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Jewish Groups Satisfied with Judge Breyer

by Steven Weiss

WASHINGTON, D.C. (JTA) — Jewish groups have reacted enthusiastically to President Clinton's nomination of Judge Stephen Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court.

While they have expressed satisfaction with Breyer's character and background, these organizations are uncertain about the judge's views on some major issues closely monitored by the Jewish community, including church-state separation.

Clinton's recent announcement of his nomination of Breyer, created the possibility of two Jewish justices serving simultaneously on the Supreme Court — a phenomenon that has not occurred in more than 50 years. Jewish reaction to the nomination, however, focused more on Breyer's sterling judicial record. Breyer, 55, currently serves on the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of appeals in Boston.

"Breyer has one of the best reputations (among judges) in America," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. "He is widely known as a brilliant and competent jurist."

"His reputation is superior," said Marc Stern, co-director of

legal affairs for the American Jewish Congress. "He is generally very well-regarded."

"Breyer is terrific," said Steven Freeman, legal director of the Anti-Defamation League. "We would have been delighted had he been the choice last time."

Breyer was considered a finalist for the vacancy left by retiring Justice Byron White last year. But he ultimately lost out to Ruth Bader Ginsburg, whom Clinton nominated instead.

Breyer received strong support last year when his name surfaced as a strong candidate for the nomination, but he fell out of favor when it was discovered that he had failed to pay Social Security taxes on household help. He has since paid the overdue taxes.

If confirmed by the Senate, Breyer would fill the spot being vacated by longtime Justice Harry Blackmun, who is retiring this summer at the end of the current term.

By most accounts, though, Breyer would not carry on Blackmun's legacy as the most liberal justice currently sitting on the court.

The Boston appeals court judge is regarded as a moder-

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Volunteers Helping Volunteers

Volunteer, Steve Shalansky (left) is helping volunteers at the Jewish Community Center. His wife, Ruby, was not photographed as she was flying by getting everything just right for the delightful brunch, May 22. See story on page 13.

Herald photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

Gays in Israel 'Coming Out'

by Michele Chabin

TEL AVIV (JTA) — For the first time ever, Israel will play host to a monthlong series of events for and about gay men and lesbians.

Although most of the activities related to Gay Pride Month will take place in Tel Aviv, the opening ceremony will take

place May 30 at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. The ceremony, the first of its kind in Israel, will honor the memory of homosexuals who died in the Holocaust.

In early June, thousands of Israelis are expected to attend the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, which is meeting here this year. Participants will discuss such issues as

ensuring the legal rights of homosexuals, and the dearth of local advertising directed toward gay and lesbian consumers.

Other events will include a picnic for gay and lesbian parents and their children, and a giant food festival, hosted by Tel Aviv's most acclaimed chefs.

According to gay rights activists, the introduction of Gay

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A MAYPOLE GREW IN EDEN — at the annual meeting of the Eden Garden Club, that is, Bertha Goldberg (on the right) and Norma Friedman (on the left) assist one of the Holiday Inn at the Crossings staff erect this particular maypole.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Eden Celebrates

by Alison Smith
Herald Co-Editor

The Eden Garden Club held its annual luncheon at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings in Warwick on May 19.

It has been a good year for the club — there was plenty to celebrate — and the next year looks equally promising.

During the past year, Abe Gershman won a blue ribbon and the President's Award for an arrangement in the first Rhode Island Flower Show; Sam Brodner, a fourth year student in landscape design at URI, who has been sponsored by the club, won a State Federation of Garden Clubs scholarship; and more work was done on the club's national award-winning biblical garden at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

In the coming year, club members will go to Tranquil Lake to see a lily display, float down the Blackstone River on a barge, learn to dry flowers in a microwave oven, and offer monthly classes in Japanese flower arrangement. Work on the biblical garden will be, as always, an ongoing responsibility and pleasure.

Due to the observance of Memorial Day, next week's Rhode Island Jewish Herald will be delivered on Friday.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Bograd Honored for Service to Samaritans

Barbara Bograd has been working for 15 years with one of the most difficult issues in society — suicide, yet her commitment shows no sign of flagging. "My work has only become more and more meaningful," she says.

For her tireless and long-term effort, The Rhode Island Foundation has awarded Bograd its Feinstein Merit Award for Outstanding Community Service at a ceremony at the Samaritans office on Magee Street in Providence's East Side.

Bograd began volunteering for the Samaritans in 1979, and for seven years spoke to callers who were threatening suicide. For the last seven years, she has been the volunteer coordinator of the agency's Safe Place program, a weekly support group working with people who have lost loved ones to suicide.

"Oh, yes, there are some dif-

ficult nights," she admits. "I unload to my co-facilitators and, believe it or not, you sometimes use humor, too."

"Barbara embodies the spirit of volunteerism," affirms Susan Kerr, executive director of the Samaritans, who nominated her for the community service award. "She always focuses on the recipient; she is a tireless worker on fund-raisers and peer training."

The Rhode Island Foundation named the award for community service philanthropic Alan Shawn Feinstein. The monthly award is accompanied by a \$500 savings bond and a commemorative certificate.

This is a continuation of an article already typeset about Bograd getting award for Samaritans work.

The streets on College Hill were clogged with parked cars, cars with out-of-state licenses crept along fender past fender,

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A GOOD SAMARITAN — Barbara Bograd was honored recently by The Samaritans for her years of service to that organization and to Safe Place, a sister group for the support of those recently bereaved by suicide. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

OCEAN STATE NEWS BRIEFS

May 27, and every Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 160 Pine Street, Providence, the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs processes **identification cards** for those 60 or older, and disabled persons 18 to 59. Call 277-2858.

May 31, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., a free, painless **test for glaucoma** by the Society to Prevent Blindness, at Cranston Department of Senior Services, 1070 Cranston Street, Cranston. Call 461-1000, ext. 6215 or 6216.

June 1 through 20, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., "**My Heart Belongs to Daddy**" — a display of 19th and 20th century men's fashions and accessories, Fantastic Umbrella Factory, 4820 Old Post Road, Ninigret Park exit, Charlestown. Call 364-6616.

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Rabbi Paley to Deliver Brown Baccalaureate

Rabbi Michael Paley of Columbia University will deliver Brown University's baccalaureate address at 1:30 p.m. on May 29 in the Meeting House of the First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street in Providence.

Paley has taught and lectured extensively. Through the Jewish Theological Seminary's "Children of Abraham" series, he has explored Islam as a key to a deeper understanding of Judaism. Paley has also lectured on the role of religion in the modern secular university, on pluralism and multiculturalism, on black-Jewish relations and on inter-religious dialogues.

Paley is on the editorial board of *Tikkun* magazine and is vice president of the Association of Religion and Intellectual Life. Before coming to Columbia, he was the Jewish chaplain at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., and rabbi of the Upper Valley Jewish Com-

munity. In 1983 Paley founded the conference of Judaism in Rural New England, which annually draws more than 500 participants.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Near Eastern and Judaic studies at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., and pursued graduate studies in Jewish and Islamic philosophy and science at Temple University in Philadelphia. He became a rabbi in 1981 after studying at Yeshivat Hamivtar in Jerusalem and at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia.

The baccalaureate sermon is traditionally preached the Sunday before Commencement. It was customary for the president of the university to deliver the sermon until Henry Wriston, the first Brown president who was not a Baptist minister, assumed office in 1937. After that, guest speakers were invited.

RISD Holds 111th Commencement

Rhode Island School of Design will hold its 111th commencement for an expected 513 degree recipients on June 4.

The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence.

Painter, sculptor, performance artist, writer, and teacher Faith Ringgold will offer the keynote address and will receive an honorary doctorate of fine arts degree. Other honorary degree recipients include illustrator Harve Stein

and printmaker June Wayne.

RISD graduates frequently individualize their gowns by adding colorful creative touches such as silkscreened images from pop culture, bright electric lights, or intricate appliques. Mortarboards are often cleverly sculpted, landscaped with chunks of sod, or mechanically rigged — to emit surprising gases, liquids, or sounds. Degree candidates may roller-skate their way to their diplo-

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Big Book Sale at Library

The Friends of the Barrington Public Library will hold its annual used booksale on June 3 and 4 in the senior center of the library and community center at 281 County Road. A large selection of past best sellers, general fiction and non-fiction as well as puzzles, records and games will be offered.

More than 5,000 books have been donated for the sale. There will be a table of specially priced treasures, but most hardcover books will be priced at 50 cents, paperbacks at 25 cents. The Barrington Preservation Society will also have a special sale table of Barrington memorabilia and plants.

The sale will be open to the public on June 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A preview sale will be held on June 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. for an admission fee of \$10, or \$15 for two people. The preview sale offers patrons the chance to browse and buy ahead of the Saturday crowds, and to enjoy refreshments and a chance to win a gift certificate for use at the Little Professor Book Center.

Donations of books, games and puzzles are welcome through May 28. Magazines and textbooks will not be accepted. Donations may be dropped off at the library's back delivery door during library hours.

Profits from the booksale will be used to benefit the library.

FEATURE



Clara

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Both my grandmothers died before I was born. But my father's dad later married my mother's aunt. My pop got an in-law and a stepparent, not to mention a neighbor. They lived and raised their son and daughter only a couple of houses up our hill. Our Providence block was like a shtetl.

I called my great aunt Grandma. Her daughter, my aunt and cousin, still lives in that stately home. Clara died over 30 years ago, but her image comes back to me. Both her friends and her foes called her a great beauty. I believed it, but not with my eyes, only on faith. By the time I came along in the history of the race, she was a little lady with granny specs, fine white hair, bunions, and the outdated grand garb and gear you sometimes saw in old movies. She had kept the bearing and carriage though time had stranded her on Summit Avenue.

She sat in a wicker sunroom with a pretty canary in a cage and a window overlooking a thicket of rosebushes, white and pink. Her kitchen smelled of vanilla, not the perfume of Yiddish cuisine, but a buttery bakery American odor. On my way home from school, I would stop by for a plate of her chocolate-covered cupcakes, decidedly not a Rumanian delicacy.

However, the parlor beyond the pantry and plantroom spoke of her exotic past. A grand piano stood beneath a pale gold medieval tapestry stitched with her initials, against a beige stucco wall. Sparkling table and chair surfaces of ebony, marble, green agate and black onyx glittered and glowed in the dim retreat. Outdoors the homestead showed a face of grey stucco with short allees of catalpa.

Clara had been married before, like my grandfather. As Dietrich sang, "I've been in love before, it's true. Been learning to adore, just you." I never heard

a word about her first husband. Had he died, or just left? I knew only what I saw before me, a dignified figure who might reign over tables, play penny-ante poker with us on a summer Sunday, or take out a colored pastel portrait of her youthful self and show it off to a small boy closer than a grandson.

There were others like my Clara in town. The '20s had promised prosperity and the depression had wiped off illusions, leaving people on the islands of their living rooms and kitchens. Once she had gone off in a chauffeured limousine, spent summers at the seaside, and sent gifts to mark family occasions. Now she haunted the Hope Theater to watch dreams and fantasies—just like me.

My grandfather's factory had closed down. She threw covers on the furniture, putting the parlor away for the Depression and then the duration. The pantry held jars of string. The hallways smelled of mothballs. Boarders slept in rooms where her son and stepson had lived and smoked before going off to war. Not only did wanderers stop by your stoop for soup, but gypsies and tinkers knocked on your front door asking for transient chambers. Her house stood just next door to my grammar school and served as a private refuge for me. The lot of a stepparent is never easy, and I gave her refuge as well, in our shared need for company. For a while I offered her true friendship, though in the long haul her daughter kept the torch burning. Beauty is not a fleeting gift, it lasts forever. Letters still come both to her and to me, recounting the drama of Clara's movements in this city, in full regalia like a ship at sea, like the progress of an Edwardian person in Masterpiece Theater. People, like faithful fans, bring back her style, her silhouette.

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Journey of a Mezuzah

By Stacey A. Pacheco
Herald Co-Editor

I was inspired to write this article as a farewell to my friends at the Rhode Island Jewish Herald, members of the community, and those patient rabbis who have helped me learn and better understand my religion. On June 1, my husband, daughter and myself will ceremoniously remove our mezuzah, where it will journey to our new residence overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California.

With a handful of clay and Jewish culture, a local artist visualizes and molds thousands of years into a shape. More than a sacred item, it is a part of Ruth Berenson, preserving the heritage that she brought back to Providence after a trip to Israel.

"And thou shall write them upon the doorposts of thy house and on thy gates." (Deuteronomy 6:9) This commandment is the root of the mezuzah, the item affixed to the doorpost of a Jewish home.

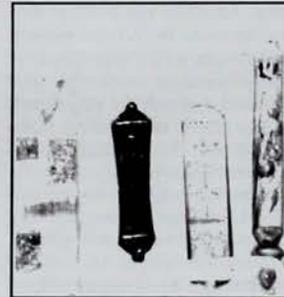
The Hebrew word mezuzah literally means "doorpost," but over time it has evolved to mean the symbol.

Contained in the mezuzah is a tightly rolled piece of parchment made from the skin of a ritually clean animal on which are handwritten, traditionally in 22 lines, words from the fifth of the Five Books of Moses. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our G-d, the Lord is One." The parchment (*kla*) is rolled from end to beginning, so that the first word, *shema*, is on top.

On the back of the parchment is inscribed the Hebrew word *Shaddai*, one of the mystical names for the Almighty and also

an acronym in Hebrew for *Shomer Daltot Yisrael*, "Guardian of the Gates of Israel."

The mezuzah case should have an opening, through which the word *Shaddai* is visible. If there is no window, then the word *Shaddai* or the Hebrew letter *shin* must appear on the face.



A JEWISH TRADITION — From traditional to ornate, the mezuzah on the left is "home-made" by a local artist.

Herald photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

The parchment must be checked twice every seven years, agrees Rabbi Hershey Worch of Congregation Ohave Sholam. At some point in time, the parchment is anticipated by rabbis to spoil, as a result of moisture or decay — stemming from the chemical effect of ink inscribed on animal skin and not paper.

"You can check a mezuzah once at the beginning and once at the end of seven years," says Worch.

To inspect the parchment — first, take it out of the case (remove any cellophane), unroll it, and then have someone who is

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LOCAL ARTIST FOUND — Ellen Eisenberg Shafner at Tikva Traditions has an abundance of mezuzot in stock, including hand-made ceramic visions of Israel.

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OPINIONS

"Schindler Saved Us"

by Alison Smith
Herald Co-Editor

At first, when the survivors reached America or another safe haven, and people asked them what it had been like, to live in a concentration camp, they tried to answer truthfully. But the truth was too shocking and too bitter. People's eyes would glaze over, they would tend to disbelieve or let their attention wander. The survivors learned to let the subject drop. For quite a while after that, the Holocaust was not discussed, even among the survivors.

In 1978, a movie, "The Holocaust," came out. Maybe enough time had passed ...

It was possible to discuss and describe the Holocaust, at last.

The movie "Schindler's List" carried us another quantum leap forward in acknowledging what the Holocaust was really like. If you, like me, ever wondered if the movie was as true to the facts as a dramatization could be, you can rest assured that it is. Rena Finder was on the real Schindler's list — and she spoke about that May 10 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, to a packed house.

Finder grew up in Cracow, Poland. She described an almost idyllic childhood in a lovely old city. There was anti-Semitism, and it was allowed, if not actually encouraged by both government and church. But even though Jews were never really accepted as full-fledged citizens of Poland, they managed to be happy there.

In September, 1939, all that changed. Almost overnight, literally. Jews could not get their

money out of banks, could not own pets, could not walk on the sidewalk, could not go to school, and lost their civil rights. The Germans wanted to make all towns "Judenrein" — free of Jews. So they forced the Jews to create a walled and shuttered ghetto, and then move into it. Finder remembers that families piled what few possessions they were permitted to take with them onto little wheelbarrows or carts, and walked through the city streets to the ghetto while fellow Poles stood on the sidewalks and cheered and jeered.

The rule was that no one under 12 or over 55 was allowed to go to live in the ghetto. Finder was under 12, but tall for her age, so someone altered her birth certificate and she was allowed to go with her family. Her grandfather was over 55, but he looked much younger than his 70 years, so his birth certificate was altered also — and he went with them.

The ghetto was right in the middle of a bustling city ... two streets long, two avenues wide. Families were squeezed into rooms designed for bedrooms or kitchens. Privacy was preserved by hanging sheets over wires or strings across the room.

There were factories outside the ghetto that employed Jews. Every morning and evening, people from the ghetto would walk to work and walk home through the busy streets of Cracow, and no one in Cracow could have missed seeing Jews harassed, beaten, shot or arrested. But no one lifted a finger to help.

It seemed wise to make

themselves as indispensable as possible, so the Jews remaining in the ghetto during the day created small workshops, turning out everything from hats to candles in an effort to remain self-sustaining.

"Selections" happened all the time, without warning. People lived in constant fear. Many tried to escape, but even when they were successful (and the Germans caught most of them, using trained dogs) once they were out of the ghetto, who could help them? Where could they go to be safe? People hid in attics, and tried to get away through the sewers, particularly when the selections were going on, but not many survived for long.

Finally, on March 17, 1942 — Finder remembers that it was a cold, snowy day — everyone was ordered to leave the ghetto. The word came down that anyone found there after 6 p.m. would be shot. Finder had to lead one of the family's smaller children to "an orphan's home" where, the Germans said, the Jewish children would be cared for. She had to leave the child there, and she remembers running frantically to get out of the ghetto in time. Behind her, she heard shooting and screaming start. Later she learned that many parents carried their small children with them, concealed in backpacks.

After that, life became a round of travel on crowded cattle trains, suspense in new camps as life and death decisions were made in an instant on the incoming prisoners, work, little or no food, mud, cold, fear and casual shooting by commandants who found it amusing to kill someone before or after dinner. Small children were hidden in the top bunks during the days when the adults had to go to work at the camps. Even the smallest ones seemed to understand that if they many any noise during the day, they would be killed. The Germans went through the dormitories periodically searching for children and took many away. One group of adults painted a barracks with

warning signs as if it was closed for disinfecting, and put their children in there during a search. It seemed that they had won, for once, but the Germans found the children anyway a day or two later.

When the refugees became Schindler's workers, no guards were allowed in the dorms or factories. It's impossible to state how much that meant to the Jews. Schindler would walk through the factory and say, "Good morning. How are you?" — treating them as if they were humans again, and worthy of respect. Again, this meant so much to them.

He paid attention to the individuals who worked for him, and got to know them. At one time, Finder was taken off a machine she had learned to operate well, and put on a heavy press which was too much for her. The machine got broken, and the foreman shouted that she had attempted to sabotage the press — a crime punishable by death. Schindler came down to the factory floor, looked at Finder, a young girl still, looked at the press, and talked to her. She told him she had been running another machine. He asked her if she liked that. She said she had. He ordered that she be returned to the job she could handle. No killing for sabotage. It's not hard to understand why to this day Finder feels she owes every moment of the rest of her life to Schindler, and loves him still.

In some of the camps, the smell and the ashes from the ovens and chimneys were so thick that everyone's mouth hurt and their eyes stung and watered. Finder believes it is impossible that anyone living near those camps did not know what was being done inside them.

For whatever reasons, Schindler took his Jews under his wing. He wine and dined Nazis, bribed them, took chances (he was arrested twice), and kept his promises. At one point, Finder and her mother, having been taken from one Schindler factory when it closed, were headed for

what seemed certain death. When they climbed down from the cattle car they were traveling in, there was Schindler on the train platform, ready to see that they were taken care of at the new factory — a warm place to sleep and some hot soup right away. They had been saved again.

Finder thinks that Schindler saved so many Jews in part because their gratitude to him and affection for him made the risks worthwhile. They were extremely good workers, of course, doing everything they could to make his investment in them pay off — but there was something else ... something important to Schindler to make him spend a great deal of his own money saving them, and put his life on the line several times.

When the war was almost over, 10 or 12 young men from the factory went with Schindler to meet American troops, because everyone knew that if the Russian liberators caught up with him, they would shoot first and ask questions later, so in the end, Jews saved Schindler.

After listening to Finder, I know she believes in the movie, and thinks it is as close to the truth as we're going to get. If you haven't already seen it, please do.

Holocaust Education Bill

Calling it the proudest and most important moment in his career as a Jewish community professional, Mark Freedman, executive director of the Southeast region of the American Jewish Congress, recently participated in a ceremony during which Florida Governor Lawton Chiles signed a Holocaust Education bill into law.

The new law will require the teaching of the history of the Holocaust in all Florida public schools.

Rav asserts that, "If he (Moshiach) is among the living it is Rabenu HaKadosh (Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi). The great commentator Rashi explains why Rav believes thus: because Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi suffered tremendously and was a very pious person.

Moshiach suffers, as mentioned above in Yeshayahu, because his pain heals us and in his merit G-d has mercy on us. Moshiach is willing to endure not only the spiritual pain of exile, but actual physical pain so that each Jew can "catch up" with him and be ready for the redemption.

But, and this is a big "but," Moshiach's suffering is not divinely decreed, G-d forbid. To the contrary, the very fact that it results from our transgressions proves that we can spare Moshiach his tribulations and hasten his revelation by increasing our merit.

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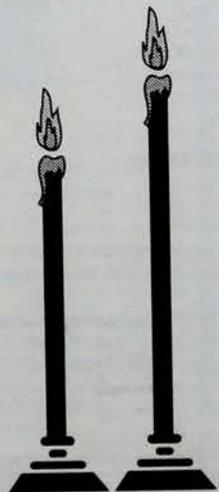
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Torah Today - Questions and Answers

I keep hearing references made to the "suffering" of Moshiach. This sounds very unJewish to me. Please explain!

It is truly unfortunate that for many of us, our familiarity with the subject of Moshiach comes from non-Jewish sources. Thus, when we hear that our prophets and sages describe the suffering of Moshiach, and that his afflictions are caused by our sins, we are shocked and skeptical.

The prophet Yeshayahu (Isaiah) — a Jewish prophet of the Jewish people — in describing Moshiach, states: "He has borne our sickness and endured our pains. He was wounded because of our sins, bruised because of our inequities. His sufferings were that we might have peace, by his injury we are healed."

In the Midrash (Yalkut Shimon) a discussion is recorded between G-d and Moshiach. "These Jews who are protected by you," G-d says to Moshiach,

"their sins will one day bring about your imprisonment in an iron yoke, make you like a calf whose eyes are blinded, and stifle your spirit under the yoke. Through their sins your tongue will cleave to your palate. Is this your will?" G-d asks Moshiach.

"L-rd of the universe," Moshiach answers, "with joy I accept it ... on condition that not one Jew shall perish. And not only shall the living be saved, but also those who are already buried. And not only the dead of my days shall be saved, but also all who died from the days of Adam till now. And not only those, but also the prematurely born shall be saved in my days. And not only those, but even all whom it entered your mind to create, but who were not created. On these conditions I am willing to suffer ... on these conditions I accept it."

In the Talmud (Sanhedrin 98b) the discussion of a group of sages is recorded. The Sage

EDITORIAL

Sharansky Speaks Out Saving Wildlife Equals Saving People

by Alison Smith
Herald Co-Editor

When Barry Chamish, editor and reporter of *Inside Israel*, was in Rhode Island in November of 1993, he warned the Jewish community that the news they were getting about Israel was frequently edited or shaded to suit the needs of major American-Jewish organizations or Israel. He never used the word "lies," but the implication was that we heard what someone wanted us to hear, and the end was considered to justify the means.

Since then, I have been paying more attention to discrepancies in what we were told about Israel, and there have been discrepancies. You know how it is. Once you hear that odd little rattle under the hood for the first time, you hear it more and more often — every time you start the car, go around a corner, or come to a sudden stop. Finally, learning the awful truth becomes more appealing than continuing to pretend you don't hear that rattle getting worse, and you head for an auto repair shop.

When the *Jewish Herald* interviewed Jonathan Davis, the Jewish Agency for Israel's aliyah director of the Department of Municipal and Settlement Projects in Israel (March 24 edition) at the Jewish Federation offices, he said that 81 percent of the Russian Jews who had come to Israel were employed, living in their own apartments or houses, and working in their career fields within a year.

An aliyah who was a doctor might have to retrain to be a biology teacher. He added that there was a determined effort to place top scientists in their own fields — to absorb them into Israel's scientific structure. "It takes a tremendous, deep breath — but I think we're continuing to maintain our enthusiasm to absorb this many," he said.

In the Spring 1994, edition of *Women's World*, published by B'nai Brith Women, Natan Sharansky is interviewed by Michael Richman, a Washington, D.C. free-lance writer.

Sharansky came to Israel from the former Soviet Union himself, and has impeccable credentials also, having been imprisoned by the KGB for "espionage and treason" ... meaning he was an activist.

He says that, "more than two-thirds of the immigrants who are employed are not working in their professions ... that the unbalanced work picture is a 'big personal tragedy' for the Russians."

"... at the age of 40, 45, 50 to find yourself almost like a little child capable of only cleaning the streets," he says. "And it hasn't been happening for a half year, not for a year, (but) for two or three years."

At first, the Russians were welcomed warmly, but now, Sharansky says, "that feeling of unity has since dissipated ... to where the Israelis are slow to grant the Russians equal professional and educational opportunities."

Even more serious in its ef-

fect on the future of Israel is the difficulty Russian children "... are encountering integrating into Israeli public schools — about 20 percent are drop-outs, ..."

Apparently Russian immigrant unhappiness about alienation has reached a level where they are talking about forming a national Russian political party in Israel.

Sharansky believes that if conditions don't improve soon, such a party will become a reality, and will be a powerful political force, one must assume a party in opposition to the established order.

Sharansky does not look like a sentimental or wistful man, but toward the end of the interview, he says, "At first, you're in a world where you're drowned with love, and then you suddenly find out that the moment you start doing something on your own, this love very quickly turns into a sea of criticism," which sounds rather sad.

So what is my point?

My point is that even if the truth is unsettling, we should hear it. That even if it might affect the level of giving from American Jews, they are entitled to truth, and should be allowed to reach their own conclusions about whether their money should be spent this way.

If there is a serious absorption problem for citizens from the former Soviet Union, maybe the money that would be spent bringing more in would be better spent helping those already there. Once the recent immigrants are established in good jobs, they will be in a position to take over much of the responsibility for absorption themselves — and who will understand a new Russian immigrant's homesickness and longing better than his brother who immigrated five years ago?

If the population of Israel

Saving wildlife and wild places is a matter of human survival, says the National Wildlife Federation.

Human survival depends on the conservation of wild plants and animals because nature is a vital source of cures and treatments for human illnesses, according to new research by America's largest conservation education organization.

"You'll find the proof in your local pharmacy," Larry Schweiger, of the National Wildlife Federation says, pointing out that 40 percent of today's prescriptions contain substances initially found in wild plants and animals.

Some examples of the medicinal benefits obtained from animal and plant species are the rosy periwinkle, a threatened Madagascar wildflower which supplies a cure for childhood leukemia, and the horseshoe crab, which produces proteins used to detect a potentially fatal bacteria affecting over 10,000 people each year.

Unfortunately, the destruction of wildlife and plant habitat has triggered an unnatural wave of extinctions that gravely threatens humanity's "savings account" of natural substances.

For example, a compound discovered in a Malaysian rainforest tree was shown to prevent the replication of the HIV-1 virus, which causes AIDS, in a laboratory at the National Institutes of Health. Unfortunately, the original tree was cut down, and scientists have been unable to find another. Related

were growing smaller every year, the Jewish communities in America would be justifiably worried. But instead, the Jewish communities themselves, in many cases, are growing smaller. Perhaps more attention should be paid to that situation.

species, however, have yielded a compound which also has significant anti-HIV activity.

"We are losing species faster than we have time to clinically examine them," Schweiger said. "As more species become extinct, we may be losing potential cures for diseases like cancer and AIDS."

Less than 10 percent of the world's known plant species and only a fraction of animal life have been screened for medicinal values. More than two-thirds are found in tropical rainforests, which are being destroyed at an estimated rate of 41.7 million acres a year.

"Just as we depend on our local drug stores for prescriptions when we're sick, we should conserve nature's pharmacy for future generations," Schweiger said. "The Endangered Species Act is our most important tool for the conservation of nature."

There are probably hundreds of curative discoveries still waiting to be found. Past discoveries include the following important pharmaceuticals:

More than three million American heart disease sufferers would find their lives cut short within 72 hours without digitalis, a drug derived from the purple foxglove.

Coral of the porites and gonipora species are now used in bone grafts to produce newly mended bone that is as strong or stronger than the original. Because the porous structure of these corals is virtually identical to that of human bone, they

are uniquely compatible with the human skeleton and the body does not reject them or cause the inflammation or infection which commonly occurs from human bone grafts. A study from 1989 to 1991 of 19 patients with fractures repaired with coral bone grafts showed that all healed solidly, including those in major weight-bearing bones of the leg.

The bark of the Pacific yew tree, found in the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest, is the source of taxol, a promising new drug used to treat ovarian and breast cancer patients. It is the only drug discovered in the last 15 years to be an active agent against a variety of cancers.

A compound from soil bacteria called SP-PG (sulfated polysaccharide peptidoglycan) has proven to be exceptionally effective against Kaposi's Sarcoma, a skin cancer commonly occurring among AIDS sufferers.

The endangered desert pupfish, one of the tiniest vertebrates on Earth, is helping medical researchers learn more about the nature of kidney diseases in humans.

The evening primrose is a major source of gammalinolenic acid (Vitamin F). Deficiency of this key nutrient may cause eczema, arterial disorders, arthritis, and multiple sclerosis. Oil from the evening primrose's seeds could play a vital role in helping to avoid these afflictions as well as schizophrenia, impotence, and alcoholic hangovers.

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WORLD NEWS

Special Israeli Police Unit to Patrol Roads Connecting Gaza and Jericho

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel is establishing a special unit of nearly 2,000 border police to patrol four roads that will be used by Palestinians traveling between the newly autonomous Gaza Strip and Jericho districts.

While announcing plans for the so-called "safe passage routes" through Israel at a news conference, Police Chief Assaf Hefetz warned that Israeli security forces could not guarantee that terrorists would not take advantage of their free passage rights to carry out attacks against Israelis.

Hefetz admitted that Israeli police officials had had little prior input concerning the four routes because Israeli-Palestinian agreements covering regulations for the roads' use had been made by political leaders without consultations with the police.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal told the Labor Knesset fac-

tion shortly before Hefetz spoke to the press that Palestinian cars with special "autonomy identification" will have to clock in at the beginning and end of each trip, registering the names of all drivers and passengers at each checkpoint.

Shahal said vehicles would not be allowed to make any stops on the roads and police patrols along the route would make spot checks of vehicles in transit, noting the time of their arrival at each checkpoint to ensure they had not stopped anywhere along the way.

In his address to the Labor Party faction, Shahal said that he had asked the government to provide funding for an additional 1,400 police officers to patrol the roads.

A new police district staffed by an additional 3,000 officers will also be established in the next few days to provide security for Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

Council of Jewish Theatres

NEW YORK, N.Y. — "Naomi," the powerful production of Tel Aviv's Cameri Theatre, will be a highlight of this year's Council of Jewish Theatres to be held in Detroit, June 11 to 14. Representatives of more than 20 Jewish theaters from across the country are expected at this annual gathering of theater professionals.

Established in 1985, the Council of Jewish Theatres, administered by the National

Foundation of Jewish Culture, has grown to include nearly 30 theater and individual members.

The theme of this year's conference is "What is American Jewish Theater and Why Have One?" a question which will be examined from a number of angles throughout the meetings.

Working sessions will focus on the wide range of issues facing contemporary Jewish theater, including funding,

Meeting in Riga to Plan Outreach to Soviet Jews

The extent of integration by Russian Jewish immigrants into Jewish life in the United States and Israel will be explored at the biennial meeting of the board of trustees of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, which will take place from June 13 to 16 in Riga, Latvia.

The meeting will also hear reports on the rapid growth of Jewish education there and on the status of Holocaust studies worldwide.

The cultural needs of Jewish communities throughout the world will be addressed by foundation leaders from four continents during the three-day deliberations.

R. I. Convention Center Attracts International Conference

The Association of College and University Housing Officers International has selected the Rhode Island Convention Center as the site for their 1996 annual conference.

Scheduled for July 1996, the

conference will attract more than 1,000 attendees, and will utilize 3,215 total room nights in the Greater Providence area during the weeklong event. ACUHO-I is expected to pump more than \$1.5 million into the state's economy due to delegate spending and the employment and business development that this spending stimulates.

When asked why the Rhode Island Convention Center was chosen, Gary Schwarzmueller, ACUHO-I's executive director, replied "The center was able to accommodate all of our needs better than any other North-eastern destination."

marketing and audience development, community relations and new play development.

Participants will also attend performances of the hit play, "Beau Jeste," at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre and of the Cameri's "Naomi," a powerful monodrama by Ruby Portashoval.

Step Forward to Fight AIDS

The 7th annual Walk for Life to benefit Rhode Island Project/AIDS' education, care, prevention and advocacy programs, will take place on June 5 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at India Point Park.

Walk for Life, a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) pledge walk, is Rhode Island's largest pledge event and the most successful AIDS fund-raiser in Southern New England. Last year, the walk raised over \$200,000. This year, we expect 5,000 people to take part and raise \$250,000.

The walk route winds through Providence neighborhoods and business districts alive with banners, balloons,

water stops, and performing artists. Upon returning to India Point Park, walkers will join the post-walk celebration, snack, and concert.

More and more people form Walk for Life teams with their co-workers, classmates, friends, and family members. Over 100 walk teams, a record number, ranging in size from two people to 300, have already registered for this year's walk.

The project seeks and welcomes participants for this year's walk. To register, to form a team, or to volunteer, call the walk-line, 831-5595.

Saint John Jewish Historical Museum

SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick — The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, 29 Wellington Row, will be open for its ninth season from May 24 to Sept. 30.

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, one of Saint John's preeminent tourist attractions, draws thousands of local visitors and tourists to its permanent and seasonal ex-

hibits. "Our mandate," says Curator Marcia Koven, "is to educate and help eliminate discrimination."

The museum consists of a religious artifacts display, chapel, ritual bath, Hebrew school classroom, art gallery, gift shop, and archives (open by appointment only) and library which, according to Koven, attract historians and genealo-

NEWS

BRIEFS

INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Syria may now be prepared to accept a gradual Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights as a part of a package that would establish a framework for peace between the two countries.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A joint Israeli-Palestinian commission recently convened in the West Bank town of Jericho to deal with settler complaints that the ancient synagogue there had been desecrated by the Palestinian Police.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Ernst Japhet, former chairman of Bank Leumi, was sentenced recently to an 11-month prison term and fined some \$300,000 for fraudulently manipulating his bank's shares in Israel's biggest financial scandal ever.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO (JTA) — In an act both ecumenical and economical, Westminster United Church, a Protestant church and Temple Shalom, a Jewish synagogue, have signed an agreement to build a \$1.1 million shared house of worship and community center.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (JTA) — The resignation of Edward Djerejian from his post as U.S. ambassador to Israel has caught Jewish groups by surprise. He will head the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The U.S. Commerce Department has imposed a \$78,000 civil penalty against Gotco International, a Texas-based oil tool manufacturer, for allegedly complying with the Arab boycott against Israel. The company agreed to pay the fine — \$38,000 of which was suspended — while neither denying nor admitting the alleged violations.

gists from around the world. Light lunches will be served Monday through Friday in the museum tea room.

Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. during July and August. Group tours are welcome by appointment throughout the year. The museum closes on major Jewish holidays.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Reform Leaders to Vote on Who Decides What You Eat? Maverick Congregation

Should a congregation that has rewritten liturgy to omit all reference to G-d be admitted to the movement of Reform Judaism?

This is the issue facing the trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of the Reform movement, as they prepare for a three-day meeting in Washington, D.C., June 10 to 12.

Beth Adam, a non-affiliated Ohio synagogue that describes itself as "The Cincinnati Congregation for Humanistic Judaism," has applied for affiliation with the UAHC. In its literature, Beth Adam claims it does not deny the existence of G-d but neither does it seek to impose a concept of G-d nor does the congregation assume that one must employ the term "G-d" to give expression to one's deeply held religious beliefs.

Beth Adams' descriptive brochure also says that in order to create an environment that allows for "individual expression of deeply held religious beliefs," it has chosen to employ language in its liturgy that it views as "expansive and inclusive."

The Beth Adam application is strongly opposed by the rabbis of the four existing Reform congregations in Cincinnati. In a letter to Rabbi Daniel B. Syme, senior vice president of the UAHC, they asserted that admission of the congregation "would infuse our community and our national movement

with divisiveness, discord and disharmony."

The Cincinnati rabbis opposed to the congregation's admission into the UAHC argue that for acceptance by the Reform movement, Beth Adam must make changes that would enable it to fall "within the descriptive parameters and the essential universally recognizable principle of Reform Judaism." Such changes, the rabbis' letter said, would include allowing congregants the freedom to pray to G-d, to invoke G-d's name and ask for G-d's blessing in worship opportunities and life cycle events.

They argued that while every congregation is free to set its own boundaries, the need of Jews "to give voice to a personal or theistic G-d is at the very heart of normative Reform Judaism."

Beth Am responds that "including such prayers in our services contradicts the philosophy of the congregation and would impose upon our members a narrow definition of G-d."

The case for approving Beth Adam's application for affiliation will be argued by its rabbi, Rabbi Robert Barr, who was ordained by the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Arguing against affiliation will be Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman, professor of liturgy at the New York campus of HUC-JIR, and Rabbi Michael Meyer, Adolph S. Ochs professor of Jewish history at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati.

The trustees will debate the question June 11 and vote on June 12.

Excerpts from an Op Ed piece by Keith Ashdown, Pure Food Campaign.

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drive one-third of all dairy farmers out of business. With each dairy farm that goes out of business, as many as 25 rural jobs are lost.

People are justifiably uneasy about the presence of hormones added to their food supply. Consumers still remember when the DES hormone was approved by the FDA for use in beef cattle, long before its devastating carcinogenic effects were noted and the hormone was banned. Thus, when surveys showed that most of the public would prefer not to buy milk from cows dosed with the synthetic growth hormone, Monsanto removed the word "hormone" from its product —

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This year's first-place winners are Henry Laudone Jr. of Westerly, R.I., Norwich Free Academy, for his unit, "The Holocaust: How and Why?" and Randolph Potter of Joel Barlow High School in West Redding for his unit, "I Resist."

Second-place recipients are Libby Smith of Waterford, Tyl Middle School, for "The Holocaust through Literature and the Arts"; Charlotte Wisniewski of New Fairfield, Broadview Middle School, Danbury, for "WWI: A Time of Survival — The Holocaust, Nightmare for Future Reference" and William Prenetta of Ellington High School for "The Holocaust Revisited — A Play."

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West Point Dean's List

Cadet Victor Olshansky, grandson of Sally Olshansky and nephew of Carole Olshansky of Exeter Street, Providence, has been named to the dean's list on the completion of his freshmen year at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Olshansky is a member of the varsity lightweight football team and won his letter and gold star for victory over the Naval Academy. In addition, he is a member of the Jewish Chapel Choir, a group of approximately 25 cadets that perform, by invitation, at synagogues throughout the

Weiss Receives Award

Herbert P. Weiss, writer and consultant in aging and health care issues, and recent editor of the *Brown University Long-Term Care Quality Letter* published in Providence, R.I., has been named winner of the American College of Health Care Administrators 1994 National Journalism Award.



WEST POINT PROUD — That's cadet Victor Olshansky standing in front of the new West Point Class Crest, with his aunt Carole Olshansky on the left and his grandmother Sally Olshansky on the right.

Northeast. Olshansky is also a candidate for the Superintendent's Award. This award is presented to cadets who, in addition to being on the dean's list, earn a 3.0 or better in the military and physical portion of the training.

Prior to his appointment to West Point, Olshansky was a National Merit Scholar, captain of his high school wrestling and track teams, and a starting defensive lineman on the league champion football team. He won a total of 11 athletic letters at the William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia, Pa. He was elected a member of the student council, and served as editorial editor of the school newspaper, sports editor of the yearbook and president of the Spanish club. In addition, he is an Eagle Scout, and was vice president of his Reform Jewish youth group (MALTY).

Olshansky is the son of I. Shane Olshansky (formerly of Providence) and Myra Olshansky of Philadelphia, Pa.

Roberta Segal and Associates Wins National Communications Award

Roberta Segal and Associates has received an Award of Excellence in Communications from the Jewish Community Center Association of North America for its efforts to publicize the opening of the Family Fitness Center at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Roberta Segal and Associates is a Providence-based marketing and public relations firm.

This award, the eighth the firm has received nationally, was given in the "Special Event Publicity Package" category.

To promote the Family Fitness Center, which opened in the last summer of 1993 to both members and the community-at-large, Roberta Segal and Associates used a combination of approaches, including the development of a logo. Press releases were mailed throughout Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts, advertisements were placed, targeted flyers were sent and specialty items including waterbottles and cloth bags were printed with the new logo. In addition, the center's director of fitness, Jay Snyder, appeared on statewide television and radio talk shows.

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The proclamations recognized Croland's lifetime of humanitarian causes.

DiOrio to Wed Horowitz

Elizabeth J. DiOrio of Medford, Mass., announces the engagement of her daughter, Deborah A. DiOrio, to Stuart I. Horowitz of Providence, R.I., son of Toby and Alan Horowitz of Warwick, R.I.

The bride-to-be graduated from Mount Holyoke College and is studying for a master's degree at Simmons College.

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deputy commissioner on policy to the FDA, drafted the labelling guidelines.

FDA assurances that rBGH milk is "virtually" the same as normal milk, and absolutely safe for human consumption are simply false.

A number of distinguished intellectual bodies including the Consumers Union — publisher of *Consumer Reports* — and the Cancer Prevention Coalition, a group that repre-

sents over 30 of the leading scientists in the United States working on Cancer Prevention and public health, have submitted urgent warnings on the connections between the IGF-1 (Insulin-Like Growth Factor-1) found in rBGH milk and growth disorders in human infants and in the proliferation of malignant tumors ... particularly colon tumors, smooth muscle tumors, breast cancer cells, and others.

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It stands to reason that stressed animals, biochemically "pushed" to increase their milk output, will be more vulnerable to disease. Monsanto's published data even acknowledges an up to 79 percent elevated incidence of clinical mastitis in POSILAC®-treated cows, revealed by visible pus in the milk. These cows will be treated with antibiotics, many of them unapproved, which is a genuine cause for concern.

These are a few of the many troubling questions, but all the facts cited here are thoroughly documented in scientific work, free from corporate sponsorship of Monsanto and the other chemical corporations.

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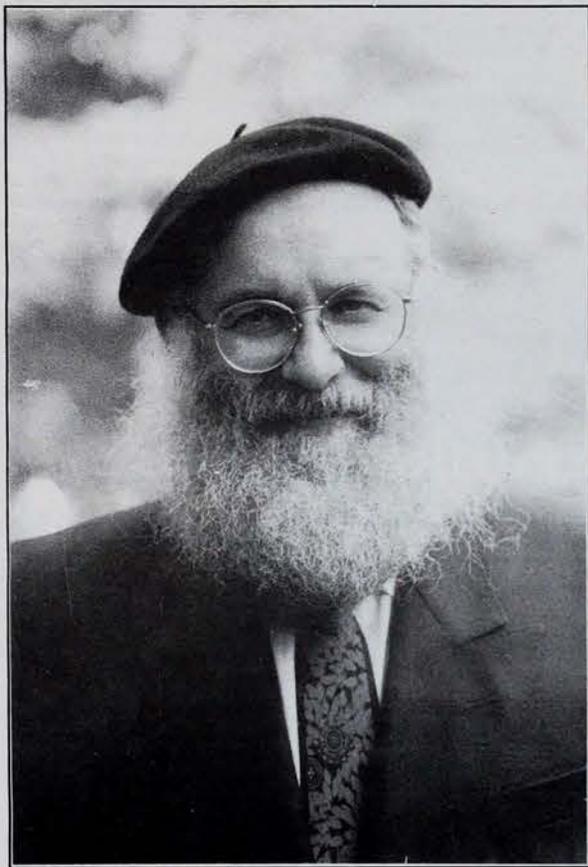
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Rabbi Laibel Wolf

A Retreat and Treat for Jewish Men

"Jewish men! Do yourselves a favor! Enjoy a long weekend in June at Camp Tel Noar in New Hampshire at the 48th annual Laymen's Institute, June 16 to 19, sponsored by the New England Region, Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. "This is the enthusiastic invitation of the chairmen of the institute this year, Lester Macklin and Harold Parritz.

The institute annually welcomes Jewish men for fellowship, Jewish learning, kosher dining, religious services (including friendly instruction for learners), sports, recreation and old-fashioned fun (singing

around the piano), an evening of humor, awards of all kinds).

The Laymen's Institute is held each year at Camp Tel Noar, a summer camp established by the Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation in Hampstead, N.H., less than 40 minutes from Boston.

Activities include a series of stimulating lectures by two distinguished faculty members, discussions at lakeside with the faculty, a peaceful Shabbat, and for those who wish to participate an afternoon of tennis or softball.

For more information, call Irwin Sydney at (617) 964-6454.

Jewish War Veterans Memorial

One of the solemn obligations of the Jewish War Veterans, Department of R.I., is to honor the memory of the departed comrades. The holding of these services is one way in which we seek to fulfill our trust. The public is invited to

attend memorial services to honor loved ones.

Lt. Commander Aryeh S. Oberstein, Jewish chaplain, Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I., will officiate May 29 at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery. They will

Science and Mysticism at CHAI Social Seniors of Warwick

Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center, continuing its series of Jewish educational programs, is soon to host the world-renowned Australian lecturer, Rabbi Laibel Wolf.

On May 31, at 7:30 p.m., Wolf will lead a discussion into the mysteries of Kabbala (Jewish Mysticism) and its relationship to contemporary science. Rabbi Levy, director of the CHAI Center, said, "It is a great pleasure to be able to present the Jewish community with such a rare opportunity to gain an understanding of such a seemingly intimidating topic." Wolf, a graduate of Mel-

bourne University Law School, holds degrees in law and education. He was one of the youngest Hillel directors ever appointed in the United States. Most recently, he has founded the Institute of Jewish Development, which reaches out in Australia and the Pacific region to Jews involved in eastern religions and philosophies.

The lecture will take place at the CHAI Center, 15 Centerville Rd. (Four Corners Apponaug), Warwick. Ample parking is available.

For more information, please call: 884-4071.

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting June 8 at Temple Am David, Gardiner Street.

Bingo will be played for an opportunity to win prizes. Refreshments will be served.

On June 26 the installation of officers will be held at the Sheraton Tara airport hotel, 1850 Post Rd. in Warwick.

Entertainment will be furnished by Barry De Rossi.

Arrangements should be made early for seating at the tables.

Contact Estelle Miller.

Fees Climb

The Brandeis University Board of Trustees has approved a 3.9 percent increase in combined undergraduate costs for the 1994-1995 academic year — the lowest such increase in 20 years.

The combined tuition, fees and room and board costs will rise from \$25,415 in 1993-1994 to \$26,409.

"Brandeis is extremely sensitive to the financial pressures placed on parents and on the university itself," said Brandeis President Samuel O. Thier. "We are trying as hard as we can to control increases in these costs without harming the quality of education we provide our students."

For 1994-1995, tuition will rise from \$18,520 to \$19,380, the room rate will increase from \$3,380 to \$3,500, the student activities fee will go from \$135 to \$139, and health charges will climb from \$300 to \$310. Board charges will remain at \$3,080.

Undergraduate need-based financial aid will increase by \$2.7 million, or 14 percent over 1993-1994. The university expects to spend \$23.65 million on financial aid, or 14.9 percent of the total Brandeis budget.

dedicate the names of the veterans who have died this year. These names have been added on to the monument.

Monuments were dedicated in memory of departed veterans at cemeteries including Newport, Middletown, Woonsocket, Beth-El, Sinai and R.I. Veterans Cemetery.



Open House

The Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, held their annual "Open House" on May 22. The entire center was open to the public for a day of fun, fun, fun. Evy Rappoport (right) is greeting people at the entrance of the fitness center, where "no-no" noshing was allowed.

Weinberg Named Director of Hemodialysis Program at Roger Williams

Seekonk resident Marc Weinberg, M.D., recently was appointed the director of the nephrology and hemodialysis at Roger Williams Medical Center. Weinberg, who specializes in hypertension and nephrology, has been a member of the Roger Williams staff since 1983, and currently serves as its secretary/treasurer.

Weinberg's growing research is one of the largest in New England investigating chronic renal failure, hypertension elevated cholesterol, dialysis, cancer research and potassium metabolism. A member of the Rhode Island Kidney Foundation, he recently received several research grants including an innovative study on the role of calcium channel blockers and ACE inhibitors in the regulation of plasma potassium in patients on dialysis at the Ren Center-Providence. In addition, he is a principal investigator for a study on cholesterol therapy to reduce cardiovascular disease and also a study dealing with a new hypertensive drug therapy.

Weinberg is a member of the faculty of Brown University, and among his many profes-

sional and civic memberships serves as the president of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate.

Cranston and Warwick Kosher Meals on Wheels

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island has been allocated special funding from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island to coordinate a Kosher Meals on Wheels program for Cranston and Warwick.

Judy Weisblatt, Meals on Wheels coordinator for the area, has identified a number of homebound individuals who would benefit from a hot, kosher lunch Monday through Friday. Many have participated in the JFS Kosher Mealsite and for health reasons can no longer attend.

The program is a cooperative venture of the JCCRI, Jewish Family Service, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and COAST (Comprehensive Older Adult Service, Inc.)

Weisblatt is now seeking volunteers to pack and deliver the meals. Those who have 1½ to 2 hours per day (flexible schedules are available) should call her at 861-8800.

Calendar of Jewish Events

Sunday, May 29

11 a.m. — Jewish War Veterans memorial services are being held at Lincoln Park Cemetery to honor the memory of the departed comrades.

11 a.m.—Noon — The Kosher Mealsite Program at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, will present part one of "Over New England," a video showing aerial views of six New England states. Call 861-8800.

Monday, May 30 MEMORIAL DAY

Rhode Island Jewish Herald office is closed.
Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is closed.

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

Tuesday, May 31

The JCCRI will sponsor a seniors trip to the movies. Call Sandy Bass for details. 861-8800.

7:30 p.m. — A lecture featuring Rabbi Laibel Wolf on Judaic Mysticism will be held at the Chai Center, 15 Centerville Road, Warwick. Call 884-4071.

7:30 p.m. — Seventh- and eighth-graders at Alperin Schechter Day School will host the play "Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat." Call 751-2470.

Wednesday, June 1

8 a.m. — PTA Installation and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast at the Alperin Schechter Day School. Call 751-2470.

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UNDER THE CHERRY TREE — in the Temple Torat Yisrael garden, Marcia Slobin talks about her recent bat mitzvah.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Sometimes Later is Even Better

by Alison Smith
Herald Co-Editor

On May 15, Marcia Slobin became bat mitzvah at Temple Torat Yisrael. She reached her goal by studying for two years in the evenings, while she worked days at the Visting Nurse Association as a third party biller. Obviously, Slobin is not your average 13-year-old candidate for this honor.

When she was 13, she was not interested in making the commitment. It was just one of those things she decided not to do. And bat mitzvah was not nearly as common as bar mitzvah in those days. Slobin's younger brother did become bar mitzvah.

When she moved out to California in the late '70s, where she lived for nine years, Slobin became involved with a synagogue and her interest in Judaism increased. She came back to Rhode Island, finally, determined to learn more about her religion.

She joined Temple Torat Yisrael about three and a half years ago, and when the opportunity to become bat mitzvah came round again, she made the commitment.

For two years, with a short break in the summer, she, and about eleven other adult students, met every Tuesday

evening with Rabbi David Rosen, Cantor Shimon Gewirtz, and Lonna Picker, educational director for the temple.

There were originally about 14 in the class. Twelve finished with Slobin, which means there was a tremendous commitment on the part of the students, and on the part of their teachers. The group had to unlearn (if they already knew) prayers and ritual they had learned by rote, and learn them over by really reading Hebrew, and getting the pronunciation and the phrasing correct. It was hard. Of all the lessons she tackled, Slobin said re-learning Hebrew was perhaps the most frustrating at first. But she saw others around her having the same struggle, and winning, and she received lots of patient encouragement from Picker, Gewirtz and Rosen.

She found herself reading about Judaism on the side, in spite of her heavy schedule. The Kushner books were very important to her — particularly *L'Chaim*.

At the same time, she continued to serve on the temple board of directors, did publicity for the temple, and was a member of the committee for the temple school. Helping with bingo, she had to give up.

Slobin's class was the third to complete the course at Temple Torat Yisrael. During those two years, the group bonded together very closely. Six members have decided that they will make every effort to continue to see each other throughout the year. They plan to take another course on Judaism offered by the temple in the fall.

Slobin said it was a time of growing and learning, of expanding her understanding. She cannot stop now. Answers lead to more questions, lessons already covered lead to more interesting subjects — there is no end to it.

The ceremony itself was deeply inspirational and emotional for all those involved. After it was over, several women came up to the group and said that it had been a revelation to them ... that this might be something they would like to do.

Slobin said over and over how much she appreciated the extra help Rosen, Gewirtz and Picker had given class members. Time and time again, these three would meet with a student on another evening, or during time snatched from a free day. It made all the difference. Slobin said, "You felt like they'd become more like a friend than a teacher."

Free Loan Association Honors

by Alison Smith
Herald Co-Editor

Benjamin Reitman was honored with a plaque at the annual meeting of the Hebrew Free Loan Association recently, for his many years of service to the organization.

Meyer and Helen Tenenbaum were thanked for their generosity to the association and a plaque in their honor was shown.

Many who had worked to make the year successful were mentioned, among them, Rennie J. Brown, Louis Brown, members of the nominating committee, Ruth Wagner, Susanne Zucker, Charles and Helen Kilberg, Ken and Myrna Resnick and Harriet Priest.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Kenneth R. Resnick; 1st Vice President, Jay Rosenfield; 2nd Vice President, Dr. Martin P. Newman; Secretary, Murray Gereboff; Treasurer, Herbert Wagner; Custodian, Gerald Connis.

The board of directors installed for three-year terms are:

'Political Correctness'

Congregation Mishkan Tefila's New Club, a group for Jewish men and women aged 35 to 55, is pleased to sponsor a discussion on "Political Correctness" on June 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The discussion will be facilitated by Jonathan Wilson, distinguished professor at Tufts University, published author, recent Guggenheim recipient and frequent contributor to publications such as *The New Yorker*. This program will be held at 300 Hammond Pond Parkway in Chestnut Hill. Admission is \$3 for synagogue members and \$5 for nonmembers.

For more information, contact Wendy at 332-7770.

Bernard Bieder, Harvey Goldman, Dan Adler, Ernest B. Schleifer, Edward Steiner, Samuel Stepak, Leonard Summer.



One Jewish Woman's Role

A woman's place in Jewish history was the subject of Dr. Lynn Davidmann's talk at the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association recently. Charlotte Penn, who introduced Davidmann to the group, is on the left.

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The course will be held at the Red Cross office, located at 315 Pleasant St., second level, in Fall River.

The class is open to certified NAT's or NAT students wait-

ing to take the state exam. Nurse Assistants licensed in other states are welcome to take the course.

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A Sheaf of Notes on Shavuos

by Mike Fink

"A wily fox went to a wise old trout and said, 'Fishermen with nets are coming after you. Climb onto my back. I will carry you across to safety in another stream.' 'No,' answered the fish. 'I know these waterways. Maybe I can still outwit the hunters one more time.' Well, this is a midrash. The fish stands for the Jewish people. The brook is our Torah. It keeps us in life. We are lost without it."

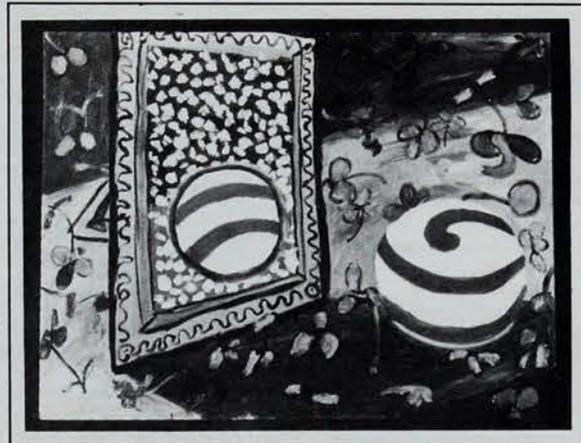
Evelyn Brier, secondary education coordinator of the Harry Elkin Midrasha, told this tale just before Shavuos at the graduation ceremony held at Temple Am David in Warwick. She also made up stories and anecdotes about each of the 13 students who had completed their studies at the community high school of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Tracey Tebrow, the Nathan Resnik Scholar and winner of the Maurice Messing Memorial Award, addressed the issue of Jewish identity in a time of suburban assimilation. "Jews once wore clothing and badges that made them stand out. They spoke their own language, Yiddish. They kept their customs and went their own way in the world. Now, Jews speak a few words of Yiddish and maybe wear a Chai on a chain. But our future depends upon our education in Torah."

On this weekend of Sivan and May, many events of cultural and artistic interest took place. Ada Jill Schneider read poems about her Jewish roots at Cav. She chose verses on the Polish grandmother after whom she was named, Sephardic Spanish and Portuguese names that interest her allegorically, and whimsical poignant sketches in words about her father, who used Yiddish kloles, curses, when faster motorists tried to speed up his progress on our highways.

Sylvia Moubayed told the lis-

teners about her own voyage to our shores and roads. "I came here thirty years ago on a Spanish passport, though I have never seen Spain. We lived in Egypt, but as refugees many generations earlier from the Inquisition."

Mark Goodkin opened a show of his paintings at the Five Gallery on Steeple Street. It will stay up until May 29. The portrait that grabs your attention on the entrance wall shows a nude figure on an easy chair with a cat perched on its



"TONGUE IN CHEEK" — Oils and acrylic on canvas, by Mark Tempkin, 1993.

padded arm. Two elaborately wallpapered panels enclose the form of the young woman, almost dwarfed by these props. "The cat just came into the pose and wouldn't leave," Mark says. "It brings a note of peace, quiet, and also mischief into the painting," says I. Below the gallery, a loud motorcycle gang concert boomed out its raucous cries. A sort of liberal porno shop underneath the third floor gallery contrasts with the quiet and elegant studio above. Tom Sgouros paints his small stunning landscapes in a penthouse space overlooking the marble State House. Yet this master

craftsman and artist is as blind as Beethoven was deaf. Mark Goodkin's work borrows the action from below and takes the hint from the masterpieces in their refined power above. A serious painter, he will leave our community in the fall and go on to do graduate work at Pratt. "Good, kind, kin, what great names you have," I told Mark when he was my student at RISD. Now I can compliment his work.

Sam Chester, a violinist with the Rhode Island Philharmonic and longtime supporter of cancer research, is being celebrated at Providence College, his 1934

alma mater, with an honorary doctorate.

There is no conflict in Jewish life between spiritual, artistic and physical accomplishment. We bless the first fruits of the land and they grow from soil as well as from the human mind and hand. After the commencements, the openings, the yizkors and the falling blossoms, we ate blintzes, potato soup and strawberry shortcake, a gentle vegetarian supper at my own table. Enriched by the efforts of Jews of many kinds, of different ages, from diverse backgrounds. Shavuot binds us together.

Excerpts from 'Never Forget'

Never Forget

by Michael Gerebott

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

— Edith Wharton

A light illuminates all that it shines upon; it can illuminate a room, a place, or more important, it can illuminate the mind. A light can be the light of wisdom or knowledge, and it is this light which illuminates the mind. The spreading of this light of wisdom or knowledge can be accomplished in two different manners. The one who teaches, or who reveals the light of wisdom or knowledge acts as the candle. A candle burns and continuously illuminates everything around it. The stronger the candle, the greater its power of illumination. Just as a candle burns, so does a teacher, illuminating his or her students with the light of wisdom or knowledge. The spreading of that light continues with the teacher reflecting that light among his students, who act as mirrors. Without

these mirrors the light of the teacher would eventually die out. A candle can only burn for so long. Once a candle has burned out, so to will the reflecting power of that candle be extinguished.

The Holocaust in Germany is one of the most tragic chapters in the history of the world. The Holocaust was the German plan for the total annihilation

The true strength of this film is the reflection of its light off those who see it.

of the Jewish people. The Germans murdered approximately 6 million Jews before their reign of terror ended. Today, almost all of us have some knowledge about the subject of the Holocaust; however, many are unfamiliar with the underlying details that enabled the Holocaust to take hold. Many do not understand what actually occurred during this tragic chapter in history.

As a result of the current lack of understanding, there is a

great need to educate our youth, as well as adults, about the Holocaust. Today there is one man who has found the power to act as the teacher spreading the light of the Holocaust. This man is Steven Spielberg, who has made a movie called "Schindler's List"—the true story of a man named Oscar Schindler who was able to save the lives of approximately 1,200 Jews from certain death in the Holocaust. Steven Spielberg is a candle whose light is illuminating not just an entire nation but the entire world.

Everything that Spielberg does in this film is made not to entertain the viewer, but to instruct and affect the viewer's state of mind.

The true strength of this film is the reflection of its light off those who see it. These people must pass on the story of the Holocaust to friends, family, and anyone else with whom they come into contact. Unfortunately, there are only 350,000 survivors of the Holocaust alive today. These survivors are educating as many people as they can about the

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'The Journey of the Heart'

by Cindy Halpern

It was a rainy, muggy, and cold day in April. I felt chilled to the bone as I walked against the crowd of people. I desperately wanted to get away from this place. But I slipped and fell into the mud, landing face down. I tried again and again to get up, but I couldn't because the ground beneath me was too slippery. Suddenly, I felt pressure on my back, my arms, my legs, and my neck and hands. I realized to my horror that people were stepping on me! Blood splattered on my hands. I cried and screamed, but no one could see me, no one could hear my cries for help. I had become an invisible, nameless body in the mud.

The event I have just described did not take place at Auschwitz 50 years ago. This is what happened to me one year ago in Washington, D.C., on the grounds where the dedication ceremony for the United States Holocaust Museum took place.

I left that field behind the museum covered in mud and blood, as tears of shame rolled down my cheeks. I vowed never to return to this terrible place, or ever talk about what happened so I wouldn't be reminded of that cold day in April.

Yet, I told Michael Fink, my mentor and friend, the truth about that day.

Now, one year later, he and I talked about the truth and its importance in a writer's work. We agreed that the time had come for me to face my fears by returning to the museum.

My journey began as I boarded the plane bound for Washington, D.C. I sat next to Heinz Sandelowski and his wife, Molly, who were both Holocaust survivors from Berlin. As a child of the Holocaust, I felt the need for them to protect me from harm just as young Holocaust victims wanted to be shielded from danger by their own parents. I told them my story, and they volunteered to become my surrogate parents for the day.

Once inside the museum itself, I roamed through it alone, by choice. As I found myself trying to push myself away from the crowd of nameless people, I bitterly recalled that day last year being among a crowd of faceless people, never being alone, yet feeling utterly alone in the mud facing an unknown fate.

I glared at images of the past and felt the need to escape from them.

But there was no possible escape. I was now surrounded by barbed wire fences, screaming guards, mothers crying for their children, and the bodies of all those people. I saw the bodies being dragged away, as if they were never human at all. I eyed the pink toddler's shoes in a heap, knowing that child never lived to outgrow them. I saw all of them, the living, the dead, and the living dead.

I found refuge from this madness in spotting a Danish rescue boat and seeing the faces of people they helped to safely reach the Swedish shore.

However, as I stepped into the cattle car that brought Jews to their deaths, I not only experienced history, but in a small way knew what it felt like to be trampled on by a crowd of strangers.

I also visited the Vietnam War Memorial where I saw what seemed to be an endless wall of names. These men had once been sons, husbands, and fathers before they put on a soldier's uniform.

I was captivated by the sculpture of a nurse cradling a dying soldier in her arms in the midst of war and destruction. This small victory, a moment of humanity, was not just created by the magic of art, but by all of us who take the time to discover a journey of the heart.

I again sat next to Mr. and Mrs. Sandelowski on the plane home to Providence. From the airport, they escorted me home in a cab on a dark night. They had survived the Holocaust, and they helped me to survive my journey of the heart.



A Day Of Networking

Hadassah delegates recently attended a spirituality retreat in Sturbridge, Mass. Pictured are Newport chapter members Ruth Meierowitz (left), Enid Levinson (standing) and Shirley Waterman. The retreat, sponsored by the Northeast Cooperative, brought women together from seven states.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Bnai Zion's Awards

Brooklyn Representative Charles E. Schumer, widely praised as "the congressman who outgunned the gun lobby," will receive the 1994 America-Israel Friendship Award from Bnai Zion, Amer-

ica's oldest Zionist fraternal order, at the organization's 86th annual awards dinner June 5 in the New York Hilton Hotel.

Schumer, who successfully led the drive in Congress last month to enact a ban on the sale of automatic weapons, will be honored for "marshalling Congressional support for Israel on a variety of measures and educating fellow representatives on issues vital to Israel's security," according to Ben Geizhals, dinner chairman.

Now serving his seventh term in the House as a congressman from New York's 9th district, Schumer is a member of the House Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, where he is considered one of Israel's strongest allies in Congress, according to Rabbi Reuben M. Katz, national president of Bnai Zion.

The awards dinner will also feature the presentation of Bnai Zion's Dr. Harris J. Levine Memorial Award to Herbert Berman, a New York attorney and community leader, "for a lifetime of service to the Jewish and general communities," Katz announced.

Berman, counsel to the governing board of the World Jewish Congress and Judge of the Supreme Court of the World Zionist Organization, has been active in numerous Jewish communal organizations, including membership on the boards of the United Jewish

Appeal/Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the United Israel Appeal. In addition, he served as a member of the board of higher education of the City of New York for six years and as a delegate to White House conferences on foreign trade, children and youth, and aging.

The Dr. Harris J. Levine Memorial Award is named in memory of the founder and long-time chairman of the Bnai Zion Foundation, the fraternal order's philanthropic arm.



Starting Young

Volunteers start at a very young age at the JCCRI, in preparation for a brunch honoring the hundreds who give of themselves throughout the year.

Herald photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

'Never Forget'

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horrors of the Holocaust. However, once these people are gone, their light will burn out, and those viewers of Spielberg's film will be left to carry on the message of the Holocaust. If we fail to pass on their stories, then the story of the Holocaust will forever be cast in darkness.

We must not allow the light of the story of the Holocaust to burn out. If we allow the light to burn out, so to will we be allowing the memory of those six million Jews to burn out. A tradition in Judaism is to light a candle in memory of those 6 million Jews to burn out. A tradition in Judaism is to light a candle in memory of those who have died. We can think of the movie as one of these candles. The light of "Schindler's List" and of all the stories of the Holocaust illuminate the world with two words, NEVER FORGET.

Michael Gereboff is a senior at Classical High School and will be attending George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is a winner of the 1994 Anthony Medal Essay Contest, administered to public high school seniors in Providence.

Bograd

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students idly strolled across streets, and piles of belongings in boxes leaned out into space.

It was so hard to reach 2 Magee Street, on May 20, that this reporter nearly gave up and headed back to the office. It was by mere good luck that she found the one available parking space on the whole hill seconds after it had been vacated.

The awards ceremony was held in a bright, airy room upstairs in the small Samaritans' building.

Everyone in that room seemed to be a Bograd admirer. One by one, they stood up and said a few words — partly to Bograd, partly to the rest of us — about what her help had meant to them.

It was clear that they believed she had saved an unknown number of lives over the years, and made many other lives at first just bearable, and then almost-healed, through the Samaritans suicide prevention hot-line (272-4044), and through Safe Place — same phone number — the support group that helps those who have lost someone to suicide.

There was gratitude and affection on every face, intensity in every voice. What had sounded like a quick, simple awarding of a plaque and a check for \$500 became a moving experience.



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Hazel Shatz, one of the hundreds of volunteers to receive an award at the JCCRI on May 22, also was named one of the "Volunteers of the Year."

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They are the first ones there to volunteer and the last ones to go home. This group of women were honored volunteers at the recent awards ceremony at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

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AIR CONDITIONED, CITY NIGHTS DINNER THEATRE presents a Neil Simon production of "G-d's Favorite." Participants are Sonny Dufault (left) and Michael Jepson.

City Nights — G-d's Favorite

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces the production of Neil Simon's "G-d's Favorite," produced by David Jepson.

The show opens June 3 and runs evenings through June 26. In addition, there will be a Thursday evening performance on June 23 and Sunday matinees on June 19 and 26.

The show is directed by Pat Glad and stars Michael Jepson, Sonny Dufault, Janette Gregorian, Michael Frongillo, Lynne

Young, Mark Kublin, Bill Peltier and Mary Booth.

City Nights is located at the center of downtown Pawtucket at 27 Exchange Street.

Tickets for the dinner and show total \$20 per person. The meal is a complete roast beef dinner — from tossed salad through dessert and coffee — and is served family style.

Tickets for the performance are by reservation only. For reservations or other information, call 723-6060.

JERI Holds Screenings of 'Schindler's List'

Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island recently organized special screenings of Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" for the staffs of three nursing homes currently housing former residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

The screenings and discussions which followed were attended by employees of Rosewood Manor, Hopkins Health Center and Waterview Villa, and were designed to make staff members aware of what many clients have lived through and to make them sensitive to the importance of the Holocaust in Jewish heritage.

The JERI program is funded

by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and administered by the Jewish Family Service. It was established to provide support and in-service training to nursing home employees in providing care for Jewish residents, as well as recognizing Jewish traditions and celebrating holidays.

"Seeing and discussing a film like this makes people more sensitive to the needs of the Jewish residents," says Bonnie Ryvicker, JERI's director of volunteer services, "which fits the goals of our program."

For more information about Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, call 621-JERI.

1994 Heart Ball Set

Nearly 600 people will celebrate to the theme of Red Hot Rio! at the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate's 1994 Heart Ball on June 4 from 7 to 12:30 p.m. at the Newport Islander Doubletree Hotel.

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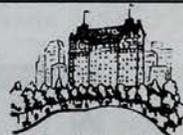
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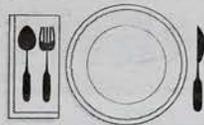
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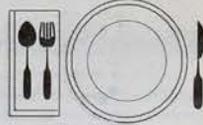
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tional soup. However, if you order something unusual like Tiger's Tears salad, you might want to discuss it with your waiter, first.

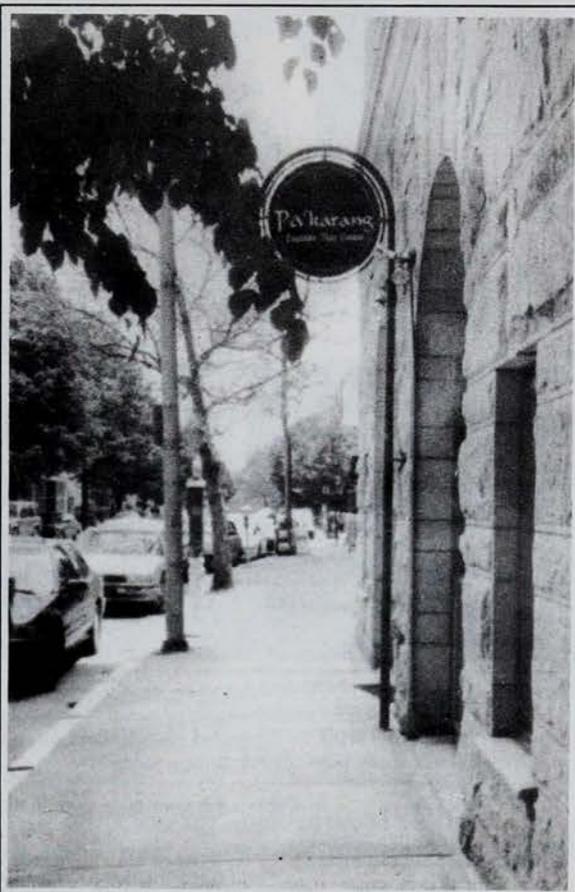
There are at least 24 entrees, including something called Dancing Squid, another called Duck Choo Chee, and Chicken Pineapple (more on that later), four curries, five vegetarian dishes, and four noodle and rice dishes.

Dessert varies according to what is available. If you are ever offered sticky rice with fresh mango, say "Yes!" ... The luscious memory lingers on.

The variety of lunches offered is almost as wide as the dinner service.

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A BIT OF SPICE IN RHODE ISLAND — A flavorful restaurant, Pakarang offers an exquisite selection of Thai cuisine.

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wave design, with fish flying and crabs scuttling across the waters. Fish nets are common in Thailand, and appear overhead in the restaurant, too. It sounds a little odd, but it works beautifully.

There is a tremendous arched window looking out on South Main Street — a very nice view — and the doorways are arched and subtly lighted.

We enjoyed the Chicker Pineapple very much. The chicken was tender and moist, the sauce light and spicy, the pineapple chunks fresh, and the oriental vegetables crisp and nicely seasoned. For your preferred degree of spiciness, tell your server upon ordering.

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Three To Think About

by Mike Fink

"With Honors" puts Joe Pesci in the furnace room of a Harvard library, a street bum staying warm by burning undergrad papers. He sells pages for food and shelter to a young man on the make. Meanwhile his story grows. The hobo had left his wife and son, lost his job, and fought asbestos lung disease till he found friendship and help for pain.

A perfectly workable tale, wrecked by sloppy sentiment. The death is dragged out to cover half the time. It flattens out the comedy and bloats the kernel of an idea. If I had made "With Honors" I would have made more of the satire and less of the sappy sadness. Joe wants his son, but he gets an adopted son instead. The Harvard boy finds a substitute dad.

Peace winds a zigzag route. The strongest visual moment makes a mute comment. A priest at a fancy church points down the alley where the homeless live



like the poor in Hong Kong. "Four Weddings and a Funeral" also plays to the crowd with easy and clumsy sentiment. The gay oration at the funeral goes on too long. I admit I walked out just before the end. I didn't want to see the lovers get together. After all, Hugh Grant stood up a bride at

the altar. Humiliation doesn't work for me as a form of entertainment. I identify with the loser, not the winner. When you give the audience a happy escape from the human condition, you cop out on good drama. Still, it's held over for the month at the Avon, so my taste isn't run of the mill.

In a chill rain and a dark and glowery mood I went off to the Showcase to catch "The Crow." The best thing about this cinematic translation from a comic strip is that black raven shadow winging among the burning alleys of a grisly cityscape. A voice tells us that this graveyard bird can take our souls back and forth from life to death. A Gustave More print of Dante's Inferno come to the screen, the look of "The Crow" and its funny-paper plot may keep your interest and take you away from a bleak solitude. The bad part of this movie comes from too much killing and not enough brooding. Brandon Lee digs out from his coffin to slaughter the bad guys who had done him in and his bedmate beauty. Then he goes home to his headstone for a rendezvous with his death.

All three designs on the silver screen burn with the same fever. They try too hard. Lighten up, fellas and gals.

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Trinity

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RISD and smiles and nods of recognition of le tout Providence. The most recent Trinity production I had seen was "Lady Day." The quality of verve, energy and gusto I had clapped for then I brought to everybody who has helped make living theater a force for life in a city where the lights have faded from the galaxy of yesteryear.

Correction

It was recently learned that J. Elliotts does not make their own bagels, they are supplied by a local bakery.



School Beat



Confirmation Congratulations

On May 15, eight students of Temple Sinai's religious school in Cranston were confirmed during the Confirmation-Chain of Tradition Service, which took place at the temple.

Congratulations are in order for the following confirmands and their families: Beth Sonya Abrams, Scott Jeremy Berstein, Andrew Elliot Fink, Alyssa Mia Fleischer, Rachel Marissa Fleisig, Jared Reid Fogel, Shelby Blair Freedman and Sharon Amy Imber.

PHDS Teacher Selected

Mary Ellen Coleman, sixth grade teacher at the Providence Hebrew Day School, has been selected as a Taft fellow for the 1994 summer seminar at Rhode Island College.

The seminar encourages bringing politics into the classroom. New and innovative techniques to reach this goal will be presented. Speakers from the Rhode Island political scene will be featured.

'Inviting the Muse'

A free writing workshop will be given at the Barrington Public Library on June 2 at 7:30 p.m. by writer Ann Harleman. Sign up for the workshop "Inviting the Muse" after May 24 at the library's reference desk. Registrations accepted in person and by phone.

Harleman's book *Happiness* is the 1993 winner of the Iowa Short Fiction Award. She



Infants and Toddlers Stay Afloat

Swim lessons at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island can be quite invigorating, especially if you're too young to remember.

Herald photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

Teachers: Surrogate Parents

On May 13, Rabbi Y. Donowitz, a teacher at the Providence Hebrew Day School / New England Academy of Torah, and certified counselor in mental health, conducted a workshop for teachers in prekindergarten to six.

The topic of the workshop was "Teachers — Surrogate Parents" and discussions included styles of classroom leadership, cycles involving success and failure, appropriate stages

to intervene, activities to strengthen emotional ties, and identifying main goals of behavior.

A follow-up workshop has been scheduled where tools to gain greater student cooperation and knowledge to facilitate greater student self-esteem will be discussed.

is on the faculty of Brown University.

For more information, call 247-1920.

Kid Courses

Bristol Community College offers summer classes made for children with the Kids College program at the Elsbree Street, Fall River campus.

Children entering kindergarten through grade 12 can receive three, six or eight weeks of summer instruction, fun, and enrichment. Registration is going on now. Classes begin July 5.

A selection of Kids College summer offerings include Hide a Butterfly, a three-week course for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children, which meets on Mondays from 9 to 10:30 a.m., beginning July 11. The course is \$15, plus a \$10 college fee.

Cookin' up a Storm and Beginner Piano are eight-week courses available for grades one to three and grades four to six, for \$45. Grades seven to 12 have a list of eight-week courses that include Basic Electronics, Typing, Study Skills: Learning How To Learn, and Basic Tennis Instruction, all at \$45.

There are dance courses and other courses ranging from finger painting to computer introduction.

Enroll by calling (508) 674-4483, or by mail, or come into the office of Continuing Education in the Hudnall Administration Building.

For more information or for a Kids College course index, call (508) 678-2811, ext. 2269.

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Gan Israel Day Camp Plans Summer

Camp Gan Israel Day Camp is offering a summer of fun for youngsters in the community, and is now accepting children for the 1994 season, Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer announces.

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For children 5 to 12, the day camp begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 2:30 p.m. The tiny tot program for children 4 to 5, lasts from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

According to Laufer, the fee has been designed to let everyone have an opportunity to enroll their children. A number of scholarships are also available.

The fee includes insurance

and snack.

For more information or to register a child, call 273-7238 or write Camp Gan Israel, 48 Savoy St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

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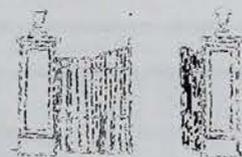
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OBITUARIES

MORRIS BLEECKER

PROVIDENCE — Morris Bleecker, 93, of North Miami Beach, Fla., formerly of Providence, proprietor of Hope Drug in Providence for many years, died May 11 at the Parkway Hospital, North Miami Beach. He was the husband of Ruth (Katzman) Bleecker.

He was born in Russia and had lived in the United States most of his life.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Roberta Boyajian of Boca Raton, Fla.; two sons, Ronald Bleecker of Beach Haven Park, N.J., and Stanley Bleecker of Providence; and six grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Shalom Memorial Gardens, North Miami Beach, Fla.

ROSE BLUME

SMITHFIELD — Rose Blume, 95, died May 21 at Elm-brook Nursing Home in Smithfield, R.I., where she had been residing for the past 10 months. She was the widow of the late Arthur Blume.

She was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Hyman and Sarah Glass and had been a lifelong resident of Providence prior to moving to Smithfield.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Robert Blume of Great Neck, L.I. She was mother of the late Muriel Cohen and the late Edward Blume. She is also survived by six grandchildren.

The graveside funeral service took place May 22 at Lincoln Park Cemetery. The service was coordinated by Mount

Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

AARON KURN

PROVIDENCE — Aaron Kurn, 85, of 625 N. Van Buren, Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Springfield, Mass., owner of the former Springfield Paper Stock Co. for many years before retiring in 1972, died May 22 at the Tucson Medical Center. He was the husband of Geraldine (Deutsch) Kurn.

Born in Springfield, a son of the late Isaac and Ida (Barowsky) Kurnitsky, he lived in Springfield until 1972, when he moved to Israel for nine years. He returned to Springfield and moved to Tucson in 1986.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served as a captain in the Army Corps of Engineers. He attended Brown University. He was a past president of Kodimoh Synagogue, Springfield, and was chairman of its cemetery committee. He was one of the founders and a past president of Heritage Academy, Longmeadow, Mass. In Israel, he served as a civilian guard during the 1973 war, and continued through 1981.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Seth Kurn of Providence, and Paul Kurn of Louisville, Ky.; a daughter, Ellen Kaplan of Edgartown, Mass.; a sister, Edyth Swirsky of Tucson, and four grandchildren. He was brother of the late Maurice and Samuel Kurn.

A graveside service was held May 25 at the Kodimoh Cemetery, West Springfield, Mass.

HARRIET NADIEN

FALL RIVER — Harriet Nadien, 100, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 538 Robeson St., Fall River, died May 20 at the home. She was the widow of Max Nadien.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Boruch and Celia Shooob, she lived in Fall River for 60 years. She had also lived in Boston.

She was a professional singer for many years in New England. She was a founder of Temple Beth-El, Fall River, and a member of its Sisterhood. She was a member of Hadassah.

She leaves two daughters, Florence Weintraub, and Sylvia Rosenthal, both of Providence, and both members of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra; two sons, David Nadien of Fall River, and Lew Nadien of Wantaugh, Long Island, N.Y.; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A private funeral service took place May 22. Burial was at Temple Beth-El cemetery in Fall River. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

HANNAH S. RABINOWITZ

CRANSTON — Hannah S. Rabinowitz, 80, of 225 New London Ave., died May 21 at the Rosewood Manor, Providence. She was the widow of Ben Rabinowitz.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Annie-Ida Chorney, she lived in Cranston for 11 years. She returned to Providence a week ago.

She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild, the Cranston Senior Services, the Hope Link, the Cranston Senior Guild, the Warwick Seniors, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan, and the Ladies Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a daughter, Esta Avedisian; a son, Warren Rabinowitz, both of Cranston; a sister, Frances Chorney of Providence; two brothers, Simon Chorney of Warwick, Morris Chorney of Golden Beach, Fla., and four grandchildren. She was sister of the late Harry and Isaac Chorney.

The funeral service was held May 23 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JEANNETTE ROSOFSKY

PROVIDENCE — Jeannette Rosofsky, 89, of the Summit Medical Center, North Main Street, for the last 3 1/2 years, died May 17 at the center. She was the widow of Meyer Rosofsky. She was also the widow of Saul Grossman.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Nathan and Lena (Salk) Fain.

She was a former member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and a member of Hadassah.

She leaves two daughters,

Ina Wynn of Baltimore, Md., and Lee Beverly Cherniak of Milwaukee, Wis.; a stepson, Murray Rosofsky of Fall River, Mass.; a sister, Dora Paster, and a brother, Alfred Fain, both of Providence, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Leonard Fain.

The funeral service was held May 19 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JENNIE WINOKOOR

FALL RIVER — Jennie Winokoor, 91, of the Sarah Brayton Nursing Care Center, North Main Street, Fall River, died this week at the center. She was the widow of Simon Winokoor.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Samuel and Anna Poll, she lived in Fall River since 1978. She previously lived in New Bedford for 46 years.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El of Fall River and the Sisterhood of Congregation Adas Israel of Fall River. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, New Bedford, Hadassah and the United Jewish Appeal.

She leaves a daughter, Ruth Davis of Los Angeles, Calif.; a son, Sidney Winokoor of Fall River; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was sister of the late Lena Sacknoff, and Israel Poll.

A graveside service was held at the Plainville Jewish Cemetery, New Bedford.

Breyer Nomination

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ate, a fact that has already won him support from both conservative and liberal lawmakers.

Jewish groups like Breyer's reputation as a middle-of-the-road jurist and skilled coalition-builder. But they caution that there is little public knowledge of where the judge stands on such issues of importance to the Jewish community as church-state separation, freedom of religion, abortion rights and civil rights.

Jewish officials said they will have to wait for the Senate confirmation hearings to learn more about Breyer's philosophy.

According to Saperstein of the Religious Action Center, Breyer is a strong proponent of abortion rights and religious rights.

He is likely an advocate of the separation of church and

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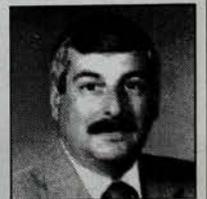
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Breyer Nomination

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state, but his opinions in that regard probably will not be fully known until after he is already on the bench, Saperstein said.

David Zwiebel, general counsel of the fervently Orthodox group Agudath Israel of America, said he likes the fact that Breyer is a moderate, but is unsure of the judge's lean on specific issues.

"No one decision stands out" that would give a clear indication of his philosophy, Zwiebel said.

Samuel Rabinove, legal director of the American Jewish Committee, said he would want a justice to be liberal with respect to religious rights, respectful of First Amendment freedoms, including church-state separation, and supportive of abortion rights and civil rights laws.

Gary Katzmann, an associate deputy attorney general who clerked for Breyer on the Boston appeals court from 1980 to 1981, recalled Breyer as a serious and straightforward judge.

"It's clear that he takes every case seriously. He is quite open-minded. He tries to give each of the parties a fair day" in court, Katzmann said.

Justice Ginsburg became the first Jewish justice on the court in almost 25 years when she was confirmed last year.

Some experts at the time said Clinton was looking for a Jewish nominee in Ginsburg, since the court had been without a Jewish justice since Abe Fortas left the bench in 1969.

Other Jewish justices have been Louis Brandeis, Benjamin Cardozo, Felix Frankfurter and Arthur Goldberg.

Jewish observers were especially impressed with the selection of Breyer, because with Ginsburg already on the court, it was obvious that Clinton had not chosen Breyer on account of his religion.

Breyer's nomination is "a feather in Clinton's cap," said Zwiebel of Agudath Israel. The nomination sends the message that candidates for the court should be judged on their merit and not on their religion, he said.

Gays in Israel

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Pride Month to Israel represents a victory for homosexual Israelis, many of whom have remained "in the closet" in the fear of encountering discrimination and harassment.

Ilan Shinfeld, spokesman of the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights for Gay Men, Lesbians and Bisexuals, said that Gay Pride Month is only one of many recent breakthroughs for gay men and lesbians in Israel. Shinfeld believes that "soci-

etal attitudes have changed a lot in the past two years, especially in the area of education.

"About a year ago," he recalled, "I wanted to visit high schools and discuss what it means to be homosexual. I sent dozens of letters to schools, but received only two positive responses."

Noting that the Education Ministry recently announced its intention to introduce the subject of homosexuality into the high school curriculum, Shinfeld said, "It's incredible what has taken place in just one year.

"Education is very important," he added. "Without education, public opinion toward homosexuals will continue to be negative, regardless of what the law says."

Gay rights activists also point to progress in the legal sphere. Under the guidance of Knesset member Yael Dayan of the left-wing Meretz bloc, the Knesset recently passed a law forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Yet another sign of progress was the Tourism Ministry's decision last month to give a \$500 grant to the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

The move marks the first time that a government body has contributed funds to an organization dedicated to gay causes.

Orly Doron, spokeswoman for the Tourism Ministry, does not consider the grant unusual. "The Ministry of Tourism has an interest in attracting all kinds of tourists to Israel," she said. "We support other kinds of conventions, so why not this one?"

Aderette Karni, an organizer of Gay Pride Month, attributes these strides to a greater openness within the gay and lesbian communities. "Society is changing because we're changing," she said.

Yet despite progress, gay activists say that Israeli society still discriminates against lesbians and gay men, especially in the synagogue and workplace.

Karni, who co-founded a gay-lesbian synagogue in Tel Aviv, Ga'avat Yisrael, said that it is "very difficult to be religious and gay, especially in Jerusalem."

A minyan comprised of lesbians and gay men also meets quietly once a month in Jerusalem. But asked whether she could

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imagine establishing an openly gay and lesbian synagogue in Tel Aviv, Karni said, "I wouldn't try it. The haredim (fervently Orthodox) would be very against it."

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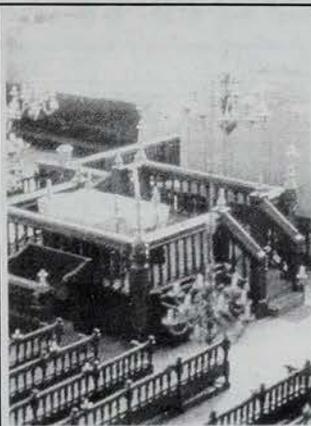
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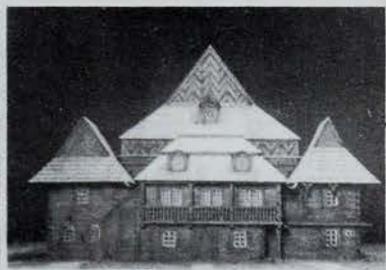
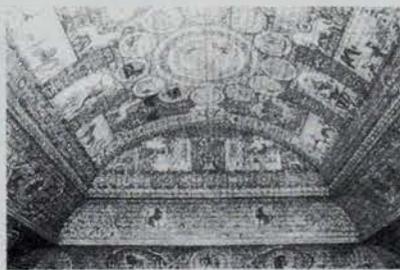
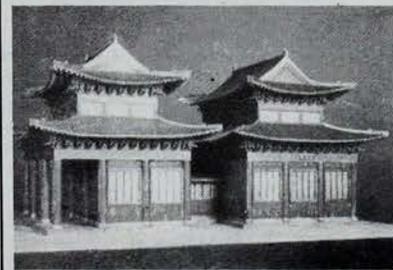
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Shown counter-clockwise, starting at top left, are scale miniatures of houses of worship in Amsterdam, Holland; Kaifeng, China; Chodorow, Galicia; an unidentified shtetl in Poland, and Florence, Italy.



Clara

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Did I love this matriarch? Certainly I took pride in a local link to my mother's side of the family. Her daughter takes down neatly filed postcards and documents from the attic and shows me her hidden realm. Cousins wrote from Rumania before and after the Holocaust. And what's this clipping faded and crumpled?

Here's another family beauty, who came to a bad end. Eva, who was on the attorney general's list of wanted criminals, was last seen among the gambling houses of the southwest. Clara kept tabs on such people at the edges of our dynasty. She looms up at me in my thoughts in her majesty, her mystery, the solitary stage upon which she played out her role. My mother's sisters would go up and pay homage to Auntie, but nobody really reached into her loneliness or unlocked the chambers of her secret inner life.

That house up the hill held the dark shadows of my entire ancestral epic. Why the draft in the corridor, the monotony of the ticking clock, words sharp or dull, things said and unsaid? Her son painted her portrait, her daughter played the ivory keys on the fancy grand piano. My job might have been to tell her story. It's too late by far. But her straight back, her profile, her feathered hats and clicking shoes on the new sidewalks, on the paths I take each day return to me and I bid her soul a fond greeting.

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Mezuzah

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capable of reading the mezuzah, do so.

"The mezuzah cannot be fixed," confirms Worch. If damaged in any way, the mezuzah must be disposed of through a burial — similar to that of a Torah burial.

The reminder of cultural past and present — should be attached at an angle on the upper third portion of the right-hand side of the doorway as one enters, no less than one hand-breadth from the top. This could be controversial if you have a 10-foot high door, instead of the customary seven-foot arch. The idea is to have a reflex eye-contact with the mezuzah, upon arrival and departure.

A famous French rabbi of the 12th century, Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac (Rashi) had a grandson, Rabbenu Tam, that felt the mezuzot should be hung horizontally for the sake of tradition — as the scrolls in their cases were originally pushed horizontally in crevices between the stones around doorways of homes. Rashi argued that mezuzot should be affixed vertically, in such a way that the top pointed toward the Almighty. They compromised and agreed that the spiritual guide should be affixed diagonally, with its top inclined toward the inside. The decision, allowing peace to reign in a Jewish home in 12th century France, is part of the message of the mezuzah.

Mezuzot are not restricted to exterior doorways. Observant Jews affix them to every doorway of every room in the house, except the bathroom.

A building not used as a permanent residence, such as a hotel room or succah, does not need

a mezuzah.

There are no regulations concerning the mezuzah case.

Berenson, also a clinical psychologist, locally designs mezuzot and creates ceramic images of key geographical spots in Israel.

Her earthy creations arrive at a home where a family hangs the mezuzah, a public symbol that says, this is a protected house — a Jewish house.

A step further, there are some in the Jewish religion that still practice the ancient tradition of "mezuzah kissing."

Those walking into their house or a friends' house, stop to kiss the mezuzah. For the novice, you first touch your hand to the mezuzah, bring your hand to your lips and kiss it. The idea is that the message is being brought to your lips.

Adapted from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, "G-d himself watches over the occupants of the house, even when they are not at home. A mezuzah is written for the purpose of protection, and, by its nature, it protects."

A blessing will follow the hanging; however, there is no

ceremony required to detach the mezuzah upon moving.

Worch points out an interesting view in Poland — in which thousands of non-Jews reside with mezuzot attached to their doors, where Jewish families once lived. The same can be found in different parts of Providence that were once predominantly Jewish.

The standard rule is, if a Jewish family will take over the residence — and there is some value — a price is negotiated and the mezuzah stays. If a non-Jew will occupy the structure, then it is removed.

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