dream when she married my father, had four children, and bought a home. But the dream turned to dirt when both of her sons died from muscular dystrophy.

We dined in a fabulous restaurant. My Uncle Abe looked handsome in his black dinner jacket, his freshly pressed white formal shirt, and his polished black shoes. His light green eyes gleamed in the slightly dimmed room. Abe's one blond hair that had turned gray and white was neatly combed back. One would never have guessed that he was once imprisoned in Dachau Concentration Camp, where he was forced to carry dead bodies.

The next day, we toured Pearl Harbor. We stood at the Memorial and I saw a gruesome sight: a sunken ship sticking out of the water, which represented the thousands who had perished during the surprise attack. I became angry and made a racial slur about the Japanese.

Abe resented the stereotype image I had conjured up from my 13-year-old mind of ignorance. He told me that the Japanese military machine planned and implemented the attack on Pearl Harbor. He said I had no knowledge about Japanese custom and traditions, their language or history. He said he had been judged in Vienna the way I was judging the Japanese people now.

I felt ashamed of myself. Then we went to the cemetery, where many soldiers who died in this attack were buried. We walked by a fallen Rhode Islander's gravestone. I took a picture of the tombstone. I had hoped that we would locate his parents once we returned home, but we never found a name out of the state or even died. But I kept the picture of his gravestone in my photo album of Hawaii.

My Hawaiian adventure glows like the tropic sun in my mind as my best childhood memory.

## Why Would A Jewish University Give A Platform To A Holocaust Denier?

by Morris Gastfreund

Recently the Brandeis University newspaper, *Justice*, published an advertisement titled "A Revisionist View of the U.S. Holocaust Museum."

The ad called the exhibits in the newly opened United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington "false and manipulative."

The advertisement was placed by the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, which was founded and is run by the virulent anti-Semite, and Holocaust denier, Bradley R. Smith of Visalia, Calif.

"When a government institution represents a point of view held suspect by so many, we have an obligation to look at it squarely," the ad read.

"The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum displays no proof anywhere of homicidal gassing chambers and no proof that even one individual was gassed at any camp liberated by allied armies."

Brandeis University was founded as a Jewish institution of learning. The majority of its students are Jewish, and it is still supported through fundraising by Jewish organizations.

To give a platform to an anti-Semitic liar is shameful and reprehensible. David Turner, the editor-in-chief of *Justice* explained, "It thought this was a more liberal and open community that would have a little more empathy for why we made our decision." His logic is despicable because Holocaust denial is not a scholarly debate. It is a distortion of the truth to rewrite history with lies and make people believe that the Holocaust never occurred.

This is a new form of hate propaganda. This is not a first amendment issue. Under the so-called protection of freedom of speech, *Justice* advanced the cause of liars and hate mongers.

As a Holocaust survivor, I am outraged by the naivete of a student body that would publish this in the Brandeis newspaper, which has given a platform to liars and hate mongers. The most prestigious universities in the country, like Harvard, Brown and Yale, have refused the anti-Semitic ad.

At the University of Califor-

nia at Berkeley, the editorial board of the *Daily Califormian* also rejected the ad. Steven Markowitz, the editor-in-chief said newspaper policy forbids "racist, sexist or violent inciting advertisements."

Why Brandeis, a Jewish-supported university, chooses to be more liberal in giving a platform to anti-Semitic liars and Holocaust deniers is mind-boggling.

Bradley Smith in his hate pamphlet, "Historical Review on the Holocaust," bases his distortions of the Holocaust on Winston Churchill's six-volume work, *The Second World War*. In the six volumes Churchill does not once mention a program by the Nazis to mass-murder and genocide.

It is worth mentioning the just recently published declassified British secret files, which shed some light on Churchill's motives for keeping secret the mass-murder and genocide of the Jewish people.

Churchill and the British foreign office, in a conspiracy with the BBC, believed that saving millions of Jews was not a desirable war aim and should not be reported. There was also a concern in the British colonial office that if the news of mass murder were known, there would be world pressure to open the gates of Palestine for some rescue of Jews. Palestine which was promised by the League of Nations as the national home for the Jewish people, had its gates locked against the Jews by the British mandatory power in order to appease the Arabs.

For England, the genocide of the Jewish people was of minor concern; the broad view was its own interest in exploiting the newly discovered oil wealth in the Middle East for the good of the British empire.

Bradley Smith attributes the refusal of most college newspapers to publish his ads to a conspiracy among organized Jewry to suppress his "revisionist theory." They are in conflict with a spirit of the "first amendment and certainly of the letter of it," he said of the newspapers who rejected the ad.

What Bradley Smith does not say — is that he is hiding behind the first amendment in order to poison the minds of young people on the college campuses.

Bradley Smith said recently, "I'm looking for young people who aren't carrying the baggage of 50 years of the state-supported lie, and still have the remnants of an open mind."

Brandeis University gave Bradley Smith a platform to poison the minds of young people with lies and distortions about the Holocaust. Do the liberals on the Brandeis campus also have doubts about the Holocaust being real?

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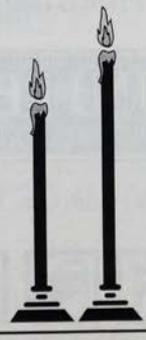
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## Righteous Women

This week's portion is Shemot, the first portion of the Book of Exodus. Near the beginning of Shemot we read, "Pharaoh charged all his people, saying: 'Every son that is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall keep alive.'"

Pharaoh ordered that the boys be cast into the Nile for he had been informed by his astrologers that a Jewish child would redeem the Jews. In his decree concerning male babies, the fate of the girls shouldn't have been mentioned. In truth, however, Pharaoh's concerns concerning the girls was just as

harsh as that of the boys.

Pharaoh ordered the Egyptians to drown the boys, causing their physical death. The same Egyptians were also told to raise the girls alive, that is, raise them in the Egyptian way of life, thus causing their spiritual death.

The decree that "every daughter you shall keep alive" is no less harsh than "every son ... you shall cast into the river." To destroy the soul is as bad as to kill the body, in fact worse — for spiritual death has an absolute finality that physi-

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## EDITORIAL

## Letters to the EDITOR



### BBYO Sponsors Teen Groups

#### To the Editor:

Achim Robby Kahn AZA is a Providence chapter of the New England Region B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) which consists of 20 Jewish boys of high school age. This year they have taken an active part in the community.

On Nov. 14, several chapters, including Achim Robby Kahn, participated in a community service project run by Temple Emanu-El working on a JCCRI clean-up program, sorting clothes from a clothing drive, planting bushes and other projects.

In December and January the chapter ran a winter clothing and blanket drive through a collection box at the Providence JCCRI.

Soon they will be regularly cleaning up local parks in conjunction with Keep Providence Beautiful. In the past they have donated canned goods to Amos House.

The purpose of BBYO is to involve Jewish youth in the community. The boys concentrate on the seven cardinal principles of their organization: Judaism, Patriotism, Filial Love, Charity, Fraternity, Purity and Conduct.

They also promote leadership skills and responsibility. BBYO presents a chance for Jewish youth to meet and socialize with each other. One of the key elements of AZA is the focus on brotherly love. There is a need for this type of organization in the community because of the continual decrease in members of Jews at many high schools.

Achim Robby Kahn is running entirely by its members. Leading the chapter is a board consisting of a president, vice presi-

dent, secretary, treasurer, social action chairperson, and membership chairperson.

Their adult advisor, Adam Marks, oversees, advises, and helps out at all events. One of the strengths of the chapter is that it allows any member to put forward an idea, plan an event or program and become a leader.

Achim Robby Kahn has had many events with other chapters around the New England region, including a scavenger hunt, two socials, a spaghetti dinner, several overnights, a football game trip, and a Chanukah party. There are also regional events in which all chapters from around the New England region participate. At many of the events they hold religious ceremonies such as Shabbat and Havdalah. The chapter also holds bi-monthly meetings which offer a chance for friends to see friends, as well as do business concerning the welfare of both the chapter and region.

There is also a woman's chapter equivalent to Achim Robby Kahn called Judy Ann Leven B'nai B'rith Girls (BBC). A lot of the events held are with BBC and give the members an opportunity to socialize with the opposite sex.

"Achim Robby Kahn has given me a chance to be a leader among my peers, to make new Jewish friends, and has strengthened my awareness of my Jewish heritage." — Ben Rappaport, chapter member.

For more information, contact: Harriet Klein at 421-4428 or Eli Cane at 331-6608.

Harriet Klein  
Eli Cane

### R.I. Helped

#### To the Editor:

I noted with interest your UJA press service release in the issue of Dec. 23 on Kibbutz Harduf.

Harduf was originally established in 1982 as a JNF project — one of a series of Mitzpim (outposts) in the Galilee to maintain a Jewish presence against Arab encroachment.

The project was conceived by Pinchas Sapir and was first brought to New England by the late Ernest Nathan of Providence, a JNF stalwart.

Ernest prevailed upon me to chair a fund-raising campaign to establish Harduf. He made a major gift to kickoff the effort in New England and we celebrated a successful campaign at a dinner at Temple Mishkan Tefilah in Newton, Mass.

Senator Joseph Biden was the guest speaker at the dinner. My wife Claire and I visited Harduf in 1983 and attended dedication ceremonies as well as the celebration of the first baby born there.

Bernard E. Bell  
Providence

#### To the Editor:

It is very gratifying to those of us who work with the archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association to receive the response that is generated by the photographs which we publish in the *Jewish Herald*.

Recently Ellen Troberman contacted the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association with identification of two of the ladies in a photograph in the *Jewish Herald* of Dec. 9 included in the special Chanukah insert. The photograph featured Cantor Karl Krutz lighting a menorah at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Mrs. Troberman reported that her mother, Mrs. Esther Kaplan, was the lady who was standing in the photograph. Mrs. Kaplan's mother, Mrs. Goldie Glassman, a resident of the Jewish Home, is seated at the table, while her daughter, Mrs. Kaplan, has her arm on the back of the chair. The photograph was taken in 1956.

What a pleasure it was to know that we provided Mrs. Kaplan with the thrill of seeing her mother again in a photograph she did not even remember was taken!

We appreciate the forum the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* provides for the publication of the photographs from the archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

Eleanor F. Horvitz  
Librarian/Archivist  
Rhode Island Jewish  
Historical Association

### Jewish Home Revisited

#### To the Editor:

In your Dec. 9 issue photograph of "Chanukah in the Home" with Cantor Krutz lighting candles, please be advised that the lady seated second from right (the seated lady in the middle at the table) is none other than my beloved grandmother, Beatrice Mayberg Garfinkle.

She died in 1958 and I would like to know when this photo was taken.

Her daughter, my mother, who died in December of 1989 was Ruth Mayberg Berman, a resident of Providence for more than 60 years.

F.B. Pomerantz  
Hyannis, Mass.

### Moscow on the Seekong

by Mike Fink

**Herald Contributing Reporter**  
The commonroom of the Jewish Community Center became a concert hall in old Russia or the Soviet Union on a recent Sunday afternoon. I moved among the guests, a gathering of New Americans of all ages. Expressive faces of the seniors among them looked up with quiet joy; eyes lifted up above the spotlights that threw the heavy volume equipment into bulky shadow.

Noted Russian singer Vadim Mulerman, immaculate in white suit and white shoes, moved in that limelight like a Slavic version of Yves Montand. He socked out a group of songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian.

Edward Kamenetsky, in a black silk, dress shirt and double-breasted suit, told stories, made introductions, gestured broadly, and brought laughs and sighs to the performance.

Then Simeon Grinberg, in a formal tux, came out carrying a shining electric violin and bow, and rendered some tunes from "Fiddler."

I had never been crazy about "If I Were a Rich Man," and had found it pretty corny stuff. I recall it much better in Yiddish with a Russian accent. My wife found the sounds appealing. David Gordon hit the keyboard with grace and style.

The most touching aspect of the afternoon was the fact of the gathering itself. Rhode Island takes pride in its little islands of America. But this one, the New American Club, carries a poi-

gnancy of its own. The world that put it all together has crumbled around each song, leaving the melody poetically alone in the human landscape.

Mulerman, the star of this show, had been singing Jewish songs when anti-Semitism still ruled strong. After 1971 he was the only singer who continued to sing in Yiddish.

He was banned from TV or radio. He could not give concerts in the great cities of the USSR. Many of his records and tapes were destroyed. But he won prizes in Prague, and in Cuba, and went on to Israel, Finland, Australia, and Germany.

The toast of the international pop set came to Providence and thrilled the throng.

### Reunion

The class of June 1956 of Gilbert Stuart Junior High School, Providence, is planning a reunion. For more information, call Joe at 781-1740 or 467-3425.

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# WORLD A NATIONAL NEWS

## 'Israelis Have A Special Gift of Love ...'

"The care here at the Children's Medical Center of Israel makes kids forget they're sick and gives them the tools to overcome their illness."

These were the words of Jane Francis Nzini, a pediatric nurse from Nairobi, Kenya, one of 25 nurses from more than 20 Third World countries who has just completed a two-month international course in pediatric nursing.

**"Everything you hear about Israel in Kenya is wrong."**  
Jane Francis Nzini

"Everything you hear about Israel in Kenya is wrong," Nzini said. "I expected to find bombs and guns. Instead I have learned that 'Israelis have a special gift of love' for people. I believe this is because when the Jewish people finally reached their own homeland and got their own state, they wanted to treat people with love and not mistreat them the way they were treated."

Nzini is one of a group of 25 nurses who has just completed a two-month international course in pediatric nursing.

The dual goals of the course, sponsored by the Foreign Ministry's Division for International Cooperation, were to enhance the nurses' medical

knowledge and practical skills and to create a cadre of 'good-will ambassadors' who will return to their home countries with positive feelings about Israel.

"One of the great attributes of the CMCI is that the hospital is designed according to the way children and their parents think," said Juan Pablo Apollonia, who works as a nursing supervisor at Young City Hospital in Uruguay. "I see here wonderful humanitarian care, in which each child is considered a person in his or her own right."

The nurses were especially impressed by CMCI's sophisticated level of medical care. Buzane Kawsaiti, who works with newborn babies in Bangkok, Thailand, said: "I had heard that Israel was a world leader in medicine, but I did not expect to find such high-tech equipment and advanced computerization. I have learned a great deal about children's diseases, and also about child growth and development."

The children of Israel and the Middle East are fortunate to have a hospital that enables and encourages parents to be with their children 24-hours-a-



**SHARING A HAPPY MOMENT** — Yisrael, an 11-year-old cancer patient at the Children's Medical Center of Israel, laughs with his nurses.

day, was the consensus of the overseas nurses. "My mission is to teach my people what I've learned in this wonderful hospital — how important it is for sick children to have their parents and relatives nearby," Nzini said.

### Training in Community Health Care

"In learning how Israel deals with the special health concerns of such varied populations as Ethiopian immigrants, Bedouins in the Negev, Chassidic Jews in B'nei Brak and others, the nurses from underdeveloped countries experience first-hand our community-ori-

ented approach to health care and its interaction with tertiary hospital care."

Besides their studies and practical work, the nurses enjoyed trips around a Chanukah party, lectures on Israeli society, industry and agriculture — and much more. "In addition to what they learned in the course, these nurses will go back to their countries and spread the good word about Israel," says Dr. Tova Hendel, Director of the Dina School of Nursing. They also learned much about themselves and each other — how to be tolerant and accept cultural differences.

## Mazon Fights Hunger

Mazon, a Jewish response to hunger, has awarded grants totaling \$850,000 to 96 Jewish and nonsectarian agencies that serve hungry and homeless people in the United States and abroad.

These grants complete another record-breaking year for Los Angeles-based Mazon, which allocated \$1,650,000 during 1993 to 187 nonprofit organizations that provide immediate assistance to hungry people and seek effective long-term solutions to the problem of hunger.

"These latest grants provide assistance in many forms," said Irving Cramer, Mazon's executive director, "including support for a program that delivers meals to homebound elderly Jews in New York City; money to expand food distribution into impoverished rural areas of Virginia, Michigan and Kentucky; funding for a multi-service center providing food, shelter and social services to

Los Angeles' Central American refugee community; and support for numerous statewide advocacy groups working to alleviate hunger among impoverished children."

Also included is a \$60,000 emergency grant to bring immediate relief to areas of war-torn former Yugoslavia. A \$50,000 grant to the Jewish community of Sarajevo enabled the purchase of four tons of food and medicine, for distribution to the general community, through feeding facilities and three pharmacies operated by the Jewish community.

In Belgrade, a \$10,000 grant funded the purchase of food and medicine for the Jewish community of that beleaguered city, where food, water and medicine are in critically short supply.

"In Bosnia-Herzegovina, we responded effectively, with assurance that relief reached those in need," said Mazon board chair Rabbi Mark Loeb.

"In addition to offering assistance to people in a desperate situation, we had an opportunity to show the American Jewish community's solidarity with our Jewish brethren in Sarajevo and Belgrade."

Mazon raises the majority of its funds from Jews nationwide who donate a suggested amount of three percent of the cost of weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and other joyous events to support Mazon's efforts to confront hunger. Nearly 700 synagogues have joined as Mazon "partners," establishing a network encompassing the major branches of Judaism. Mazon expects to receive about 34,000 contributions in 1993.

Mazon, the Hebrew word for 'food,' was established in 1986 and is now one of the largest privately supported groups in the U.S. working to prevent and alleviate hunger. Since its founding, it has awarded grants totaling nearly \$7 million to emergency feeding programs, food banks, advocacy groups for the poor, multi-service organizations offering food, shelter and counseling and international relief and development projects.

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### INTERNATIONAL

**BRUSSELS (ITA)** — David Susskind, who attempted to further Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in the past, has been elected chairman of the umbrella organization of Belgian Jews.

**JERUSALEM (ITA)** — Negotiators for the Palestine Liberation Organization have reportedly stated their willingness to limit the size of the West Bank town of Jencho that will fall under their administration, a key sticking point in the negotiations, currently taking place. The PLO had previously sought an area of 140 square miles around Jericho, but according to press reports, it will now accept an area of 80 square miles.

**JERUSALEM (ITA)** — Israel began releasing scores of 197 Palestinian deportees who were allowed to return from southern Lebanon at the end of last week and had been held in custody since then. The deportees, members of the Islamic fundamentalist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad, had been part of a larger group of 415 Palestinians deported from the territories a year ago following a wave of attacks on Israelis.

**TEL AVIV (ITA)** — Israel will soon start importing coal from the People's Republic of China, it was announced last week. Israel currently imports about 5.5 million tons of coal a year from four countries, including South Africa, Israel's largest supplier.

**JERUSALEM (ITA)** — The defense for former Interior Minister Aryeh Deri has won a five-month delay in his trial on charges of fraud, bribery and breach of public trust. The trial, in which Deri and three aides are co-defendants, began Wednesday in Jerusalem District Court.

**JERUSALEM (ITA)** — After being thwarted twice by the military, thousands of settlers marched last week in a procession without incident to bring a Torah to Joseph's Tomb in the West Bank city of Nablus. Settlers initially planned to hold the procession Dec. 12, the day before implementation of the Palestinian settlement accord was to have begun.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## NEWS BRIEFS



### INTERNATIONAL

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — A machine-gun attack on two Israelis 10 miles from Jerusalem has prompted renewed attacks on the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by members of the Likud and settlers' groups. The settlers, who oppose the Palestinian self-rule agreement signed by Israel and the P.L.O. in September, launched renewed demonstrations last week.

**SAO PAULO (JTA)** — The return to democracy in most of Latin America has resulted in positive changes, but the economic, social and political turmoil continues. Latin American Jews, numbering some 500,000, are concerned about the instability.

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — By the end of December, Israel and the Vatican are expected to establish formal diplomatic relations with each other, with ceremonies to take place in both Rome and Jerusalem.

**AMSTERDAM (JTA)** — The Anne Frank Foundation and the Anne Frank Fund in Switzerland have asked a Dutch court to ban the distribution in Holland of a book claiming the Anne Frank diary is a hoax. *The Diary of Anne Frank: A Critical Approach* is written by Holocaust deniers Robert Faurisson of France and Siegfried Verbeke of Belgium.

### NATIONAL

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — The Arab boycott of companies doing business with Israel is "largely breaking down already," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said this week. Christopher said while there is likely to be no formal renunciation of the Arab league's secondary and tertiary boycott of Israel, "you can see it taking place on the practical level."

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — The spirit of peace has brought Jews and Arabs together recently at the annual Stephen S. Wise Award dinner in New York. The American Jewish Congress presented the award this year in the presence of a group from Saudi Arabia. The Saudi group of diplomats and businessmen paid \$10,000 for a table at the post event Dec. 9, joining almost 300 guests.

## Goren Advises Soldiers To Refuse Orders

by Hugh Orgel

**TEL AVIV (JTA)** — Shlomo Goren, a former Israeli chief rabbi and chief military chaplain, has advised Israeli soldiers to refuse to obey any orders to participate in military operations to evacuate Jewish settlements from the administered areas.

Goren's suggestion came in a pamphlet he wrote on behalf of the Rabbinical Committee of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. He outlined his thoughts in

an Israel Radio interview Dec. 19 and was immediately denounced by many government leaders.

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said Goren's view is "totally unacceptable." "The spiritual world view of a single person should not be allowed to determine positions in a democratic society. The majority must prevail," said Gur, who was in command of the Jerusalem area in the Six-Day War in 1967 when the Israel Defense Force captured the Old City.

## Kach Members Arrested

by Hugh Orgel

**TEL AVIV (JTA)** — Six members of the militantly anti-Arab Kach organization have been detained pending the completion of a police investigation into charges that they conspired to carry out attacks against Palestinians.

In addition to the conspiracy allegations, they also face charges of illegal possession of and trading in weapons, organizing paramilitary drills, and

belonging to an illegal organization.

The six, four of whom are American citizens, were picked up by police Dec. 17 and ordered detained for periods of between two to five days while the police complete their investigation.

The six denied all of the charges against them.

Their arrests were carried out after the police were reportedly tipped-off by former Kach

## 'Tanya' Returned

by Susan Birnbaum

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — After years of legal battles and political intercessions, a revered volume from a large library confiscated before the Russian Revolution has been returned to the Lubavitcher Chasidim.

The book, a 90-year-old copy of the *Tanya* presented to the rebbe's predecessor, Rabbi Yosef Yitzhok Schneersohn, by his students before he became rebbe, was obtained by Vice President Al Gore especially for the ailing 92-year-old rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, in Brooklyn.

The *Tanya*, which means "teaching," was written nearly 200 years ago and is the basic philosophy of the Lubavitchers.

Gore received the gold-embossed, printed copy Dec. 16 from Russian Culture Minister Yevgeny Sidorenko, after considerable intervention by President Clinton, Gore and the U.S. Senate, said Rabbi Boruch Shlomo Cunin.

Cunin, who received the book from Gore in Moscow,

personally delivered it to the rebbe who generally does not receive visitors since he suffered a debilitating stroke two years ago.

Veronica Irina, an attorney who is also the rector of Malimonides University, the first Jewish state university in Russia, was also present at the book's delivery to the rebbe.

It was she "who the rebbe put in charge of the full strategy to receive the books," Cunin said.

The Russian Supreme Court ruled in 1991 that the 12,000 books of the seized library be returned to the Lubavitchers, but the decision was not followed and, in fact, set off anti-Semitic demonstrations.

Virtually the entire U.S. government, from the president down, has pressed the Russians relentlessly on the Lubavitcher library.

The matter of the Lubavitch library, Cunin said, "was raised by President Clinton both times he had a summit with (Russian President Boris) Yeltsin, in Vancouver and Tokyo."

## AJCongress Head Repudiates Rabbi Goren's Statement

The following statement was issued by Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, after reports that Shlomo Goren, Israel's former chief rabbi, urged soldiers to disobey any orders to help evacuate Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The statement by Israel's former chief rabbi, Shlomo Goren, that Israel's democracy be subordinated to religious law as interpreted by the rabbis is outrageous. Even more reprehensible, and far more damaging in its possible consequences, is Rabbi Goren's call for Israeli soldiers in the field to disobey the lawful orders of their superiors, for it amounts to a summons to civil war and the dismantling of democratic society in Israel."

"As the past chief chaplain of the IDF, Rabbi Goren cannot be

unaware of the profound damage his call to disobey orders does to the morale and effectiveness of the military. And he has done an appalling disservice to religious soldiers in the IDF by wrongly but inevitably impairing confidence in them."

"There is room in a democracy for vigorous difference of views on every subject. There is no room whatever for sedition or for the theocratic prescriptions that Rabbi Goren and some of his supporters in the territories advocate."

"We are aware that Rabbi Goren's outlandish notions find little resonance in Israeli society. Unfortunately, his views are supported by some leaders of the settler movement in the territories and in some extreme nationalist religious circles. It is regrettable that other religious authorities have been slow in repudiating Rabbi Goren's views. We hope they will do so clearly and promptly."

leader Rabbi Avraham Toledano, who was charged in Tel Aviv District Court on Dec. 9 with importing weapons from the United States and attempting to manufacture arms.

Toledano was arrested late last month at Ben-Gurion Airport after customs officers found about \$50,000 cash in his luggage, as well as radio scanners, bomb fuses, detonators and instructions on how to use explosives.

Among the six detained was Mark Bluestein, 25, an American tourist and a student at Jerusalem's Temple Mount Yeshiva.

The other suspects were Baruch Ben-Yosef, Aharon Weinstein Hachohen, Israel Fuchs, Howard Friedman and Lynne Sherry Handleman.

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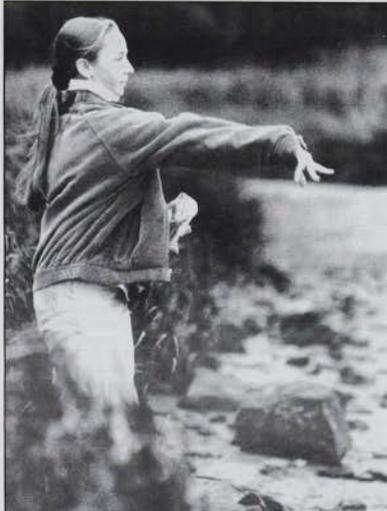
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**AWAY WITH SINS** — Miriam Ryvicker, member of Temple Emanu-El, throws a ceremonial piece of bread into the Seekonk River to cast away her sins at a Tashlich ceremony on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



**SAYING GOODBYE TO THE JEWISH HOME** — Harry Gretsky is assisted by a friend. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

## Pictures Worth

by Alison Smith  
Stacey A. Pacheco

When we first thought of doing a 1993 retrospective, we spent several hours searching the front pages and Jewish Community pages of the past 52 issues of the *Herald*, looking for those headlines or storylines that would set off echoes of memory in our readers' minds, or make them stop and think for a moment, or coax them into a smile.

It was tough work — picking out significant paragraphs, and weaving them into a coherent

whole. It was also, some times, quite depressing. Stories developed in struggle, continued in struggle, and ended (as we already knew they would) in despair and heartbreak.

Along the way, the pictures on these same pages kept from losing heart or interest. Such faces! Such lovely, inspiring moments captured and preserved to get us through darker moments — funny shots and endearing ones.

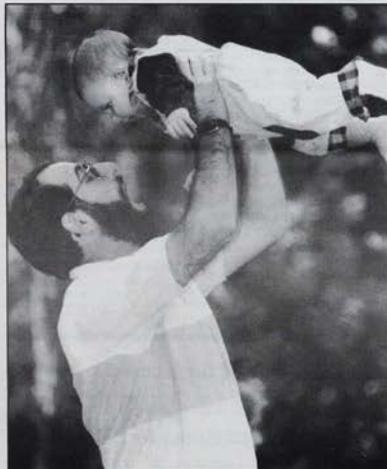
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**COUNTRY COOKIN'** — Pearl Scherer, left, Ina Billinghoff, Ann Greenfield (second from right) and Estelle Miller (far right) enjoy a chicken dinner at Wrights' Farm. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



**SUPER SENIOR** — Delores with the Department of Elder Temple Am David.



**AIRBORNE** — Rabbi Chaim Marder plays with his son Ari at the Temple Beth Shalom picnic at Colt State Park. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL** — Kosta Shestelezhich inspects a starfish at the Rhode Island Fish and Whale Museum in Newport on a Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island Sports Camp Haverim visit. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



**A NEW LIFE** — Jews rescued by the United Jewish Agency from civil war in Duchambe, Tajikistan, arrive safely in Israel. *Photo courtesy of UJA/D.R. Gathier*



**STAR POWER** — George Wein, founder and producer of the Jazz Festival, and recording artist Grover Washington, Jr., at the 40th annual J.V.C. Jazz Festival, backstage at the 40th annual J.V.C. Jazz Festival. *Herald photo by Omar Bradley*

# Thousand Words

staring us in the face from every issue of the *Herald* broke through our dogged determination to go for the prose, and we realized we'd been on the wrong track all along.

So we went through the pictures for the year. For every one we picked, we discarded, with regret, 10 or more. The creation of these pages became an inspiration and an adventure.

Take a few minutes to look at these faces, and permit yourself to experience

the sadness, the determination, the joy of life, the wonder, the energy and warmth coming up at you from the page.

Of all the ways we could have picked to celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of another, the compilation on these pages is the best we can imagine.

We thank all those who appear here, and all the others who didn't make the cut but who made us laugh or sigh or determine to make our own lives more meaningful.



son, a fitness and recreation coordinator airs, works out with the Social Seniors at  
*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



MOSHE HA-TINOK — First-graders at the Alperin Schechter School in Providence perform in an original play entitled, "Baby Moses," written by their teachers.  
*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



MATZOH BOY — Jay Benjamin Markson and his mother, Susan, at the Passover seder at the Jewish Home for the Aged.  
*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



EGG-CITING — Alex Krakowski enjoys a hard-boiled egg at Providence Hebrew Day School's model seder for first-graders.  
*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



TELLING IT LIKE IT IS — Yisrael Meyer talks things over with his dad, Russ Raskin, during a father and son study session at the New England Rabbinical College.  
*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS — President Bill Clinton reads along in the Havdalah service at B'nai B'rith's 150th anniversary at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C.  
*Photo courtesy of the White House*



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME — A grand time was had by all at the J.C.C.'s Kid's Day at McCoy Stadium.  
*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



ROSH HASHANAH — Gershon Barros blows his shofar for residents of Rosewood Nursing Home during a visit by members of the Orthodox community.  
*Herald photo by Omar Bradley*



# School Beat



Zachary Marwil, ASDS eighth-grade student, and his mother, Ivy Marwil, speak with Michael Finnegan of Providence Country Day School, at Alperin Schechter's High School Night.

Photo submitted by ASDS

## Alperin Schechter School Holds High School Night

Middle School students of the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School welcomed representatives of nine area high schools at Schechter's biannual High School Night last month.

Each high school representative addressed the audience, highlighting the programs, specialties and strengths of his/her school. Students learned about curriculum, school population, academic programs, faculty, extracurricular activities, and much more.

Attending were: Ms. Dorothy Patrick, Moses Brown School; Mr. Jim McNaught, Shea High School; Mr. Michael Finnegan,

Providence Country Day School; Ms. Beverly Vleno, School One; Mr. Louis Toro, Classical High School; Ms. Ellen Lough, Lincoln School; Mr. John Gray, Barrington High School; Ms. Jeanette Epstein, Wheeler School; and Ms. Evelyn Brier, Harry Elkin Midrasha.

At the conclusion of the individual presentations, students and parents had opportunities to speak to school representatives individually, to ask questions and address their particular issues and concerns. Printed material on the various schools was made available.

## JDC Accepting Entries for 1994 Student Journalism Award

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is inviting entries for the 1994 JDC-Smolar Student Journalism Award. The award is designed to develop better understanding of the global Jewish community, while giving support to young people entering the field of journalism and encouraging their interest in Jewish subjects and Jewish journalism.

One thousand dollars will be awarded to the Jewish student whose published article or story best fosters understanding of world Jewry.

Entries will be judged by the JDC-Smolar Journalism Award Committee, comprised of distinguished leaders in the field of Jewish journalism.

The JDC-Smolar Award Committee reserves the right to make final determination re-

garding eligibility. Presentation of the award will be made at the JDC Semi-Annual Meeting in June 1994.

Submissions (one entry per student) are limited to published stories or articles which promote understanding of overseas needs.

Submissions must have been published during the 1993 calendar year in a newspaper and/or magazine substantially involved in the coverage of Jewish affairs, and must have been written by a full or part-time student (maximum age: 27) at an accredited institution of learning.

Articles not written in English must be accompanied by an English translation.

Each submission must be cut and pasted on 8 1/2" by 11" sheets. Entries not conforming to these specifications will not

## Super Sports Adventure in Israel Applications Now Being Accepted

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panied by top American coaches. They will be matched with Israeli athletes and international-level Israeli coaches for two weeks of training and competition with a top Israeli club in their sport.

A 10-day Sports Camp at Wingate Institute, Israel's Olympic training site, will highlight the stay. The North American participants will join selected Israeli athletes in an intensive program developed and presented by Israel's leading coaches. This summer, the challenge is adding a kibbutz: experience, a meeting with Israeli soldiers, and a special Shabbat.

To round out this unique experience, the ISC has set up more than two weeks of sep-

arated accommodations. They must be postmarked no later than March 24, 1994, to qualify for consideration and should be mailed to: The JDC-Smolar Student Journalism Award, Joint Distribution Committee, 711 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017. Attention: Amir Shaviv.

Include your name, address, daytime phone, school name and address, year of studies, age, title of article, and name and date of publication in which the article appeared.

JDC, the overseas relief arm of the Jewish community, was established in 1914 and is devoted to the rescue, relief, rehabilitation and Jewish education of Jews in 58 countries around the world and in Israel. Its services are supported by UJA-Federation campaigns throughout the United States.



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## Jewish People and Their Jewish Pets

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Co-Editor, Jewish Herald

Pets often seem to know more about your feelings than a good friend. They seem to know if someone is gentle or mean, loving or not.

If your pet could talk, what would he or she say?

Rabbis say that animals are

G-d's creations, just as humans. They must be treated with kindness.

There is an issue here, says Rabbi Wayne Franklin, Temple Emanu-El in Providence, as many Orthodox Jews will not own a pet.

If you do own a pet, on the Sabbath, when people rest

## Wanted: Your Cherished Memories

We will be publishing our bridal issue soon and many of the pictures will be in full, glowing color. If you have a nice, clear black-and-white or color photo of your Jewish wedding, please send us your picture. If chosen, it will appear in the bridal issue, and will be returned to you after the paper goes to press.

Your name and address should be printed lightly but legibly on the back of the picture so it can be returned to you. Please identify the people in your photo.

We must have our pictures ready by January 17, 1994, so get out the photo albums and start picking your favorites.

Mail your photo, with a little cardboard backing if possible, to the R.I. Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940-6063.

# MILESTONES

## JCCRI Preschool and Kindergarten Registrations

The preschool and kindergarten programs at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, will be holding registration for their 1994-95 classes beginning Jan. 5.

The JCCRI sponsors a state-certified kindergarten which, using a whole-language approach and a multitude of programs including science, Jewish culture, computers, gym and swimming, exposes children to a wide variety of experiences. (Kindergarten at the center is available for children who will be 5 by Dec. 31, 1994).

Parents who have 4-year-old youngsters with early fall birthdays can also take advantage of the JCCRI's pre-kindergarten class. Pre-kindergarteners have the opportunity to begin learning through the whole-lan-

guage approach and can participate in activities especially designed for their age group.

The fully accredited preschool at the center offers classes for children aged 28 months through 5 years. The preschool's well-equipped classrooms, activity rooms and playground are supplemented by the center's physical education facilities. Weekly swim and gym programs are included in all three- and five-day classes.

Registration for the 1994-95 school year at the JCCRI preschool begins Jan. 5 with priority given to children presently attending school, their siblings, ITC children and siblings of children who no longer attend the school but whose membership has continued in good standing.

On Feb. 1, registration is

open to center members, and on March 1 the community may register. Priority registration for the infant/toddler center is extended to parents who have a child in preschool and kindergarten.

Parents may elect morning, three- or five-day programs for 3-year-olds only. Five-day programs are available for 4-year-olds. The children registered for the five-day morning programs will be placed in classes of their peers with consideration of their chronological and developmental ages.

Call Eva Silver or Debbie Blitz at (401) 861-8800 for more information.



JENNIFER SLOANE — celebrates her Bat Mitzvah in Paradise Valley, Arizona, recently.

### Jennifer Sloane

Barbara and Leon Sloane of Narragansett, R.I., and Dr. Samuel and Charlotte Miller of Denver, Colo., formerly of Rhode Island. Jennifer's great-grandmother is Jeannette Sloane.

A reception in her honor was held at the Paradise Valley Wyndham Hotel. Guests attended from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Michigan, Texas, California, Wyoming, Colorado, New Jersey, New York, and Florida.

Jennifer Sloane, daughter of Richard and Trudy Sloane, of Scottsdale, Arizona, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Nov. 27 at Har Zion Congregation in Paradise Valley, Arizona.

Jennifer's grandparents are

## Stuffed Cabbage for Seniors

The next meeting of The 50 and Up Club at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, will be Jan. 6. A dinner of stuffed cabbage will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. costing \$4.75 for those 50 and up and \$1.25 for those 60 and up (contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800). Duplicate bridge will follow from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and will cost \$3.50 for JCCRI full members and \$4 for nonmembers. R.S.V.P. to Anne Steingold or Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Beth-El Announces Winter Programs

The Adult Enrichment Committee at Temple Beth-El announces several winter programs which will begin in January 1994.

Two Family Life workshops to be offered in conjunction with Jewish Family Service are: Aging Parents: Process, Problems and Perspectives and Times and Seasons: A Jewish Perspective for Interfaith Couples. Aging Parents will meet on six Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., beginning on Jan. 5.

With facilitator, Toby Galli, M.S.W., participants will share feelings and concerns about a loved one's aging and their own roles in that process.

The class will address the physical and psychological changes which occur with ag-

ing, the accompanying shifts which occur in our relationships, legal questions and community resources available to maintain independence.

In a marriage between a Jew and one who is of another faith, concerns such as separating from family, establishing a home, working out a balance between the need for closeness and individuation are often complicated by differences in background and experience.

Julie Gutterman, M.S.W., will lead an open discussion about the different concerns about children, family, and the expectations unique to interfaith couples called Times and Seasons. The sessions will take place on four Sunday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, 1994.

Rabbi Arnold Samlan of the Bureau of Jewish Education, will join us at Beth-El for four Sunday mornings, beginning Jan. 30, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for Different Paths.

This course will explore the differences and similarities between the major movements in contemporary American Jewish

### Meetings Announced

Rabbi Hershy Worch, of Congregation Ohave Shalom in Pawtucket, has scheduled a Parshas Shmos service at 4 p.m. Friday, and on Saturday morning at 9.

At 3:45 Saturday afternoon, there will be a Mincha followed by Shalos Seudas and Maariv.

On Monday, Jan. 3, a class on "Mystical Insights" will be held at 7:15, to which all are welcome. Please call 729-1606 for directions to the class.



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Using prayer books of each movement, participants will examine the variety of Jewish views on the Messiah,

women's roles, the universal messages of Judaism, and more.

For further information on any of these classes or to register, please call the Temple Beth-El office at 331-6070. All classes are open to the community, although Temple Beth-El members will be given priority if there are space limitations. Brighten up those dreary winter days by joining the Adult Enrichment Program at Beth-El!

### 'Horowitz In Moscow' at JCCRI

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Kosher Mealite, which holds its programs at the center, 401 Elm-grove Ave. in Providence, will show the first part of the video "Horowitz in Moscow" on Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.

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

# DINING GUIDE

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## American ORT Announces New Campaign

"Time Sharing: Investing in an ORT Student's Future" is one of the latest fund-raising campaigns to be inaugurated by Women's American ORT. Participants will be able to forge a direct link with the ORT program in Israel by sponsoring the full educational experience of a student for a week, a month, or a year at one of five selected schools.

Five schools in Israel have been selected for this special project: ORT Ramat Yosef High School in Bat Yam; ORT Geula Vocational School in Tel Aviv; ORT Akko Senior Comprehensive High School; ORT Oleiski Technical High School in Jerusalem; and ORT Kfar Saba Education Center.

The five schools have a combined student enrollment of 5,200 young men and women, studying in a wide variety of academic and technological/

technical programs. Many of the students come from homes with serious social and economic problems.

The averaged cost of funding a student's education in these five schools for one week is \$118; for one month, \$536; and for one year, \$5,000.

In addition to tuition assistance, these funds would cover meal and transportation subsidies, counseling, supplies and textbooks, equipment and uniforms for gym and lab, and health and dental care, as well as teacher upgrading, curriculum development and books for the school library.

For further information on the Time Sharing Campaign or on becoming a member of Women's American ORT, call (212) 505-7700 or write Women's American ORT, National Office, 315 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010.



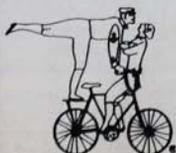
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**ZANVYL KRIEGER RECEIVES AWARD** — at a dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, for "his visionary efforts in establishing a partnership that will bring the finest in eye care to all children in the Middle East."

## Palestinian Death Toll Rises

by Cynthia Mann

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — The number of Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces in the territories has increased during each of the past three years, according to the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem.

From Dec. 8, 1992, to Dec. 8 of this year, the sixth year of the Palestinian uprising, or intifada, 165 Palestinians were killed by the members of Israel's security forces.

The total is up from 121 in the previous year, and 97 in the year before that. It is lower, however, than the death tolls during the first two years of the intifada, from December 1987 to December 1989.

There were 284 Palestinian deaths in the first year of the uprising and 300 in the second.

The number of Palestinians killed this year by other Palestinians, according to B'Tselem, was 89 this year, down from 294 the year before.

## Zanvyl Krieger Receives Award Teacher Returns

Baltimore attorney and philanthropist Zanvyl Krieger received the first "Bridge to Peace" award of the Children's Medical Center of Israel (CMCI) at a dinner in New York Dec. 7.

Krieger, who has been a major benefactor of ophthalmological projects worldwide, was honored for his "visionary efforts in establishing a partnership that will bring the finest in eye care to all children of the Middle East," said Howard M. Squadron, past chairman of the CMCI.

Income from the endowment will support professional exchange and training linking CMCI's department of pediatric ophthalmology and similar departments throughout the Middle East. It will also provide consultative services to all children in need — regardless of race, religion or national origin — in Israel and in neighboring countries.

Proceeds of the event will advance the programs of the CMCI, the Middle East's only tertiary care facility — one that deals with the most serious and life-threatening diseases and injuries.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Harvard Law School, Krieger, who was largely responsible for bringing major league baseball and foot-

ball franchises to Baltimore, is a major benefactor of a wide variety of civic, educational and communal causes. He is a member of the board of directors of the Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, and has funded through the federation such charities as the Krieger Mind/Brain Institute at Johns Hopkins, the Sinai Hospital Krieger Eye Institute and the Krieger Children's Eye Center at the Wilmer Institute at Johns Hopkins.

In addition to helping found the federation's Jewish Heritage Center, the Krieger Fund has been a major contributor to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial in Washington, D.C., Baltimore Community Foundation, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Peabody Institute and Jewish Theological Seminary.

Krieger, of counsel in the firm of Weinberg & Green, was recently awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters by Johns Hopkins University, where he serves on the President's Advisory Council.

**EVERETT, Mass.** — Richard Rivard, a teacher suspended for suspected links to neo-Nazis, returned to Everett High School Dec. 21 after school officials determined that there was no legal basis for dismissing him.

A couple of rained-upon demonstrators marched to protest the decision. In late April 1993 Rivard was suspended with pay when his name was linked with three teen-agers who desecrated a Jewish cemetery, and were later convicted on criminal charges.

Rivard was never charged with any crime, and has denied ties to neo-Nazis groups.

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A Poem by

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New Amsterdam was very fair,  
Jews were treated nicely there.  
In Rhode Island they were good to Jewish people,  
They allowed cemeteries without a steeple.

In Pennsylvania William Penn,  
Was nice to all Jewish women and men.  
In South Carolina in 1740,  
The third congregation was founded so that  
Jews could worship their L-rdy.

In "Club Virginia" they were not fair,  
They didn't let Jews settle there.  
In Maryland only to Catholics were they fair,  
But Benjamin Levi opened a store there.

Georgia was established in 1733,  
Poor people lived there for all to see.  
Harvard issued Judah Mennis a college degree,  
But Massachusetts had few Jews — it doesn't  
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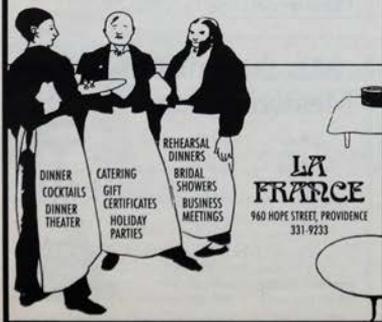
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# OBITUARIES

## YETTA CHAZAN

**PROVIDENCE** — Yetta Chazan, 91, of 500 Angell St., died Dec. 25 at the Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Sidney Chazan.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Harry and Molly (Stern) Levinson, she lived in Providence for the last two years, previously living in Williamsport, Pa.

She was a member of Hadasah. She leaves a son, Dr. Joseph Chazan, and a daughter, Helene Hazan, both of Providence; a brother, Dr. Bernard Levinson, of Williamsport; and a sister, Rachel Brajer of Philadelphia. She was the sister of the late Rita Hurwitz.

A graveside service was held Dec. 29 at Ohave Shalom Cemetery in Williamsport. A memorial service will be held Jan. 9, 1994, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## MOLLY COHEN

**WOONSOCKET** — Molly Cohen, 97, of the Woonsocket Health Center, 262 Poplar St., owner of the former Cohen's Secondhand Store, South Main Street, Providence, for 15 years before retiring in 1965, died Dec. 25 at the center. She was the widow of Isadore Cohen.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Gershon and Tzohar Gitel Mok-Rabinowitz, she settled in Providence in 1913, and moved to Cranston 12 years ago. She lived at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, for two years before moving to Woonsocket four months ago.

Mrs. Cohen was a member of Congregation Sons of Abraham-Shaare Zedek, Providence. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Group of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, and the Young People's Beneficial Association.

She leaves a daughter, Gloria G. Cohen of Lake Hiawatha, N.J., and a grandson.

The funeral service was held Dec. 26 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## DANIEL FISHPAN

**CRANSTON** — Daniel Fishpan, 92, of 21 Pleasant St., a social worker for the City of Providence for 50 years before retiring in 1978, and known as "The Mayor of South Providence," died Dec. 23 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Mary (Kaplan) Fishpan. Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Sarah (Spivack) Fishman, he had lived in Cranston for 22 years.

In his youth, Fishpan won many trophies and medals as a track athlete in South Providence. Known as "The Home Run King," he was a star baseball player for the South Providence Grays, a team of the old Tim O'Neil Amateur League. His career ended when he was struck on the head by a pitched ball. He was associated with Progress for Providence.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Selma "Mitzi" Resnick of Cranston; a sister, Mildred St. James of Cranston; two brothers, Irving Fishman of Providence and Harold Fishman of Warwick; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Dec. 24 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Burial followed. Arrangements were made by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## HERBERT H. HANKIN

**CRANSTON** — Herbert L. Hankin, 73, of 22 Ruxton St., a salesman for the former Samuel Lettes and Brothers, New Haven, Conn., for 21 years, the former Ballou, Johnson and Nichols, for 16 years, and for Cut Price Pools, Warwick, for five years before retiring in 1989, died Dec. 24 at home. He was the husband of Pauline (Sochin) Hankin.

Born in New Haven, a son of the late Morris and Fay (Cohen) Hankin, he lived in Providence for 14 years before moving to Cranston 31 years ago.

Mrs. Hankin was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II,

and served in the North African Theater.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Judith Spitz of Abington, Mass.; a son, Robert Hankin of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, William Hankin of Guilford, Conn., Irwin Hankin of Hollywood, Fla., and two grandchildren.

A graveside service took place Dec. 27 at the Adas Israel section of Beavertown Cemetery in Hamden, Conn. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## BERNARD C. LUKOFF

**NEW BEDFORD, Mass.** — Bernard C. Lukoff, 70, of 71 Arnold St., died Dec. 26 at home after a long illness. He was the husband of Doris Lukoff.

Born in New York City, he was the son of the late Herman and Jennie (Faber) Lukoff.

He was an industrial engineer and consultant in the garment industry and was also the plant manager for Bedford Shirt Company and Deltan Formal Wear in New Bedford.

He was a resident of New Bedford for 28 years. He was a marine corps veteran of WW II serving in the Pacific Theater including the battle of Tarawa. Receiving his B.S. degree from Syracuse University, he was active with the Boy Scouts of America and the United Way. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and Tifereth Israel Synagogue in New Bedford.

Besides his wife, he leaves four sons, Dr. Marshall Lukoff of Newton, Mass., Murray J. Lukoff of South Dartmouth, Mass., Roger M. Lukoff of Erdenheim, Pa., and Dr. Philip F. Lukoff of Norwood, Mass.; a sister, Louise Gerson of West Orange, N.J.; a brother, Professor Irving Lukoff of New York City; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## BLUMA MANN

**ATTLEBORO, Mass.** — Bluma Mann, 86, of Ridgewood Court Nursing Home, 27 George St., a former piano

teacher and pianist for many years in the greater Boston area, died Dec. 21 at the nursing home. She was the widow of Leo Mann.

Born in Central Falls, she was the daughter of the late Lewis and Hinda (Krasnow) Miller. A resident of Attleboro since August, she had lived at the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence for two years. Prior to that she lived in the Newton Center, Mass., and Brookline, Mass., areas for many years.

Mrs. Mann was a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Ann Miller Preblod and Charles Miller, Samuel Miller, Joseph Miller and Dr. Himon Miller.

A graveside funeral service took place Dec. 22 at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## ROSE SACK

**PAWTUCKET** — Rose Sack of 555 Estate, a director of Industrial Relations at the American Insulated Wire Co. in Pawtucket for 30 years, died Dec. 27 at the Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Dr. Mitchell Sack. Born in Worcester, Mass., a daughter of the late Louis and Rhoda (Perlick) Gruber, she had lived in Pawtucket for the past 40 years.

She was a graduate of Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing in Boston and was a former operating room nurse at the old Miriam Hospital on Parade Street, Providence. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and the Temple's sisterhood.

Mrs. Sack was a member of the Governor's Permanent Advisory Commission on Women. She was a member of Hadasah, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a committee member of the Hattie Ide Chafee Home and a founder of the Harvard Medical School Committees. She was a Girl Scout of America leader.

She leaves a daughter, Ilena Sack of Pawtucket and a sister, Merna B. Gordon of DelRay Beach, Fla.

A funeral service was held Dec. 28 at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street, Providence. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## ABRAHAM SANFT

**FALL RIVER, Mass.** — Abraham Sanft, 57, of Second Street, died Dec. 23 unexpectedly while vacationing at his sister's residence in Las Vegas, Nev.

Born in Fall River, son of the late Israel and the late Ceia (Cohen) Sanft, he resided in this city all his life.

He was a sales representative in telemarketing for several years in the Fall River area.

Mrs. Sanft was a member of Congregation Adas Israel.

He leaves four brothers, Lloyd Sanft of Somerset, Sonny Sanft and Louis Sanft, both of Fall River, and Aaron Sanft of Mesa, Ariz.; six sisters, Bertha Nowenstein of New York, Rose Gitlin of New Bedford, Ruth Groh of Dartmouth, Ethel Schwartz of Swansea, Goldie Rudacinsky of Warwick and Shirley Cudish of Las Vegas.

He also was the brother of the late William Sanft.

Graveside services were held Dec. 26 at Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River. Arrangements were made by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity.

## ROBERT SILVERMAN

**WARWICK** — Robert Silverman, 71, of Shalom Apartments, Shalom Drive, died Dec. 21 at his residence. He was born in Providence, son of the late Joseph and Rose (Wallich) Silverman, and had resided in Warwick since 1987.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a talented pianist and was a piano teacher since 1967.

He is survived by two brothers, Max Silverman, West Warwick, and Bernard Silverman of Washington.

A funeral service took place Dec. 23 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at R.I. Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, R.I.

## MARY AMOS

**Mary Amos, 80, of the Rhode Island Medical Center General Hospital, 600 New London Ave., Cranston, died Dec. 24 at the hospital.**

Born in Rhode Island, she had lived in East Providence before leaving for the hospital in 1942.

Anyone with other information about Miss Amos should call the Rhode Island Medical Center, 464-3085.

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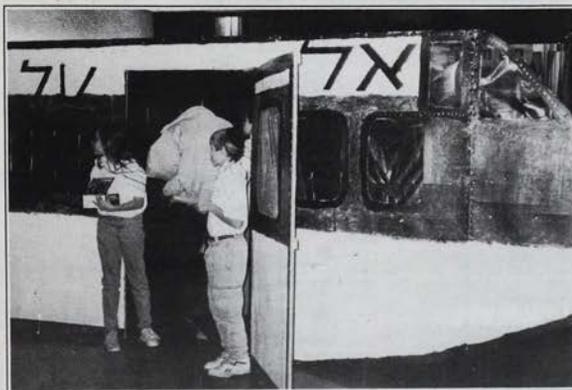
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## Leaders Join To Quash Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON — Jewish leaders joined the Clinton administration and members of Congress urging the Romanian government to stop the surge of anti-Semitic activity in Romania.

B'nai B'rith leaders met with Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Melescanu Dec. 16 at the State Department to express their outrage at the recent dedications of statues and roads to a former Romanian dictator.

The dictator, Ion Antonescu, was a Nazi collaborator who was executed as a war criminal in 1946. During his rule from 1940 to 1944, more than 250,000 Jews died in Romanian-controlled territory.

The recent dedication of a statue to Antonescu near Bucharest drew harsh criticism from Jewish groups, who charged that the Romanian

government had not adequately spoken out against the display.

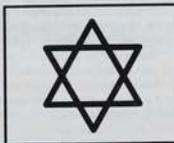
Jewish groups were most disturbed by the involvement of members of the local Romanian police in financing the statue, and the fact that a member of the Romanian Cabinet attended the dedication ceremony.

According to State Department sources, Melescanu said the Romanian government is doing what it can to combat anti-Semitism and might pursue legal action against those responsible for the recently erected statue.

Daniel Mariaschin, director of B'nai B'rith's national, government and Israel affairs de-

partment, and George Spectre, the department's associate director, met with the foreign minister and other Romanian leaders the same day.

Following the meeting, Spectre told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Melescanu said the Romanian government is doing what it can to combat anti-Semitism and might pursue legal action against those responsible for the recently erected statue.



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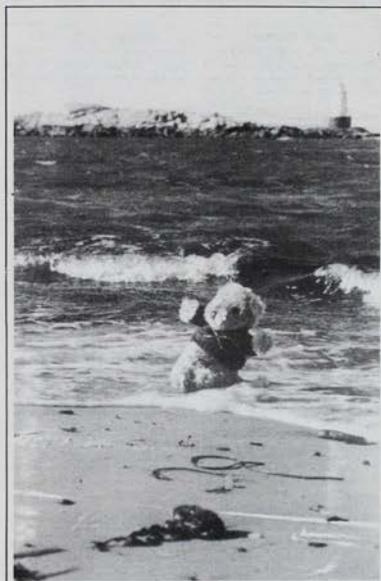
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## Hundreds To Gather On Masada

The United Jewish Appeal's largest National Winter Family Mission, with 356 participants, departed New York on Dec. 22 for ten memorable days in Israel.

The mission is UJA's first to offer free places to boys and girls becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah while in Israel.

Fifty-seven Bar/Bat Mitzvah youths, along with their parents, grandparents and other family members, planned to celebrate this milestone in Jewish life together atop Masada, the ancient stronghold of the Zealots.

The ceremony will be conducted by Rabbi Gary Glickstein of Miami Beach's Temple Beth Shalom and 2nd vice

chairman of the UJA Rabbinic Cabinet.

The Winter Family Mission will welcome Shabbat at the Western Wall, and participate in a festive Shabbat dinner featuring Chief IDF Cantor Lt. Col. Arie Braun and the IDF Rabbinic Choir. Highlights also include an unforgettable desert experience with dinner and music in an authentic Bedouin tent, lunch with soldiers at an Israel Defense Force Army base, a first-hand look at life on a kibbutz along the border with Lebanon, an exploration of the strategically important Golan Heights and a visit to a Youth Aliyah village to meet the young students and staff.



**MUSLIM PUBLISHER PLEADS FOR COOPERATION** — at a workshop on "Jews and Muslims in Dialogue" at the 62nd General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew congregations. Seif Ashmawy, the publisher of the *Voice of Peace*, spoke, and Stephen Limmer (on the left) of Temple Beth El, Great Neck, N. Y., listened. Photo by Jo Fielder Photography

## Brafmans Continue Tradition

by Rachel Borisov

MODI'IN, ISRAEL — "These projects are really symbolic of the road to freedom," said Benny Mushkin, director, Jewish National Fund — Jerusalem Information Department, during the recent dedication of the Abraham and Ruth Brafman Memorial Road and the Lester Smith Memorial Recreation Area, in the Ben Shemen Forest, Modi'in, Israel.

Situated halfway between the modern-day cities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Modi'in was the ancient stomping grounds of the Maccabees, the quintessential freedom fighters of Jewish history. Furthermore, Mushkin pointed out that the Ben Shemen forest is also located close to the pre-1967 border between Israel and Jordan.

According to Zevi Kahanov, director, JNF-Jerusalem USA Department, the projects are located in "one of the largest,

## Righteous Women

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cal death does not have.

The Nile was one of the Egyptians' gods. The Egyptians worshipped it for it was the source of their livelihood. "Cast the children into the river" indicates the two aspects of the Egyptian Exile. There was the physical exile that destroyed the body, and the spiritual exile in which the Jews were cast into the idolatry and hedonism of Egypt.

The Egyptian Exile is the root of all subsequent exiles. The harsh decrees of the first exile are found in every subsequent exile, including our present one.

Today, too, there is a "Pharaoh." He is found in the prevailing spirit of the times with its pressure to throw Jewish children into the "river" of the customs and practices of our society. Children become immersed in today's "Nile" because of the assumption that this will assure them of a secure livelihood.

Of the first redemption it is said that "by virtue of the righteous women of that generation our ancestors were freed from Egypt." What was special about those women? They raised a generation of Jews; they reacted to Pharaoh's decree to throw every newborn son into the river by arguing that no attention should be paid to it. If there is a Divine command, it alone must be heeded without calculating possible eventualities. By virtue of these righteous women our ancestors were freed from Egypt.

It is precisely by ignoring the present day Pharaoh's decree that we save our own children and bring about the redemption of the Jewish people as a whole through our righteous Moshiach.

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most active recreational areas in the State of Israel. It is the only greenland area relatively close to home for about two and a half million people in the urban centers of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem."

As they marched up the new road, which terminates at the forest watchtower of Modi'in, the Brafman family members, including the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Abraham and Ruth Brafman, were obviously moved by the scope of their projects. Tears were shed during the dedication speeches of William Brafman, son of Abraham and Ruth Brafman, and his sister, Fay Smith, widow of Lester Smith.

Brafman explained the inspiration for the projects was due to his upbringing. He recalled, "My father used to give everybody the JNF blue boxes — grandchildren, children — and say, 'Take it home with you, fill it up and bring it back.' When we got older, my father and mother used to tell us when we wanted to buy something for anniversaries or birthdays, 'Don't give us any presents. Make out the check to the Jewish National Fund.' Not only that, but when he met people, he spoke to them about JNF, and in many cases he would get a check made payable to JNF."

Expanding on her husband's

remarks, Eleanor Brafman asserted, "We legally bought the land, and then we made a Garden of Eden. We don't appreciate enough what the trees mean ecologically. They are really a part of every aspect of the goodness of this land."

Phyllis Kassoff, daughter of Abraham and Ruth Brafman, commented on the stark contrast between the landscape in Israel and her neighbors: "On one side, right up to the fence, it's green and forest. And right up to the other side, the Jordanian side, it's a desert."

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