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## "One People, One Destiny"

Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister of Israel, will deliver the closing plenary address at the United Jewish Appeal's National Campaign Conference in New York, May 22 to 24. More than 700 American leaders from throughout the United States are expected to participate in the conference.

# Israel and PLO Set Target For Final Accord

by Dvora Getzler

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met in Cairo to continue hammering out details for implementing the self-rule accord, both sides acknowledged that the end of April was a realistic target date for concluding the talks.

Under the terms of the accord signed on the White House lawn last fall, Israel was to complete its withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho by April 13.

Chief Palestine Liberation Organization negotiator Nabil Sha'ath has been critical of the Israelis in recent days, saying they were holding up the talks with various needless delays. But Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin countered this week that it was the PLO, which immediately suspended the talks following the Feb. 25 massacre of Palestinians in Hebron, which was responsible for the delays.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, during a visit to Turkey

on April 11, said the new target date for signing an agreement would be the end of April, after which, he said, "I think there won't be needed much time to implement the agreement."

Sha'ath, in turn, said the new target date was acceptable to the PLO, although he said it was his feeling the talks could be concluded before then.

It seemed the teams were close to agreement on almost all major issues, including timetables for the release of Palestinians still held in Israeli jails for security offenses; for the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho; and for the handover of authority to the Palestinian police force.

Israel agreed to release 2,500 Palestinian prisoners within two days of the signing of an agreement in Cairo.

One delegate to the Cairo talks has reportedly said that out of 24 articles covered in the agreement, only nine still remain to be worked out. These include

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# Don't Ever Mug One of Those Temple Sinai Women...

## She Might Have Taken That %#&\*#@ Course

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-Editor

On April 14, at Temple Sinai, the Sisterhood sponsored a workshop on how a woman can protect herself when she is threatened or attacked.

The workshop started at 7:30 p.m. It was still going strong when this reporter left at 9:30.

The instructors and demonstrators, Melissa Sozlt and James Olsen, began by telling their students how to avoid trouble in the first place.

A group of photos of different women walking down a street was shown to criminals who had committed various attack crimes, and with amazing consistency these men selected the same possible victims, and rejected others.

There is, apparently, a "victim" look, and the first impres-

sion you give people around you may decide whether or not you are the next victim.

Women traditionally try to take up as little space as possible. They stand with their feet close together — a notoriously tippy stance. They tuck their chins down and contemplate the pavement. Their hands are usually close to their bodies or busy, and their shoulders are probably hunched a little.

This is a submissive stance. To change the results, change the stance.

Walk and stand with your feet further apart, so you are always operating over a broad, stable base. Keep your face up, your eyes relaxed, soft and open like wide-angle lenses, your hands free and easy, and your body filling up every inch of your own space.

Be present in your body. Inhabit yourself consciously. Don't be wandering around with your head somewhere else. Pay attention. If someone is walking behind you, and you get that tingle up your spine, prepare to check this situation out. Do not give in to the usual denial excuses — "I'm over reacting. This is a really safe neighborhood." (There are no really safe neighborhoods any longer.)

Casually glance sideways over one shoulder as if you thought you heard a friend call from across the street, or something similar. Now you've gotten a quick, non-threatening glance at the person who's worrying you.

If your spine still tingles, change lanes. Very naturally, casually, swing over to the other side of the street, or the other side of the sidewalk.

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THE WEED OF CRIME bears bitter fruit, as this mock mugger learns at Temple Sinai's class on self-protection for women.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Host Families Needed for Foreign Teens

Foreign high school students will be arriving soon in the Providence area for academic semester and year homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange executive director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families.

P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

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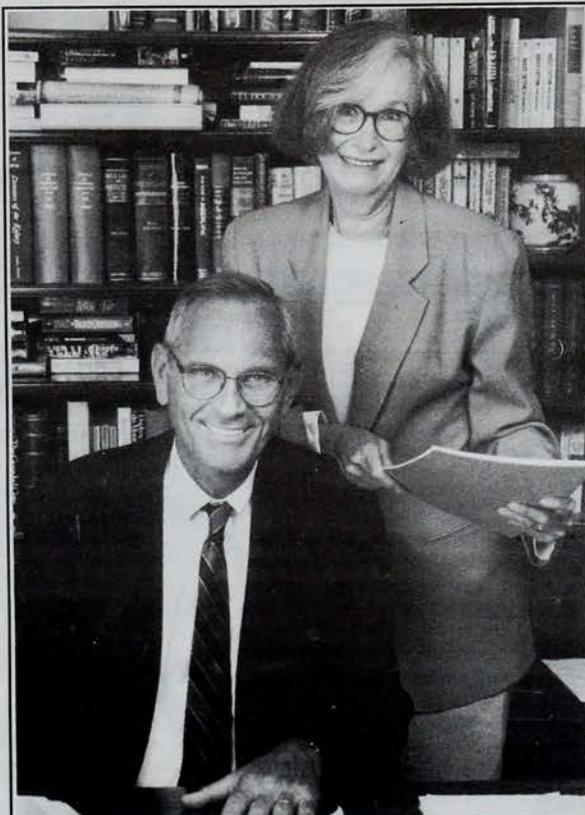
cal" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$500 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 23 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by

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### An Evening To Remember

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Torgan, co-chairs of the Miriam Hospital's "The Miriam People Dinner," announced that the event will take place April 26 at 6 p.m. at the Providence Marriott. For more information, call 331-8500.

### Celebrate Arbor Day at Blithewold

On April 24, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, 101 Ferry Rd. (Route 114) in Bristol, will hold its fifth annual Arbor Day celebration.

Families are invited to visit the estate, with its over 2,000 trees and shrubs on 33 landscaped acres, for an Arbor Day of fun and learning.



April 21 - make your reservations now for the truly International Buffet on April 29 at 7 p.m., at the Commonwealth College Center, Bristol Community College. Call (508) 678-2811, X2111.

April 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7:30 p.m., April 24 and May 1 at 3 p.m., the All Children's Theatre production of "Les Misérables" at the First Unitarian Church, Corner of Benefit and Benevolent Streets, Providence. Call 331-7174.

April 23 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, Cranston, the Spring Carnival Ball, sponsored by the International Institute of Rhode Island. Samba! Win prizes! Call 461-5940.

April 23, at 8 p.m., "Cabaret Night" at Lincoln School, 301 Butler Avenue, Providence. Staff and students will perform. Call 331-9696.

April 23 and 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schofield Armory, 705 New London Avenue, Cranston, (Route 2 opposite the Medical Center) the Northeast Feline Fanciers, Inc., Cat Show, to benefit local animal welfare. Call 467-7712.

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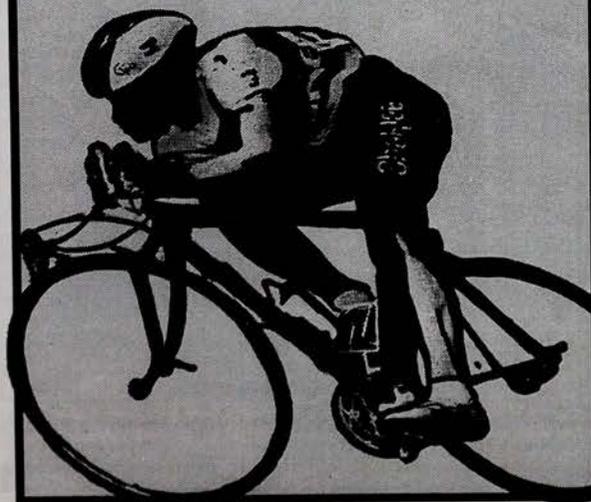
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## Cosby to Address Grads

SMITHFIELD — Entertainer and business leader Bill Cosby will address the Bryant College Class of 1994 at commencement exercises May 21.

Bryant will also bestow an honorary doctor of business administration degree on Cosby, whose 1984-92 run of "The Cosby Show," and whose books *Fatherhood* and *Times Flies*, established new benchmarks on how success is measured in both genres.

With more than 26 years in comedy, Cosby is for many young comedians the man who wrote the textbook.

## Civil War Fashion Show

On April 27 at 7 p.m. the Col. James Barton Camp #19 and Auxiliary #4 of the Rhode Island Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will present "An Evening of Civil War Fashions" — featuring military uniforms and ladies attire.

This is an opportunity to see what Americans were wearing in the 1860s.

Admission is free and all are welcome. This will take place at the Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave. For more information call 434-2453.

# FEATURE



## What's in a Name?

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Like my brothers I was named after a woman. My father's mom had died when he was 4. Her name was Mirel, short for Miriam. Dictionaries claim Miriam derives from a queen of the sea, like Aphrodite, Venus on her half-shell, or the matriarch of the little mermaids. My dad's name was Moses, "drawn from water." For a native of the Ocean State, I have excellent H<sub>2</sub>O patronyms.

My Yiddish title at the bris was Mottke, or Mordechai, once Marduk, a Persian war-god like Mars. Later he shows up as the royal eunuch who in our fable saves the Jews from Haman by wit and the beauty of his ward Esther — like Mauritz Stiller creating Garbo, who brought Niels Bohr out of Denmark to help fight Hitler with the atomic secrets of the universe.

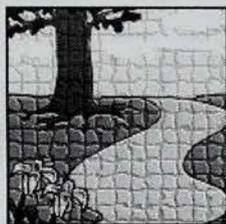
The first time I went to Israel they called me Michael, which asks, with angelic American wonder, "Who is like unto G-d?"

I go by Michael or Mike and got married and had kids under that John Hancock or ketubah. I wanted to give my firstborn a blessing from my mother, but what was my mom's real nom de plume? In Yiddish she bloomed as a Rumanian Blima, a flower. In Montreal they tried to get her to answer to Becky, nickname for Rebecca, a more proper Biblical school label. When she married and came to Providence, she got rid of her middle initial R for Ruchel or Rachel, a gentle ewe.

Our little baby girl got Blima as a middle name and a Hebrew-Yiddish temple name, and Emily as an American first one. I looked it up in a text and found the word "amal," or "inspired handicraft," which picked up on my mother's magic skills.

Along came Lily, and her second name Dalia sounds like the posy that brightens your borders. But it also spells out a bucket to draw water from a well, hence a girl's version of Moses.

Our third offspring, a son chipped off the old block, got the simple shout, "Look! a boy!" on his English Bible birth certificate — Reuben. But his hidden middle tag, Alon, brings in a fashionable Israeli nature word, "oak." My grandfather's moniker, Zvi, means stag. But some-

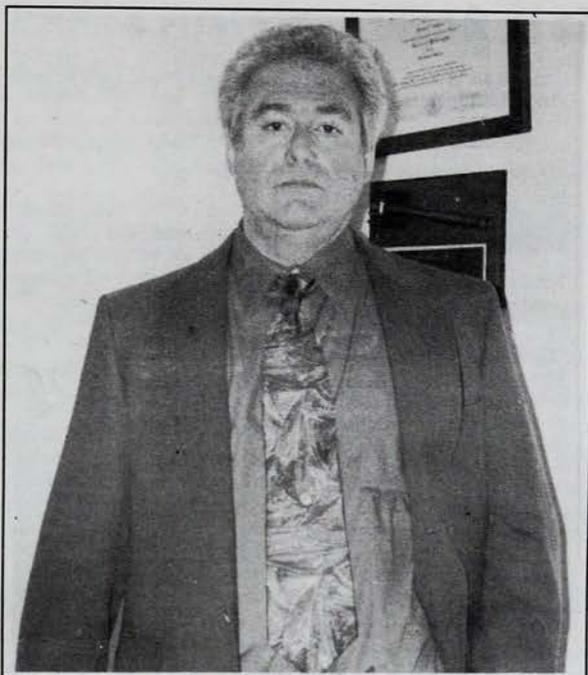


where antlers and branches mix and tangle, because one of my sources gives you a choice between deer and tree. Signatures grow into each other and out of each other, in a folkloric carpet of beasts, vines, and flourishes. You can make a tag come round to take on anything or anyone you dream up. I read all my favorite aunts and uncles, cousins, heroes and heroines into my family signatures, like a genetic code and an autograph book.

After all, Adam digs into red dust, and like the native American Indians, we change our nomenclature to tell our latest tales about where we live on earth, among what plants and creatures, rivers and hills, tricksters and just ones as well as jesters.

You only have to drive around our city state and find on street signs the spirits of lost tribes of Narragansetts and of birds and angels, Quail Runs and Indian Lakes. All we get to leave behind us in our wake is our good names.

I sit at my table laden with wine and bread to bless. I listen to all the racket and chitchat. Suddenly I go off into a secret still garden where an oak tree grows tall in a valley of charming lilies by the seashore, a landscape laid out by G-d's own hands, where everything I have dubbed asks "Who is like unto our Creator?"



Dr. Steven C. Imber

## Parent Power or Powerless?

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald Co-editor

What do you do if your child seems slow in the learning process at school? Perhaps your child excels in math, but is behind in reading comprehension. Is this a learning disability? Should your child be placed in a learning disorders class with a teacher who specializes in this field of education and holds a special teaching credential?

"As a parent you have rights," says Dr. Steven C. Imber, professor of special education at Rhode Island College.

"Rights to have your child individually evaluated by an independent evaluator who is not connected in any way with the school district."

Through a series of lawsuits in the early 1970s, children were beginning to be recognized as the student who has a right to an education conducive with their learning abilities.

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Slow learning children and foreign students were being misplaced in the learning environment. For example, if a Spanish-speaking child were tested for school placement, that student was tested in English, having limited comprehension of that language and therefore did not test well or at all. Children in this category were placed in learning handicapped classrooms.

In 1975, relief came from Congress by passing the All Children's Handicapped Education Act, a bill that gave parents the power to advocate for their children. However, it wasn't until 1977 that the regu-

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# OPINIONS

## 'Whose Torah Is It, Anyway?'

by Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein

Shavuot has many names. One of them, Z'man Matan Torateinu, relates to the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai — which, according to tradition, occurred on that day. While the Torah was given in the desert on a mountain, its interpretation has never been relegated to ascetics occupying isolated mountain tops. Rather, our rabbis have been very much of this world, involved with both family and community.

Jewish law has never been decided in a vacuum. For example, when resolving complex questions of kashrut, rabbis regularly consult chemists and food manufacturers for technical information.

Today, the State of Israel is confronted by the need to make difficult decisions regarding the peace process and the possibility of territorial compromise. Yet in this case, critical input from experts, such as specialists in political and military affairs, is often overlooked by rabbis who give opinions rooted in their own interpretation of halakha to prohibit such action.

In North America today, a number of communities have sponsored parlor meetings and political gatherings at which distinguished rabbis — claiming to represent the authentic voice of our tradition — have declared that it is "against the Torah" for the State of Israel to give up any territory, for any reason. Other, equally distinguished rabbis disagree.

What is most troubling here is the assumption that any one group can hide beneath the mantle of the Torah, declaring

that those who disagree with them are somehow less authentically Jewish.

Of even greater concern is the assumption that one person's "truth" may be imposed on another under the guise of religious purity.

On April 14 we celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. What should have been unconditional rejoicing was marred by the tragedy and violence which have plagued Israel since Purim. In an effort to overturn and nullify the recent peace agreement, terrorist groups have launched cowardly and bloody attacks against innocent civilians, leaving grief and fear in their wake. The feelings engendered by these events has served to intensify the conflict between those Jews who support, and those who oppose, the peace process.

**One of the most disturbing phrases to be heard in recent years in discussions between Jews is "Torah true."**

Some Jews have come to equate disagreement with enmity, using the Torah itself to define away the right of fellow Jews to participate in shaping the course and destiny of the Jewish State.

During the Vietnam war, those who supported the war hurled names such as "un-American" against protestors, telling them that America is a place you either "love" or "leave." Similarly, in the State

of Israel today, labels such as "traitor" and "anti-Zionist" are thrown around freely in an effort to brand those who differ as enemies of the Jewish people.

One of the beauties of Judaism is that the Torah, while firm in its values, has proved flexible enough to accommodate diverse interpretations of Jewish law. "Elu v'elu divrei elohim hayim" — These (opinions) and those (conflicting opinions) are both the words of the living G-d.

That is why recent developments in the State of Israel — most particularly, the growth of religious and political fundamentalism — are particularly troubling. The notion of fundamentalism, or "exclusive" interpretation, is, and should be, foreign to Jewish practice.

We Jews have survived and prospered for thousands of years precisely because we have been persistent in our commitment to the Torah without being dogmatic as to its interpretation.

One of the most disturbing phrases to be heard in recent years in discussions between Jews is "Torah true." Groups who lay claim to this title insist that their opinions carry the weight of G-d-given law, while the pronouncements of others are considered less valid and less worthy of respect. In the authentic spirit of Torah, we are permitted, even encouraged, to discuss, debate, and differ over the details of our religious tradition. That may well be the Jewish way.

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## TORAH TODAY

### Living With the Times

This week we read two Torah portions, Achrei and Kedoshim. In Kedoshim we learn that one may not eat the fruits of a tree during the first three years after it was planted. The fruits of the fourth year are holy and are to be eaten only in Jerusalem.

The Torah proceeds: "But in the fifth year you may eat its fruit [in all places], so that it may yield you more produce. . . ." Thus, the objective of the first four years is the increase in yield during the fifth year.

The fifth year's increase in physical yield resulted from the fact that in a spiritual sense, too, the fruits of the fifth year possessed a quality that was lacking — not only during the first three forbidden years, but also during the fourth year when the fruits had to be eaten in Jerusalem.

Why, then, could these more spiritually elevated fruits be eaten anywhere and not restricted to the confines of the Holy City as were the less spiritual fruits of the fourth year?

Before the Baal Shem Tov became renowned, it was his custom to wander from town to town. He was most gratified to hear the loving praises of the simple Jews to his queries about their health, family etc. . . . "Praise G-d," "The L-rd does not forsake," and so on.

Once the Baal Shem Tov visited a town where there lived a scholar who studied Torah day and night in isolation. He fasted until after the evening

prayer after which he would break his fast with a crust of bread and water.

The Baal Shem Tov went over to the scholar and inquired after his situation. The recluse ignored him. After the Baal Shem Tov repeated his questions a number of times the scholar became angry and showed his visitor the door. Said the Baal Shem Tov: "Why don't you provide G-d with His sustenance? You will starve Him, and He will depart from the world."

The scholar was perplexed at the words of this seemingly simple Jew. The Baal Shem Tov noticed the scholar's bewilderment and explained: "Jews exist by virtue of G-d's sustenance, but what sustains Him?"

In Psalms King David says: "And You, Holy One, are enthroned upon" — i.e., sustained by — "the praises of Israel," by the words of praise that Jews give You for their health and sustenance."

To make this world a "dwelling place for Him," is the purpose of all creation. Accomplishing this requires more than Torah study. It requires that we praise and acknowledge G-d for even the simple things in life, for all things are to be imbued with holiness.

So, too, regarding the fifth year's fruits. The highest state of holiness is attained not by eating the fruits in Jerusalem; it is achieved by transforming the whole world into Jerusalem.

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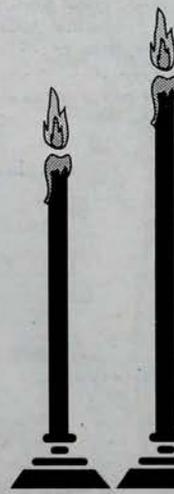
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## Courtesy Creates Courage

by Mike Fink

Pretty soon we'll forget all about the harsh winter we went through. They'll fix the pot-holes and we'll move on. But maybe all that ice and snow made me spend my reveries worrying about dying. It's hard to picture the world without your being in it. I picked up Dr. Richard Seltzer's book, *Raising the Dead*. One day by a window he dropped into a coma. Weeks later he rose out of it and printed his tale for all to heed. Hey, the grim reaper comes to your yard with that old-fashioned scythe — first in your dreams, then indeed. I got so I started seeing death in the tuna and chopped chicken at the salad bar, let alone the little sardine corpses. Lighten up! you say to me.

Like messages from heaven, a group of letters flew through the air from here and there and dropped down on my vestibule rug, or my desk at the *Herald*. Better than the first crocus or robin, they brought me a happy hope. Shirley Rotkin Lichtman penned this solace. "I should tell you about my very brief but most pleasant relationship with a member of your family — your father. Years ago my deceased husband, Ralph, shared a room with another patient,

your dad. If a hospital stay can be called pleasant, that one was. Your father was a most delightful sweet person. My husband was too. The few days they were together in that room was as enjoyable as a hospitalization could be. Miriam Hospital, by the way. Just wanted to tell you, I did meet you and your brother at that time. Keep up the great columns and enjoying life as you seem to. My husband Ralph passed away in 1987 and in 1990 I became twice blessed and married another wonderful man."

From Kentucky I got word from Jennie Z. Sweet. She typed, "For many years we were members of Beth-El taking part very often in the daily minyan services. We met often with Morris Weintraub, a very fine gentleman, and he was very kind to me after my husband's passing." Morris is my father-in-law.

Cindy Halpern sent off a few handwritten pages from London about the funeral of her mother-in-law Rose. "It was vital to our sanity to come to England, because denial could have interfered with our grieving. Rose had talked to me about her wishes on how she wanted everything arranged when she died. Is it possible she had a premonition? She

made me promise I would honor her wishes. She wanted no eulogy, just the psalms of David. She wanted to be buried in a country cemetery on the road to Oxford, and she wanted her children to heal in England. Even at the end Rose provided us with understanding and friendship. She welcomed David's conversion to Judaism with open arms. I said goodbye to Rose after her casket was lowered into the ground. I told her she was the best mother-in-law a girl could ever wish for. I also told her I loved her."

I quote these letters because they have brought me some comfort. Things end badly, we dread. We spend the last days of our lives in beds of pain, racks of torture. We're born pink and sweet, but we turn pale and bitter. But I'm taking another look. When my mom lay ill, she wrote thank you notes to her nurse, even to her husband's dad. I remember Neda Logowitz's last words to me, "Thanks for being our friend." My uncle Sam's final phrases he could utter showed concern for his wife, though they were divorced. My aunt Lillian, who had lost her only baby, asked after my newborn. I'm not sure that we let go like wretches, thinking only of ourselves. Maybe we go like Ethel

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# EDITORIAL

## Siegmán Calls for 'Open and Honest Debate'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a formal farewell to the organization he led for more than 15 years, American Jewish Congress' retiring executive director Henry Siegmán praised the organization's willingness to challenge "received wisdom" and communal consensus. He urged the organization not to yield to "the temptation of normalcy."

"The quest for conformity, for consensus, and the mindlessness that too often shapes that quest is served all too well by existing American Jewish organizations. American Jewish life does not need one more Jewish bureaucracy, he said. "What American Jewish life needs," he added "is open and honest debate about the real problems that beset us ..."

Expressing his discomfort at the Israeli policy of imprisoning Palestinians "for months and sometimes years on end without even being informed of the charges," Siegmán said these practices were not "less objectionable because a Labor government is in power."

Siegmán acknowledged that "the long-range answer to this problem is for Israel's occupying forces to leave the territories," and noted that the current "Israeli government is committed to achieving that goal."

Addressing the problem of "ethnic exclusivism and nationalistic chauvinism," Siegmán noted that it "is to the credit of the Jewish people everywhere, and most particularly of Israel's citizens, that despite nearly a century of hatred, conflict, war and terrorism, most [Jews] have not yielded to the militant aspects of ethnic and nationalistic assertiveness."

Siegmán asserted that there is "perfect parallelism" between the claims of Gush Emunim and all other forms of nationalistic chauvinism. All of these movements have "a territorial dimension shrouded in religious mythology and each believe that its own national consciousness has a redeeming spiritual dimension that distinguishes it from all the others."

Encapsulating what he had

learned in 42 years in Jewish life, Siegmán said: "I am aware as never before that for all of their importance, if these categories that define our identities serve to obstruct and obscure our common humanity, as they tragically do in so many parts of this globe, their potential destructiveness will outweigh their unquestioned value, and in the end, we will all do ourselves in."

A letter from President Bill Clinton congratulated Siegmán for his "distinguished service to the Jewish community and our country" and expressed the President's confidence that Siegmán "will remain a significant moral voice and a leader in the Jewish world." Israel Prime Minister Rabin thanked the AJ-Congress leader for his "years of service to the Jewish people." He added "all of us involved in the current trials and tribulations of the peace process will miss your support as executive director of AJ-Congress."

**"What American Jewish life needs," he added "is open and honest debate about the real problems that beset us ..."**

Honorary president Howard Squadron noted that Siegmán had given "the entire Jewish community the courage to do the right thing [regarding Israel], and for that we are all in his debt." Bob Lifton, outgoing president of the organization, praised Siegmán for his "gutsiness and willingness to take on whatever organization, office or person stands in the way of the dissemination of truth or the dispensation of justice is a constant inspiration to me."

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## Israel's First Line of Defense — Billings, Montana

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-editor

Late in 1993, approximately 50 Jewish families in Billings were shocked and alarmed by acts of desecration and hoodlumism perpetrated by some Klan members and skinheads.

The community — private citizens and Christian leaders, city government and police officials — rose up in anger.

You may remember the story. Menorahs appeared in hundreds of Christian windows and the police reacted vigorously to every anti-Semitic disturbance.

The defense of its Jews was not just a momentary thing with Billings, either. The community has made that clear.

When people say that perhaps the best place for every Jew is in Israel, maybe they are under-rating what I think of as Israel's first line of defense. Its outposts are places like Billings, the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and the Holocaust Museum in Providence. And the Jews in Billings are members-out-of-uniform of the Israeli Army.

Israel may not best be served by withdrawing into a tight little island, by thinking in terms of "us" and "them." A fortress mentality has never really succeeded in guaranteeing its builders' survival in the long run. Each Jewish community might look at itself as transplanted Israel — responsible for making Judaism glow with an inviting light. Every effort should be to nourish, protect and expand the far-flung Jewish world community.

If every major country of the world had a large, vocal, prosperous Jewish community of doers, activists, artists, political figures etc., that would make Israel the center of a worldwide force — the blue button that, when pushed too hard, could activate recriminatory pressure from all around the globe.

A trip to Israel, particularly in the company of grandparents or parents, is probably one of the highlights in the life of a young Jew. But let's bring the kids back, and make it attractive for them to stay here. A

brain and gene drain will deplete this community, and Billings, and Amsterdam, while not necessarily serving Israel's best interests. Israel already has a population saturated with professionals, both home-grown and imported.

When Jonathan Davis, the Jewish Agency of Israel's aliyah director, was in Providence, he said that it's very hard for a young Jew in Israel not to marry Jewish. There's no one else around. This is a comforting and tempting idea if you're worried about your youngster marrying "out," as more than 50 percent of them do in the United States.

But it doesn't necessarily have to be Israel or intermarriage.

There are good Jewish schools and colleges in the United States — make them bigger, better and more widespread. Send your child to one of the local Hebrew schools and then to Brandeis instead of Brown, or support the Hillel organization at Brown to the best of your ability. Continue to make your stand here. And when intermarriage occurs, give outreach more thought.

Perhaps every temple that considers outreach an option, could have a Homecoming Weekend once a year, when everyone in the temple family, and all the children who had married out, were specially invited to come back, with their families, to renew old acquaintances, and sing familiar songs, dance an Israeli dance or two, and nosh a little. "Say hello to Max — you remember Max. He was at your bat mitzvah. Stand over here, Max, and I'll take a picture..."

No pressure — that's very important — just open arms. And letting go again, over and over, if that's what it takes. If not the children — maybe the grandchildren. The pendulum swings.

### 1994 Holiday Schedule

Lag B'Omer	April 29
Shavout	May 16
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 6
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# WORLD NEWS

## Bullets Sent Through the Mail to Jewish Institutions

by Gil Kezwer

TORONTO (JTA) — Nearly a dozen Jewish organizations as well as several individuals prominent in the Toronto Jewish community received .22-caliber bullets in the mail last month.

The agencies included the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and B'nai B'rith Canada.

The bullets were small enough to pass through mail sorting machines. No written messages were enclosed in the identical envelopes.

"We don't know the exact number (of bullets mailed)," said Manuel Prutschi, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region.

But CJC has a strong suspicion about the source of the hate threats, Prutschi said.

CJC officials believe the bullets came "from an individual who is known to us and who has been sending threatening messages to Jewish institutions and community leaders over the past number of years," he said, adding that it was believed the suspect was a white supremacist.

Detective Steve Irwin of Toronto's Metro Police Hate Squad is handling the probe. He acknowledged he was familiar with Prutschi's allegations. But he was tight-lipped about suspects, saying only, "We will investigate everyone who has come to our attention."

Sgt. Lino Murarotto, Metro Police's Hate Crimes coordinator, said 12 organizations and individuals have been targeted to date.

The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith has meanwhile called for greater police surveillance of Jewish communal institutions.

"We are working with the Metro Hate Crimes Unit on this case, and their quick response and cooperation with the community has been highly commendable," said Frank Dimant, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith Canada.



### East Meets West

Rabbi Arthur Schneier (right) recently chats in his office at Manhattan's Park East Synagogue with Li Dayou, ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States. Li spoke at a luncheon in his honor given by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, which Schneier heads. At ceremonies in Shanghai, officials of the city will mark the 50th anniversary of the Shanghai Jewish refugee community.

Photo by Richard Lobell

## Surprise Cache of Ghetto Papers Found

by Ruth E. Gruber

WARSAW (JTA) — An extraordinary cache of documents detailing ordinary Jewish life in the wartime Warsaw Ghetto has been made public after lying hidden under the floorboards of an attic for nearly 50 years.

The collection of 180 items — letters, notebooks, photographs, ration cards, books, medicine bottles, food packaging, cigarettes, clothing and other material — was discovered during renovation work on the building currently housing the Warsaw offices of the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation and other Jewish organizations.

The Lauder Foundation runs a wide range of Jewish education programs, primarily aimed at young people.

The building, next door to Warsaw's one surviving shul, the Nozyk Synagogue, served as a Jewish clinic before the war. During the war it was inside the Jewish ghetto.

Workers doing renovation work found a piece of paper with Hebrew writing on it amid a layer of dirt when they took up the floorboards of the attic. It was at that time the discovery of the documents was made.

Rabbi Michael Schudrich, director of the Lauder Foundation in Warsaw, happened to look in to check on the progress of the building work just after the paper came to light and, immediately recognizing its importance, initiated a search for further documents and material.

The documents were hastily examined and catalogued by Lauder Foundation archivist Yale Reisner. Working in collaboration with Warsaw's Jewish Historical Institute, he set up some of them in a temporary exhibition that was unveiled recently for participants in the March of the Living.

The documents are personal papers and memorabilia of the residents of two apartments that also were in the building, the four-member Melchior family and a 20-year-old bachelor, Moses Dov Bursztyn.

Reisner said the discovery was probably the most important discovery of ghetto documents since those deliberately written as eyewitness accounts and hidden by historian Emanuel Ringelblum, which were discovered after the war.

Of the newly discovered cache, Reiser said, "What makes this new discovery special is that all the documents and papers are so absolutely ordinary."

"Elja Melchior and his wife Ruchla were both about 36-years-old when the ghetto was sealed in 1940," he said.

"Elja was an administrator of the Jewish clinic, and Ruchla ran a little shop that sold vegetables. They had two teen-age children — a daughter, Tauba, who was about 15 and went to a private high school, and a son, Shmuel, who was bar mitzvah in August 1940," he said.

One of the documents in the trove is the first page of Shmuel's bar mitzvah speech — a speech much like those given by bar mitzvah boys today, which includes the phrase that "the Jewish path is not strewn with roses."

The other occupant of the building, Bursztyn, "was a very erudite young man," Reiser said. "He was a member of the Betar Zionist Youth Organization and a graduate of a rabbinical seminary. Among the items we found were some of his books, in three languages, bookplates and a fragment of a book list of his personal library."

One of the papers is a Chanukah speech he wrote in

# NEWS BRIEFS

## INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Former Health Minister Haim Ramon, 46, threw the Labor party into turmoil with his recent decision to run against his party's incumbent candidate for the post of secretary-general of the Hista labor federation.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Hundreds of right-wing, mostly Orthodox demonstrators gathered near the prime minister's residence recently to protest what they called the "defeatist" government of Yitzhak Rabin. The protests follow terror attacks in Ashkelon and Ashdod in which eight Israelis were murdered and more than 40 wounded.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson, on a six-day mission to Israel to "enhance" the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, was greeted warmly, albeit with some skepticism, by Israeli and American Jewish representatives.

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PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA (JTA) — Israeli President Ezer Weizman has accepted an invitation to attend the May 10 inauguration of the new South African president, who will be installed in office following this country's first democratic elections.

## NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Lubavitcher rebbe's medical condition deteriorated recently with the 92-year-old leader requiring "a number of procedures and medications" to stabilize his cardiac and pulmonary functions, according to a hospital statement.

the early days of the war:

"A terrible picture appears before us through the fog of hatred and jealousy directed at us. To one side, there is a homeland awaiting its children, its builders and redeemers, but it is closed tightly before them.

"On the other side stand exiled and tortured Jews with packs on their shoulders standing upon the borders of nations, trying to get out, but there is nowhere for them to go," Bursztyn wrote.

"But the day will surely come when all the evil that surrounds us will fade away like smoke, when Israel's oppressors will be vanquished and a Jewish people, healthy in body and soul, will be a free people in its homeland, the land of Zion and Jerusalem," he wrote.

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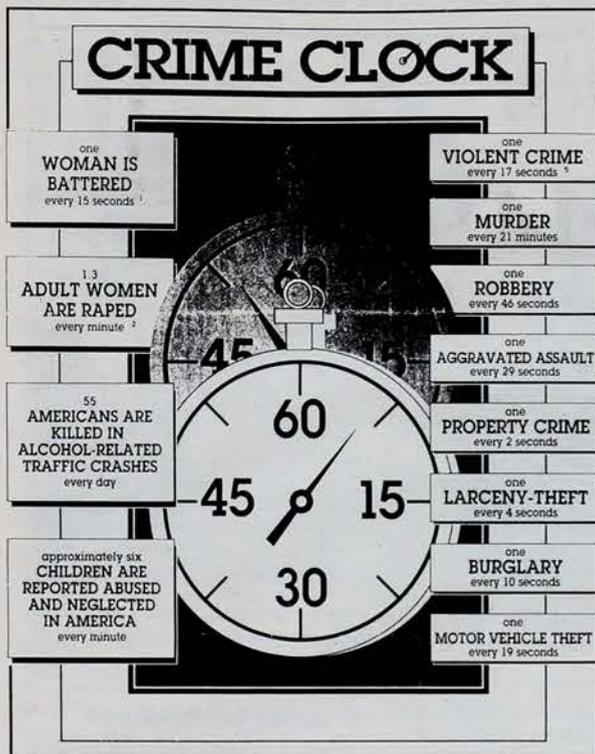
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# NATIONAL NEWS



The Crime Clock

## Perlman Plays for Children

Internationally renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman and his daughter, pianist Nava Frost, gave a special performance recently for the young patients at the Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petah Tikva.

The Israeli-born virtuoso, who was in Israel to perform with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, appeared at the request of the hospital's founder, Irving Schneider of New York.

Accompanied by his daughter, Perlman played a series of classical pieces and then spent more than two hours fielding questions from the more than 400 children in the audience, many of whom had to be helped to the concert by their parents or by members of the CMCI medical staff.

When asked how he coped with the polio that crippled him



WHAT EXCITEMENT — 400 children at the Children's Medical Center of Israel get to meet Itzhak Perlman at a concert at the Center.

when he was a 4-year-old living in Tel Aviv, the violinist replied: "They told me that I wouldn't be able to have an international career because of the polio. That made me try even harder."

When another child asked about the limitations his physical condition imposes, Perlman answered: "I don't spend much time thinking about what I can't do, but rather about what I can do."

The Children's Medical Center of Israel is the only critical care pediatric hospital in the

Middle East. Founded in 1992, the 224-bed hospital is open to all children, regardless of religion, race, nationality or ethnic origin, and serves as a humanitarian bridge to peace to Israel's neighbors throughout the Middle East.

## National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 24 to April 30

Increased crime means increased numbers of crime victims.

Greater public awareness of victims' issues and rights is the object of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The 1994 national theme is "Facing Violence Today: Fewer Victims Tomorrow."

The Crime Victim Service Providers of Rhode Island (Justice Assistance, 259 Weybosset St., Providence, 272-1330), are holding a candlelight vigil to honor the state's victims of crime, on April 25 at 7 to 8:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 271 North Main St. (corner of Smith Street), Providence. The speaker will be Karolyn Nunnalee, national board member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The public is welcome.

Rhode Island's Crime Victim Service Providers offer crime victims physical, psychological, and court-related assistance.

They also help educate the public about victimization — which includes hate violence, drunk driving, sexual assault, stalking, elderly abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, property crime and vandalism, auto theft, murder — and Rhode Island's response to victimization.

In 1986, Rhode Island passed a constitutional amendment granting victims the right to restitution, to submit victim im-

pact statements to the court and to be treated with dignity and respect. The Crime Victim Service Providers assist victims in achieving these rights.

The national sponsor is the National Victim Center of Arlington, Va.; Fort Worth, Texas; and New York, N.Y.

The "Crime Clock" shows daily rates of crime in America.

The Rhode Island Crime Victim Service Providers are: R.I. Supreme Court; Department for Children, Youth & Their Families; Governor's Justice Commission; Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Rape Crisis Center; Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Department of Elderly Affairs; Justice Assistance; New Waves; and Victim Witness Program, Office of Attorney General.

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# Around Town

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## Women Have Hearts

At 16, Dr. Judith Reichman had to choose between continuing studies in ballet at the American Dance Theater or a college education.

"Thank G-d," she says, "I chose education."

Many women have greatly benefited by her choice.

I first saw Reichman, a Los Angeles obstetrician and gynecologist, on a public television station this past winter. Her no-mumble-jumble presentation and use of clear understandable language immediately captured my attention.

An internationally recognized specialist in women's health, Reichman has been a high-profile crusader on behalf of women's health care. Her excellent communication skills and pleasing demeanor have brought her appearances on "Hour Magazine," "Woman To Woman," "Live With Sonya," and "The Home Show."

And so it was that Rhode Island's affiliate of the American Heart Association got wind of her reputation in women's health care. They featured Reichman as the main speaker at their annual meeting last week at Rhodes-On-The-Pawtuxet.

The theme focusing on women's heart health was "Only Men Get Heart Disease? Updating Old-fashioned Ideas — For Good." Reichman's topic was "Women Have Hearts."

I met with Reichman earlier and asked her thoughts on what women could do to live a better, healthier and longer life.

"Women are very fortunate because we have the luxury of deciding what we are going to do in our menopause," she says.

"Years ago, we didn't outlive our ovaries. The average life expectancy was about 50. Now, we're expected to outlive our ovaries by one-third to one-half of our lives, which is amazing.

"What we do in this transition often dictates how we live during this time and if we live to the longevity we expect. I can't say, everyone take estrogen, you'll live forever and you won't have heart disease or osteoporosis."

Reichman says what it comes down to is what women are doing now, what are their excesses and abuses, what kind of life do they want to live, and what they're willing to change.

"If a woman eats a lot of fats, is obese, smokes, is sedentary, she's going to have medical problems with or without estrogen. I can't undo everything she did for 50 years and make it better with medicine.

"We just don't have that available. The real crux of this transition is that it allows us to look at what we can do to make changes and take charge."

Reichman feels the baby boomers are going to make a difference because "we're a take-charge generation.

"I tell women they don't have to go to Jane Fonda. Just walk 30-40 minutes three times a week at a pace rapid enough to get the heartbeat up.

"This is the time smokers have to stop. If women are heavy, it's time to consider losing weight, although quite frankly, if you've been heavy for 50 years, it's very hard to lose it.

"If you're doing everything right, the right calories, lower fat intake, exercise, you may overcome some of the problems associated with the obesity. That's number one."

Taking enough calcium and vitamin D supplementation is next. "Look at the data that has come out on vitamin E. See if you want to consider taking it, as it decreases heart attack by 40% in both men and women. These are simple things that don't require prescription."

Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) depends on risk factors, according to Reichman. "If I have a woman who is diabetic, or smoked all her life, or who has a strong history of hypertension, or has elevated cholesterol and I feel she is at risk, this woman's number one killer is going to be a heart attack.

"Obviously, she should look very strongly at the risk of estrogen because we know it diminishes the incidence of heart attack by 50%. She should consider estrogen if she already has had a heart attack or has coronary artery disease because she will improve, and we will diminish subsequent heart attacks.

"But if I have a woman who has extremely good genes, eats right, is active, has wonderful cholesterol and lipoprotein ratio and a very strong history of breast cancer, she might want to think twice about HRT and simply monitor the things that estrogen does.

"For example, what about her bones. Is she going to develop osteoporosis?"



Lori Weinberg, Dr. Marc Weinberg, president of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate, and Dr. Judith Reichman, featured speaker at the group's annual meeting.

asks Reichman, recommending a baseline bone density scan. "If her bones look good, repeat the test in a year-and-a-half. Make sure she exercises, takes calcium and vitamin D.

"If she's rapidly losing calcium, and osteoporosis is going to be a major fac-

### About Dr. Reichman

Judith Reichman grew up in New Jersey, got early admission to Barnard and took her junior year abroad in Israel at Hebrew University.

She had been admitted to several medical schools in the United States, but returned to Israel to marry. Hadasah was the only medical school at the time. "They didn't want a woman, and they certainly didn't want an American woman," she says.

She went to a Jewish Agency in Israel and said, "I was good enough to get into Yale. You should admit me to your medical school. I want to make aliyah."

A year later, she was accepted on full scholarship provided by Americans since admission was based on grades. The two highest students got scholarships and Reichman was one of them. She was one of only two women in the class.

She did her residency in Chicago while her husband earned his Ph.D. in law at the University of Chicago. She returned to Israel to teach at the University of Tel Aviv Medical School and became vice chairperson of the Ob/Gyn Department.

Later, Reichman went to Los Angeles on a sabbatical to head up a new unit for reproductive medicine at Cedars. When she arrived, she discovered there was no unit nor funding.

It was suggested she lease space and open a private practice. "I never thought to do that, as I had always planned to be in academics. But I did and suddenly realized I enjoyed taking care of women on a one-to-one basis.

"I really liked educating women. It was much more fun to talk to women's groups than to other doctors."

Reichman was subsequently asked to do some television work. She became a woman's health advocate and is on the board of Planned Parenthood in Los Angeles and the Israeli Cancer Research Fund.

"The community has been very good to me," says Reichman. "I hope I've been able to give back to them somewhat."

In the midst of all this, she divorced. "I was so young at 21 when I married. It was tough being a single mother of two daughters with a full solo practice."

One of her patients persisted in matchmaking a cousin with Reichman. "To be polite, I agreed," she smiles. "That was 10 years ago. We've been happily married all this time."

She is married to Gil Cates, dean of the school of film, theater, and television at UCLA. He has his own production company and produces the Academy Awards.



Arlene Gilbert receives the Volunteer of the Year award.

tor, you might reevaluate and say, let's go ahead, take estrogen and monitor her breasts."

The same prescription isn't for everyone, Reichman said. Women must look at their medical history, health habits and what they're most likely to succumb to before they make a decision about taking estrogen.

Reichman's talk was titled "Women Have Hearts." She feels women have been unfortunately defined according to their reproductive system, and the rest has been forgotten.

Women have been divided into parts, she says. Until recently, no one paid attention to bones and the fact that a half of women over 65 had significant osteoporosis. The concerns were mainly on breast cancer.

"Our worries are put into the wrong organs. Many women go for exams only to gynecologists who are trained to treat gynecological organs. That doesn't include the heart."

Patient skills are equivalent to communication skills, she firmly believes. Fifty percent of estrogen prescriptions in this country aren't filled because the doctor never talked to the patient. "He threw the prescription at her. You can't do that unless you're there to guide, counsel and explain.

"Women will come out short. Unless they ask the right questions, they're not going to get the right answers."



Dr. Marc Weinberg, right, presents a special service award to Dr. Edward Feldmann.



# GETAWAY



## Ghost Ships Ply Waters

Old-timers from Campbellton to Miscou Island say the Phantom Ship is the ghost of a sailing vessel beached in a raging New Brunswick storm back in the 1600s.

Others say the Phantom Ship of Bay Chaleur is a trick of nature, a "marine phosphorescent manifestation."

Whatever it is, the Phantom Ship has been sighted time after time off the northern New Brunswick coast. It's the most famous of the spectral vessels reported along the shoreline of Atlantic Canada. In Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island as well, ghost ships ply the waters along with sea serpents, and there are tales of buried pirate treasure.

Last summer at P.E.I., "rumor" had it that a 60- to 80-foot sea serpent was sighted near West Point Lighthouse. One of several said to frequent the south shore, the serpent had been sighted years earlier and described as "long and dark with a head something like a horse."

Booty from the plunders of Capt. Kidd is reported buried

near the lighthouse also. One resident, who dreamed about the pirate and his treasure, followed instructions to dig silently after midnight — then saw the hole fill with sea water and his hopes of riches dashed.

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## Tours Designed Specially For Families

NEW YORK (AJC) — The International Travel Program sponsored by the American Jewish Congress is offering tours specifically for families to destinations other than Israel. AJCongress will now feature family tours to Costa Rica and to Kenya.

Summer and winter "Family Adventures in Costa Rica" tours enable families to explore the special facets of this Central American nation known for its natural wonders: volcanoes, lush jungles and rain forests, valleys flanked with coffee and banana plantations, rich flora, fauna and birds, rivers, waterfalls and rapids, a charming capital, San Jose, and miles of pristine beaches.

Costa Rica was the site of the fictional "Jurassic Park," de-

picted in Steven Spielberg's blockbuster.

AJCongress travelers will stay in San Jose, at a wildlife lodge in northern Costa Rica, and at a luxurious Pacific beach resort at Playa Tambor. Families will also meet Costa Rican Jews, and be assigned a "counterpart" Costa Rican Jewish family, with same-age children. Tour dates for 1994 are August 14 to 22 and December 25 to January 2 ('95). Tours for 1995 are set for August 13 to 21 and December 24 to January 1 ('96).

AJCongress is also offering a safari for families in the East African nation of Kenya. It will include stays in Nairobi, at the stately Mount Kenya Safari Club, and in the great game reserves of Samburu and Masai Mara.

Participants will stay in two luxury tented camps, which combine the comforts of a first class hotel with a sense of the "great outdoors."

Travelers will be entertained in Nairobi by Kenyan Jews, and can take advantage of a four-day extension to the resort of

combine the comforts of a first-class hotel with a sense of the Mombasa on the Indian Ocean. The safari is set for August 2 to 14.

The organization's newly published 96-page 1994/95 *Worldwide Tour Catalogue* may be obtained by calling (212) 879-4588, (516) 752-1186, (914) 328-0018 or nationwide, toll-free (800) 221-4694. The AJCongress International Travel Program is a membership service of the American Jewish Congress.

Announce your wedding, bar or bat mitzvah, anniversary or a child's birth in the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*. The community is interested in what happens to you!

Black and white photos are welcome. Send submissions to: RI Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, RI 02940

## Wildlife Thrives in Florida

You don't have to be a bird-watcher to be all atwitter at the more than one million acres of nature sanctuaries in the Sanibel and Captiva Islands, Fort Myers area of Florida. Such a variety of birdlife thrives there, it can easily be considered an ornithologist's mecca.

Most of the sanctuaries have paths or boardwalks to let visitors easily explore and enjoy the area. These refuges boast unspoiled wetlands where everyone can experience the beauty of the state in its virgin condition and an abundance of wildlife thriving in its native setting.

Somewhat further afield, the Everglades National Park and Big Cypress Swamp, home of the National Audubon Society, are a convenient day trip from anywhere in the vicinity.

For a free brochure on where to stay and things to do on Florida's Lee Island Coast, call (800) 533-4753.

For a free brochure on the Lake Region of the Poconos, write to the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, 1004 Main St., Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360-1695 or call (800) 762-6667.

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You can glide across a lake in a canoe, on water skis, sailboat or motorboat. For anglers, the lake region offers some of the best freshwater fishing around. Guides and equipment rentals are available throughout the region so you can do it all.

When the day winds down,

why not take a sunset dinner cruise? Enjoy fine dining and beautiful landscapes on a floating tour of the lake.

Nearby, you'll also find lots of activities on land. Visitors enjoy hiking marked trails at the Ledgesdale and Shuman point natural areas and in the nearby state parks and game-lands.

Wildlife sanctuaries and environmental educational centers offer many opportunities to learn about the natural world around us.

For equestrians, there are several stables where you can rent horses for a day of riding through the countryside.

Nearby, the villages of Hawley, Honesdale and Milford have undergone restoration and are brimming with quaint specialty shops and dozens of excellent dining choices.

## The Red Sea Jazz Festival

The international Jazz Festival that over the years has attracted many oversea performers and crowds of spectators will once again grace Israel's southernmost resort, the town of Eilat, on the Red Sea.

The Red Sea Jazz Festival will take place for four nights, from August 27 to 30. A total of 36 concerts will be performed, with nine performances scheduled for each night, eight master classes and a jazz photography exhibition.

Ticket prices vary for single concerts and various packages to all of the festival.

For more information, fax Dan Gottfried at 011-972-3-696-3528.

Announce your wedding in the *HERALD*.

## How to Find a Good Travel Agent

Because a travel agent can be your ticket to the world, finding a good one is a step in the right direction.

First, remember most agency services are free because travel agents are paid directly by travel suppliers.

A good way to begin is to get advice from friends and relatives who use an agent they trust. Then visit several agencies to find one that best suits your needs. Consider everything from the appearance of

the office to the agent's willingness to listen and answer questions.

Does the agent belong to the American Society of Travel Agents? The society works closely with travel organizations to continually upgrade advice and technology to better serve the traveling public.

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## Auction by Design

Vacations to London, Mexico and Florida are among many of the items to be bid for during "Auction by Design," an auction sponsored by the Museum Associates to benefit the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design.

The live bidding begins at 7:30 p.m. on May 7 at the Museum of Art, RISD. A 6 p.m. reception will precede the live auction and a buffet dinner, dessert and coffee will conclude the evening's festivities.

"Auction by Design" is also comprised of a silent auction, open to all museum visitors, which begins on May 4, and continues during regular hours through May 7. Hundreds of items will be displayed for silent bidding, and the winners will be notified by telephone on May 9.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## 'Forbidden for Jews'

by Bernie Kusinitz

Foregoing the traditional commemorative programs of the Holocaust, Touro Synagogue decided to call upon one of Newport's own citizens, Egbertina Olsson, who grew up as a young girl in Amsterdam during its occupation by the Nazis. Having been inspired by books on Anne Frank she saw in the Touro Synagogue book sale, she decided to accept an invitation to speak about her experiences, thus prompting her to write down her memories. Once begun, more and more kept surfacing.

She was born in 1932 when Anne Frank was 3 years old. Her father was an agnostic; her mother was baptized as a Dutch Reformed Protestant. However she was only aware of Catholicism until her father warned her to stay away, not only from Catholic churches but all churches. Later, she discovered that she lived in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood, not even knowing what a Jew was.

Considering the times, her family was well-off, with enough food, clothing and housing. Her father, a fish merchant with a boat, owned a radio and a car. As the occupation, lengthened, conditions steadily worsened.

Her father lost his business and his car. The family moved about a dozen times from apartment to apartment. Whole blocks of apartment houses were emptied, their occupants never to be seen again.

Signs appeared everywhere

— "Forbidden for Jews." Coal and food trains passed by her home during the day, and at night they were used to transport the Jews to Dachau, Theresienstadt, Buchenwald, etc.

At first, the children used to laugh at the singing, marching German soldiers; but as the horror worsened, the laughter disappeared. Every day became a struggle. Children suffered from scurvy and head lice.

Her father came home only once in a while at night and the children were drilled not to run to him when they saw him on the street. He lived in a boat which was used to transport hunted people to safer parts of The Netherlands.

As a covering for his activities, he signed up his two daughters in a program instituted by the Nazis to send Dutch children to private homes in Germany and Austria for six weeks where they were to be well fed, clothed and to listen to the praises of Adolph Hitler. This was part of the Nazi anticipation of ruling all of northern Europe after they won the war.

Olsson did not realize until later on that her father was in the underground. To protect his whereabouts her parents divorced. Fear and distrust was the norm. Food was distributed only with ration coupons — half a loaf per person weekly.

The horror of the winter of 1944-45 was such that it has stayed with her to this day. It was the coldest winter on record. All Jews had disap-

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### Celebrating Five Generations

Holding the newest addition to the family, Jamie Kate, is her mother Mindy Halpern. Seated (from left to right) is baby's grandmother, Sandra Maldavir; great-grandmother, Fran Priest; and great-great grandmother, Sadie Brown.

## Temple Torat Yisrael West

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-editor

It was "City Slickers" all over again.

As I parked in front of Temple Torat Yisrael, on the evening of April 16, several banker or broker types wearing broad-brimmed western hats walked past.

Two more gentlemen in those same hats preceded me up the walk to the temple. Several hatted and blue-jeaned types lingered by the entrance to the hall, talking about business.

"Will they let me in without a

hat?" I asked, just kidding.

"Hey! They've got hats. They'll give you one, inside."

Now I thought they were kidding, but by jingo! they weren't. Piled high on the right side of the ticket table in the lobby were more of those big hats. I could have had my pick. Temple Torat Yisrael West.

The event was called a country-western dance. Let me say, right up front, that country-western dancing is not square dancing — or at least not square dancing as I remember it.

I did square dancing when I was young and insane. Just remembering those evenings now makes me want to lie down. Country-western music

has a good strong beat, but not a frantic tempo. The steps are sharp and neat — a little strut, a little bow — but they are not too demanding, physically.

It seemed to me, as a spectator, that you could look pretty darned good doing this without risking a coronary.

Most of the dancers were smiling and laughing while they danced, which you cannot do if you are out of breath.

If this country-western locomotion is the new trend, I'm all for it.

The caller for the evening was Stephen Falk. Falk had everybody heel-and-toeing in no time.

The crowd was large and enthusiastic, the massive display of food enticing, the outfits colorful. Billy Crystal would have had a great time.

# Know someone getting married?

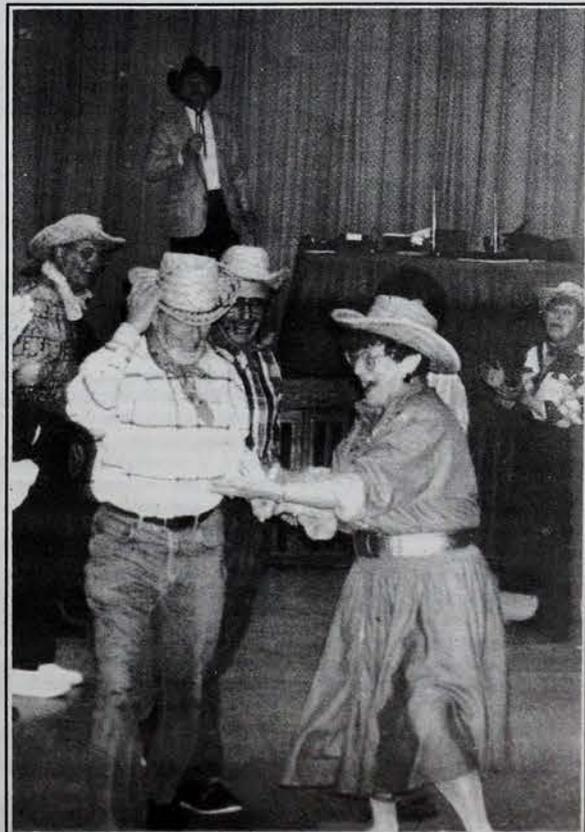


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"SWING YOUR PARTNER — and bring her back!" at Temple Torat Yisrael's evening of country/western dancing, April 16.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Seven Hours Away

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-editor

There were little blue and white flags everywhere. Blue and white balloons billowed up one side of the stage, and a huge Israeli flag flowed across the back of the stage. In center stage was a table draped with a white cloth featuring the Star of David, and four telephones.

When the children at Providence Hebrew Day School filed into the auditorium and took their seats, an air of suppressed

excitement rose like the hum from a beehive in summer. They were actually going to talk to real people in Israel!

Rima Holtzman, a Sabra herself, had helped to set the program up. A soldier in the Israeli Army, a woman living on a kibbutz in the Negev, an American bubbe and a former student from P.H.D.S. were going to answer the children's questions over a speaker system so everyone could hear.



SINGING A SONG FOR ISRAEL — Mrs. Rima Holtzman leads her Providence Hebrew Day School charges in patriotic songs to celebrate Israel's Independence Day on April 14.

Herald Photo by Alison Smith



CAN YOU HEAR ME, ISRAEL? — Everyone waits eagerly for the connection to be made with Israel, April 14, at Providence Hebrew Day School.

Herald Photo by Alison Smith

Rabbi Goodman asked everyone to be really quiet during the conversations, and the kids cooperated beautifully.

The first call went to the lady on the kibbutz, who had lived all her life on a kibbutz, and was a special education teacher. She told of singing and dancing at a big party in celebration of the 46th anniversary of Israel's independence.

The young lady on this end asked if kibbutz children lived in children's houses or in homes with their parents. Our kibbutz lady said that while it used to be that children lived in special houses with other chil-

dren, now they lived at home with their own parents.

The soldier said that he had put in three years with the regular Israeli Army, as all young people must do, and 17 years in the reserve army. He went into the service at 18. He must stay in the reserves till he is 50.

The youngster at the school asked if people had thrown stones at him, or shot at him. He said, "Yes...sometimes. But people in the United States think that it is a very great thing — all the time they are throwing stones. But it is not like that. And I want to emphasize that the Israeli Army is one of the

best in the world, and also the most sensitive. We have shown great restraint, and we are not at all afraid."

He paused and then added, "To be in the Israeli Army is a great prize, not a duty. It is a privilege. And now I'll tell you a great secret. O.K.? This is the

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## Swim Laps to Support JCCRI

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Swim-a-thon '94 will be held from May 1 to 15. Community members interested in supporting the JCCRI's Aquatics Department and earning prizes such as T-shirts, Major Video coupons and free center memberships can participate by finding sponsors who will pledge money for every lap completed during the event. Sponsor sheets may be picked up at the center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

Participants are also invited to Aquafest and Field Day, the Swim-a-thon '94 Victory Celebration, on May 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. with events for ages 3 to 12. Admission is free to those who turn their pledges in by May 15.

Individuals can also make donations by filling out a pledge card, available at the center. For more information, call Patty Gold at 861-8800.

## Tennis Anyone?

The Women's American ORT, Elm Grove Chapter at Large invites anyone who plays tennis or enjoys watching a good game of tennis to an evening of tennis, volleyball, a buffet and a silent auction.

Tennis players will be able to participate in a round-robin event. Players will be grouped according to their level of playing ability.

Non-tennis players will have a volleyball court set up for games of volleyball. For those who would rather watch someone else sweat, an area for music and socializing is available.

The event is April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rally Point Tennis Club in Greenville, R.I. The cost is \$20 per person for tennis players and \$5 per person for non-tennis players, which includes volleyball. Both prices include a buffet and the silent auction.

For more information, call 946-6201.

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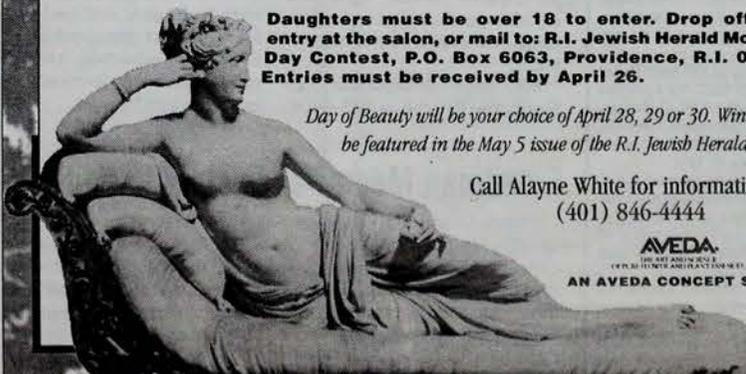
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Daughters must be over 18 to enter. Drop off your entry at the salon, or mail to: R.I. Jewish Herald Mother's Day Contest, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940. Entries must be received by April 26.

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IN YOUR WORST DREAMS, someone is coming up behind you... someone huge... and now he's grabbing you. Help!

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## Sinai Self-Defense

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Jim told a true story about a corps of rangers in Africa who were being attacked by the very tigers they were trying to preserve at the rate of 40 to 50 attacks every year. Some genius came up with the idea of facial masks. The rangers put masks on their heads, facing back, whenever they entered the jungle. Now they appeared to be always looking backwards and forwards. The tigers could find no clear window of opportunity for a sneak attack. The tiger attack rate dropped almost to 0 in one year.

Sixty-five percent of what you communicate to The Shadow will come across in your body language. Project a strong attitude — not unnecessarily confrontational — no need to anger someone who's already on edge.

Place your weight in your lower body. As Melissa said, "Read my hips!" Keep your arms up a little. Don't freeze them down by your sides.

If your Shadow advances within your safety zone, shout "Stop!" and "own it." Don't say "Stop?" or immediately back off (a victim move) as your voice dies away. You said it. You meant it.

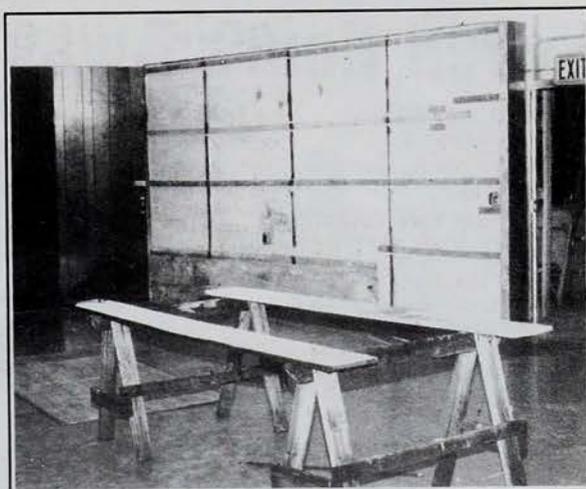
Once you are sure you're dealing with a potential mugger, change that soft gaze to "the hard eye." The Shadow will try to fill your space, barge in closer, be intimidating physically and verbally. He will literally try to bowl you over before he even touches you. Fight back by issuing commands addressed to his behavior.

Don't call him "Pond Scum" or worse, say "Move back!" or "Leave me alone!" Do not be afraid of making a scene. Get loud. Act in your own defense. Try to keep your voice loud and low — not high and shrill.

The evidence seems to indicate that if a woman presents a solid, "I'm ready, buster!" front, most muggers will actually back down. They may curse you and try to make you feel like a hysterical female, making a big fuss about nothing, but who cares about that, if they leave and you're still in good shape?

Once the actual infighting starts, there are simple, direct moves that most women can learn in an hour or so that will certainly make them formidable enemies. Furthermore, rather than rely on a one-shot-and-run-approach — hit him and take off — Melissa and Jim teach a series of linked moves that logically progress so that whenever The Shadow tries something, you make him wish he hadn't, and set him up for your next move, which you deliver on schedule. You take off when he is incapacitated, however briefly.

Never bolt at the first sign of



STRIPPED TO THE WALLS — The social hall at Temple Am David is seen in the first phases of plastic surgery that will result in a much more appealing hall. Submitted Photo

## 'Pardon Our Dust'

by Marty Cooper

Work began April 10 on the renovation of the Temple Am David Social Hall. The improvements are intended to give the room a more contemporary feeling.

A major change will be the removal of the wood paneling and the glass windows. They will be replaced with finished plastered walls with a neutral-colored wainscoting and wall-covering separated by a chair railing.

A new lighting design will brighten the social hall. Several lighting sconces are being installed along the walls, and new fixtures are being placed in

the ceiling. Improved lighting will make the room more appealing, more functional.

The renovation also includes removal of the stage curtain and redesign of the stage so it will become part of the social hall.

The renovation is scheduled to be completed by the end of May.

The social hall is currently used for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and other temple functions. It is hoped that the renovation will attract additional social activities. For more information concerning the use of the hall, call (401) 463-7944.

## Congregation Beth Israel in Concert

"B'Yachad — Together in Concert," featuring Cantors Stephen Freedman and Stanley Weinberger, will be held at Congregation Beth Israel in Worcester, May 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Freedman and Weinberger, present and former cantors, respectively, at Congregation Beth Israel, will present a program of solos and duets of cantorial, Yiddish and Israeli music. They will be accompanied by Sylvia R. Pitnof, music di-

rector and organist at Temple Shalom in Milton, Mass., and flautist Valerie Fisher of Worcester.

In addition to the music, there will be a farewell tribute to the Weinberger family as they prepare to leave Worcester for Nashville, Tenn., where Weinberger will assume the position of Hazzan at the West End Synagogue.

Admission is available in three categories, patron \$36, sponsor \$18, and general \$5.

For further information, call 756-6204.

## Women Challenged by Illness Support Group

Women faced with overcoming difficult illnesses are invited to join Stephanie Penzell's support group, "Women Challenged by Illness," at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6 to 8 p.m.

The group participates in exercises designed to teach participants about their diseases and to vent anger and frustration.

Led by Penzell, who also faces a life-challenging illness, participants share emotions and discuss thoughts and ambitions in a warm, open environment.

For more information call Stephanie Penzell at 885-8404.

## Freedman Memorial Lecture in Fall River

The international president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Alan Ades, will speak at Temple Beth El, High and Locust streets, Fall River, on May 13 as the Ida and Morris A. Freedman Memorial Lecture.

"We Are All Connected," drawing on his long involvement in Conservative Judaism.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Freedman sponsor refreshments after the service.

For more information, call (508) 678-2500.

trouble. It is the act of frightened prey, and triggers even stronger predator impulses in your attacker. Unless you are absolutely sure that you can reach safety if you run, before he catches up with you, better not run.

One trick I've heard about several times that might help, if you do decide to run for it, is to have, already prepared in your pocket, a money clip and wad of bills — one \$20 wrapped around about 10 ones. As you bolt, throw the wad of money in the opposite direction. Many muggers will go for the easy money instead of the rapidly disappearing victim.

To learn about the aggressive side of self-defense, take a course. You can read articles and books till the cows come home, but nothing beats a workout with someone like Melissa and Jim where you actually attack someone a foot taller than you are, shout like a drill sergeant, and go for the groin or the eyes. Women in this society have been conditioned to be good victims. That was no one's intention, of course — but who could have figured that society would be what it is in the 1990s, in the '50s, '60s and '70s?

The course at Temple Sinai was taught by James O. Olsen, 548 Benefit Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 02961, and Melissa Sozlt. There are other instructors, other workshops, of course. Please get in touch with someone who can help you learn to defend yourself. Your life may depend on it.

## Senior Guild Calendar

The Cranston Senior Guild will sponsor the following events for all paid-up members. (Contact Helen Forman, 145 Metropolitan Ave., Providence, to pay annual dues.)

On May 11, there will be a trip to Ellis Island. Call Fran Mendelsohn, 944-7140, for details.

On May 27 to June 3, there will be a trip to Alaska. Contact Thomas Cook Travel (943-4545) or Judah Rosen (942-0985).

On June 9, an installation and membership luncheon will be held at the Venus de Milo Restaurant. Call the Gilsteins at 941-4298.

On June 16, there will be an event at the Barker Tavern. Contact Dorothy Rosen at 942-0985.

## Temple Sinai Sisterhood

On May 1, Temple Sinai Sisterhood will be holding a flea market from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items will be clothing, toys, baked goods, jewelry, and white elephants.

On May 13, the Sisterhood will be having Sisterhood Sabbath at 8:15 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening will be General Treasurer Nancy J. Mayer.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Stop Hate Conference BBYO Honors At Breakfast Brown Bag Club: 'The Menopause and Beyond'

The National Conference (formerly The National Conference of Christians and Jews) and the Rhode Island Commission on Bias and Prejudice is pleased to announce its second statewide Stop Hate Conference. The event will take place April 28 at Temple Beth-El in Providence from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The goal of the conference is to raise awareness of hate crimes in the Ocean State; how to identify them, prevent them, and respond to them when they happen.

Keynote speakers at this event will be Jack Levin and Jack McDewitt of Northeastern University, authors of the book *Hate Crimes: The Rising Tide of Bigotry and Bloodshed*.

Levin is a nationally recognized sociologist who has writ-

ten extensively about prejudice and violence in America, and appears frequently on national television programs.

McDevitt is an academic expert on hate crimes in America, and associate director of the Center for Applied Research at Northeastern University. He recently participated in creating the first national report on hate crimes, *The 1990 Hate Crimes Resource Book*, and has served as a consultant on hate crimes to the FBI.

The keynote address will be followed by small group discussions and opportunities for community organizing.

The conference is open to the public, and the cost is \$10; \$5 for students. For registration and more information, call 351-5120.

Frank Avruch of WCVB-TV, Channel 5, will be one of the special guest media personalities honored at the sixth annual Friends of BBYO Breakfast sponsored by the Adult Regional Board of the New England Region B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

The breakfast will be held May 1 at the Sheraton Needham Hotel in Needham, Mass., from 9 a.m. until noon.

Also honored will be John Dennis, news director of WNAC-TV, Channel 7.

The breakfast will pay special tribute to Ruth Landow, past advisor of Judy Ann Levin BBG; Donald Samuels, Sports Lodge B'nai B'rith; Anne Werman, past president Star of David Chapter B'nai B'rith Women; and Leo Sacher, past president Amos Lodge B'nai B'rith.

Breakfast chairwoman is Selma Engler of Needham and the board chairman is Steve Shecter of Needham.

For information call 969-8455.

### Brown Bag Club: 'The Menopause and Beyond'

"The Menopause and Beyond" is the title of a CIBA-GEIGY and P.E.A.K. (Physicians Encouraging Awareness and Knowledge) sponsored program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Brown Bag Club on April 26 at noon.

It will feature guest speaker Donna Wilberg, R.N., N.P., as well as a slide presentation and take-home materials for all who attend.

The JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, offers adults an opportunity to enjoy informative speakers and view movies on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month with the Brown Bag Club.

Bring a brown bag lunch with you; dessert and beverage will be provided. A \$1 donation is appreciated. Yiddish Vinkel will follow at 2 p.m.

Contact Evy Rappoport at 861-8800 for details.

### Dvora-Dayan Club of Na'amat/USA

The annual theater party will be held on April 24 at 2 p.m. at Rhode Island College.

The feature will be the musical "Gypsy." Members and friends are encouraged to buy and sell tickets to ensure the success of this fund-raising project.

Chairman for the theater party is Ceil Krieger. For more information, call Ceil at 351-2139.

### Genealogical Society

On May 1 at 2 to 5 p.m. (schmooz and resource time 1 to 2 p.m.), The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston will sponsor a lecture at the Hebrew College cafeteria, 43 Hawes St., Brookline, titled "Researching Probate Records."

Two of the society's attorneys, Bette Winik and Jim Yarin, will lead listeners through the intricacies of legal research with an emphasis on its value to the genealogist. They will explain (in layman's terms) the what, where and how of gleaning information from wills, adoptions, change of name, guardianships, divorce, etc. For more information, call (617) 784-0387.

### Kosher Mealsite and Senior Programs

The kosher mealsite program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, will show the video, "Mexico, Journey to the Sun" on April 24 from 11 a.m. to noon.

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

Exercise is scheduled during the week at 11:15 a.m. Bridge is held on Mondays from noon to 3:45 p.m.; Women's Forum is held on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon; "Kumsitz," led by Lola

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### Sisterhood of Temple Shalom

The women of the Sisterhood of Temple Shalom will participate in the annual Sisterhood Sabbath service on April 22 at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer has written and compiled a special service for this event.

Participating in the service are: Barbara Jagolinzer, Lois Schneller, Sylvia Greenbaum, Eva Seigel, Frieda Nemtsov, Esther Wolk, Roberta Rubin, Sarah Chilabato, Emily Anthony, Fran Mendell, Amy Kuell, Linda Nathanson, Leslie Saunders, Gail Reiter, Daisy Gilmore, Ruth Ostrow, Ruth Ziegler, and Sarah Jagolinzer.

Following the service, an Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by the Sisterhood in the temple social hall.

For more information, call 846-9002.

### R.I. History Lunch Series

The Rhode Island Historical Society continues its series of informal noontime talks on the third Thursday of the month at the Aldrich House, 110 Benevolent St. in Providence.

The speakers share the discoveries of their research in the manuscript and graphics divisions of the library, as well as in related Rhode Island archival collections.

Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

For further information, call 331-8575.

## Calendar of Jewish Events

### Thursday, April 21

10 a.m. — The Kosher Mealsite program at the JCCRI departs for its first spring trip to the Cock 'n Kettle Restaurant and then to the Willard House Clock Museum in Worcester, Mass. Return by 4 p.m. Call 861-8800.

8 p.m. — "Sweet Sixteen" fund-raiser for Alperin Schechter Day School in the Alperin Meeting House. For more information, call 751-2470.

### Friday, April 22

Last day to submit applications for the JCCRI's 1994 I.S. Low Award. The award recognizes a young center member (grades 10 to 12) who has made the greatest contribution to the endeavors of the JCCRI. For more information, call Alisa Yanow at 861-8800.

6:15 p.m. — The JCCRI Singles group will be holding an Oneg Shabbat service with dinner to follow at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick. Call Merrill at 331-5582.

8:15 p.m. — Touro Synagogue is co-sponsoring a weekend to celebrate Newport's religious heritage. A special service is scheduled in the Main Sanctuary. For more information, call 847-4794.

Send calendar entries to: R.I. Jewish Herald, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940, or fax to (401) 726-5820. Entries must be received by the Friday prior to publication.

### Monday, April 25

10:15 - 11:15 a.m. — The on-site JCCRI class, "Dancing Thru Pregnancy," begins and is an exercise and conditioning program designed for the expectant mother. For more information, call at 861-8800.

### Tuesday, April 26

8 p.m. — Brown's Judaic Studies, Hillel presents a lecture by Aharon Appelfeld, an Israeli Holocaust survivor novelist, "My life, My work." For more information, call 863-2805.

### Wednesday, April 27

11:30 - 12:30 — Beginning today at the center, the JCCRI will offer "AfterDance," an exercise and fitness class designed for new mothers and their babies (must be under 8 months old). For more information, call 861-8800.

7 - 8:30 p.m. — "Country and Western Dance Instruction" begins today at the JCCRI. Class is designed for toddlers through seniors. For more information, call Jay Snyder at 861-8800.

### Thursday, April 28

8 p.m. — Humorist Charlie Hall and his Ocean State Follies will perform at Temple Beth-El in Providence for MATIV's Fifth Annual Comedy Night benefiting the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. For more information, call 331-6070.

## Business & Professional Women's Affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island

Election of the proposed slate of Officers and Board of Directors will take place at the Business & Professional Women's Affiliate Annual Meeting, May 19, 1994 at Temple Beth-El.

### Officers:

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Proposed Directors to serve a one-year term ending May 1995.

Counter nominations must be made in writing to the Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee, and must be received at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Such nominations require at least three (3) signatures of Business & Professional Women's members-at-large other than the member making the counter nomination.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Wonderful Watercolors at Gallery 401

by Alison Smith and Michael Fink

There are only 15 paintings, which is not many when you're mounting an exhibition, but those 15 are outstanding. Rabbi Hershy Worch, of Ohawe Sholam Congregation, Pawtucket, is an artist. Not an amateur, who paints for the love of art, but an artist to be taken seriously and supported.

The most striking thing about his big watercolor paintings is their three-dimensional quality. He draws you into the depths of the subject, particularly in #1, #3, #11 and #12.

The subject of #3 is an old truck — not very promising material, you might think. But this truck is something else. The hulk sits there proudly in the hot sun, battered but not beaten. You feel as though you could crawl right into the shadows under that old engine and get out of the baking sun. The air moves through the empty cab as the wind blows across the sky above it.

Al-Sheik, #12, portrays a

quiet, perhaps deserted, corner of a mid-eastern town. The viewer stands in the shade of an old horse-chestnut tree, looking out into brilliant sunlight. The painting is only 11" x 14" but it carries you into that corner very convincingly.

There is a painting of a chair which displays patterns of light — reflections, shadows and the hot glow of sunshine — so beautifully that the chair itself is almost incidental.

The most striking picture is an unnumbered, untitled portrait of a young woman. It may be Worch's best work. It's hard to see how he could top it.

The exhibit will be at Gallery 401 until May 10. Please see it.

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### The Light in Safed

"The light in Safed is softer than the sharp brightness of Brooklyn." Rabbi Hershy Worch asks you to take note of air tones in his watercolor compositions.

His work avoids the "primiti-

ve" fashion in Jewish painting. Even the subject matter of his still-life pieces makes you think and feel in subtle, quiet ways.

My favorite of his Safed studies depicts a wooden garden chair with a pair of demitasse cups on the seat. You figure out for yourself the mood and meaning behind the scene. Rabbi Worch goes for the mystical, silent, sacred presence in the everyday, rather than obvious and overstated symbols. The very walls of Safed whisper ancient secrets which we cannot hear over the din of our high-tech lives.

Of his American metaphors from New York, a wall phone standing above a jar of brushes and pens clues you into his state of mind. He'll gladly say or write his ideas directly, but it's far more fun to play with your own associations and come up with your own answers to the big questions.

For this reviewer, the haunted alleys of the city of the

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"CHAIR," by Rabbi Hershy Worch at Gallery 401.  
Herald Photo by Alison Smith

## City Nights Presents Award Winner

City Nights Dinner Theatre, in its 10th anniversary season, announces the opening of "Out of Order." The show is produced by David Jepson and opens April 29, running Friday and Saturday evenings through May 22. There will also be an evening performance on May 19 and matinees on May 15 and 22.

"Out of Order" is directed by David Jepson and stars Richard Wilber, Natalia Bystranyk, Steve Gould, Mark Silberstein, Barrie Atkinson, Dan DiLuchhio, Linda Cardinale, Doug Cameron, Lee Rush and Denise Moffat.

It is a fast-paced farce. When Richard Willey, a government junior minister plans to spend the evening with Jane Worthington, one of the opposition's secretaries, things go disastrously wrong beginning with the discovery of a "body" trapped in the hotel's only unreliable sash window. An identity crisis and many lies cause things to go from bad to worse. It won the 1991 Olivier Award for Best Comedy.

City Nights is located at 27 Exchange St. (next to the Pawtucket Times building in Pawtucket.

Seating is from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Sunday matinee seating is from noon until 1 p.m. with dinner served at 1 p.m. Curtain is an hour and a quarter after serving time. Cocktails and soft drinks are available at the bar for all performances.

Tickets for City Nights are by reservation only. For reservations, call 723-6060.

## Main Gallery Art Exhibits

Opening April 24, the Main Gallery of the Providence Art Club will feature the works of Juan Lins-Morstadt, Stephanie Marzella and Ruth Clegg. Lins-Morstadt will show a series of large oil paintings of landscapes. He focuses on light, weather and the seasons, while "only barely alluding to a human presence in the countryside," he says. He is a 1976

graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design with a bachelor of fine arts in painting. He also holds a degree in history from the University of Nebraska.

The works of these three artists will be on exhibit until May 13.

Meanwhile, in the Dodge House, Nick Paciorek will exhibit a series of Fauvist inspired landscape paintings. Paciorek's works focus on the play of color and light. The artist comments: "I choose colors that reflect my mood as I view my subject matter at that moment."

Originally from Chicago, Ill., Paciorek graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 1985 with a bachelor of fine arts degree. He has lived in Providence for the past five years. Paciorek's works will be on display from April 24 to May 6.

All art club exhibits are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Dodge House) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Main), weekdays; and 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

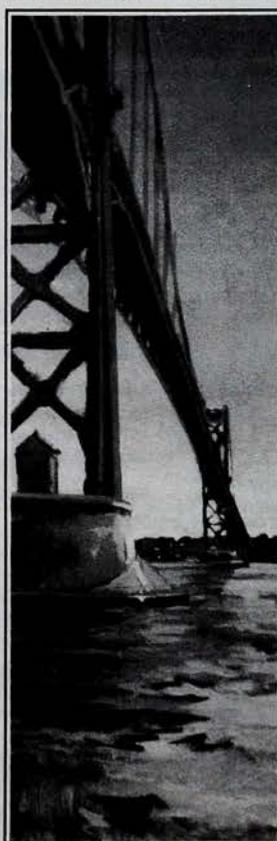
## Art Exhibition

Artist Jessica Deane Rosner will be exhibiting her enamels at the Sarah Doyle Gallery, which is located in the Sarah Doyle Women's Center, 185 Meeting St., Providence, R.I.

The show will open April 25 and continue through March 2.

There will be an opening reception May 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the center. The exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 863-2187.



"SPAN" — Oil on canvas (20" x 58") by Nick Raciorek.

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April 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7:30 p.m., April 24 and May 1 at 3 p.m., the All Children's Theatre production of "**Les Misérables**" at the First Unitarian Church, Corner of Benefit and Benevolent Streets, Providence. Call 331-7174.

April 23 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, Cranston, the **Spring Carnival Ball**, sponsored by the International Institute of Rhode Island. Samba! Win prizes! Call 461-5940.

April 23, at 8 p.m., "**Cabaret Night**" at Lincoln School, 301 Butler Avenue, Providence. Staff and students will perform. Call 331-9696.

April 23 and 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schofield Armory, 705 New London Avenue, Cranston, (Route 2 opposite the Medical Center) the **Northeast Feline Fanciers, Inc., Cat Show**, to benefit local animal welfare. Call 467-7712.

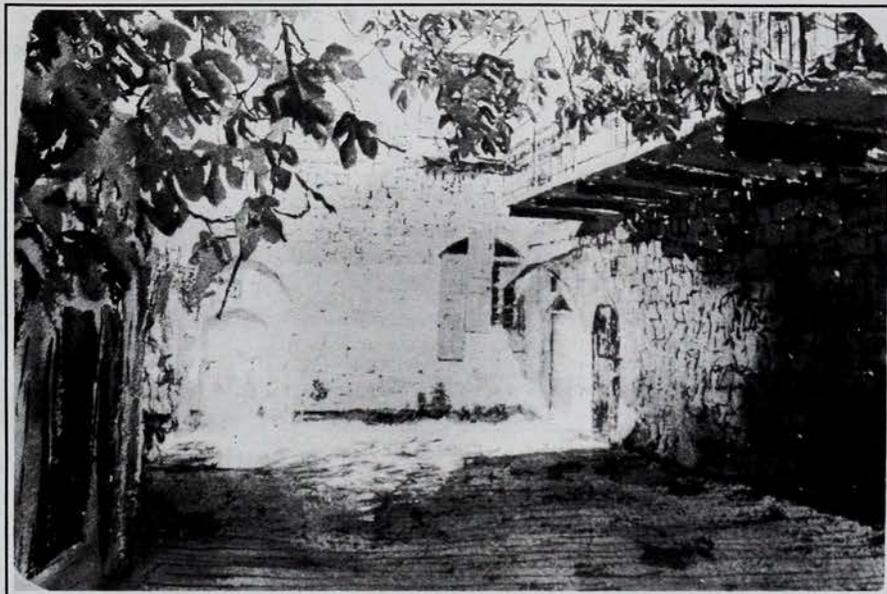
April 24, a Kids' Sake "**Community Day**" at North Bowl Lanes, Route 1, North Attleboro, sponsored by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New Hope, Inc. Call (508) 226-4015.

April 25, at 6 p.m., a light dinner and annual membership meeting of the PARI Independent Living Center, 550 Prospect Street, Pawtucket. Call 725-1966.

April 26, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., a Taste of the Nation food and wine tasting evening to benefit hunger relief. At the Fleet Center Galleria and main office lobby, Fleet Building, Providence. Call 826-3073.

April 28, 7 p.m., "**Providence Movie Exhibitions in the 1930s and 1940s**," by Professor Richard Testa of Providence College, sponsored by the Rhode Island Historical Society, to be held at Tilden Thurber Building, 292 Westminster Street, Providence.

April 29, 1 to 4:30 p.m., at Eleanor Slater Hospital Conference Center, 600 New London Avenue, Cranston, a forum on the **Brain and Behavior**, for those working with senior citizens. Four speakers. Call 455-6069 by April 22 to reserve space, if possible.



"AL-SHEIK," by Rabbi Hershy Worch, at Gallery 401.

## Wonderful Watercolors

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Cabala, Safed, stole the show. I once stood among these lanes and lawns at brilliant twilight, when the courteous, soft-footed Falashas, like mute black angels, laid out their cotton shawls on dark green shrubs to dry. The sheer drama of every object in Safed comes across in Worch's watertones and clear lines and form.

In the eyes of his portrait of a child and his picture of a woman, you find the same celebration of intimacy and mystery. You must see this show. Jews call themselves people of the Book. This rabbi's images will take you to a studio world where Jews are artists and visionaries.

## A Breath of Fresh Air from the Windy City

One of America's freshest and finest classical ballet companies, Ballet Chicago will perform two shows at New Bedford's Zeiterion Theatre — a full-length performance on May 1 at 7 p.m. for the general public, and a school-time performance for students in grades four and up on May 2 at 10 a.m.

In the full-length performance, the company will perform five pieces — "By Django," "Tchaikovsky Pas De Deux," "Scenes From An Italian Songbook," "Tarantella," and "A Hairy Night On Bald Mountain."

At the Zeiterion, this youthful ensemble will show off their repertory which has a strong base of Balanchine neoclassicism mixed with an adventurous assortment of works.

"Tchaikovsky Pas De Deux"

by George Balanchine is a bravura pas de deux with an opening adagio which is a peerless confection of floating lyricism, while the solos deliver explosive pyrotechnics and the duet culminates in a brilliant coda.

A pas de deux by Balanchine, "Tarantella" explodes with energy and speed in a fast-paced dance. It follows the legend of the two Neapolitan gypsies who are bitten by a tarantula, and must dance as if there is no tomorrow in order to rid their bodies of the spider's poison.

The comedic farce by David Parsons, "A Hairy Night on Bald Mountain" delivers a rapid-fire series of episodes that delve into love, intrigue, thievery and other human motives. It features 15 characters — among them a detective, a

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## Reception Honors Popkin

"She serves Israel with her arm, heart, and her head," Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, Jewish National Fund executive vice president, said about Ruth W. Popkin (JNF of America president) at a ceremony in her honor attended by scores of dignitaries and communal leaders. From left, Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Stuart Paskow, JNF director of communications; Ruth W. Popkin, past president of the JNF; Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, JNF executive vice president, and Mrs. Cohen.

## Markind Appointed Chairman of That's Saul, JNF National Future Leadership Folks

Milton S. Shapiro, president, Jewish National Fund, recently announced the appointment of Daniel B. Markind as chairman of the JNF National Future Leadership.

Markind is an attorney with the City of Philadelphia Law Department. He is a member of the JNF national board of directors and the National Community Campaign Committee, and vice president and member of the board of directors, JNF Philadelphia.

He served as the national chairman of the 1993 Artzenu III Mission to Israel, and as chairman of Future Leadership, JNF Philadelphia, from 1985-1986 and 1987-1990.

The National Future Leadership is composed of individuals between the ages of 21 to 40 who support JNF's work in water conservation, afforestation, and land development for agriculture, communities, recreation and tourism.

by Gina Santoro

Ask Saul Alden Fern, long-time chairman and chief executive officer at FitzGerald & Company, to describe himself in one word, and what he immediately says, laughingly, is "bald."

Saul, who lives in Warwick, recently retired from a career at FitzGerald & Company, a 50-year-old advertising, marketing and public relations agency in Cranston, a move that he had planned for about 10 months.

Charlotte I. Penn, former executive director of the National Conference (formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews), an organization founded to combat prejudice and bigotry, credits Saul with pitching right in and helping her with every task, from single-handedly running an education conference for the media about the Southeast Asian community, to attending countless meetings, to taking her on tours to meet Rhode Island's key media people.

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## Post To Speak at Brunch

Marlene Post, national treasurer of Hadassah, will be the featured guest speaker at Hadassah's statewide donor brunch on April 24 at 10:30 a.m., in the convention center.

Post, a leader in many Jewish and community service organizations, has served as a past president of the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Nassau County, served on the boards and as officer of United Jewish Appeal; and worked with State of Israel Bonds, the

Holocaust Commission and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

She was the first woman president of Temple Judea of Manhasset, N.Y., and served on the advisory board of the N.Y. board of rabbis and the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

Currently, Post serves on the board for Israeli Organizations serving the disabled and is the national vice president of the American Friends of the Israel Sports Centers for the Disabled, for which she received the 25th anniversary medal from president Chaim Herzog. "All proceeds from this donor brunch will benefit the

Mother and Child Pavilion now under construction in Jerusalem," stated Rosalind Bolusky, president of the R.I. chapter of Hadassah. Bolusky added, "the response by Hadassah members from all parts of the state has been most supportive in this fund-raising project. At 10:30 a.m., Post will be present at a champagne reception to honor major donors in the rotunda at the convention center (minimum donation — \$350). The donor brunch starts at 11:15 a.m. (minimum donation \$50) and Charlie Halls' Ocean State Follies, will entertain after the brunch. For additional information, call 463-3636.

## Women's Division Jewish Federation of Rhode Island

Election of the proposed slate of Officers and Board of Directors will take place at the Women's Division Annual Meeting, May 11, 1994 at Temple Emanu-El.

### Officers:

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Proposed Directors to serve a two-year term ending May 1996.

Counter nominations must be made in writing, signed by not less than ten (10) members and filed with the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

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Maternal great-grandmother is Fran Priest and maternal great-grandmother is Sadie Brown. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halpern.

Jamie is named in loving memory of her maternal great-grandfather Joseph Priest and her paternal great-grandmother Katherine Halpern.

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# School Beat



## Zimriyah! at Temple Torat Yisrael

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-editor

There was an All School Zimriyah April 13 at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Temple Am David joined in. Rabbi Nechama Goldberg and some of her young singers were there, too.

The movable wall separating the sanctuary from the assembly hall had to be pushed out of the way to make room for the overflow crowd.

The program featured Israeli songs. Occasionally, the audience just joined right in. Cantor Shimon Gewirtz coordinated and directed the zimriyah, Steven Martorella provided a marvelous musical accompaniment.

At the conclusion of the musical program, each teacher and student teacher received a token of respect and affection — a cactus. Like the sabra, or a good teacher, a cactus is tough on the outside, soft, sweet and mellow on the inside.

## No Clowning

A colorfully clad clown will greet young children at the immunization sites at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and at Notre Dame Ambulatory Center and will distribute coloring pages and crayons to youngsters, as well as information on preventing childhood illnesses to parents.

In recognition of National Infant Immunization Week April 23 to 29, Memorial joins with health care facilities throughout the country in making fam-



SING OUT SWEET LAND — and these youngsters from Temple Am David give it all they've got at a Zimriyah to celebrate Israel's Independence Day, April 14, at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Herald Photo by Alison Smith



SOMETIMES YOU FEEL LIKE CLAPPING, sometimes you don't. Young singers from Temple Torat Yisrael at a Zimriyah to celebrate Israel's Independence Day, April 14.

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## Preschool and Kindergarten

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ilies aware of the importance of immunizations. Parents are invited to bring any young children that have not had their shots or are behind on their shots to the free immunization sessions.

"Because of all the bad weather this winter, many families may have missed appointments with their doctor," notes Carolyn Murray, R.N., Memorial's director of ambulatory care and coordinator of the immunization sessions. "This is an opportunity to make sure that your child receives all the vaccines needed for protection against common childhood illnesses," she adds.

The free immunization sessions will be held at the Family Care Center at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, 89 Pond St., Pawtucket, on April 21 and April 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (401) 729-2161.

## Poet to Read at the Library

Poet Don Berger will read from his 1993 book, *Quality Hill*, at the Barrington Public Library on April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Berger is currently the chair of the English department at the Brimmer and May School in Chestnut Hill, Mass. He has taught in Germany and Washington state and was an upper school English teacher in the Wheeler School in Providence, R.I., throughout most of the 1980s. This reading is free and open to all.

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# OBITUARIES

## ESTHER E. CASLOWITZ

PROVIDENCE — Esther E. Caslowitz, 70, of 161 Freeman Parkway, former secretary to the president of Brandeis University, died April 11 at home. She was the wife of Monroe L. Caslowitz.

Born in Arlington, Mass., a daughter of the late Louis and Rose (Ballan) Blauer, she had lived in Providence for 25 years before moving to Florida in 1987. She maintained a summer residence in Providence.

From 1950 through 1960, she had been secretary to Dr. Abram Sachar, former president of Brandeis University. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the women's associations of Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged. She belonged to the National Council of Jewish Women. She was past president of True Sisters and was a member of the Providence Chapter of Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Joy Caslowitz of Brookline, Mass., and Holly Rothemich of Providence; a son, Andrew Caslowitz of Providence; a brother, Charles Blauer of Lexington, Mass., and two grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Harris, Aaron and Maurice Blauer.

A funeral service was held April 13 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

## ROY LEHRER

POMONA, N.J. — Roy Lehrer, 78, of 29 Salfish Drive, Brigantine, N.J., died April 16 at Atlantic City Hospital, Mainland Division, Pomona, N.J. He was the husband of Shirley (Glaubinger) Lehrer.

Born in Altoona, Pa., a son of the late Joseph and Betsy Lehrer, he lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Brigantine nine years ago.

He was a former manufacturer of upholstered furniture in Cranston for many years. He was a former associate of the

Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, Providence, until retiring nine years ago. He was a former member of Temple Beth-El, Providence.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Norman Lehrer of Wyncotte, Pa.; a daughter, Donna L. Pierce of Columbia, Md.; two brothers, Dr. Lewis Lehrer of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Common Pleas Court Judge Samuel Lehrer of Philadelphia, Pa.; two sisters, Ruth Sommers of Vala Cynwyd, Pa., Bebe Markman of Ventnor City, N.J., and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held April 18 at the Roth Funeral Home, 116 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City, N.J. Burial was in Emeth Shalom Cemetery, Pleasantville, N.J.

## MARTIN MOSS

WARWICK — Martin Moss, 82, of 303 Greenwich Ave., a partner in the Broomfield Scrap Iron & Metal Co., Providence, for 30 years before retiring 15 years ago, died April 15 at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston. He was the husband of Ida (Geller) Moss.

Born in Lithuania, a son of the late Rev. Julius Moss and Rebecca (Cantor) Moss, he lived in Warwick for 40 years. He previously lived in Providence.

He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, the Majestic Senior Guild, the Cranston Senior Guild, and Shaare Zedek Synagogue.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Howard Moss of Marlborough, N.J.; two daughters, Sandra Zeitz of North Dartmouth, Mass., and Helene Miller of North Miami, Fla.; a brother, Dr. Barney Moss of Providence; a sister, Charlotte Greenberg of Newport, and four grandchildren. He was brother of the late Gladys Moss and Ruth Fireman.

The funeral service was held on April 17 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## RAY PINCUS

WICKFORD — Ray Pincus, 78, of 56 Wright Lane, died April 15 at the Jane Brown Unit

of Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Seymour Pincus.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Meyer and Anna Soifer, she had lived in Manchester, N.H., before moving to Wickford 21 years ago.

She was a member of the Poplar Point Association and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Robert Pincus of Andover, Mass., and Gerald Pincus of Whitinsville, Mass.; a daughter, Karen Falk of Manchester; a brother, Sam Soifer of New York City; a sister, Esther Lackoff of Hooksett, N.H.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held April 17 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## BESSIE SCHWARTZ

PROVIDENCE — Bessie Schwartz of 140 Pitman St., The Rosewood Manor, died April 13. She was the wife of the late John Koninsky and the late Louis Schwartz.

Graveside services were held April 14 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## KIRBY STEWART

PROVIDENCE — Kirby Stewart, 75, of 107 Emeline St., died April 13 at home. He was the husband of Nancy (Mark) Stewart.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Nathan and Anna (Strassberg) Schwartzberg, he had lived in Providence for the past 45 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a graduate of New York University and was vice president of its alumni club in New England. He was founder and proprietor for 15 years of the former Stewart Jewelry Co. and he was founder and partner with his wife of Kirby and Nancy Stewart, Inc., a jewelry manufacturing representatives firm. For

seven years, he had been a cub master of Pack 20 of the Boy Scouts of America at Temple Emanu-El. He was a member of Temple Beth-El, the American Legion, Redwood Lodge F&AM, the Palestine Shrine, the Manufacturing Jewelers Association and the Fashion Jewelry Sales Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Robert C. Stewart of Philadelphia and Dr. Michael Nelson Stewart of Providence; a sister Pearl Oloff of Kendall, Fla.; a brother, Carl Berg of Chapel Hill, S.C., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service took place April 15 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Ave., Providence.

## Israel/PLO Accord

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the size of the Palestinian enclave in Jericho and arrangements for the establishment of a Palestinian coast guard.

In Paris, meanwhile, where talks are being held to finalize the economic policies that will govern the relationship between Israel and the nascent Palestinian authority in Gaza and Jericho, the leaders of the two teams were reporting progress in their negotiations.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, leader of the Israeli team, and Ahmed Karia, head of the PLO's economic division, said recently that although there are some significant differences still to be resolved, they believe that the next meeting will be the concluding round.

Among the issues dealt with in the current round of the economic talks in Paris were agriculture, labor, industry, banking, insurance, direct and indirect taxes and general trade relations between Israel and the Palestinians.

## Programs

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Schwartz, is held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.; special exercise program with fitness instructor Lori Pass is held on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:40 to 11 a.m.; "Friend to Friend" meets on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon and music appreciation with Dr. Wold meets on Fridays

## Parent Power

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lations were implemented — giving parents detailed, specific guidelines to follow when educational circumstances occur.

"The problem," explains Imber, "is the federal regulation is there, but not necessarily the enforcement." School districts were ordered to let parents know of their rights; however, when attempts were made to enforce the testing and placement right, many school districts were not in the position to exercise or have the budget to deliver regulations of standards set in accordance with the law.

Where does the money come from? According to Imber, the federal government promised to fund services for children at a rate of 40 percent with the state and district to cover the rest; however, to date, it has paid about seven percent.

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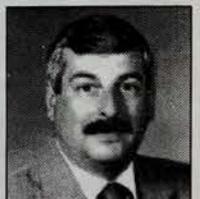
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I don't think I'll ever face fate with the stoic calm of a great Indian, it's not in my nature. But I'm grateful for the envelopes of good memories I get in the post. They wake me out of nightmare and into nobler daydreams.

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## Seven Hours

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time to make aliyah. The next age will be like it is written in the Bible... "I could not catch it all, but it was clear this soldier believed that the time for aliyah was now.

Harriet Sollosy, the daughter of Mrs. Sollosy of Providence, spoke next. She grew up in Providence and went to P.H.D.S. She lives in Jerusalem now, and has six children.

In answer to a question from one of the children, she said, yes, she did miss the people in Providence very much. But no, she did not consider returning to America.

She was asked if everyone should make aliyah. She hesitated, then said, "I think everyone should do their best to visit and if they feel like coming here to live, then that's all right."

Mrs. Sollosy came to the phone and spoke to her daughter. No one could miss the intensity of the longing and affection that went from the auditorium to Israel, and from Israel to Providence. The kids in the auditorium were very quiet while they listened.

Lastly, we had a bubble...the real-life grandmother of one of the students in the auditorium. Her granddaughter asked her

grandmother why she moved to Israel.

"We always wanted to come. We miss our friends and relatives — especially you."

"Do you ever wish to come back?"

"No."

"Why? How is it different there?"

"It's a holy land, and you can feel it when you live here."

At last, the connection with Israel was cut — no more from around the world. Time for another song, and maybe ice cream, to celebrate.

Happy Birthday, Israel!

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peared. Garbage was no longer collected. Beggars with extended stomachs were everywhere. Corpses were collected daily and buried in mass graves. Black markets flourished everywhere. Farmers no longer accepted money but only barter. Many became very rich. The children went about scavenging for bits of food, cigarette butts, and bits of coal. Houses were stripped of anything that could be used for fuel. People were surrounded in the streets, selected at random and shot on the spot in retaliation for sabotage.

From a personal viewpoint, the family discovered the body of her father near the harbor. Olsson feels that he was murdered by the Nazis. The last time she saw him alive was in the fall of 1944 when he brought home a bucket of dried beans which were to be rationed out a few at a time.

Finally, in May of 1945, the Allies liberated Amsterdam. Food and medicine became available. Even Bing Crosby was heard singing with the Andrews Sisters. Little by little, most of her uncles returned with stories of horror they had witnessed with their own eyes.

Olsson had five children, some of whom, with their own children, were in the synagogue. She firmly believes that all children should view the films of the Nazi crimes, including "Shindler's List." She feels that they should know how evil and inhumane mankind can be.

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# What Is Your Risk Tolerance Level?



PART OF THE TEAM — Kenneth F. Evans, Fred S. Van Liew and Charles A. Calverley Jr.

By Stacey A. Pacheco  
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## What Are My Rights?

by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

Dear Attorney Pulner:

I own a small company and employ anywhere from 13 to 18 people, depending on the season. After going through my books in preparation for filing my annual tax returns, my accountant informs me that approximately \$3,400 has been stolen from the cash drawer throughout the year.

Only a few employees have access to the cash register and after carefully investigating this matter, I believe that I know the identity of the person who has stolen the money. While I know that I should call the police to investigate this matter and arrest the responsible employee, quite frankly I am afraid to do so.

The employee in question, while very good at what he does, has exhibited a tendency for violent outbursts, and I am fearful that if I were to relay my suspicions to the police that either my wife or I could be in danger of retaliation.

My question to you is whether or not I should contact the police or just absorb the loss, eliminate this employee's access to the cash register, and remain quiet.

I thank you in advance for your counsel in this matter.  
Anonymous in Pawtucket

ment. If the employee you suspect of taking the money had access to the cash register during the ordinary course of his employment, then an embezzlement has occurred.

Notwithstanding the legal terminology, only you can make the appropriate decision in this matter — \$3,400 is not small change and the fact is, a crime has occurred.

While you would not be the first victim to avoid the criminal justice system for fear of "getting involved," it is not this writer's opinion that this is the proper way of dealing with this matter. Besides, don't you think that the suspect employee is going to react when you eliminate his access to your cash drawer?

To avoid such finger pointing

in the early stages, I would suggest that you designate one particular employee to be responsible for the cash drawer so that accountability can be more easily achieved. This way, when law enforcement authorities investigate this incident, no action will be required against any employee until an arrest is to be made, if at all.

To sum up, the decision whether or not to pursue this is yours, and notwithstanding your very legitimate concerns, the crime should be reported. I wish you the best.

The answers provided above are based upon general legal principles and, therefore, will vary from case to case.

Louis M. Pulner is an attorney with law offices at 2 Williams St. (at South Main Street), Providence.

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THE HERALD

Empire PRODUCTS	
FRESH CHICKEN CUTLETS	\$4 <sup>39</sup> lb.
FRESH CHICKEN LEGS	89¢ lb.
TURKEY BREAST 4-6 lb. cryvac	\$1 <sup>79</sup> lb.
CHICKEN OR TURKEY FRANKS 1-lb. package	99¢ each
BEEF FRY 6-oz. package	\$2 <sup>89</sup> each

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