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Should We Start On The Ark, Now?

Youngsters from Alperin Schechter Day School line up at the railing of a Lincoln Woods shelter and watch the rain fall on their field day. Fortunately, an ark proved not to be necessary after all. Story on page 17.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Second Century Will Mean New Name for B'nai B'rith Women

ORLANDO — B'nai B'rith Women will enter its second century with a new name.

Delegates to the volunteer philanthropic organization's biennial convention unanimously approved changing the name. A new name will be submitted to the delegates for a vote next spring. BBW will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1997.

"The delegates have taken a bold step to position this organization for the next century," said Joan Kort, BBW past president.

"Our work revolves around Jewish issues and concern for children and families. We need a name that makes that clear," said Susan Bruck, 1994-96 BBW president.

In the United States and Canada, the organization has focused on issues of family violence, prejudice reduction, Ho-

locust awareness, and children of interfaith families. At the convention, BBW launched a landmark study into the rising rate of violence perpetrated by girls.

The organization also celebrated 50 years of support of its children's Residential Treatment Center in Israel which has had remarkable success in treating severely emotionally disturbed boys. For three decades, BBW has provided a forum for dialogue through the Arab-Jewish Project, which has been called an "oasis in the desert of bigotry and hate."

B'nai B'rith Women, a volunteer philanthropic organization with members in the United States and Canada, works locally, nationally, and internationally to strengthen the effectiveness of women, foster the emotional well-being of children, and perpetuate Jewish life and values.

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in 1997.**

Foundation Searching for '30s Immigrants' Families

by Sheila Wallace

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (JTA) — A search has been launched for the families of Eastern European Jews who were brought to this country during the 1930s by philanthropist I. W. Bernheim.

In Louisville, the name Bernheim conjures up visions of the formal gardens, open fields and natural forest lands that make up Bernheim Forest, which is located about 20 miles south of the city.

Bernheim Forest and the foundation that sustains it are the legacy of Isaac Wolfe Bernheim, a Jew who made a fortune in the whiskey business and who led some 300 to 350 Eastern European Jews to freedom in the late 1930s by sponsoring them in this country.

Bernheim's legacy is part of Denver history as well, because Bernheim also lived there, and it is believed that immigrants he sponsored settled in both cities.

Much of Bernheim's life and exploits have already been documented. But, according to Charles McClure III, the executive director of the I. W. Bernheim Foundation, no one knows who was sponsored by Bernheim or where they or their descendants are today.

And that is a gap in the family history which McClure

would like to fill in before he retires in January 1995.

In 1867, Bernheim, a youth of 19, traveled to America from his home in Germany. An American uncle lured the young man to U. S. shores with the promise

of a job and the loan of funds for passage.

He reached America only to find that the job that had been promised him had evaporated along with many others as a

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Peace Accord Signed in Cairo

by Stacey A. Pacheco
Herald Co-Editor

After a heart-stopping moment, Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization signed the long-sought peace accord in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday morning. In the middle of this historic event, PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat walked away from the signing to closed quarters.

Further discussions took place and both parties returned smiling, with pens in hand, confirming a new step in this milestone.

Immediately following the joint "inking," Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, who proceeded to Jericho, the Palestinian headquarters.

Many Schools Scheduled to Reopen on Rosh Hashanah

Because public schools in many areas will open this year on the first day of Rosh Hashanah — Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day — many Jewish students and teachers will be forced to miss the first day or the first two days of school. (Ed. note: Providence city schools are opening on Sept. 6.)

To deal with this issue, the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism has issued a set

of guidelines urging that problems arising from the conflict be dealt with now. The commission recommends these steps:

1. Contact your local Jewish community relations council — or, if there is no JCRC, meet with rabbis and appropriate Jewish leaders to devise a unified, community-wide approach.

2. Discuss with school officials the problems that will be

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CELEBRATING CHANGE AFTER A CENTURY — Officers of B'nai B'rith Women celebrate after delegates unanimously voted to change the name of the nearly 100-year-old organization during BBW's biennial convention in Orlando, Florida. Commemorating the historic moment are (from left) Executive Board Member Raelaine Radnitz of Dallas, Texas; Vice President Dona Perline of Wichita, Kansas; past President Harriet Horowitz of North Miami Beach, Florida; 1994-94 President Joan Kort of Overland Park, Kansas; past Vice President Carole Romer of North Miami Beach, Florida; Vice President Randee Lefkowitz of Hollywood, Florida; and 1994-96 President Susan Bruck of Charlotte, N.C. Delegates will vote on a new name next spring. Photo by Robert A. Cumins

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

New Hope for Life

New Hope for Life, a not-for-profit organization formed to help people with AIDS and other communicable diseases, will open its doors soon in the Olneyville section of Providence to serve as a drop-off center called New Hope's Living Room, and a thrift shop for clothing, furniture, and home health care products.

The building, at 475 Harris Ave., opposite Harris Lumber, will be a thrift warehouse for donated items, some of which will be refurbished and resold, with the proceeds going toward AIDS research. Hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, and other medical care items will be loaned to people with AIDS for no charge as long as needed, and then returned to be used again.

New Hope's Living Room will be a place where families can come to drop off afflicted family members or friends for a few hours of respite day-care, allowing the caregiver some free time.

The idea behind New Hope came to Barbara and Bob Loughmiller during a cross-country trip three years ago. "Our nephew had just died of AIDS. We decided to go back home to start up New Hope for Life, and help others who are going through a similar ordeal," said Barbara Loughmiller.

"We told our friends about our idea to start a thrift warehouse that would raise money for research on AIDS and other communicable diseases. Before



Jurisprudence in Rhode Island

The Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol officially celebrated its opening on April 29, as the only school of law in the Ocean State. Although the doors opened last August, the school is expected to be at full capacity by 1997 with 600 students enrolled, taught by 30 faculty members.

we knew it, we were getting deliveries of clothing and furniture from people we knew and from total strangers. We've had donations delivered from as far away as Springfield and Cape Cod," Loughmiller said.

We initially held yard sales to pay for the rental of storage bins to hold all the donated items we were receiving," said Loughmiller. "We would open the door of our home in the morning, and there would be bags of clothing, home health products and furniture."

Loughmiller and her husband decided to form a not-for-profit organization. They received the 501(c)3 designation from the Internal Revenue Service in May, allowing New Hope for Life to receive tax-deductible donations. A board of directors was formed to oversee operations. Then came the search for a central location to serve as a thrift warehouse and

day-care site. They moved into the site at 475 Harris Ave. in Providence in late April.

"The place needs a lot of work, and we need a lot of help," Loughmiller said. "First and foremost, we have many start-up needs: money to pay the rent and utilities, purchase two trucks, and hire a professional staff for the 'The Living Room.'"

Loughmiller, whose son has also been diagnosed with the HIV-virus that causes AIDS, said, "We've all got to do what we can to eradicate this and other dreaded diseases. HIV crosses all walks of life, every ethnic group, and all ages and incomes. To see a baby, a teenager, a young man or woman with children with AIDS is heart-breaking. Now reports from Florida note several hundred seniors are also suffering from HIV and AIDS."

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Program on the Empowered Patient

On May 19 at 7:30 p.m., The HOPE Center will present a discussion of The Empowered Patient.

The power of information in dealing with cancer will be described from the perspective of a cancer patient who found a cure after being told none existed.

Gary Schine, program leader, is a small-business consultant, and author of *If the President Had Cancer — Cancer Care: How to Find and Get the Best There Is*.

The presentation will be held at St. Martin's Church, 24 Orchard St., Providence, R.I. Call The HOPE Center at 454-0404 to reserve a seat. The public is welcome, but space is limited.



May 7, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Introduction to **Boogey Boarding and Surfing** at Watershed, Wakefield. Call URI Bay Campus for details and to register. 792-6211.

May 7, 6 a.m.-3 p.m., **Great Rhode Island Trout-Out**. All ages. Sponsored by Richmond-Hopkinton Division of Westerly Chamber of Commerce. Call 596-7761 for details.

May 7, 9 a.m. throughout day, **Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics Games**. 650 athletes competing, 550 Bryant volunteers helping. Some N.E. Patriots may attend. Entertainment, also food stands. Benefiting Special Olympics. Call 232-6122 by May 6 if you are attending games.

Month of May, **Toegemann Stereographs Display** at Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston. Public welcome. Call 943-9080.

May 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Capitol Room on 11th floor of Westminster Towers, Cahir Street, Providence, a **meeting and support group for men with disabilities**, open to all. If you need help handling your wheelchair, call 725-1966 before meeting.

Breakwater Repairs Planned By Army Engineers

Repairs to three federal breakwaters in Rhode Island are planned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The breakwaters are located in Block Island's Harbor of Refuge, Point Judith Harbor, and Sakonnet Harbor. Recent coastal storms have damaged the structures and reduced their heights.

Repairs to the East breakwater in the Harbor of Refuge on Block Island will require placing an estimated 800 tons of new stone to restore it to its 1,540-foot length and 10.9-foot height (above mean low water).

At Point Judith, the East Shore arm would be repaired to its authorized 2,040-foot length and 10-foot height by the placement of 2,400 tons of new stone.

Anyone with an interest which may be affected by the proposed breakwater repairs may submit comments or request a public hearing.

About 925 tons of new stone would be needed to restore the Sakonnet Harbor breakwater to its authorized 800-foot length and 10-foot height.

"Each rehabilitation effort would require six to eight weeks to accomplish," said Col. Brink P. Miller, head of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in New England. "Actual construction would be undertaken as funds become available."

Anyone with an interest which may be affected by the proposed breakwater repairs may submit comments or request a public hearing. Hearing requests must be submitted in writing and must clearly set forth the interest and the manner in which that interest may be affected by the work. Comments and hearing requests may be sent to Miller at the New England Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 424 Trapelo Road, Waltham, Mass. 02254-9149, no later than May 9, 1994.

Support Group for Women with Disabilities

The support group for women with disabilities, sponsored by the PARI Independent Living Center, will hold a meeting on May 11, at Independence Square, 500 Prospect St., Pawtucket.

The group meets from 11:30 until 1:30 p.m. in the PARI conference room in Wing B. Participation is free. Call 792-6211 for details. (Continued on Page 19)

Hospitals Study Affiliation

Following separate actions on April 26 by the boards of trustees of Kent County Memorial Hospital and Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, the two hospitals announced an agreement to study the potentials of affiliation. Leaders of both hospitals hail the decision as a step toward allowing the institutions greater flexibility to respond to new pressures in the health care marketplace.

This action paves way for the creation of a steering committee and a 60-day study period in which representatives of the two hospitals will explore the benefits of a closer partnership. During the study period, hospital officials say that the patients and staff of each hospital should anticipate no change in current program and service offerings.

Jewish readers will no doubt recall the recent merger of The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital. Merging appears to be the currently favored solution to market pressures.

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FEATURE



The Hebrew Hummingbird

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

It's a unique bird that does things no other bird can do. It flies fast. It goes backward. It can stay still in midair and hold its ground. It darts its pen-like beak into the sweetest flowers for nectar. It takes on big foes with broad wingspans by the force of its minispeed. This is why the rubythroat has always been my favorite feathered friend and why I named my first column "The Hummingbird."

Rita Michaelson of the Friday Group, a longtime Havurah fellowship, asked me to give a Sunday night talk at her home. I called my chat "The Hebrew Hummingbird." I flew over to Julie and Rita's salon and took a chair. I put down a pile of last week's *Heralds* on the coffee table and handed some round the room. I shook hands with the guests. Peter Wegner had spoken at the Emanuel Yom Hashoa, where he was among those honored with the Never Again Award. He had taken refuge on the kindertransport in England. That generation keep up reunion rendezvous like alumni of an alma mater. Now he belongs to the Friday Group on the East Side.

Professor Charles and Ellie Elbaum survived by different routes, Charles through wartime Belgium, Ellie in Kobe in Japan. Sipping wine or coffee, this band of outlaw rebels against everyday Judaism includes an engineer from MIT, a philosopher, a couple of sociologists, my distinguished colleague Marilyn Rueschemeyer and her renowned husband Dietrich. They came from South Africa and South America, Europe and Asia. Tito Cohen teaches Spanish and French at Classical, but he traces his Sephardic roots to Morocco.

They wowed me and they charmed me.

"Please open the pages of our weekly newspaper and let me go over the layout, the format, and the resources in the community from which we draw our news and editorial materials." I listed some editors and contributors, including Ray Eichenbaum, Morris Gastfreund, Lenka Rose, Hans Heimann, Cindy Halpern and other survivors.

I gave credit to Jerry Snell, Avi Shafran, Larry Dub and others who have expressed the Orthodox political point of view. I read some passages from Bernie Kusinitz' coverage of Touro events. "Each issue comes out unique. We were free to take on the Jewish Home."

I also regaled the Friday Group with inside info on our staff. Omar Bradley took such splendid photographs! He also carried tape machines to transcribe interviews. Not like me. I work informally, and rely on pencils and on memory. I thanked Johanna Sparling for her fancy graphics that make my personal columns look good. We do good teamwork. I pulled everybody's eyes over the engagement and death notices. "Forty years ago my mom used to send me the marriage items, hint hint." And, "I go to funerals almost as often as Mr. Adler."

But the Friday Group packs a lot of power. "Where is it written you have to light a pair of candles? I light one only, just to be different," a member declared. "We rebel against inert rules and try things out new ways, our own style." Somebody protested the use of the hyphen in the word "G-d." It's just nonsense, she spoke right up. I defended ritual. "You'd be surprised how hard it is to re-

member a *yahrzeit*. But the candle really does speak to you and keep you linked over the years like a row of old-fashioned streetlights down a dark road."

I also preached a funny little sermon of my own. How you can take things away from Jews, but they gain from the loss. Without a temple, your house is your shul, and your table is your altar. Keep the customs or you cut the tie with your children, your future, not just your past. Writing my column makes my own little Chassidic minyan. I knot my tie with my town even as time takes everything away in its wake. Less is more says Judaism.

On my way out into the soft spring evening, I took note of the charm and beauty of the Michaelson house. From its deck shaded by trees and evergreens and its screened porch for intimacy and comfort to its refined and gentle colonial interior spaces, the homestead suits the ideals of the Friday Group. They take spiritual matters into their own hands and heads and make a temple out of good talk and put the tempest of revolt into the teapots of hospitality. Then I hummed my way back to my own nest.

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Survivor on Schindler's List Will Speak at R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum

The story of Schindler's List, will be told in the first person by survivor Rena FINDER on May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

FINDER will speak about her experiences of being on the list at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is part of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., in Providence.

FINDER was born in Cracow, Poland, in 1929 and grew up in a middle-class neighborhood with her parents and relatives. After the invasion of Poland in 1939, her family was forced to move into the ghetto. Rena's father was taken away at this time. Later the rest of the family was taken to the Plaszow work camp.

While in Plaszow, FINDER had the good fortune to work at Emalia, the ceramics and am-

munication factory owned by Oskar Schindler. For six months, she and her mother worked at the factory under far more humane conditions than the other Plaszow prisoners had to endure.

In 1943, upon the dismantling of Emalia, FINDER and her mother were sent to Auschwitz and then relocated to Schindler's factory in Czechoslovakia.

"Schindler saved our lives," declares FINDER. "Had we gone to Bergen-Belsen where the other women went, we would have surely died. I was so weak and sick at the time, and he (Schindler) gave us more food than the others got."

The program is free. Call Beth Cohen at (401) 861-8800 for further information.

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EDITORIAL



TORAH TODAY

The Significance of Counting the 'Sefirah'

These days between the festivals of Passover and Shavuot are marked by the custom of 'Sefirah' — counting the days of the "Omer." We begin counting immediately after the day of the liberation from Egypt, and we count for 49 days, at the end of which we celebrate Shavuot — the festival of receiving the Torah, marking the climax of the liberation.

There is a famous teaching of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism: "A Jew should always attempt to find, in everything he sees or hears, a lesson and guide towards better service of the A-mighty." This is true of "everything one sees or hears," and is so with regard to the festivals of our Torah, which contain important instructions in our daily lives.

One such vital lesson is taught by the festival of Pesach and the observance of Sefirah.

For centuries children of Israel were enslaved in Egypt, in a bondage of body and spirit and were in great danger of assimilation.

They descended to such a low spiritual level that when Moses brought them the message of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, they did not listen to him, "because of lack of spirit and hard labor." After their liberation from

enslavement, they attained, in a comparatively short time, the highest spiritual level man can reach. Every man, woman and child of Israel was fit for Divine Revelation at Mount Sinai, worthy to receive the highest knowledge and inexhaustible source of wisdom and faith for all generations to come.

This shows that every person is capable of rising from the lowest depths to the loftiest spiritual heights in a remarkably short time, if he has the wholehearted desire and will to do so.

The children of Israel had such desire and will. When they learned of the real purpose of their liberation — the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, they were impatient for that moment and counted every day in eager anticipation of the event. For this reason we too count the days of Sefirah, re-creating the feelings of our fathers in our own hearts.

The aforesaid has an additional encouraging message. When a person displays a resolute will to rise above his level, G-d helps him to achieve his goal by freeing him from all handicaps which stand in his way, so that every Jew can fulfill his soul's mission on this earth.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

Letters to the EDITOR



Ames vs. Pollard

Dear Editors:

Convicted spy Aldrich Ames' plea bargain agreement which resulted in a life sentence, serves to illustrate a terrible double standard in the justice system.

Ames, who at his hearing calmly admitted having caused the deaths of at least 11 U.S. agents and taking at least \$2.5 million from his Kremlin handlers for his years of Cold War spying for the Soviets, received a life sentence — the same life sentence meted out to Jonathan Pollard who was convicted on one count of transferring classified information to Israel, a U.S. ally.

Pollard has now served almost nine years of his life term, six of those in solitary confinement. Now that Ames has been sentenced to life, President Clinton should reconsider his decision to deny commutation of Pollard's punishment and correct a fundamental miscarriage of American justice.

Rabbi Avi Weiss
President, Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha
Judy Balint, National Director, Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha

JMV Protests Meeting at Howard Univ.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., the oldest, active national veterans group in America, has condemned the anti-Semitic and anti-white diatribes that flowed from a program recently at Howard University.

Sponsored by Unity Nation, a non-sanctioned student group at Howard University, the speeches on the so-called power of Jews and historic abuse of blacks by Jews were given by Khalid Abdul Mohammad of the Nation of Islam; Dr. Leonard Jeffries of the City University of New York, chairman of the African-American studies department; Tony Martin, chairman of the African-American studies department at Wellesley College, and Steve Coakley.

Stating that "This conclave of African-American neo-Nazis proves that Nazism is not of one color," JWV national commander Edward D. Blatt angrily condemned Unity Nation and Howard University president, Dr. Franklyn Jenifer, who has since resigned over the conflict.

Noting that Mohammed has stated his love for Colin Ferguson, the man accused of killing six people on a Long Island Railroad commuter train last December, Blatt angrily denounced Mohammed as a virulent bigot, bent on advocating anarchy and the killing of innocent people in the name of black justice.

Nixon's Relationship With Jews Paradoxical

by Deborah Kalb and Steven Weiss

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Richard Nixon's relations with Jews were as controversial and paradoxical as much else about the late former president, who died recently at age 81.

While voicing derogatory attitudes about Jews during his now-infamous White House taping sessions, Nixon hired a number of Jews as key advisers, among them Henry Kissinger, the former Harvard government professor who served first as national security advisor and then as secretary of state.

Nixon was also viewed as a strong supporter of Israel, and, with Kissinger was the first to involve the United States in "shuttle diplomacy" immediately after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, to improve relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

But on the other hand, in a move that Jews found hard to forget, Nixon asked a campaign aide, Fred Malek, to compile a list of Jews in the Labor Department.

A branch of the department had released a study with which Nixon disagreed, and Nixon, notoriously concerned about leaks to the press, immediately turned to Malek and asked how many Jews worked in the department — implying that Jews had leaked the information to the press.

Nixon-watchers differed this week on the motivations behind the late president's seemingly contradictory views about Jews.

It was Nixon who ordered the arms sent. Many believe that this move saved the Jewish state.

Gerald Strober and Deborah Hart Strober, authors of an upcoming oral history on Nixon, said that they asked sources about Nixon's derogatory comments about Jews on his tapes.

"There were some references on the tapes, and these were explained away to us, that he did this with all ethnic groups. It wasn't targeting specific groups," Deborah Strober said.

Hyman Bookbinder, the former longtime Washington representative for the American Jewish Committee who is now involved with the National Jewish Democratic Council, was on Nixon's famous "enemies lists."

Bookbinder — who commented that he would give Nixon mixed reviews overall — said that Nixon put Bookbinder and 80 others who signed a tribute to labor leader Walter Reuther on the list.

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"In the Jewish community in general," Bookbinder said, "there was a greater than average amount of concern" about this sort of "guilt by association."

Bookbinder, who termed the episode and its surrounding atmosphere "unpleasant," said that "we Jews are particularly sensitive to that kind of thing. It was not a Jewish list of enemies, but there were many Jews on the list."

Nixon was "good to Israel because of anti-communism, not because he was good to Jews."

On the other hand, Bookbinder and others said that the Nixon administration was supportive of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship.

Sheldon Cohen, a Washington attorney who served as general counsel to the Democratic National Committee during the Watergate scandal that brought down the Nixon presidency in 1974, said that Nixon was "good to Israel because of anti-communism, not because he was good to Jews."

Cohen, who serves as treasurer of the National Jewish Democratic Council, said that Nixon backed Israel because Israel was fighting Arab countries supported by the Soviet Union.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was ambassador to Washington for part of the Nixon presidency, released a statement recently saying that "Israel has lost one of its greatest friends."

Rabin said that "during the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Richard Nixon was the driving force in mobilizing the airlift to assist us with weaponry at the most difficult of moments."

Nixon's top aides disagreed about whether to resupply Israel with a massive arms shipment. It was Nixon who broke the deadlock in his administration a few days into the war and ordered the arms sent. Many believe that this move saved the Jewish state.

Stein, who said that he and Fisher met with Nixon on this issue, recalled that the delay was "largely logistical" and that Jewish groups did not blame Nixon for it.

Another issue of Jewish concern during Nixon's presidency was the plight of Jews trapped in the Soviet Union.

Although a staunch anti-communist, Nixon pursued a policy of detente with the Soviet Union, and during contacts with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, quietly urged that Soviet Jews be freed.

Both Nixon and Kissinger believed that public pressure on the Soviet leadership on the issue of Soviet Jews would be counterproductive.

(Contributing to this report was JTA staff writer Susan Birnbaum in New York.)

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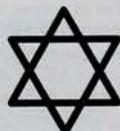
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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

INTERNATIONAL
BERLIN (JTA) — Germany's highest court ruled that the Jewish community cannot sue a French bank to recover monies embezzled by Werner Nachmann (a former leader of the community), who died in 1988 and allegedly transferred \$13.4 million of community funds (compensation payments paid by the German government to Holocaust survivors) to his personal account.

BONN (JTA) — Overturning a previous decision by Germany's highest appeals court, the Federal Constitutional Court recently ruled that Holocaust denial is a punishable offense.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of women demonstrated recently in Tel Aviv to support the rights of agunot, women whose husbands refuse to grant religious divorces.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The families of several Israeli airmen who have been missing since the Lebanon War have embarked on a hunger strike to call attention to the plight of their relatives.

LONDON (JTA) — A five-year campaign by a Conservative member of Parliament to honor Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the Nazis, has been crowned with success.

MOSCOW (JTA) — Fifteen Russian neo-Nazis recently celebrated Adolf Hitler's 105th birthday by marching through Moscow chanting anti-Semitic slogans.

NATIONAL
GREAT NECK, N.Y. (JTA) — Jewish leaders have set up a fund to cover the cost of repairing a Jewish cemetery in Queens that was desecrated twice in 10 days in April. Fifty headstones were overturned as coffins were opened and vandals left bones strewn throughout the cemetery.

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Professor Yoram Neumann, dean of California State University at Dominguez Hills, helped create the United States-Israel Management Institute to serve as a cross-fertilization ground for executives and business students from Israel and the United States.

Announce your wedding in the *HERALD*.

U.S. Fines Another Business for Anti-Boycott Violations

by Steven Weiss
WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Clinton administration has fined another U.S. business for allegedly assisting in the Arab economic boycott against Israel.

Arab American Bank, a New York-based consortium of 22 Arab, European and U.S. banks, was fined \$35,000 by the Commerce Department's Bureau of Export Administration for alleged violations of U.S. anti-boycott laws.

The fine, announced April 21, came a week after the Commerce Department announced penalties against four other companies. The department also recently issued a disturb-

ing report showing the boycott activity during the first three months of this year remained steady compared to the same period last year.

The report came as a disappointment to Jewish groups, which had expected a decrease in boycott activity as the result of renewed prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Several Arab countries have led a so-called "primary" boycott of Israeli goods since before the creation of Israel in 1948. The boycott also includes "secondary" and "tertiary" aspects, which place companies doing business with Israel on a blacklist along with companies doing business with blacklisted firms.

AJCongress Supports Right to Choose

WASHINGTON — At a Capitol Hill press conference recently, Rabbi Jack Luxemburg, past president of the National Capital Region of the American Jewish Congress, joined the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice in voicing support for the inclusion of reproductive health care and abortion in health care reform. "Universal health care is not universal," Rabbi Luxemburg said, "if it does not include comprehensive services, including abortion, for all women."

Rabbi Luxemburg's statement reads, in part: "As the debate on national health care develops, we must all acknowledge that women's health concerns have been ignored and neglected. We cannot allow an overhaul of the health care system to take place without providing for women's health care needs. In this regard, reproductive health care is critical. It is often the first type of care a woman seeks, and for many it is the only primary care they receive. Women's reproductive health

care needs — pregnancy, delivery and post-natal care, contraception, abortion, infertility services and treatment for reproductive tract diseases — are inextricably linked. Good reproductive health care not only enhances women's health, it confers benefits to a woman's children and partners.

"If anything has become clear during the long years of debate over reproductive freedom, it is that people of faith — good, decent people of deep and abiding faith — can hold dramatically different opinions when it comes to the issue of reproductive rights. It is for this reason, in particular, that I come today to speak in favor of a comprehensive national health care plan which provides for the full range of options for both men and women.

"The sages of Jewish tradition observe that to deny any person — man or woman — health care or medical treatment is tantamount to robbery. Something which they are entitled to pursue — physical health and spiritual well-being — is taken from them."

President Clinton has frequently used diplomatic channels in pressuring the Arab world to discontinue the secondary and tertiary aspects of the boycott, which seriously hamper the business of several U.S. corporations.

Congress has also acted with several bills designed to thwart boycott activity.

A statement on the report released recently by the Commerce Department's Office of Antiboycott Compliance said the Clinton administration would continue pressing for an end to the boycott, acknowledging that progress on that front has been "disappointingly slow."

In its announcement of the latest fine, the Commerce Department alleged that the Arab American Bank furnished

Syria, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates with information on other companies' business relationships with Israel and other blacklisted entities.

While agreeing to pay the fine, the Arab American Bank neither admitted nor denied the alleged violations of anti-boycott laws, which prohibit the release of information about any person's business relationships with or in a boycotted country.

Other fines assessed recently include \$31,200 against Arab Bank PLC of New York; \$10,000 against Boaleeco, a Massachusetts manufacturer of educational equipment; and \$2,000 against each of two Honeywell Inc. subsidiaries.

More than \$6,800,000 in penalties were imposed in fiscal year 1993 for alleged boycott activity.

Yom Ha-Zikaron Observances in Brookline and Israel

The consulate general of Israel to New England and the Israeli House held a Yom Ha-Zikaron ceremony at Congregation Kehillath Israel in Brookline on April 19 at 8 p.m. Yom Ha-Zikaron commemorates Israelis who died while serving in the military.

Approximately 700 Israelis living in New England attended the hour-long obser-

vation, and a poetry reading by Israeli scouts.

In Israel, Yom Ha-Zikaron is marked by the sounding of two sirens and memorial ceremonies at the Western Wall and at military cemeteries. When the sirens are sounded in Israel, all activity, including traffic, comes to a stop for two minutes. Yom Ha-Zikaron falls the day before Israel Independence day every year.

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vance. The program included the reciting of prayers, the reading of a letter to bereaved families written by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a message from Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Ehud Barak, remarks by Consul General Dan

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Calendar of Jewish Events

Thursday, May 6

8:15 — The last "First Friday" late service at Congregation Mishkan Tefila, 300 Hammond Pond Pkwy., Chestnut Hill, will be held with Rabbi Michael Menitoff and Ron Chernow. Call (617) 332-7770.

Saturday, May 7

9 a.m. — Following Rabbi Chaim Shapiro's morning Shabbat service at Touro Synagogue, Meira Max, a national member of Amit Women, will deliver the Shabbat message.

Monday, May 9

7:45 p.m. — The Dvora Dayan Club of Na'amat/USA will meet at the home of Dorothy Levy, 18 Glen Drive in Providence. The speaker will be Beth Cohen, curator of the R.I. Holocaust Museum.

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.

Tuesday, May 10

8 p.m. — Rena Finder, one of the women Oskar Schindler saved, will speak at the R.I. Holocaust Museum, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. Call 861-8800.

Wednesday, May 11

6 p.m. — National Association of Christians and Jews meeting will be held at the R.I. Convention Center. Call 458-6000.

Friday, May 13

8 p.m. — The international President of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Alan Ades, will speak at Temple Beth El, High and Locust Streets, Fall River, as the Ida and Morris A. Freeman Memorial Lecture. Call 678-2500.

8:15 p.m. — Temple Sinai Sisterhood will conduct a Sisterhood Sabbath at 30 Hagen Avenue in Cranston. The guest speaker for the evening will be General Treasurer, Nancy Mayer. Call 941-7900.

Kosher Mealsite Program

The kosher mealsite program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., in Providence, will show Part 2 of the video program, "Great Television Moments" on May 8 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Kosher mealsite invites se-

Memorial Concert

The Rabbi Bernard H. and Minna Ziskind Memorial Concert will be held at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford, Mass., on May 11 at 8 p.m.

A cantorial concert will feature Cantor Jacob Ben-Zion Mendelson and Cantor Scott A. Buckner. Repertoire includes both secular and liturgical selections, solos and duets. This is also a "farewell concert" for Buckner who is leaving the congregation.

Reception to follow, hosted by Shulamith (Ziskind) and Sheldon Friedland. Free and open to the public.

For more information, call (508) 997-3171.

Jones to Speak Cause for Celebration

Elaine R. Jones, director-counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund, will be the featured keynote speaker at the 42nd Annual Humanitarian Award Dinner sponsored by the National Conference of Rhode Island and Southeastern New England on May 11 at the R.I. Convention Center.

One of the few African American women to head a major civil rights organization, Jones holds the position which was once created and held by Thurgood Marshall. Upon her return to the United States she became the first black female graduate from the University of Virginia School of Law.

As a teacher and mentor, she
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niors 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.; Kumsitz, led by Lola 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 a.m. 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 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Shabbat traditions are observed on Friday evenings. Tea, coffee and pastries are served on Sundays at 10 a.m. and movies and video programs are held once or twice per week. Check the kosher mealsite calendar, posted in the JCCRI lobby, for a listing of this month's events. For more information, contact Sandy Bass at 861-8800.

The women's division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will mark the conclusion of its '94 campaign with their annual meeting and installation of officers and board of directors.

The event will take place on May 11 at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. It will commence with brunch at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting following at 10 a.m. Dietary laws will be observed.

Myrna Rosen will be the installing officer. She is past president and campaign chairperson of the Rhode Island women's division and currently serves on the boards of UJA's regional and national women's divisions.

Reservations should be made in advance by calling 421-4111.



A Celebration of Lag B'Omer

Teaching children at a very young age that it feels good to give, as preschoolers put dimes in a tzedakah (charity) box on April 29, sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch on April 29.

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Getting Attention

Guinness Book of World Records recordholder, Lon Cerel (left), contributed to a day of fun with Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer, celebrating Lag B'Omer at the JCCRI.

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"The Counting of the Omer"

Preschoolers and kindergartners learn about the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot — "The Counting of the Omer," at the JCCRI.

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Rabbi Worch Speaks To Brown Bag Lunch Club

Rabbi Hershy Worch, whose watercolor paintings are currently on display in Gallery 401, will speak on Hasidic life and on Jewish mysticism on May 10 at noon at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island in Providence. Visit the art gallery to enjoy his works through May 10.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island 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. For more information, call Evy Rapoport at 861-8800.

Rabbi Hershy Worch exhibits his breathtaking watercolors at Gallery 401, located in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. The display will be available for viewing and purchase until May 10. "Hasidic Boy" (left) and "Blue Alley" both measure 29" x 41". For more information, call 861-8800.

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Hadassah Features Dershowitz at Benefit Hospital Model Building Contest

The Worcester and Leominster chapters of Hadassah have announced their first-ever joint donor event to benefit the Hadassah Medical Organization. The funds raised will go towards the new Children's Pavilion in Jerusalem, a state-of-the-art pediatric hospital within the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center.

The building, designed by architects working closely with medical experts and child psychologists, attempt to make the hospital experience as easy as possible for the young patients.

Every aspect of the medical center, from wall murals to dinner trays, has been considered in this one-of-a-kind facility.

Hadassah is the major referral and transplantation center in the Middle East.

To raise the chapters' share of construction costs, the two Hadassah groups will be bring-

ing well-known attorney Alan Dershowitz to Worcester. This is a rare public appearance by Dershowitz, who has been described by *Newsweek* magazine as "the nation's most peripatetic civil-liberties lawyer and one of its most distinguished defenders of individual rights."

Joining Dershowitz at the speaker's podium will be National Hadassah Medical Organization chairwoman, Carmela Efros Kalmanson.

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In order to build excitement for its "Road to Recovery" campaign for the new Children's Pavilion hospital, Worcester Chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring a model building competition.

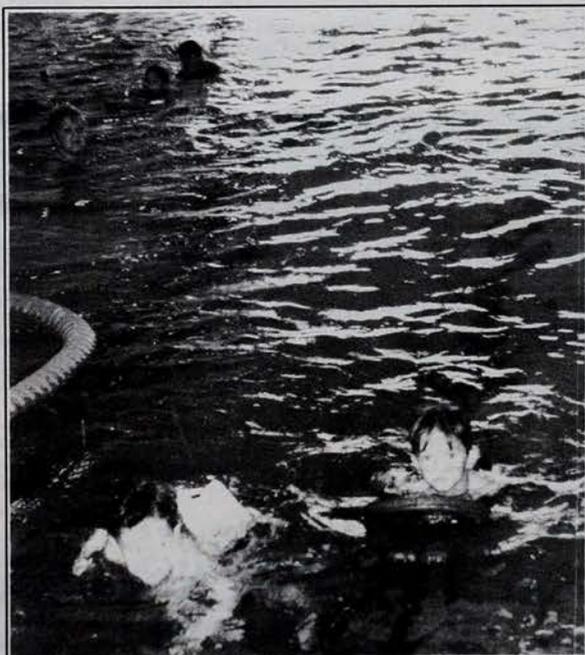
Targeted at children in three age groups, 6 to 8, 9 to 11, 12 to 15 years, the organizers are asking children to build their vision of the hospital.

The model may consist of any non-perishable material they choose, and the base may be no more than 24 inches square.

Children in the 12 to 15 year group are also asked to write a paragraph on "How I can help Hadassah build the Children's Pavilion."

Entries should be brought to Congregation Beth Israel on May 22, between 9 and 10 a.m.,

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ROUND ONE AT THE SWIM-A-THON — Almost at the finish line are two determined Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island preschoolers completing laps as sponsors for the ongoing fund-raiser Swim-A-Thon, through May 15.

Herald photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

Swim-A-Thon '94

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, is holding its annual Swim-A-Thon fund-raiser May 1 through 15. Those interested in helping the center can do so in two ways.

Swimmers can earn prizes by picking up a sponsor sheet at the JCCRI and finding individuals or businesses who will pledge money for every lap completed during the event. Swimmers of all ages are welcome to participate.

Donors can make a contribution in their child's name or the name of another by filing out a pledge card, available at the center, and returning it with funds to the JCCRI by May 15.

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Timeless and Universal

Growing up in Las Vegas is like growing up anywhere else, says Lisa Mandel, currently touring in *The Will Rogers Follies*.

"It was a great place to grow up. There's a huge influx of Californians moving in because they're tired of shaking and baking out there," she says during a phone interview.

Mandel was first introduced to the stage at 8 performing with the Rainbow Children's Theater Company in Las Vegas. Though Rainbow's kids were age 8 to 18, they did work along with older actors.

loomed.

She auditioned at a third call-back for *The Will Rogers Follies*, but this time it was for Tommy Tune, the show's associate director, and Jeff Calhoun, associate choreographer, who had both come to Los Angeles.

"All went well," says Mandel. They invited her and several others to New York for a final call-back.

"I'm not sure what it was about me that got their attention," she says. "It could have been my height at that point. Sometimes we'll term shows a tall girl's show because requirements at auditions are for performers at least 5'8."

Performers are also given a combination of movement requirements and if one makes it through that far, vocal auditioning happens as well.

Final auditions for *The Will Rogers Follies* were held at the Palace

forth that they have their Broadway company, and now, the national touring company.

"To celebrate, I hopped on a plane and went to L.A. to celebrate with my closest friends at the Cheesecake Factory."

A month later, she was back in New York for two weeks of rehearsals and the first stop of the tour in San Francisco.

Mandel is cast in several roles in *The Will Rogers Follies*. She is one of the New Ziegfeld Girls, plays one of Will's sisters, one of Betty Blake's sisters, and is one of two understudies for Ziegfeld's Favorite.

She loves the show. "It's fabulous. We have a tremendous company. The camaraderie is the finest you'll find. I'm surrounded by positive energies. Sure, we have occasional spats just like you'd have with your own family."

The Will Rogers Follies covers the life and career of Will Rogers through the great showman, Florenz Ziegfeld. Rogers was the biggest star of Ziegfeld's Follies for 10 years besides being a newspaper columnist and highest-paid ra-

"There's so much this country has gone through in the past 220 years that you need to know as an American.

"However a lot of that is battling and an almost negativity of adverse events that created strength; whereas as an individual, he was really positive. I don't ever recall learning about him.

"He was very much involved with the media. It's so amazing not to have known about him, where he was so tied in with radio and newspapers."

Talking about her family, Mandel says she was an only child. Her mother lives in Las Vegas. Her father died in 1990. "It was difficult. I loved our small family, but losing my dad made it smaller."

She parallels her life to her parents gratefully. "The way my life was structured was influenced by them, but not forced upon me."

Mandel's mother was a skater for Sonya Henie. Her father was one of the technical directors and a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stagehand Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators, which embodies stagehands, dressers and theatrical people.

Her parents met during a worldwide tour with the Sonya Henie Ice Show. "Mom skated from 1942 to 1955. She was fortunate to have a job she loved because she had such a passion for skating."

About her relationship with her parents, she says, "My mom and dad were tremendous supporters of anything I chose to do. Fortunately, I chose to do positive things with my life.

"My mother is not a member of the Jewish faith, but it was she who sent me to temple. She thought that would be a more direct route of learning religion and having a faith and a place to belong.

"She was always supportive of that, and pretty much insisted that I be a Bat Mitzvah. She never converted herself. That wasn't important to her. It was more important to her that I had some sort of a background.

"She's pretty special. My mom is tops."

Looking into the crystal ball, Mandel aspires to maintain the stride she has going in musical theater.

"I would love to be part of an original Broadway company and eventually, while keeping my interest in musical theater, go back to school for an MBA or a master's in athletic administration that would allow me to get into the intercollegiate level and be an athletic director at a college," she says with a positive ring in her voice.



Lisa Mandel performs in *The Will Rogers Follies*, which comes to the Providence Performing Arts Center May 10 through 15.

"Our productions were quality ones," she says, crediting Rainbow director Judy Johnston for that first stage experience. Johnston, who now runs another theater company on the West Coast, is the daughter of the late comedienne, Totie Fields.

After high school, Mandel went on to the University of Arizona for a degree in business administration and marketing. She felt the need to have a diverse background, rather than one strictly in theater.

"The main thing about theater is realizing it is a business. A business degree isn't necessarily going to make you a whiz, but it gives a little bit of insight and organizational skills to help you along.

"I knew I wanted to be part of the entertainment industry; I don't know whether having a business degree will give me an edge or not, but I like having some knowledge in another field."

Mandel represented the state of Arizona in the Miss America Pageant in 1988. She was chosen along with six other young women from the pageant to go on a Department of Defense USO tour, which took them to the Far East, entertaining military personnel for several months in Korea, Japan and the Marshall Islands.

Returning, Mandel moved to Los Angeles, auditioning for any project she could. Those couple of years brought "a lot of rejection," she says, but she didn't give up facing "tremendous competition."

The question, she asked of herself, is are you right for what you're auditioning, and are you what they're looking for.

"It may not even be you or your skills so much as your hair color, your height, or your physical being.

Perseverance paid off and luck slowly

THE Will Rogers FOLLIES

A Life in Revue

Theater in The Big Apple. "All the creative forces who put this Tony-Award winning show together were there," says Mandel, targeting Tommy Tune, Cy Coleman, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, and Peter Stone.

Mandel debated at first whether she should sing a song by Cy Coleman sitting right out there during her audition. Brave she was, and sang his "Brass Band"

from *Sweet Charity*.

"He didn't throw anything," she laughs. "It felt comfortable for me. I guess it was well received. All I know is that I've been touring with the show since August 1992."

Mandel recalls with delight how she and other performers were told they were cast. The first surprise was the bringing in of the Broadway company of *The Will Rogers Follies* onto the Palace Theater stage.

And then an announcement burst

dio star of his day.

Through a series of glamorous and spectacular production numbers, Will Rogers, played by Mac Davis, narrates his life story.

After being in the show almost two years, I asked Mandel what she thought about the life and time of Will Rogers way before her time.

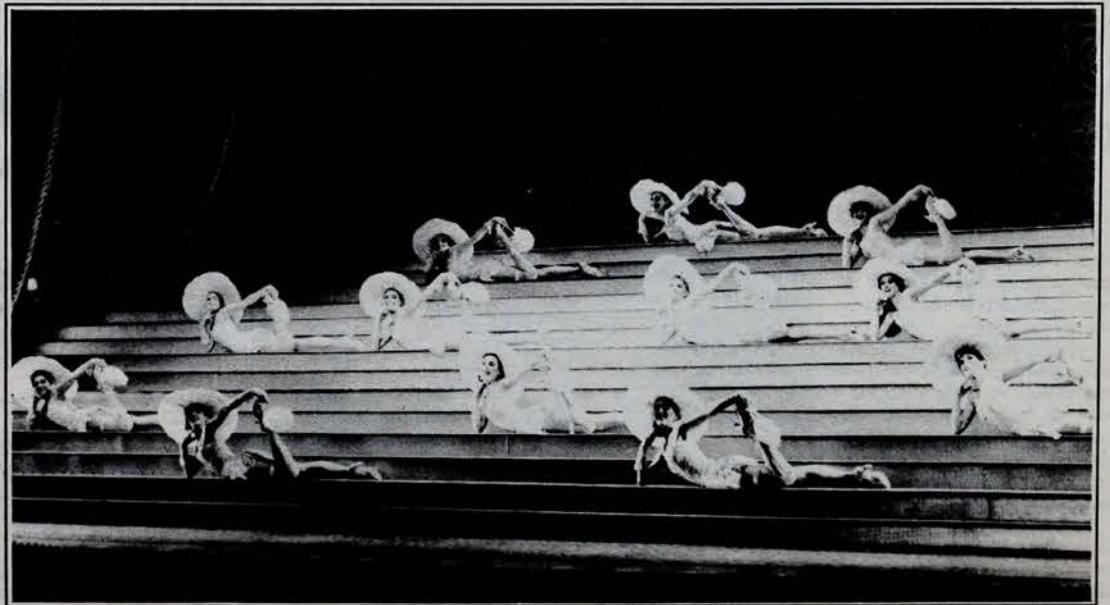
"That's the magic of theater," she replies. "Theater brings about stories not everyone is familiar with.

"If you hadn't read about someone previously or perhaps you didn't think you'd be interested, by adding music and life, it makes it more appetizing and enticing.

"I think it's great you can take a very prominent American figure for his time and tell his story to people who weren't his peers and tell it to people who were."

Mandel thinks Will Rogers is universal and timeless. "His philosophies are absolutely timeless. There's a Depression speech he gave in 1929 that is recreated in our show. The points he makes are completely relevant in the 1990's.

She's disappointed that while growing up, she didn't know more about Will Rogers in her U.S. history classes.



Lisa Mandel, at center of photo, is pictured along with The New Ziegfeld Girls in "The Powder Puff Ballet" number. The national tour of *The Will Rogers Follies* is directed and choreographed by Tommy Tune, and features music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green, and book by Peter Stone.

Photo by Martha Swope

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



May 5 to July 7. Reservations taken for the one day-bus trip to Tanglewood on August 7, sponsored by the International House of Rhode Island. A full day is planned. Non-members welcome. For details call 421-7181.

May 7, at 4 p.m. and on three following weekends, "Going To Meet The Light" by Wideman, produced by Brown University's Rites and Reason Theatre, 155 Angell Street, Providence. Call 863-3558.

May 7, 6 p.m., South County Museum May Basket Day at Canonchet Farm, off Boston Neck Road, Route 1A, Narragansett. Call 783-5400.

May 8, 3 p.m., Sunday Musicales at the Library, North Kingstown Free Library, 100 Boone Street. Call 294-3306.

May 8, 2:30 p.m., the Longwood Opera presents "The Tales of Hoffmann" at Sayles Hall, Brown University, Providence. Call (617) 455-0960 for details.

May 8 to 19, Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sundays, noon-3 p.m., Wickford Art Association Gallery juried open photography show. 36 Beach Street, North Kingstown. Call 294-6840.

Realist Painter Opens at Gallery 401

The paintings of Richard Harrington will be featured in Gallery 401, the art gallery of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, from May 15 through June 7. His opening reception will be held in the gallery on May 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Harrington's paintings cover a wide range of subjects including landscapes, cityscapes, flowers and still lifes. A realist painter, he captures the unique and unusual beauty in everyday surroundings. The artist, who maintains studios in Providence and Brewster, Mass., has participated in various exhibitions and juried shows and has been the recipient of several awards.

Gallery 401 is located at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. It is open to the public Monday through Thursday, 2 to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Saturdays. For further information, call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

Aharon Appelfeld, Author and Survivor, Speaks at Brown

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"Our parents had to let us go to save us, into the care of peasants or priests, or just the forest itself. Nobody would adopt me, though I was blond as a Pole. I lived with a prostitute at the age of 8. Marginal people, half-wits and thieves took some of us in. I never went to school, but I spoke German, Ukrainian, Polish, French.... I only learned Hebrew after 1946, in Israel. I write in a language I picked up after my childhood had ended."

Aharon Appelfeld spoke at Barus Holley on the Brown campus to a full house of undergraduates and people from the community. In a soft, cadenced poet's voice he hypnotized us with the story of his life and the start of his artist's mission. He chose each word with care and a somber wit. His life sounded like a folktale, haunted and mystical, the living legend of a generation of orphans watching the horrors of the Holocaust perched in tree-tops. "We almost took it for granted. We knew nothing else. Yet I grew fearful of my own body. Did I smell like a Jew? Were my ears too long? Would my circumcision give me away? I was Moses left in the bulrushes passing as an Egyptian."

In his books, compared to Kafka's surreal sketches, Appelfeld turns away from images of cruelty and goes for subtler scenes. The sadness comes across more than the bloodshed. "It happened in stunning silence, not shouts," he said. His insights and glimpses of irony struck all the deeper. "After the war kids got jobs as kitchen boys for the Russians. Or acrobats, tightrope experts in a circus or carnival. Why? They had lived by climbing trees and hiding in the upper limbs. Danger didn't faze them."

The renowned author, a friend and colleague of Primo Levi, Elie Wiesel, Philip Roth, and the greats of Jewish letters, kept his report very brief, but

stood for a lengthy question period.

"What do you want us to learn from your accounts?" asked a young man. "Our parents, they wanted to blend in, but they were herded together and killed en masse. By the nation famous everywhere for its high culture. Things can happen, but love for Judaism strengthens us, it doesn't weaken us." Appelfeld claimed he was religious, and studious of Hebrew history and lore, which he discovered in Israel.

"What did you think of 'Schindler's List'?" an undergraduate inquired. "Very American, not a work of art." The novelist labelled Wiesel a promoter of the Holocaust, though his first memoir had artistic merit.

I hoarded a query of my own, but I held it in. I leaned forward to catch every nuance of his soft voice. I wanted to put him a problem — what mood did the woods keep for a small boy lonely among tree-trunks? But he answered my concern telepathically. "I learned to be religious, spiritual, because of the rivers and the branches, leaves and roots. I looked up at the stars against the night sky. Fear turned to wonder and prayer. Yet we had drunk the black milk of terror every split second for six long years, the longest unbroken spell of suffering in Jewish history."

Outdoors the young saplings of spring were flowering forth in sweet white and pink blossoms. The Brown students must have gotten a full liberal education in an hour and a half before they moved from the great halls of the physics building into the charming open spaces of divine Providence. The idea came to me. "Appelfeld" means orchard. Israelis had tried to get him to hebraize his name. Our names suit us. Aharon brought the fruit of his wisdom and craftsmanship to our springtime.

'You Ought to be In Pictures ...'

Chateau-sur-Mer, opened to the public by the Preservation Society of Newport County, will close for two weeks from April 30 through May 13 due to the filming there of the BBC mini-series "The Buccaneers."

The house will re-open on May 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, The Elms, another property of the Preservation Society, will be closed on May 10, and Marble House will be closed May 11 and 12, due to the filming of "The Buccaneers."

All the other properties of the Preservation Society, The Breakers, Marble House, The Elms, Rosecliff, Kingscote, Hunter House and Green Animals Topiary Gardens in Portsmouth, will be open daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting April 30.

Poetry Reading

Poet Donald Berger will read from his newest work, *Quality Hill* (Lost Roads Publishers, Providence, 1993), at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. Berger's writing enacts the ironic, essentially urban voice of contemporary America, a voice with which many will identify.

Pulitzer Prize winning poet James Tate states, "Donald Berger's poems raise serious questions, decline easy answers, and linger with delight near the terminal of Wonder. Just when you think you know these poems, they sprout wings and fly into another tree. *Quality Hill* is terrific."

Copies of *Quality Hill* will be available for sale and autograph at the conclusion of the reading. The program is free and open to the public.



South of the Border

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

The Avon played host to a festival of Latin American Cinema which included a Saturday night feature of special interest to a Jewish audience. "Novia Que Te Veá" by Guita Schyfter says, "I hope to see you under the huppa." She has filmed a memoir of two Mexican Jewish friends. One girl comes from Sephardic Turkish roots, the other from Ashkenazic Holocaust survival.

The second generation girl marries out, but raises her son as a Jew. At his bar mitzvah she realizes that nothing works out perfectly. We live with "poisoned treasures."

The Sephardic daughter rejects her Sephardic fiancé and weds a Zionist Ashkenaz — another treason and betrayal. The virtues of this masterpiece from south of the border include pictorial detail, good talk, challenging variety of points of view, and crisp courage of theme. You get to take a good long look at sewing, cooking, painting on canvas, dining at table, the textures of real life. We don't see this neo-realist stuff of life on screen very often.

I had a little trouble with the way the director makes the wrong suitor look bad — stingy, stuffy, scruffy. Cocteau usually showed the left-out lover in the best light, the one who best understands the suffering of the heart. But this remarkable effort gave you plenty of scenes to talk about. I think it may have stolen the show from the whole film festival. It certainly puts the Jewish issue back into the focus of the moving picture camera and that's a big achievement on its own. I'm sure it'll come to town one of these months. I saw it first. You read about it here.

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The runner-up, Amy Lynn Bedrick, and her mom will enjoy a body treatment, shampoo and blow-dry, and a make-up application at Judy's. Congratulations to Heather and Amy — for their winning entries and their relationships with their wonderful mothers.

Contest Winner

"There's so much to tell, that there is not enough paper in this world to explain exactly how important and special my mother is to me and everyone she touches with her heart. I started to realize how very special she is when I was old enough to really analyze our lives growing up.

From the age of 3, my parents were divorced. My mother took on three children, a bus driving job and other part-time employment to support us. At that time there wasn't very much money for the little extras that we may have wanted, but somehow she sacrificed her needs to make sure we never had to wait for anything. When I was growing up, she was not only always there for us, but she was there with so much unconditional

love and support, it's actually hard to put it into words. When things started to get tough, she would pack us up and off we'd go in our very large wagon for some small vacation that would turn out later in our lives to be some of the most memorable times of our childhood. Never can I remember a time when anyone or anything came between our family.

"High school was very tough for both of us. I was quite rebellious and through it all she listened at an arm's length and let me grow into the person I am today, never once saying I was a bad child, only a child who needed a little push to get by. Her patience, love and support was and is my lifeline, and now she's my absolute best friend. Now that I'm married, I can only hope that I give as much of my heart to my children as my mother has to us. Thanks to my mother, our family has such a closeness that

many can only dream of. Someday all the lessons of life my mother has taught us will be instilled in our children. Somewhere there's something very special waiting for my mother to let her know how much she meant to us and how she made our world a better place!!!"

— Heather Karoli

Runner-Up

"I do not think there are enough adjectives in Webster's dictionary to describe my mom. She is my best friend in the world and she always will be. My family went through a very difficult period. My mother was the person who held my family together. Her strength and dedication to her family is endless. I feel as though I am the luckiest woman in the world because of my family.

"My mother is supportive, loving, caring, dedicated, motivated, funny and warm. If I have

a bad day or a crisis, my mother is the first person I want to share it with. She always listens and does not give advice, unless I ask. She has taught me how to be confident and go after what I want, but at the same time, be sensitive to those around me. This combination of self-confidence and love for others are the characteristics that I treasure the most.

"My mom works so very hard in order to give my brother and me a comfortable life and education. I desperately want to do something extra special for her. She is a selfless woman who is near perfect in my eyes. Please give me the opportunity to do something extraordinary for her because my whole life has been extraordinary thanks to my mother."

— Amy Lynn Bedrick

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On Mother's Day the first woman to give birth at St. Joseph Hospital in North Providence will become the Rhode Island state winner of the Evenflo Mother's Day sweepstakes, a nationwide program conducted in 50 leading U.S. hospital maternity wards across the country.

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Walk for Life Countdown

Rhode Island Project/AIDS and Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank will host a Walk for Life Kick-off Reception on May 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Hospital Trust Tower's customer dining room in downtown Providence.

The reception launches the one month countdown to this year's Walk for Life. This is an opportunity to meet corporate and community leaders mobilizing in the fight against AIDS.

The walk will take place on June 5 at India Point Park. Now in its seventh year, the walk is a 10-kilometer (six and two-tenths miles) pledge walk to benefit Rhode Island Project/AIDS' care, prevention, education and advocacy programs. This year's goal is to raise \$250,000.

Home Health Aid

The Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Red Cross, a United Way Agency, announces that a Home Health Aid Course will be offered in Fall River on May 9, 10 and 11 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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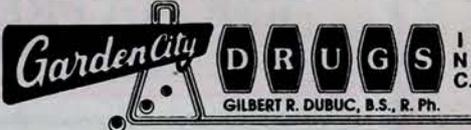
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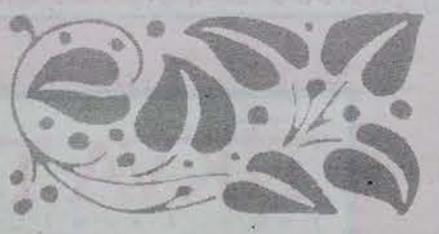
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Free Child Safety Seat Checkups

On May 7, the Rhode Island State Police and the Cranston, Woonsocket, North Providence and Newport Police Departments, along with R.I. SAFEKID coalition volunteers, will hold free child safety seat checkup drive-throughs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is the second year for the drive-throughs and the number of sites has grown from three to nine. The specific sites and contact persons are listed below.

According to National Safe Kids, 60 percent of child safety seats are incorrectly used. These drive-throughs will give parents the opportunity to ensure that their children are protected from injury in case of a collision. Each site will also distribute free educational materi-

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Site 2 — Hope Valley: State Police Barracks, Route 3, R.I. State Police, Corporal Robert Cruz, 444-1066 (763-3984 beeper).

Site 3 — Newport: Marriott

Hotel grounds, America's Cup Blvd., Newport Police Department, public information officer Michael McKenna, 847-1302.

Site 4 — North Kingstown: State Police Barracks, Post Road, R.I. State Police, Corporal Robert Cruz, 444-1066 (763-3984 beeper).

Site 5 — North Providence: North Providence Police Station, No. Providence Police Department, Traffic Officer Joseph Romano, 231-4533, ext. 238.

Site 6 — Scituate: State Police Headquarters, Route 6, R.I. State Police, Corporal Roberta Cruz, 444-1066 (763-3984 beeper).

Site 7 — Woonsocket: Diamond Hill Plaza and across the street from the Woonsocket Police Station, Woonsocket Police Department, Sgt. Timothy Paul, 766-1212.

Focus on Child Watch

Sunbeam Television Corporation, through its stations, WHDH-TV, Boston and WSVN-TV, Miami, will launch "Child Watch," a multi-faceted program addressing the issues and concerns confronting our children on May 9.

Sunbeam Television recently commissioned research projects in New England and South Florida to determine the top concerns of parents in each area.

In addition, both WHDH-TV and WSVN-TV have organized advisory boards made up of experts and lay people involved with the education, upbringing, or well-being of children.

One of those offering advice will be John Walsh, well-known children's advocate and host of the Fox Network television show, "America's Most Wanted."

In addition, Sunbeam has enlisted the support of one of America's leading child advocacy groups to support his efforts in Boston, Children's Trust Fund.

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Unruh will serve as Boston's "Child Watch" specialist, while Julie O'Neill will serve in that capacity in Miami.

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result of a depression then gripping the country.

Bernheim peddled needles, thread, socks, stockings and similar goods in Pennsylvania. After changing jobs several times, he landed in Kentucky, in the whiskey industry, where he made his fortune.

He became active in the Jewish Reform movement, often arguing against the Zionist cause.

He helped found and served as the first president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He was also a major contributor to the Jewish Hospital in Louisville and was a benefactor of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

In the 1930s, Bernheim perceived a danger to Jews as Hitler's strength grew. He worked to get the American government to publicly acknowledge what was happening in Eastern Europe.

Bernheim felt that the best thing he could do for his fellow Jews was to help them get out of Europe, and he committed his fortune to do just that.

Robert Paul, a former executive director of the Bernheim Foundation, said that Bernheim was able to save about 350 Jews as a result of his direct efforts.

That number would have been even higher, but, McClure pointed out, American law required the sponsor of an immigrant to post bond guarantee-

ing that the newcomer would not be a burden upon society.

Bernheim posted bond for one Jewish immigrant after another until the American government forced him to stop, contending that he had posted bonds that exceeded his net worth.

Very little is currently known about any of those who benefitted from Bernheim's determination to save lives.

McClure would like to know

about anyone who was sponsored by I. W. Bernheim or the descendants of those he sponsored, so the family history can be completed.

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By Alison Smith and
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Herald Co-Editors

This year the Chinese calendar represents "The Year of the Dog," which by cultural standards means "loyal and honest, generous and works well with others. People trust you because you stand for what is right." This

is so true with our first impression at the Eagle Express Chinese Restaurant in Pawtucket.

The newly opened establishment creates an authentic dining experience, including the soft tone of Chinese music as restaurant proprietor, Danny and Chef Joe, turn the best fresh foods into the very best meals.

The mouth-watering aromatic delights triggered an assortment of palatable sensations dissipating a touch of Szechuan, Hunan and Cantonese cuisine.

"We go for the quality," says Danny. He should know as he comes from a long family line of restaurateurs; spending his childhood in family-run establishments dating from his father, grandfather and great-grandfather.



The Eagle Express offers an excellent array of Chinese lunches and dinners in Pawtucket.
Herald photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

Chef Joe prepares the finest Chinese dishes with the presentation to satisfy the eye as well as the stomach.

It is in the little things — sometimes the unseen things — where Danny's high standards make the difference between Eagle Express and most other Chinese restaurants.

For a lightly battered, tender chicken with a garlic sauce, he will start with water chestnut flour at \$2.00 per pound instead

of wheat flour at \$.15 per pound. When you bite into his specialty dishes and taste the delicate crust, you will know why he goes for high quality, but low price.

For some dishes, he will buy special black mushrooms at \$15 per pound instead of the little round buttons you buy in the supermarket for \$1.50 per pound. The beat goes on — fresh pea pods, not frozen, young bamboo shoots called "winter bamboo shoots," which are dug from under the surface of the ground and are therefore, very tender and more expensive.

The Mandarin Beef was tender, with a slightly fiery (not spicy) overtone. Very nice over white rice.

The Sesame Chicken, we both agreed, was the best we'd ever had. Danny, when complemented on the rich, warm, slightly sweet sauce, told us it has over 40 ingredients in it.

For those watching their waistline, Danny offers diet delights that are listed in the "Healthy Food" section. These nourishments are steamed in light sauces that were specially created by Danny with ingredients combined to bring out the flavor.

Most Eagle Express dishes are MSG-free. If you have a reaction to MSG, mention it to your waiter upon ordering.

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Kosher Food Trade Show Attracts International Crowd

Kosherfest, the highly successful annual International Kosher Food Trade Show, will take place at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands on Dec. 7 and 8, this year.

More than 100 companies have already signed up for the 1994 show in the expanded facilities at Giants Stadium. The Meadowlands Hilton, site of the last two shows, will continue to be the host hotel for the only kosher food trade show in

the world.

Last year's show turned into a huge gathering event for the kosher food industry in the United States, Israel and Europe. Visitors came from 34 states, representing supermarkets, distributors, grocery

stores, brokers, hotels, caterers, wholesalers, and convenience stores. Among the visitors were a large contingent of Korean merchants with stores and marts in Jewish neighborhoods.

As in the past, Kosherfest '94 will roll out a record number of

new products, including a significant number of kosher-for-Passover products.

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Dershowitz at Benefit

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Hadassah, which began as a women's study group in 1912, founded and supports the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School and its two hospitals, nursing and dentistry schools, the Hadassah Institute of Technology, and the Hadassah Career Counseling Institute.

It also founded the Youth Aliyah movement, which began in the 1930s to rescue children from Europe, and continues to bring them to safety from the former Yugoslavia today.

Hadassah hospitals operate without regard to politics. Christian, Muslim, and Jewish patients have been, and continue to be treated equally at the medical center.

The event will be held at Congregation Beth Israel on May 22 at 8 p.m. A private dinner with Dershowitz and Kalmanson will precede the program for higher level donors contributing to the hospital fund-raising drive. For ticket information, call 753-4488.

Building Contest

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where they will be judged by a distinguished panel made up of architect Irwin Regent, child psychologist Dr. Ginette Langer, and interior designer Joan Dean.

Grand prizes for each of the age categories have been supplied by the Fair Department Store and the Classic Toy Shop. All entrants will receive prizes.

Winners will be announced at the Hadassah Donor Event Sunday evening at Beth Israel.

For information on how to enter, call Eva Honig at 798-8440.

Jones to Speak

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has served as a guest lecturer at Oxford College in England, Tel Aviv School of Law and the University of Khartoum in the Sudan.

Although founded by the NAACP and sharing its commitment to equal rights, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund is not part of the NAACP.

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MILESTONES

Steitz Receives First Weizmann Women & Science Award

The first Weizmann Women & Science Award has been awarded to Professor Joan Argetsinger Steitz of Yale University's School of Medicine.

The award, announced by Sara Lee Schupf, national chairwoman of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, includes a \$25,000 research grant to the project of the recipient's choice.

Presentation of the award will take place at a reception in honor of Steitz at the New York Academy of Sciences in New York City, on June 7. The award recognizes an outstanding woman scientist in the United States who has made a significant contribution to the scientific community. The objective is to enhance the visibility of women in science, and to



Joan Argetsinger Steitz, Ph. D.

"Prof. Steitz is an excellent scientist and is definitely most worthy of the award," said Prof. Ruth Arnon, the former vice president of the Weizmann Institute of Science, and the highest ranking woman scientist in Israel. "I know she will be an outstanding role model and mentor to future women scientists," Schupf added.

Steitz's research has centered around the function of RNA in catalytic processes. Focusing on the structure and behavior of these cellular complexes, she uncovered their key role in activating the most basic biological processes that convert information in the DNA to active protein molecules in the living cell. Her research is vital not only for the understanding it adds to basic molecular biology, but also for its implication for improved diagnosis and treatment of autoimmune diseases.

Thomas and Miriam Pearlman

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Pearlman are pleased to announce the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary May 21 at the Providence Hebrew Day School at 7 p.m. at a third meal (Shala Shudus).

Mrs. Pearlman is the daughter of Charles Vogel, the founder of Pearlman & Vogel, which is celebrating its 65th year anniversary. Pearlman remembers his father and mother's 59th wedding anniversary (the late Ida and Israel Pearlman) and attended the 70th anniversary party of his grandfather and grandmother, Morris and Anna Mines of Fall River, Mass.

The Pearlmans have three children and five grandchildren.

Levitt To Address South County Hadassah

Betty Levitt, B.S., R.N., will be the guest speaker at the South County Hadassah group meeting on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Adele Curhan, Narragansett, R.I.



Betty Levitt, B.S., R.N.

Levitt, supervisor for VNA Inc. of Providence, is president of the R.I. Nurses Council of

Fellowship Received

Aaron S. Yarlas, son of Fredda and Stuart Yarlas and grandson of Norma and Jack Sondler, all of Warwick, has recently been awarded a National Science Foundation graduate fellowship.

Aaron is a Ph.D. candidate studying cognitive psychology at the University of California: at Los Angeles. His specific research interests are knowledge representation and transfer of knowledge across domains.

American Friends Elects Mandel and Krueger

Barbara A. Mandel of Cleveland, Ohio, the first woman to serve as president of the American Friends of The Hebrew University, has been reelected for a third term as president, and Harvey M. Krueger of Manhattan, senior managing director of Lehman Brothers, was reelected for a third term as chairman of AFHU's board of directors.

Elections were held April 24 at the AFHU annual meeting at University House in Manhattan, headquarters of the nationwide organization.

Newly elected officers and board members include:

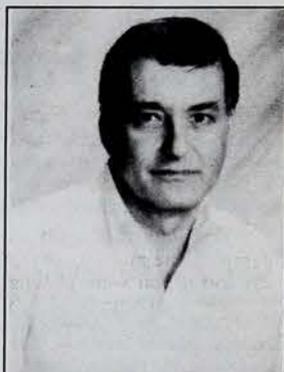
Fred Schwartz of Great Neck, N.Y., vice president, Jerome E. Bogutz of Merion, Pa., vice president, and Michael S. Kurtz of Livingston, N.J., treasurer.

Hadassah. She was instrumental in organizing and involving local nurses to become part of the council. Through her efforts the group was officially chartered last year.

Levitt was part of a Mission for Nurses in Israel, recently, which consisted of professors of nursing education, researchers, clinical specialists in surgical, geriatric and community health etc.

Levitt will share her experiences of the 12-day tour with the group along with a slide presentation titled "Israel Through the Eyes of a Nurse." She will take you from nursing on the border, to nursing on a kibbutz.

A brief meeting will be held before the program followed with refreshments. For additional information, call Diane at 364-0503.



Feinstein Receives Award

The Italian-American Historical Society has awarded Alan Shawn Feinstein their 1994 Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in combatting hunger and helping children to grow, learn and thrive. Mr. Feinstein is founder of the World Hunger Center At Brown University, the Institute of Public Service at Providence College, and community service programs in many schools throughout Rhode Island.

Spencer Weiner and Jordan Bass

Beatrice Russ of Old Pocatasset Court, Johnston, R.I., formerly of East Providence, announces the birth of two great-grandsons.

Spencer David Weiner is the son of Jan and Harris Weiner of Providence and grandson of Natalie Weiner of Providence, and Sondra and Sherman Price of Warwick.

Jordan Glen Bass is the son of Lauren and Rob Bass of Randolph, Mass., and the grandson of Barbara Bass of New York and Anita and Al Strumar of Maryland. Jordan Bass is the brother of Jessica Bass.

Brandon Matthew Shore

Michael and Lori (Gersten) Shore of Glastonbury, Conn., are the proud parents of Brandon Matthew, born on March 25. Brandon is named in loving memory of his maternal grandfather, Bertram Gersten, and his paternal great-grandfather, Jacob Glater. He was welcomed home by his sister, Erica, age 2.

Maternal grandparents are Frances and Barry Levin of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Priscilla and Edwin Shore of West Hartford, Conn.

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provide a role model to motivate and encourage the next generation of young women scientists.

Steitz, the Henry Ford II professor of molecular biophysics and biochemistry, graduated from Antioch College, and earned her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Harvard University. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is a recipient of the National Medal of Science and was the first woman to win the Warren Triennial Prize. Twelve of the 26 recipients of this honor have subsequently received a Nobel Prize.

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| Shavout | May 16 |
| Rosh Hashanah | Sept. 6 |
| Yom Kippur | Sept. 15 |
| Sukkot | Sept. 20 |
| Simchat Torah | Sept. 28 |
| Chanukah | Nov. 28 |

Holidays begin at sunset on the preceding day



School Beat



You Cannot Keep A Good School Down

by Alison Smith
Herald Co-Editor

It was gray and chilly and damp on the morning of April 29, and if you were picking a day for an all-school field day, this would not have been your first choice.

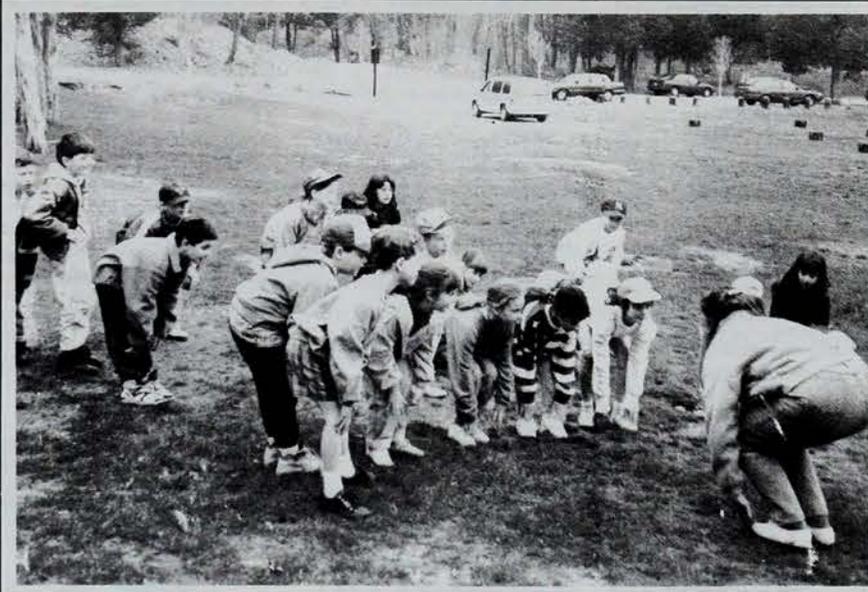
However, back when the day was being planned, no one at Alperin Schechter Hebrew Day School knew what the weather would be like.

After a great deal of soul searching, that morning, the decision was made to go ahead with the field day at Lincoln Woods. When this reporter talked to school staff on the phone, as the decision was being made, she could hear a ground swell of barely controlled exuberant child voices in the background, and that

may have had something to do with the decision to go for it anyhow, imminent rain notwithstanding.

Actually, it worked out very well. At first, as the kids poured out of the bright yellow buses across the damp fields, a gentle rain began to fall. By the time the last child was safely under roof in one of the big wooden shelters, the rain had stopped being so gentle. Still, teachers and kids alike seemed determined to make the most of the day, and although the overhead timbers of the shelters were seen to be vibrating with sound waves, everyone remained in good spirits.

As soon as the rain slacked off, the kids streamed out.
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"WHEN I SAY 'GET DOWN'..." her class "gets down," and the fun starts, on the recent Alperin Schechter Hebrew Day School field day at Lincoln Woods.
Herald photo by Alison Smith

Scholarship Available for Philanthropic Senior

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Rhode Island high school senior by the R.I. Chapter of the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives in June.

The fifth annual Robert H. Goddard Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to the senior best exemplifying positive civic and community support through his/her commitment to, and active involvement in, volunteer and philanthropic courses.

Developing future leadership and service in charity and philanthropy is the Goddard Scholarship's goal.

Applications are available through high school guidance offices and must be received by



ARE WE HAVING FUN YET? — Alperin Schechter school kids wonder as they wait patiently for the rain to let up.
Herald photo by Alison Smith

The Way Things Work

WJAR Channel 10, McDonald's and Rhode Island College will join forces to bring area schools How Things Work, a statewide collaborative educational partnership.

"How Things Work," consists of 20 lessons designed to help teachers plan daily activities in grades three through six in the areas of geography, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The initial lesson plan begins on April 25 and will continue up to May 20. Each lesson will contain a suggested classroom topic for discussion, and a question pertaining to the topic. Each weeknight on NewsWatch 10 UpFront at 5:30 p.m., Ann Halloran will provide the kids with answers to the previous day's questions.
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FIRST ONE IN STAYS DRY — It's a race for space under the wooden shelters at Lincoln Woods, on the recent Alperin Schechter School day in the park.
Herald photo by Alison Smith

Books for Hasbro's Kids, From Kids

Local Girl Scout troops collected over 3,000 books for the new Hasbro Children's Hospital recently.

During a program at the hospital on April 20, Senior Girl Scout Christal Desmaris of Pawtucket presented the books, packed in brightly decorated red and white boxes, to Bruce Komiske, executive director of the Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Also participating in the ceremony were Rhode Island Girl Scout Council President Kathleen Simpson of Rumford; Executive Vice President of Rhode Island Hospital Michael Halter; Special Events Coordinator for the Child Life Services of Hasbro Children's Hospital Sandy Daigneau and professional storyteller Joan Bailey.

The ceremony concluded with Senior Girl Scouts reading some of the books to clusters of hospital patients and to the 50 younger Girl Scouts present who were selected to represent the 858 troops in the council.

As part of their participation in the national 1994-95 Girl Scout Health and Fitness Service Project, Girl Scouts in all

towns served by the Rhode Island Council collected good-condition used books and purchased new books during the month of February, to donate to the hospital.

The book collection was originally designed to meet the needs of the hospital's elementary school and DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read). "The project was such a tremendous success," according to Susan Cicchini, the Rhode Island Council program director, "that there are enough books to be disbursed throughout the hospital in all child-centered areas."

Service is a major component of the Girl Scout program with local troops carrying out hundreds of projects each year.

The Rhode Island Girl Scout Council, which serves over 14,000 girls annually in Rhode Island and nearby communities in Massachusetts and Connecticut, aims to meet the needs of all girls from diverse racial, ethnic, socio-economic and religious backgrounds and those with special needs. Girls wishing to join should call the council office at 331-4500.

Cast Off and Sail Away to Mystic

Mystic Seaport, the world famous maritime museum in Mystic, Conn., will offer a unique hands-on learning experience for kids of all ages this summer.

There will be a summer day camp for 6- to 10-year-olds, in five-day sessions during July and August. Each session will focus on a different theme such as A Sailor's Life, Seaport Girls

of Long Ago or Seaport Science and may include activities such as rope making, hosting a Victorian tea party, trying a whaler's harpoon, making model boats, dressing up in 19th century clothes or making and eat-
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OBITUARIES

STANLEY BAKER
WARWICK — Stanley Baker, 70, of 1811 Warwick Ave., a sales manager for the former Brown's Dairy, Cranston, for 30 years, and for Nature's Best Dairy, Johnston, the last 10 years, died April 29 at the Hospice Care Inpatient Center,

Providence. Born in Providence, a son of the late Harry and Lillian (Lipse) Baker, he had lived in Warwick for 55 years. Mr. Baker was an Army veteran of World War II. He leaves two sons, Howard C. Baker and John Jay Baker,

both of Warwick; three daughters, Reine Bishop, Sylvia Baker and Sandra J. Baker, all of Warwick; four stepsons, James R. Butler, Jeffrey A. Butler, Christopher T. Butler and Craig M. Butler, all of Warwick; and five grandchildren. The funeral was held May 1

at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

IRA NULMAN

PROVIDENCE — Ira Nulman, 79, of 109 Ramblewood Circle, Palm Beach, Fla., died May 1 at The Miriam Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of Edith (Bernon) Nulman.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Abraham and Rebecca (Zitserman) Nulman. He had lived in Royal Palm Beach for 12 years, previously residing in Providence.

He was the pioneer of outdoor lighting manufacturing. In 1945 he founded Nulco Manufacturing Company in Pawtucket. In 1953, he was the president of Regal-Lite Corporation in East Providence until his retirement in 1979.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Michael Nulman of Providence, a daughter, Lisa J. Nulman of North Providence; a brother, Sidney Nulman of Boca Raton, Fla., and a sister, Doris Sher of Providence.

Funeral services were held May 3 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

DR. ROBERT M. YOUNG

PROVIDENCE — Robert M. Young, 54, of 16 Colonial Rd., a professor of biology at Rhode Island College for 24 years and chairman of the department for 10 years, died April 29 at The Miriam Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Thomas and Hannah (Schoenfeld) Young, he had moved to Providence 24 years ago.

He received his bachelor of science and master of arts degrees in 1960 and 1965, respectively, from Brooklyn College. He was a member of the Sigma Psi Fraternity. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School in 1970.

He was a member of the American Society of Microbiologists, the American Society of Zoologists, the Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Institute of Biological Scientists. He was a member of the executive committee of the Rhode Island College chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. He was a past vice president and member of Temple Beth Shalom.

Two cousins survive Young, Pearl Drapkin and Myra Cohen. He is also survived by a companion, Sharen Gleckman, and friends, Mary and Neil Gonsalves, Karen and Richard Germain, Ezra and Varda Stieglitz, Roberta and Joseph Winkleman, Rebecca Gleckman, and Pearl Woolf.

The funeral was held May 1 at Temple Beth Sholom, Camp Street at Rochambeau Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Kaplan Visits MIA Parents

Miriam and Jonah Baumel, parents of missing Israeli serviceman Zachary Baumel, were joined April 26 by Hadassah's national president Deborah Kaplan on the eighth day of their hunger strike outside the prime minister's office.

Against a cacophony of car horns, as passing drivers responded to "honk for the MIAs" placards, Kaplan and the Baumels exchanged news about the campaign.

"This is it," said Miriam Baumel. "We're going to stay here on hunger strike until it's resolved; until we get something done."

"All we're asking is what has happened to our son, Zachary, and to Ron Arad, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz, the other three MIAs," said Jonah Baumel. "After almost 12 years, half a dog tag is not enough," he added, referring to the crumb of evidence produced through PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat.

"Hadassah is relentlessly continuing its active lobby of the U.S. government," said Kaplan. "I was in Washington, D.C., last week, and met with nine senators," she told the Baumels. "I said: 'I'm asking for your help. I'm asking that each one of you pressure the administration to get information. As soon as I get back to the United States, I'll write to them, reporting on my meeting with you — and reminding them they promised to help.'"

As chairman of the National Committee for Israeli MIAs of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Kaplan's ongoing efforts include encouraging

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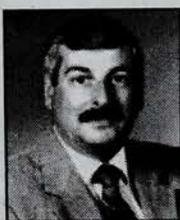
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Medical Center Hosts Summer Fashion Show

The Employee Capital Campaign Committee at Roger Williams Medical Center is hosting a summer fashion show to benefit the Horizons of Hope Campaign for the Roger Williams Cancer Center. This gala event will be held May 11,

Support Group

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Participants should bring a bag lunch, or they may buy lunch at the cafeteria at Independence Square. Coffee will be provided.

Women with any kind of disability are welcome to attend. There is no fee and registration is not required, but persons requiring transportation in the wheelchair-lift equipped van should call Krista at 725-1966 as soon as possible.

Things Work

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layout and printing services of the How Things Work teacher guide books, which have been mailed free of charge to all elementary schools in Rhode Island and Bristol County, Mass. The guides will also be distributed to libraries throughout the state along with a videotape of Channel 10's reports on the subjects.

For more details call 455-9554.

Mystic

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ing old-fashioned ice cream.

An On the Water Week session of summer day camp is available for 9- to 11-year-olds. Youngsters will sail, row, learn rigging and explore the lore of ships and boats. Shore time activities will include rope making, tying sailor's knots, chart work, marine weather, water safety and navigation.

The Joseph Conrad program for 10- to 15-year-olds, during 6-day/overnight sessions in July and August, will offer campers a chance to live on board the Joseph Conrad, which is permanently berthed at Mystic Seaport. Participants will tap the museum's resources to learn seamanship — rigging, climbing, rowing and sailing basics — as well as the traditions of maritime history such as scrimshaw and chantey singing.

The Brilliant session for 15- to 19-year-olds in 6- to 10-day passages during June, July and August will be a high seas adventure. Participants will be the crew aboard this classic schooner yacht and learn the rewards of teamwork. All hands will take turns steering, sail handling, cooking, cleaning and standing watch on board this 61-foot vessel. No experience is necessary for most passages as a licensed captain and an experienced educator will guide the crew through the rigors of sail training.

Passages may include New England ports such as Newport, R.I., Nantucket, Mass., and Rockland, Me., or the distant port-of-call, Bermuda.

For information on summer programs at Mystic Seaport, call (203) 572-5322.

at the Quiddessett Country Club in East Greenwich.

Fashions provided by F. Bianco of Garden City will be modeled by members of the Festival Ballet of Rhode Island. Channel 10 reporter Ann Halloran is the celebrity moderator.

New Hope

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"Our goal is to raise as much money as we can for research, and to serve the needs of as many people currently infected with HIV and AIDS as we can," added Loughmiller, who is a nurse.

New Hope for Life will be working with other agencies in Rhode Island. "There's plenty of work for all of us to do," she said. Her organization hopes to open its doors some time in May.

Tax-deductible donations will be sent to New Hope for Life, Inc., P.O. Box 3384, Providence, R.I. 02909. For more information, call 737-8810.

Striking Parents

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Hadassah's members to contact their senators and congressmen, demanding actions on the MIAs, and raising the issue in every meeting with Israeli and American politicians and diplomats.

Hadassah has long embraced human and civil rights causes. The return of Israel's MIAs — three servicemen missing in action in Lebanon since the summer of 1982, and a fourth, shot down there seven years ago — is a cause which has support throughout the organization.

"Could we forget these young men if they were our sons?" asked Kaplan. "Of course we couldn't. And we won't allow the world to forget them, either."

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Scholarship Available

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Steven N. Sorin, director of development, St. Andrew's School, 63 Federal Rd., Barrington, R.I. 02806, by May 20.

Last year's recipient, Lori Ann Campagnone of Mount St. Charles, raised funds to send children to music camp. She is currently studying music education at Boston University.

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Our Mystery Lady

School Conflict

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faced by Jewish students who will be absent during the holiday. While there will usually be no question about the students' right to an excused absence, "the beginning of school is the time that seat assignments are made, friendships are renewed and social groups take shape," the guidelines note, adding:

"Students who are absent on the first day or two days of school are very likely to feel awkward when they return, and may be treated as outsiders by the class. Teachers should be asked to be especially sensitive to their situation and to assist them with the transition back to class."

3. Inform parents well in advance of Labor Day and tell them that local school districts have been contacted and have been asked for their cooperation in anticipating difficulties that may arise. Parents who may be reluctant to keep their children out of school during the holiday should be reassured that the local school system has been informed and will be cooperative.

4. Tell school officials that

Jewish teachers and staff members may request personal leave on these days and, again request their understanding and cooperation.

Any faculty member has "a strong legal argument to insist that an excused absence be required," the guidelines assert, adding, however: "It is surely

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best not to approach this matter as a legal issue, and to try instead to work with school officials in securing a reasonable approach to the question of religious or personal leave time for Jewish staff and students. Joining with all elements of the Jewish community in a coordinated approach, and doing so now before the holidays are upon us, is, in our view, the best way to accomplish this goal."

Good School

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across the field. Each group found its location (as far as possible from all the other groups) and the teachers began organizing games, exercises, or story-telling.

By the time we left, the field day was in full swing, proving that you cannot keep a good school down.

Correspondents Wanted

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

Estate Planning Concepts

This is the eighth article in the continuing series highlighting estate planning sales concepts. The last issue introduced the subject of charitable contributions in estate planning and this communication provides detail on charitable trusts.

Q: Why are charitable trusts useful in estate planning?

A: Charitable remainder and lead trusts enable you to reduce income taxes during life and estate taxes at death without any gift taxes on the transfer to the charity.

Example: You establish a \$1,000,000 charitable remainder trust with a 6 percent return to yourself for life and the balance passing to the Girl Scouts at your death. Based upon annuity tables provided by the government, the present value of the gift to charity is \$330,000. You have an immediate income tax deduction of \$330,000. At your death your estate is reduced by this same \$330,000.

Q: What is the charitable remainder trust?

A: This is a trust through which your designated non-charitable beneficiaries receive an income for life or a specified period and then your charity receives the balance. You are entitled to an immediate income tax deduction if the trust falls in one of the following three categories: (1) a fixed annuity, (2) a unitrust or (3) a pooled income fund.

A fixed annuity trust must meet the requirements below:

1. A fixed amount or a fixed percentage of the initial trust's value is payable to your non-charitable beneficiary.
2. This same amount is paid at least annually out of either income or principal.
3. The amount must be at least 5 percent of the initial value of the trust.
4. The trust is irrevocable.
5. The noncharitable beneficiaries must be living at the creation of the trust and their interests must be either for a life estate or for a term of 20 years or less.
6. One hundred percent of the remainder goes to charity.

The unitrust has similar requirements to those listed above for the fixed annuity with the following exceptions:

1. The annual payment is a fixed percentage of the net fair market value of the trust as revalued annually.
2. This percentage may not

be less than 5 percent of the annual revaluation.

3. The noncharitable beneficiary may receive the lesser of this fixed specified percentage or the year's trust income. If the income in any year is less than the fixed percentage, the deficiency must be made up in later years when the income exceeds this percentage.

The pooled income fund has a somewhat different set of tests:

1. The charity controls and commingles the property irrevocably transferred by several donors.
2. You and/or your beneficiaries can't be a trustee.
3. Investment in tax-exempt securities is not permitted.
4. You or your designated beneficiary must retain a life income interest.
5. Each of the beneficiaries must annually receive a pro rata share of the fund's income.

Q: What is a charitable lead trust?

A: This is an estate planning tool by which your charity receives a guaranteed annual payment equal to a fixed percentage of the annually recomputed net fair market value of the trust. You are still considered the owner of this trust interest and are taxed each year on the income earned by the trust. After the specified period ends, all of the trust reverts to you or your noncharitable beneficiary. The key benefit of a lead trust is that you get an income tax deduction up front for the present value of the future payments to the charity.

Q: Who pays the insurance premiums?

A: The charitable remainder trustee is the applicant, owner premium payor and beneficiary of the life insurance on the donor's life. Be certain to contact your local CLU chapter or bar association to verify that charities have the requisite in-

surable interest to apply for life insurance in your state. The insurance proceeds provide liquidity for future investment purposes inside a charitable remainder trust where the insured has died and the income is paid to the designated beneficiary for life.

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