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Hussein Shows Deep Emotion

In an interview on July 27 with Israel Television, King Hussein of Jordan said he hoped that the two neighbors (Israel and Jordan) would sign a peace treaty by the end of the year.

"After generations of hostility, blood, and tears," the declaration began, "His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin are determined to end... bloodshed and sorrow."

At the signing ceremony, Rabin and Hussein sat at the same desk used by Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin when the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty was signed in 1979.

It is in this spirit, and with these hopes, that I share this platform with Prime Minister Rabin."

Jordan's King Hussein

"A new day is dawning," Rabin declared. King Hussein patted Rabin on the shoulder, and the two men shook hands warmly.

"Out of all the days of my life, I don't believe there is one such as this," the Jordanian leader declared. He said the signing ceremony became his life's goal when he witnessed the assassination of his grandfather, King Abdullah of Jordan, on July 20, 1951, at Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

On July 26, Rabin and King Hussein became the first pair of foreign leaders ever to address a joint session of Congress.

"The two Semitic peoples, the Arabs and the Jews, endured bitter trials and tribulations," Hussein stated. "Let us resolve to end these differences forever... I come before you fully conscious of the need to secure a peace for all the children of Abraham."

"I have come before you to demonstrate that we are ready to open a new era in our relations with Israel," Hussein continued to thunderous applause from lawmakers. "It is in this spirit, and with these hopes, that I share this platform with Prime Minister Rabin."



A Moment of Triumph for Peace Arrives

On July 25, on the White House South Lawn, from the left, King Hussein of Jordan, President Clinton of the United States, and Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister of Israel participate in the signing of a Declaration of Peace between Jordan and Israel. The gentlemen in the rear are interpreters.

Photo by Marshall H. Cohen

'Let Them Argue for a Hundred Years'

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — This was the spirited, though off-the-record, comment by a senior Israeli policymaker, and political dove, in response to reports of tension between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization in the wake of the recent Israeli-Jordanian summit.

This official like other well-placed Israelis, does not deny that the thought of "driving a wedge" between Jordan and the PLO did cross the minds of Israeli decision-makers.

To a certain degree, a wedge has indeed been driven. The Palestinians have been angered by a paragraph in the declaration in which Israel recognized Jordan's special role as guardian of Muslim holy places in Jerusalem.

In the Washington Declaration, which officially ended 46 years of conflict between Israel and Jordan, Israel agreed to give "high priority to the Jordanian historic role" at these Muslim holy shrines during the final-status negotiations on the territories that are scheduled to begin in two years.

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Authorities Pursue Bombing Investigation

by Raul Kollmann

BUENOS AIRES — One hundred people were killed and over 200 wounded in at the recent bombing of a Jewish Center in Buenos Aires, which rocked the worldwide Jewish community.

Investigators are confident that a man with false documents brought a van to be fixed at a garage owned by an Argentinian Jew named Ariel Mitzcaner. Mitzcaner denies any connection with the case. Nobody knew who the man was. The only description investigators had was that the man was Argentine, little over five feet tall and had dark skin. He left one clue — a reportedly false identification with the name Ramon Martinez.

The police have so far detained five people in connection with the bombing.

All had some connection with the van, which changed hands several times before the attack. Two of the five suspects stole the vehicle, but sold it before the bombing.

In the opinion of Judge Juan Jose Galeano, who is spearheading the investigation, there is one suspect who is the key to

breaking the case: a man who parked the van in a lot 300 yards from the community headquarters on July 15.

Three days later, another person drove the van to the front door of a Jewish social service agency housed in Jewish community headquarters, got out on the sidewalk and detonated the explosives.

Galeano has not yet been able to prove that the man who left the van at the parking lot knew about the explosives.

One clue in the investigation was provided by Monousheh Moatamer, an Iranian refugee who is in Caracas, Venezuela, under the protection of the U.N. high commissioner for refugees.

Moatamer apparently held a high position in the Iranian secret service before fleeing from Teheran a month ago.

At police headquarters in Caracas, Galeano recently showed Moatamer some 20 photographs of Iranians suspected of having taken part in the attack.

Moatamer picked out four, saying, "Find out if these people have been in Buenos Aires recently. They are explosives

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Consolidation of Hospitals Continues

The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital have announced that they have received all necessary approvals and/or recommendations and are ready to consolidate their two institutions. The hospitals made an announcement of their intent to consolidate on Dec. 28, 1993.

The Federal Trade Commission, after an exhaustive five-month investigation, has decided not to oppose consolidation. In addition, the Health Services Council of the Rhode Island Department of Health voted recently to recommend approval of the consolidation to Department of Health Director Barbara DeBuono, M.D.

The trustees of The Miriam Hospital and the corporators of Rhode Island Hospital also voted on the same day, in separate meetings, to ratify the consolidation.

A new, non-profit holding company has been created as the parent company of the joint system. It will be called Lifespan. Each hospital becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of Lifespan, electing an equal number of directors to the new enterprise for an initial six-year period.

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INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Ida Lewis Would Approve

Rhode Island Working Women presents two very special summer events in Newport in August celebrating the life of Ida Lewis, Keeper of the Lime Rock Lighthouse in the late 1800s and one of the first female lighthouse keepers in the nation. The events are fundraisers for RIWW and proceeds will go to fund programs supporting women in the workplace.

On Aug. 19, 12 people will set sail on a private cruise around Newport Harbor aboard the Friendship Sloop "Dirigo" and spend the rest of the evening in the Rose Island Lighthouse. After the sail, all will enjoy a gourmet catered picnic dinner followed by an exclusive performance in the Keeper's sitting room of "Reflections from Ida Lewis: Keeper of the Light," a one-woman play written by Delilah Elsen and Barbara Finelli (both long-time Newport residents). The boat departs from Goat Island at 4 p.m., the play begins at 6 p.m. and the launch leaves

to return to Goat Island at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$250 per person (tax deductible) with discount rates available for parties. Accommodations available for up to four people to stay overnight in the lighthouse. Call Linda Cooper at 423-2418 for tickets.

On Aug. 20, there will be a public program on Rose Island beginning with picnic and lighthouse tours at 4 p.m., a performance by Laura Berkson, a local singer songwriter followed by a sunset performance of "Reflections from Ida Lewis: Keeper of the Light." The launch takes off from Goat Island at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 day of the event. Children under 12 get in free. People may bring their own picnic dinner or purchase a picnic dinner in advance for \$15 by reserving ahead. Tickets and picnic dinners may be purchased by calling the RIWW office at .941-4530. Tickets are also available at the Newport County Women's Resource Center, the Gateway in New-

Activity For A Real Cool Day

Is it time to clean out your attic and basement? The Cranston Department of Senior Services will provide you with the best possible reason to do just that. Donate white elephant pieces, household items, small appliances, furniture and toys to the Cranston Senior Services annual Great Garage Sale to be held Aug. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the new Louis Feinstein Alzheimer's Unit. Items may be dropped off at Cranston Senior Services up to Aug. 23.

port and the RIWW office in Providence.

The events are fundraisers for RIWW, the only statewide organization advocating for the rights of women in the workplace. Funds raised will go to continue RIWW's education and outreach programs among low-income women, and free programs of support, referral and advocacy.



VIDA HELLMANN prepares to spellbind an audience with stories from the Jewish past.

She Tells Stories for Grown-Ups

Storyteller-for-adults, Vida Hellmann, will perform at the Barrington Public Library on Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Stories will include excerpts from "The Wedding Trilogy" and tales from "Tarnished Dreams in the Golden Land." The wedding stories relate some of the less than sublime incidents surrounding her three children's nuptials. The "Tarnished Dreams" stories tell of the hopeful dreams her immigrant parents had for Hellman, and how they were imperfectly realized in her own life.

A former schoolteacher and

life-long storyteller, she has been a professional talespinner for only the past few years. During that time she has performed for museums, private parties, temples, elderhostels and a variety of storytelling festivals and conferences.

She was featured in last year's Toronto Jewish Storytelling Festival and her stories can be heard on CBC's radio show "Cloud Nine." This program, designed for an adult audience, is free and open to all. For more information contact Lauri Burke at 247-1920.

World War I Commemorative Medal Still Available

In 1993, the Department of Veterans Affairs issued World War I veterans a special medal commemorating the 75th anniversary of the armistice that ended "the war to end all wars." The medal was issued on request by the veteran or a family member.

VA estimated that there are between 30,000 and 40,000 living veterans, but only 13,000 medals have been issued.

To receive the medal, World War I veterans or their families should contact the Providence VA Regional Office at 273-4910 or toll free (800) 827-1000 and ask for an application.

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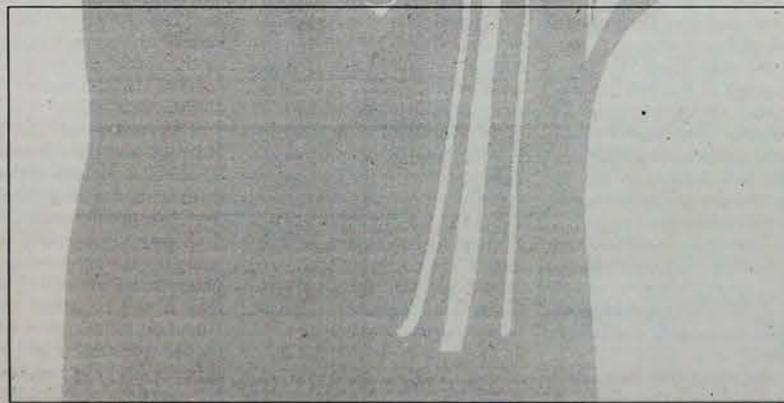
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FEATURE

All Aboard the Lauri Lee with J.T.

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"I used to row and fish in Point Judith Pond as a boy of 7 and bring in big catches of these winter flounder. Now they're so scarce we have to protect them. Overfishing, or pollution? We worry about it." John Torgan, known as J.T., of the good ship Lauri Lee, holds forth on Save the Bay cruises out of Wickford Harbor. Onto that matter-of-fact strip behind the charming downtown street bounces John on a drizzly morning in red Save the Bay T-shirt and cap. Brightly smiling, he speaks with high spirits about how he got to his job, his vocation. "I came back with my Union College degree and grad school studies in environmental science and went fishing with the fleet in Galilee. Save the Bay hired me to set up programs in grammar schools and write grant proposals. We invest in the future of the bay."

John Torgan learns from watching, wherever he goes. The words about winter flounder served as part of the guide-talk during the two-hour journey on a ship confiscated by the state for smuggling bootleg bounty. Now it serves high moral purposes.

John dredges up muck from the floor of the sea. He digs in and grabs fistfuls to look for organisms to show off to the human small-fry aboard the Lauri Lee. Then the crew skims the surface of the ocean waves to explore plankton. Through a microscope placed on the planks of the deck, passengers file up to look at the twitching cells that feed and are fed upon. "You read about the Amazon rainforest and how fertile and fragile it is. Well, Narragansett Bay also features very, very rich life. We're concerned about East Greenwich Bay these days. Summer places turn to year-round suburban houses that drain natural resources and dump waste materials into the estuaries."

Yo Heave Ho, a gang of kids, parents and grandparents in slickers and rain gear pull the ropes to sink and raise a net device. The cap'n drags the traps and the haul is poured into a trough in the center of the open floorboards. Dark spidercrabs dashed back and forth. "They thrive in dirty water even better than clean. Maybe we can learn some survival tricks from them." But John wasn't satisfied with this show. "Midsummer's not the best time for fish, spring and fall are better. But we'll try again."

The second search for treasures pays off. Into the trough slip three varieties of strange flounder, bellywhite on one side, camouflage khaki on the top side. John handles each fluke with gentle care and respect, scooping salty brine in one hand and sluicing it over the creature while he tells its tale. "The eye migrates from one side to join the other, right or left. The flatfish settles down in the mud still and calm, lurking secretly. When a shrimp comes along, watch out!" He shows the little children the strong jaws of the flounder. I told John that one day I would come along and tell folktales about the magical powers of the flounder. But the truth is stranger than any fiction.

John makes a few comments about how we can help the world downunder by using less water in our homes here above, and buying less packaging. Nobody dares attack our way of life and its values, just detail by detail. One of the highlights of the morning voyage for me was the quest for the head in the cabin. I had to lift a trapdoor, sneak down a built-in ladder, and pump the water by hand. It added a touch of piratical adventure to the odyssey.

I shook hands with John and his courteous crew and asked him another question. "Have you done any diving in Israel?" "I haven't been yet, but my sister Emily writes for the *Jerusalem Post*, on Holocaust Memo-

rial issues. You must meet her too."

"You ought to write your own book about your research." "That's just what I am doing."

We'll hear more from John Torgan. Like Moses, he comes from water and teaches us to keep our promises to the land. "Tikkun Olam" or the principle that our mitzvah, our mission, is to repair damaged Eden finds a role model in J.T.

Cranston Seniors Live It Up

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Aug. 16, Cranston Seniors may create a wildflower grapevine wreath under the guidance of expert Gail O'Donnell at the center. Class size is limited, so those interested must preregister and prepay. Call Laura or Kathy at 461-1000, ext. 6215 or 6216.

Later that day, at 5 p.m., a van will leave the center, at 1070 Cranston, St., Cranston, for McCoy Stadium and a Paw-Sox game. Tickets to the game are only \$2.50. Van transportation and a "box supper" are available at additional cost.

Bond Rates

RHODE ISLAND (Israel Bonds) — Israel has announced higher rates effective Aug. 1 for two securities. The effective yield to maturity for Israel's Zero Coupon Bond will be 8% and the fixed annual interest rate for the Economic Development Issue Bond will be 7.8%. Both of these rates are for bonds purchased through Oct. 21.

The Fences Come Tumbling Down

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — In a dramatic step toward implementing the Washington Declaration by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein, Israelis and Jordanians recently began tearing down a fence that has separated their countries for decades.

Generals on either side of the border gave the signal and two teams of workers used tractors and wire cutters to break through a barbed wire fence and open a border crossing some two miles north of Eilat.

Israeli army reservists working at the site said it was one of the most pleasant duties they had ever been called on to perform.

In another sign of the changed relationship between the two countries, King Hussein flew in his private plane over Israel. He passed once over Tel Aviv and then twice over Jerusalem as he made his way home from London to Amman.

Three Israel air force F-15s escorted the royal aircraft as it passed over Israeli air space, which at the time was closed to all other aircraft.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin spoke to Hussein by phone as the king passed over Tel Aviv, which he described as a

"beautiful city."

During their phone conversation, Rabin informed Hussein that the Knesset had given the Washington Declaration an almost wall-to-wall show of support.

Benjamin Netanyahu, head of the opposition Likud, said his party was not giving Rabin "a blank check" with its votes of approval for the declaration. He voiced concern over a provision in the declaration about Jerusalem and said the Likud would remain vigilant for Israel's interest.

In a speech before the Knesset members voted, the prime minister dismissed the controversy surrounding the Jerusalem provision as "a fuss about nothing."



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EDITORIAL

Health Care Is An All-Around Issue

Universal health care is a core Jewish value, as expressed in two central ideas:

1) An individual human life is of infinite value and its preservation supersedes almost all other considerations, and 2) We are endowed with the ability to become partners with G-d in curing illness as a means of fulfilling the obligation of creating a better world.

A number of basic health care obligations may be derived from these values:

- Physicians have an obligation to heal. As Moses Maimonides wrote, "It is obligatory from the Torah for the physician to heal the sick, and this is included in the explanation of the phrase, 'and you shall restore it to him,' meaning to heal the body."

- Patients have an obligation to obtain health care. Our bodies and souls belong to G-d, and we have to ensure that they are cared for. Deuteronomy 4:15: "You shall indeed guard your souls" is the traditional source for the requirement that we protect our health. From the Talmudic passage, "Whoever is in pain, lead him to the physician" (Baba Kamma 46B), the rabbis concluded that Jews should live in cities where doctors live in order to have access to health care.

The rabbis interpreted the Deuteronomy verse as requiring preventive medicine, mandating that each person must act to preserve his or her physical health. Maimonides understood this obligation to include regular exercise, seeking medical care when needed, and refraining from damaging one's

body through the consumption of dangerous food or drugs.

- Providing health care is a Jewish obligation not only for the patient and the doctor, but for society as well. Maimonides placed health care first on his list of the 10 most important communal services a city should provide its residents. In the self-governing Jewish communities of old, societies were organized to ensure that all their citizens had access to health care by competent doctors.

- Comprehensive health care must be affordable for all. Cost containment was ensured by prohibiting doctors from charging fees that patients could not afford. The cost of medicine was strictly regulated under a key halachic consumer protection provision requiring that any sale of goods must be within one-sixth of the actual fair market value of the item.

Furthermore, in the recognition that chronic, long-term disease requires special rules and procedures to cover their costs, Jewish tradition sought to prevent the bankruptcy of patients with chronic sickness.

The Single Payer System

In summary, Jewish tradition regards as ethical a health care system that provides universality of access to health care for rich and poor alike, that contains costs and that emphasizes preventive medicine and quality care. These are precisely the explicit goals of the UAHC's 1993 biennial resolution on health care, as well as President Clinton's health care plan and the single payer plan introduced by Sen. Paul Wellstone

and Reps. Jim McDermott and John Conyers, Jr.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis have long held the position — as has almost every national religious group in America — that a single payer system is the most just and equitable option for health care reform and the best way to achieve universal health care. President Clinton's program allows states to opt for single payer systems; a number have already done so with substantial success.

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Arafat at Risk

According to a report in the July 14 issue of *The Jewish Ledger*, Rochester, N.Y., Yasser Arafat has refused to allow convicts recently released from prisons in Israel to enter Jericho.

The ex-prisoners, all Islamic fundamentalists, were responsible for Palestinian deaths. Israel does not release terrorists convicted of killing Israelis.

The released prisoners are apparently considered to contribute a threat to Arafat's life. The possibility of his assassination has always hung over the peace process like a thunderhead.

Whether you approve of the peace process or not, whether you trust Arafat or not, at this point in the proceedings his assassination would be very bad news for all assassinations are like earthquakes — the tremors spread out, and out, and out — and the damage once set in motion, is hard to predict or stop.

Get It Right

To the Editors:

Speaking about minyan, as I was last week, what is synonymous with minyan — mitzvahs!

If you wear tefillin, wear it properly. Have the knot on the head portion adjusted to your head (skull) so the knot is immediately below the protruding bone in the back of your head just along the back of your neck. Then the bottom edge of your tefillin (head portion) rests where your hairline normally begins on your forehead. Get the full merit of the mitzvah. Do it today. Also be sure the arm portion (tefillin box) faces your heart when you put it on.

Every person attending a minyan should try to participate! Even by asking a question and receiving a response. The two most important persons at the minyan are your new friend and you. Come. We need you today.

A Gentlemen Who Wishes to Remain Nameless

Zhirinovsky No 'Serious Figure' to Jewish Community

by Lisa Glazer

MOSCOW (JTA) — Whether he's throwing a punch in the Russian Parliament, spitting at Jewish demonstrators in France or relaxing half-naked in a Slovenian sauna, Vladimir Zhirinovsky has garnered a lot of attention since his election victory six months ago.

But how much of a threat does the ultranationalist pose to Russia's fledgling democracy — and to Russia's Jewish community?

Not much, say a surprising number of community leaders and others.

"Today, not many people consider him a serious figure," said Michael Chlenov, the president of the Va'ad, the federation of Jewish institutions in Russia.

"He is losing his glamor, we know all his gimmicks already," added Tankred Golenpolsky, the editor of the *Jewish Gazette* newspaper.

Still, even if Zhirinovsky is starting to suffer from overexposure, some of his ideas are taking hold.

As an ultranationalist, Zhirinovsky believes that the former republics of the Soviet Union should return to the welcoming arms of "Mother Russia," and he defends the honor of his beleaguered homeland by attacking ethnic minorities inside Russia as well as Westerners, Americans and CIA agents.

"Zhirinovsky is an ice breaker," explained Yevgeni Proshechkin, the head of the Moscow Anti-Fascist Center. "It's not that he is harmful by himself, but he brings harmful ideas into the national consciousness."

Complicating the issue now is the question of Zhirinovsky's own lineage.

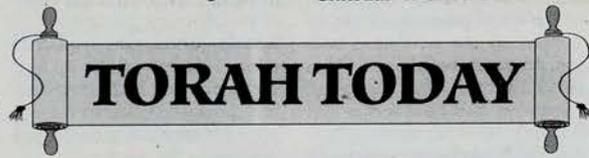
In April, an Associated Press reporter trekked out to Almaty, then the capital of Kazakhstan, where Zhirinovsky was born. There he discovered that Zhirinovsky's mother had been married to a Jewish man, Wolf Eidshtein, and that the ultranationalist had been known as Eidshtein until he was 18 years old.

Zhirinovsky dismissed the reports as a "fabrication" and a "forgery," but the allegations have stuck, especially since Israeli officials have since stated that he once requested an invitation to emigrate to Israel.

In fact, this ironic twist to the Zhirinovsky story has become legend here, popping up in discussions and winding its way into television comedy shows and the state Duma.

After an especially rabid speech by Zhirinovsky, Yuly Gusman, a Jewish deputy from the reformist Russia's Choice party, attempted to defuse the tension with a joke: "Vladimir Volfovich," he said, "I'm talking to you as one Orthodox Christian to another."

TORAH TODAY



Our Torah portion, Shoftim, opens with the command, "Judges and officers you shall place at all your gates." The wording is reminiscent of, but differs from, the one that we say three times daily in the silent Amidah prayer, taken from the prophet of Redemption, Isaiah, "Return your judges as of old and your advisors as in the beginning."

We can well understand why the word "officers" is not part of the promise of the Redemption, for officers enforce the law and will therefore not be necessary at a time when the very existence of evil will be banished from the earth.

Here we see the difference between the times of exile and the times of Redemption. In our portion the Torah links the judges to officers indicating that their rulership is by decree and dependent on enforcement. In the Redemption, soon to come, the judges will be seen more as advisors since the people will be convinced more of the personal benefit that is derived from compliance. This feeling develops the closeness between judge and judged which is implied in the wording of Isaiah, "your judges" in the second person.

The way this concept is worded in the Torah is associated with the nature of the Torah itself, it being a direct revelation of the will and wis-

dom of the Alm-ghty, a decree from Above, as it were. On the other hand the words of the prophets, though also emanating from G-d, are more clearly associated with the human mind which transmits them and thus are more similar to the judge as advisor mentioned before. Indeed part of the role assumed by the prophets of each generation has been to care for the spiritual and even material needs of the people.

Our current portion is also the source of Maimonides ruling that the belief in human prophets is a fundamental of Judaism. In his epistle to Yemen, Maimonides describes "Prophecy returns to Israel" as a preparation to the Redemption particularly in the personage of Moshiach who is to be "close in prophecy to Moshe."

It is therefore essential to convey to the world that there are human beings in our times who have been endowed with prophecy, that we have a positive commandment to obey them once established as such. Particularly in the major prophecy that all required conditions for the coming of Moshiach have been met and that we should prepare to greet the Redemption which is immediately to unfold.

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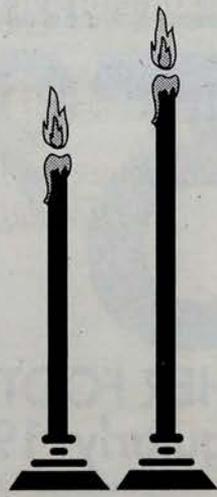
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EDITORIAL

The Judgment of Rosh Hashanah

by Rabbi Marc Gopin

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (JTA) — At the heart of Rosh Hashanah prayer services is the courage to ask questions about the state of our existence on this planet. It is a time when honest self-appraisal is an inescapable element of standing before a divine intelligence who sees all and forgets nothing.

The three-part structure of the ancient musaf prayer — malchuyot, zichronot and shofrot — has historical memory at the center of its theological concern.

Zichronot, or memories, concerns the fate of nations, the scrutiny of what nations have done right and wrong. These prayers suggest that a hard look at the state of human development leaves us nervous about whether a G-d concerned with honesty and morality would continue to support our species.

But the drama of the prayers offers a way out of this damning perception with the words, uttered at the climax of the day, "and repentance, forgiveness and charity overturn the evil decree!"

That means that the way we give charity and the condition of the people who receive it is an important test, according to the Rosh Hashanah prayer and prophetic readings, of our moral condition and even our very right to survive.

Many statistics can be quoted, but it is worth concentrating on just one that is especially apt when we are thinking so much about life and death. Forty thousand children die every day of every year across the globe from poverty-related diseases.

Many more, every day, develop illnesses that leave them permanently scarred. I always come back to this statistic because it is a vehicle into the true state of the globe that we never really see.

Since the end of World War II the governments of the world have set up agencies to aid development, such as the United Nations and the World Bank,

and a host of national agencies, such as the Agency for International Development in this country.

World governments spend about \$60 billion a year on development. Why, after all this time and money spent, are there an estimated 60 million Africans at risk of starvation, 200 million projected to be at risk of starvation by the year 2000? How is the aid money being spent?

This is where you and I come in. How carefully do we as citizens monitor how that money is spent? How often do we call our congressmen and ask exactly what our tax dollars are doing for the poor? The fact is that there is not enough oversight by us on this money.

Talmudic ethics made the money collected for the poor into a sacred object. Misusing it was and is considered by Jewish law an act of theft. It was imperative that those in charge of that money had impeccable moral characteristics.

It was also a legal requirement that the money was handed out in a fashion that did not injure the dignity of those people already humiliated by their poverty. On the contrary, embarrassment, halbanat panim, is considered akin to murder in Judaism. Kevod ha-beryot, the dignity of human beings, is considered crucial for aiding the poor.

Furthermore, it was required that every effort be made to discover ways to build self-reliance. That is why interest-free loans were such a fundamental part of biblical and rabbinic strategies of aiding the poor. This gave people the capital to get started or to get them through a bad harvest year.

Above all, rachmanut, empathy, is the main characteristic of G-d that guides the behavior of anyone trying to help the poor.

Empathy is not just an emotional state, although that is a critical part of its importance. It is also an intellectual category.

It demands careful thought as to how one's poverty programs and interpersonal behavior are

affecting the people you are trying to help. It requires training one's mind to understand what you would feel if you were on the receiving end of aid. It requires, above all, humbly listening to another's needs before aid is given.

Does global governmental aid, as well as private aid that we collect ourselves, live up to these standards? The evidence is mixed. There are certainly examples of good work by the major agencies.

But there are also abuses, such as when, after the Chernobyl disaster in the former Soviet Union (in which a containment reactor exploded), thousands of tons of radioactive wheat that failed safety standards in Europe were sent to African countries. After the Guatemala earthquake of 1976 government agencies sent wheat to the country. It was certainly an understandable gesture. But Guatemala's food supply had not been damaged by the quake. Reconstruction was required. The wheat flooded the foodmarket and further impoverished local farmers.

There is also an unfortunate tendency of some agencies, governmental and non-governmental, fueled by public opinion, to focus on disasters and forget the long-term goal of lifting people out of misery.

Psalms 113 suggested that the ideal action is not only to lift the poor "out of the dust" but to seat them next to nobility. In other words, we must help them win back their dignity.

Maimonides recommended shared business ventures with the poor as the highest way to aid someone in need. These are long-term commitments that these sacred sources are suggesting, not just a fleeting gesture.

Where are the survivors of the 1976 Guatemala earthquake today? Or the victims of the Indian earthquake last year? Are we paying enough attention now that the cameras are gone?

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High-Powered, Lively Discussion Planned on 'Doing The Right Thing'

Lively discussion and audience participation are expected and will be welcomed during a panel discussion on "Doing the Right Thing: The Role of Moral Education" at Ochre Court in Newport at 7 p.m. on Aug. 16.

A panel co-sponsored by Boys Town of New England in Portsmouth and the Touro Synagogue of Newport will complement the exhibit "Father Flanagan & Henry Monsky: Men of Vision" on display at the synagogue's community center from Aug. 2 through Aug. 30.

Flanagan, a Roman Catholic immigrant priest, founded the world-famous Boys Town in 1917. Monsky, the noted Jewish leader and businessman, was a personal friend and adviser of Flanagan, and gave the priest the \$90 he used to start Boys Town in Omaha, Neb. The exhibit celebrates their friendship and their individual achievements.

"Doing the Right Thing" panelists will be Rabbi Chaim Shapiro of Touro Synagogue; Dr. Virgil Wood of the Pond Street Baptist Church in Providence; Rabbi Arnold Samlan, director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Providence; Cheryl Foster, professor of philosophy at the University of Rhode Island and Dr. Richard Battastini, director of the Feinstein Institute for Public Service at Providence College. The discussion will be moderated by Robert Goldberg, executive director of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

Using a case study involving Little League baseball for girls, the panel will discuss what values should be taught to children and how they should be taught, and how they are learned. Participation by the audience will be encouraged.

Following the panel discussion, a reception will be held in Ochre Court's ballroom.

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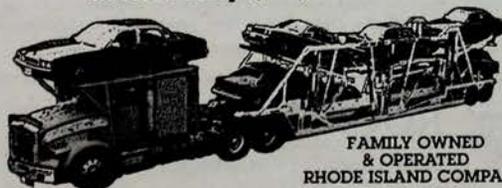
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Rabin Tries to Make Peace with Peres

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Following their latest bout of ire — which was played out during the historic Israeli-Jordanian summit in Washington — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met privately in Jerusalem in an effort to resolve their differences.

After two hours of discussions — at which only one mutual friend, attorney Giora Eini, was present — the two inveterate allies and foes proclaimed a renewed "working relationship."

But it was not entirely clear what was contained in the "small print" of their let's-not-squabble-in-public pact.

Peres was reported to be deeply offended at being virtually sidelined by Rabin during the two days of ceremonies in Washington, where Rabin and Hussein signed the Washington Declaration.

The Rabin-Peres tensions were only the latest display of a well-known and long-standing rivalry between the two.

The incident was triggered when Rabin apparently waited until the last moment to invite Peres to Washington. The invitation reportedly only came after Rabin aides leaked rumors

Peres was not going to be included at all.

The slight was magnified by Peres' highly visible role in negotiations with the Jordanians only days earlier, when Peres, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam al-Majali held a three-way session. The July 20 meeting marked the first time that an Israeli official publicly set foot on Jordanian soil.

Peres' glum disposition throughout the Washington summit was a constant subject of media attention and speculation in Israel.

During the Washington trip, Rabin, in conversations and briefings, reportedly belittled Peres' contribution to the diplomatic breakthrough with Jordan.

In his public addresses, Rabin barely mentioned the foreign minister, who is widely regarded as the main architect of the government's peace initiatives.

Peres was so hurt that at one stage he apparently told his confidants he was considering resigning.

According to some reports during the recent meetings between Rabin and Peres, Rabin offered a faint expression of regret for having publicly and repeatedly belittled Peres.

"I didn't mean to hurt you," the prime minister was quoted as saying.



Mystery in Masada Is Cleared Up

A puzzling reference to "agriculture in the fortress of Masada" by Josephus Flavius, a noted Jewish historian and general during the first century A.D., may now be better understood thanks to a Weizmann Institute study.

Based on chemical and isotopic analyses of wood preserved in the Roman rampart used in the storming of Masada, the study indicates that the climate in that extremely arid region was cooler and more humid 2,000 years ago. This means that it may have been feasible to engage in agriculture.

Flavius provides at least two accounts relating to the climate around Masada, the last fortress to hold out against the Romans after Jerusalem was conquered in 70 A.D. In the first, he tells of Joseph, brother of Herod the Great (king of Judea from 37 to 4 B.C.), who had hidden at the Masada site and had been saved from dying of thirst by a rainstorm. In the second, Flavius reports that Herod, who had fortified the site, reserved the top of the hill for agriculture "for the preservation of those committed to the fortress." This reference has puzzled investigators of that period, since today's extremely arid climate in that region — the eastern margins of the Judean Desert — cannot support agriculture.

The Romans had stormed the fortress by advancing their siege machines over a rampart made largely of tamarix wood covered by soil. This wood must have been of local origin since tamarix trees are characteristic of the Masada region, while pine wood — the most likely source of timber in

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TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force this month inducted its highest number of recruits ever. The actual number is not published for security reasons. A full 33 percent of the recruits will join combat units, mostly at their own request.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A first group of six F-16 fighter jets that the United States promised to deliver to Israel arrived at an Israeli air force base Aug. 1. The six were part of a larger package that will be delivered in stages over the coming months.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel has rejected an American request to join a U.N.-sponsored international military force for a possible invasion of Haiti. Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said Israel was willing to send humanitarian assistance to Haiti.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has ordered the suspension of archaeological excavations near the planned city of Modi'in in deference to the sensitivities and objections of the haredim, or fervently Orthodox, Jews. His decision was protested by archeologists who said it was a dangerous precedent.

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the walkway will help fund the new Chest Pain Center. The walkway will extend from the main lobby of the hospital toward The Norman & Rosalie Fain Health Centers.

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In the United States alone, 1.6 percent of the adult population, or more than three million people, will experience panic disorder at some time in their lives.

The disorder affects women twice as frequently as men and typically begins in young adulthood.

Panic disorder causes brief episodes of intense fear accompanied by multiple physical symptoms, such as dizziness or a racing heartbeat. These attacks occur when the brain's normal mechanism for reacting to threat becomes inappropriately triggered. In other words, panic disorder victims become physically upset and extremely anxious in seemingly non-threatening situations.

"Panic disorder is the most excruciating, painful, and frightening of the anxiety disorders," said H. Michael Zal, D.O., a clinical professor of psychiatry at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. "Panic disorder patients are 18 times more likely to try to kill themselves. That's significant because anxiety

doesn't kill anyone but people kill themselves."

While panic attacks often occur without warning, some are brought on by depression and substance abuse, fear of a specific object or social situation; or a stressful event, such as a divorce or the death of a loved one. The attack itself is characterized by a period of intense fear involving the kind of thoughts or sensations that one would have if faced with immediate, mortal danger.

Often, people experiencing a panic attack sincerely believe they are dying or having a nervous breakdown.

"Once a person has a panic attack, they are constantly worried about when the next attack will occur," said Zal, author of the book *Panic Disorder: The Great Pretender*. "Eventually, many victims even develop agoraphobia — that is, they completely avoid any situation in which they imagine an attack may happen and where help would be unavailable."

Treatment is available and can bring significant relief to 70 to 90 percent of the people with panic disorder. Nevertheless, only one in five victims seeks treatment.

Zal believes the following to be strategies for coping when a panic attack strikes.

- Don't fight your feelings or try to wish them away. The more you face your feelings head on, the less intense they become.

- Don't add to the panic by thinking about what "might" happen.

- Stay in the present. Notice what is actually happening to you now as opposed to what could happen in the future.

Label your fear from zero to 10 and watch it go up and down. Note that it doesn't stay at a very high level for more than a few seconds.

- When the fear comes, expect and accept it. Don't run away from it but face it and give it time to pass.

Sleepaway Camp Thrills Young Cancer Patients

One hundred Jewish children from across the United States and abroad went to New York City, Aug. 2, from Camp Simcha, the preeminent sleepaway camp for Jewish children with cancer. It was a very successful outing.

"Camp Simcha helps me leave my sickness at home, and today is the best day I can remember," said a 12-year-old boy whose battle with cancer began when he was 3. His illness is currently in remission.

The day began at 5:30 a.m. when the children and 80 counselors, waiters and doctors boarded seven buses from the Simcha campsite in upstate New York's Glen Spey.

The camping program is just one facet of the comprehensive year-round services offered by the international Chai Lifeline organization.

The children were especially thrilled with their visit to The Klipper Klub, a unique indoor playground located in Manhattan's Chelsea area. The Klub offers hi-tech games including a full-body pulsating water massage, an air-drive machine gun shooting gallery, and electronic golf.

The kids also went to "the world's largest toy store" — FAO Schwarz, The Intrepid Air and Space Museum, and Staten Island on the ferry.

Campers from as faraway as Israel and as close as Brooklyn, N.Y., enjoyed the visit to the Big Apple together.

While an extensive year-round program through Chai Lifeline/Camp Simcha exists, summer is special. Two camps, one in New York's upstate

Glen Spey and the other in Sha'alvim near Tel Aviv, Israel, cater to children ages 6 to 16 and provide the finest medical care available. Both are kosher, down to the mezuzahs on doors in the sleeping areas.

Simcha means "happiness" in Hebrew.

Primarily funded by private donations, the three-week program is expensive. At \$5,000 per child from America, and an additional \$1,000 for airfare for an Israeli child, Camp Simcha will cost \$1 million this summer.

The camp grounds are laid out to get the children away from a hospital atmosphere. For instance, a "MASH"-unit at Glen Spey is set up to function in emergency situations without disturbing other campers. Helicopters land on an out-of-the-way field to transport sick children if an emergency arises.

Headed by Dr. Peter Steinhilber of Memorial-Sloan Kettering Center, the medical capabilities are among the finest offered in the world. The participating children are in all stages of the disease. Some have active cases, some are in remission, and some who are in long-term remission are even believed to be cured.

The camp is located near the Delaware River and has more than 160 acres for sports, nature trails, arts and crafts, plus a kosher kitchen.

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Developed by Surgical Dynamics, a provider of surgical instruments and devices for treating spinal disorders, the new Endoflex Steerable Nucleotome can be used in what's known as an endoscopic lumbar discectomy. It's performed on an outpatient basis and has already allowed more than 160,000 people to return to active and pain-free lives with less risk of infection and less

hospitalization compared to alternative surgical procedures.

It's also a lot less expensive, helping to contain health care costs for patient, hospital and the country as a whole. According to Dr. Vert Mooney, a University of California, San Diego, professor of orthopedics, "This minimally-invasive procedure clearly lessens the opportunity for expensive complications."

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R.I. Project/AIDS Names Coordinator

Ronald G. Gonscak has been named wellness coordinator at R.I. Project/AIDS, according to the agency's director of program services, Bob Hitt.

Easy Access To Eye Care

by Alison Smith
Herald editor

Last year, 1,398 Rhode Islanders called 1-800-222-EYES (3937) because their vision was failing and they were unable to get good eye care on their own.

Of that 1,398 who called, 921 were referred to nearby volunteer doctors, 520 actually saw the referral doctors, 277 were diagnosed as having cataracts, 11 as suffering from diabetic retinopathy, 27 in various stages of glaucoma, and 59 affected by macular degeneration.

There were other diagnoses in most of the remaining cases, but 161 patients were told that their eyes were actually all right.

The National Eye Care Project urges everyone 65 and over who is a United States citizen or legal resident, and who is unable to see the ophthalmologist they used to visit, to call the number at the beginning of this article, and apply for an eye examination. There is no charge for those without insurance who are unable to pay. Those who are insured will be treated, and the insurer billed, with no extra fees for the patient.

The earlier medical treatment is started, in most cases, the better the outcome. If you had trouble reading this article, pick up that phone.

Medical Center Awarded Certificates of Need

Acting on the recommendation of the Health Services Council, the Rhode Island Department of Health recently awarded two certificates of need to Roger Williams Medical Center. The first enables the hospital to embark on a \$2.6 million operating room expansion and renovation project. The second calls for the development of the state's first medicare certified subacute care unit.

The operating room project will divide inpatient and outpatient surgery into four inpatient operating room suites, four outpatient operating room suites and one minor procedure room. The project is designed to maximize operational efficiency and includes the expansion of outpatient operating facilities.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Reform Rabbis Urged to Support Peace Policies from Pulpits

Rabbis at 860 Reform Jewish congregations in the United States and Canada have been asked to use their pulpits during the High Holiday season to support Israel's quest for peace and to respond to "a small but very vocal minority of American Jews" who have been lobbying against Israeli government actions in the peace process.

A memorandum on this subject sent to the rabbis was signed by three officials of Reform Judaism. It urged them to

observe the signing of the Declaration of Principles on the White House lawn last September in their holiday sermons. The memo underscores the importance of citing advances in the Middle East peace process during the past year.

It notes that every major poll has shown that a large majority of American Jews back the Israeli peace efforts "despite the difficulties ahead." Support for the Rabin government's actions is particularly important now "because a small but very vocal

minority of American Jews has been loudly protesting Israel's actions and has been working in Washington to promote various legislative obstacles to the peace process," the memo says.

In addition to speaking from the pulpit, the Reform rabbis have been encouraged to join together with local Christian and Moslem clergy to issue joint statements on the common goal of peace and to maintain interfaith contacts with other organizations in support of the current peace process.

Agudas Achim Welcomes New and Prospective Members

Congregation Agudas Achim of the Attleboro will welcome new and prospective members on Aug. 19. Friday night services will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue on North Main Street in Attleboro. Rabbi Gail Diamond will lead the service.

Congregation Agudas Achim is a Reconstructionist synagogue which encourages diverse families and individuals

to worship and study with a highly participative and active congregation. Young and old, women and men, observant, liberal and "those who are just learning" are welcome. The synagogue is located off Route 95 at Exit 5, and serves congregants from neighboring towns including Wrentham, Foxboro, and Mansfield, Mass. and Cumberland and Pawtucket, R.I. For further information, contact the synagogue office at (508) 222-2243.

With this special service, Congregation Agudas Achim resumes regular services on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Contact the synagogue for information regarding High Holiday services and registration for religious school.

Guest Cantor to be at B'nai Israel

Congregation B'nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket, R.I., announces that Rinaldo Tazzini will be its guest cantor for the upcoming High Holy Days. Tazzini, a lyric tenor, has performed in Europe, with the Rome Opera, as well as here in North America, with the New York City Opera. He has chanted at many major metropolitan New York and New Jersey synagogues.

For further information concerning High Holy Day services, call the synagogue office at 762-3651.

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown, Sept. 5 and Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur begin Sept. 14.

Rabbi Samlan to Preside at Ohave Sholam

Congregation Ohave Sholam, Young Israel of Pawtucket, is pleased to announce that Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan will conduct the High Holiday services this year. Rabbi Samlan is the executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Rhode Island.

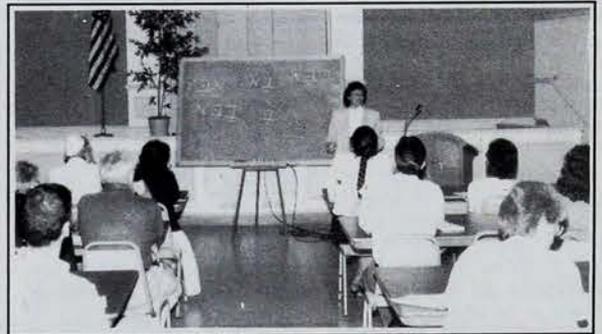
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The crash course in reading Hebrew began Aug. 2 for about 40 people at Temple Am David. Rabbi Nechama Goldberg is teaching the class, which meets for five sessions.

The students are being taught the Hebrew alphabet and the vowels. As they learn the letters and the sounds that go with them, they form words. Goldberg says, "Hebrew is a phonetic language. Once you crack the code, which is made up of easily recognized letters and vowels, Hebrew is actually

easy to read." Within minutes, the class is indeed learning the words for father and mother.

Goldberg is not sure why so many people are taking an interest in learning Hebrew. One answer could be that the class is being taught just before Rosh Hashanah. Regardless of the reason, Temple Am David is already looking into offering the class again in the near future. At the same time, the temple hopes to offer a sequel to the graduates of this first course.



RABBI NECHAMA GOLDBERG teaches her accelerated class in reading Hebrew at Temple Am David.

Temple Am David Opens Registration for Religious School

Temple Am David Religious School in Warwick announces that registration for the 1994-1995 year is now underway.

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The highly successful Eunice Zeidman Pre-school for 4- to 6-year-olds, meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The E.Z. program becomes an integral part of the religious school during some activities. Baby-sitting services are available to E.Z. parents, and membership in Temple Am David is not a requirement for registration in the E.Z. program.

Junior congregation services are offered regularly on Shabbat and holidays. Friday evening family services led by students and other special services, help to establish the synagogue as a focal point of Jewish life.

Anyone interested in more information is encouraged to contact the school principal, Ethan Adler, at the temple office, 463-7944.

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New United Synagogue Calendar Is Available

Combining reproductions of beautiful Judaica from Conservative congregations throughout North America with lively essays on the rudiments of a Conservative Jewish lifestyle, the 1994-95 Art/Engagement Calendar, published by The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is now available.

This year's calendar focuses on the theme "Building a Jewish Home" and features short articles exploring such topics as starting a Jewish library, collecting Jewish art, the symbolism of candlesticks and many other relevant subjects. Practical suggestions follow each article, providing ideas both for activities and for further discussion. The artwork displayed ranges from Jewish ritual ob-

jects such as spice boxes and calendars to the beautiful tapestries and stained glass windows found within many Conservative synagogues.

As always, the calendar features candlelighting times not only for cities in North America but in Jerusalem as well; dates of Jewish holidays; both annual and triennial cycle Shabbat Torah readings; and resource information about the Center for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem, the Masorti Movement, and MERCAZ.

Copies of the 8" x 10" spiral-bound calendar can be ordered by sending a minimum contribution of \$18 (includes postage and handling) to the United Synagogue Calendar, 6730 Mill Brook Rd., Wilton, N.H. 03086-0972.

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cus on teaching — on a graded level — Jewish history, customs, ritual practices, ceremonies and Bible. Hands-on art projects, stories, videos and creative lessons are designed to challenge and stimulate the students.

Our weekday school meets on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings, and emphasizes a full and a varied curriculum of Jewish learning.

Throughout the year, there are holiday workshops for the entire family as well as monthly Sabbath learning and worship experiences for students and parents alike.

Registrations are now being accepted for the 1994 to 95 school year.

For further information, contact the educational director, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer at 846-9002.

Kaufman to Wed Woolf

Mrs. Pauline Kaufman of Cranston, R.I., announces the engagement of her daughter, Marion Kaufman, of West Warwick, R.I., to Mark Steven Woolf of West Warwick, son of Jacqueline Woolf of Warwick. Kaufman is also the daughter of the late Milton Kaufman. Woolf is also the son of the late Allen Woolf.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Providence College and has a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is employed at Harvard Community Health Plan of New England.

Her fiancé is currently attending the Community College of Rhode Island, and is self-employed in the investigative



Marion Kaufman

field. The date of the wedding is November 5, 1994.

Strause Weds Weiser

Julie Rae Strause, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis Strause of Charlotte, N.C., and David Scott Weiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Arnold Weiser of Warwick, R.I., were married July 23 at Temple Israel, Charlotte, N.C. Rabbi Richard Rochlin officiated. A reception followed at the temple.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Lisa Plattock, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Pamela A. Weiser, sister-in-law of the bride, Jennifer Newman, Jodi Katz, and Jill Thorpe.

Jay R. Weiser, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Keith Roles, Alan Katz, Michael Newman, Michael Lipton and Eric Plattock.

The bride attended Georgia State and graduated from Queens College, N.C., and is employed by the Davis Academy.

Open House at Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El, a Conservative synagogue on the East Side of Providence, has invited new and prospective members and their families to an open house on Aug. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The open house will include pastries and beverages, activities for children, and tours of the facilities. Representatives of the various organizations within the temple community will be on hand to discuss the year-round calendar of programs and events.

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MILESTONES

Michelle Pratt Engaged

Harriet and John Pratt of Plano, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynne Pratt, of Plano, to Zachary Michael Butler of Plano, son of Michael J. Butler of Delia, Kan., and Catherine A. Kelley of Dallas, Texas, Texas.

The bride-to-be graduated from Plano East Senior High School, and the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in business administration in international business.

Her fiancé graduated from St. Mary's Academy and is currently a student at Collin County Community College, majoring in business management.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Rosalind and Jerome Herman of Cranston, R.I., and Margate, Fla., and Mildred and William Pratt of Ashland, Mass.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Marie C. Butler of St. Mary's, Kan.

The date of the wedding has been set for Nov. 26, 1994.



Zachary Plano and Michelle Pratt

Gross Marries Segall

Lauren Gail Gross, daughter of Irma and Herman Gross of Providence, and Harold Lawrence Segall, son of Helen and Stanley Segall of Stafford, Pa., were married on July 3 at Temple Beth-El, Providence. Rabbi Leslie Guterman officiated. A reception followed at the Providence Marriott Hotel.

The bride was attended by Patricia Kopperl, Anna Jenefsky and her sisters, Rosalie Fox, Joanna Seere and Emily VanCleve. Wynn Segall was best man for his brother and ushers were Eli and Jeremy VanCleve, nephews of the bride, and Lee Fox and Eric Rosenberg.

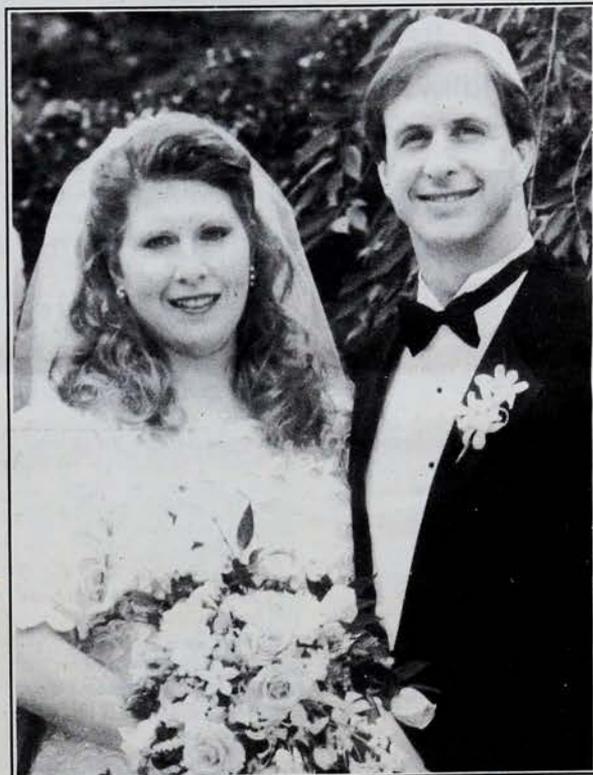
The bride, who will retain her maiden name, is a graduate of Yale University and received her law degree from the New York University School of Law.

She is legislative assistant for health, human services and

civil rights to Sen. Claiborne Pell and is counsel to the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee for Sen. Pell in Washington. She is the granddaughter of the late Rose and Frank Gross and the late Dora and Solomon Malley.

The bridegroom, also a graduate of Yale University, received his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School. He attended Hebrew University of Jerusalem on a Rotary International Graduate Fellowship. He is a partner in the law firm of Beveridge & Diamond in Washington. He is the grandson of Doris Lorber of Pompano Beach, Fla., and the late William Oxman, the late Charlotte Szwarc and the late Hersh-Leyb Shwom.

The couple visited Greece on their wedding trip and live in Bethesda, Md.



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Jennifer Glazer

Lori (Davis) and Mark Glazer announce the birth of their daughter, Jennifer, on May 17. Grandparents are Roberta and Joslin Davis of Providence and Mildred and Stanley Glazer of Holmdel, N.J.

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Black Beauty — Your Best Bet

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
The name "Robert Shapiro" starts the credits for production of the elegant new version of "Black Beauty." He does a splendid, superb job of putting together a lovely show you shouldn't miss.

I picked up a charming faded volume of the autobiography of a Victorian horse last summer, and fell under its enchantment even more deeply than I had as a child. This film story keeps the tone, tenor and theme of its original.

It's not just that the scenery is gorgeous, or the horses handsome. The account of human selfishness, snobbism and insensitivity, like *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, fights for rights—animal rights and workers' rights. This G-rated movie made not for kids or grown-ups but for people touches the realms of poetry and philosophy. It searches lushly for existential mysteries and ironies of justice and injustice. It keeps the dignity, the solemn pace and the stately language of a bygone era whose issues stay with us.

You watch Beauty born, you witness his growing up, later his growing old. The development is never cloying or silly, but it has taste and tact. Most movies made here lower drastically the level of our capacity to sustain mood or entertain questions about meaning. "Black Beauty" looms unique among

animal films. Beauty tells us how oats taste, how a bit feels in your mouth, how a human hand can comfort or give hurt. A fire breaks out in a barn, the result of casual, careless human egotism and neglect. The scene is played for a point, not a violent sensation, with quiet competence of production, not show-off special effects.

Look for Eleanor Bron as a social-climbing fine lady. She wears a bustle with grand effect, and wants her horses hitched up just as uncomfortably, with their heads forced unnaturally high. Never a moment of this masterpiece is wasted without your learning, feeling, and building toward truth.

The truth is, I cringe when I see Jewish names behind films that are run of the mill, makers of overproduced throw-away shows that encourage selfish stupidity. I was proud to see

Shapiro's name above the elaborate list of filmmakers behind this noble design.

Isat through "Beauty" nearly alone at the Warwick Showcase. People don't know how to sell a really first-rate and unusual flick. Beauty falls in love with a spirited filly named Ginger, but the affair is tragic and doomed. I felt that the musical score, by

Danny Elfman, overdid the track a bit, but it's a minor point in a major triumph. So few fans showed up, the usher never even took my ticket. It sits in my wallet like a dance program, a happy reminder of an evening well spent.

I'd call "Black Beauty" the great screen presence of the summer season. Take your kids

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OBITUARIES

RUTH L. COHEN
PROVIDENCE — Ruth L. Cohen, 83, of 41 Pilgrim Drive, Warwick, died Aug. 8, at the Roger Williams Medical Center.

Born in Rockland, Maine, a daughter of the late Samuel J. and Ida (Taberisky) Cohen, she had been a resident of Warwick for more than 30 years. She had lived previously in Providence.

She was a graduate of the former Bryant & Stratton Business College, now Bryant College, and for more than 30 years had been the secretary at Temple Beth-El, Providence. She also had worked for the Rhode Island Registry of Motor Vehicles. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She is survived by a brother, Harold L. Cohen, and a sister, Annette Blumberg, both of Providence. She was a sister of the late Sumner A. Cohen, and the late Eleanor R. Weinberg.

A graveside service was held Aug. 10 at Congregation Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SUE DUSKIN
PROVIDENCE — Sue Duskin, 79, of 68 University Ave., Providence, died at her residence on July 30. She was the wife of the late Roy Duskin.

She was born in Fall River, daughter of the late Joseph and Rose Green. She is survived by two stepdaughters, Sally Fogel of Newton, Mass., and Helen Cohen of San Diego, Calif.

A graveside funeral service took place Aug. 3 at Lincoln

Park Cemetery, Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

JANET E. KARNES
DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Janet E. Karnes, 59, of 557-A Highpoint Drive, Delray Beach, died Aug. 4 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Ronald Karnes.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Max and Sophie Weiner, she lived in Florida for five years.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Mark Karnes of Warwick, and Richard Karnes of South Kingstown; a sister, Gloria Abrams of Pompano Beach, Fla., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Aug. 7 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SARAH KOMINSKY
PROVIDENCE — Sarah Kominsky, 89, of the Elmhurst Nursing Home, 50 Maude St., died Aug. 2 at the home. She was the widow of Joseph Kominsky.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Hyman and Sheina Chaye (Cipkin) Leve, she lived in Central Falls before moving to Providence 70 years ago.

She was a graduate of the former Bryant & Stratton Business School, now Bryant College. For many years she and her late husband were co-owners of the former Kay Wine Co., a package store in Pawtucket. She had been associated with the former Louis's Kosher Catering Co. for more than 15 years. She was a member of

Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood, and had been an officer of its Leisure Club.

She leaves a sister, Ruth Sandler of Providence; two nieces, Susan Kahn of Cranston, and Joy Jessel of Providence; and two nephews, Dr. Carl Sandler of Sugarland, Texas, and Dr. Stanley Leibo of Guelph, Canada. She was sister of the late Rose Blackman and Fann Leibo.

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

HENRIETTA KOPIT
HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Henrietta Kopit, 82, of South Ocean Drive, Hollywood, formerly of Providence, died July 31 at Hollywood Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of the late Conrad Kramer and the late Leo Kopit.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late Samuel and Sarah Cohen, she had lived in Florida for 20 years, previously residing in Providence.

She was a member of Hadasah and a former member of Temple Emanu-El and its sisterhood.

She is survived by a son, Eric Kramer of Silver Springs, Md.; a daughter, Leslie Kramer of Sayre, Pa.; a brother, Harry Cohen of Cranston; a sister, Bella Sonion of Lancaster, Pa.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Aug. 3 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MARY KORALNIK
PROVIDENCE — Mary Koralknik, 83, of 423 Wayland Ave., Providence, died Aug. 9 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Pinchas Koralknik.

Born in Poland, she was a daughter of the late Gabriel and Pessel (Jakubowitz) Abrahamer-Landwirth. A former Chicago resident, she lived in Providence for 17 years.

She was a survivor of the Holocaust.

She leaves a daughter, Gabriella Barros of Providence, and three grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Aug. 9 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ELSIE V. PRESSMAN
PROVIDENCE — Elsie V. Pressman, 85, a resident of Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., Providence, died Aug. 3 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of the late Dr. Samuel Pressman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Albert and Esther (Rice) Weiner, she had lived in Providence for most of her life. She also lived in East Providence for 15 years.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its sisterhood. She was a life member of Hadasah and the Women's Associations of the Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged and was a past president of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was also a member of the National Council of Jewish Women.

She is survived by a son, Gerald T. Pressman of Atlantis, Fla.; a daughter, Arline Aransky of Needham, Mass.; a sister, Lucille Irving of Palm Beach, Fla.; and two grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Charlotte Dick and the late Harold Weiner.

Mystery in Masada
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higher elevations or the coastal plain — was completely absent from the rampart. The researchers dug out random samples of the extremely well-preserved wood along this structure, and compared the isotopic composition of its cellulose to that of cellulose from tamarix trees growing in the region today.

The samples of ancient cellulose were found to be depleted in two stable isotopes — carbon 13 (13C) and oxygen 18 (18O) — as compared to the modern wood. Since higher 13C values result from stress factors such as drought or salinity, and higher 18O concentrations are associated with low humidity, the findings provide two independent indications that the climate was indeed more amenable to agriculture 2,000 years ago than it is now.

"The reliability of the famous historian has thus far remained unshaken," the researchers note.

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

Addition
 In the obituary for Max Sobel, in the Aug. 4 edition of the *Herald*, we omitted to say that arrangements were handled by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

Rosh Hashanah
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We are responsible, each in a small way to be sure, to monitor how this global economy and aid system is treating the poor year after year. It is, after all, fueled by our tax dollars.

It is also up to us to struggle with the dilemmas and challenges of aid. For example, Hased, an organization dedicated to the application of Jewish values to international poverty relief, is involved in supporting an agricultural project in Eritrea.

It is an extraordinary place, famous for the decent character of its people. The people have an historic respect for the Jewish people; almost everyone has Hebrew names because many consider themselves descendants of Solomon and Sheba.

Now there is a choice as to whether to support food aid or the food production, storage and delivery system. Both gestures are necessary and compassionate, but the latter is more compassionate and empowering in the long run.

It might be easy to offer emergency food and leave. But we must help more in aid that builds dignity and self-reliance. This is why compassionate aid is intelligent aid that knows the recipient and his or her needs.

We need to encourage government to design programs based on these values that are rooted in Jewish tradition but are clearly based on universal values of justice and compassion, as well. Furthermore, it is up to us to support programs that are role models of what we expect of any interaction with people in need.

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Hospital Merger

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The Honorable Bruce Selya, judge, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, will serve as the first chairman of Lifespan. Selya most recently was vice chairman of the board of Rhode Island Hospital. Barnett Fain, a past chairman of The Miriam Hospital, will serve as Lifespan's vice chairman.

Other members of the initial Lifespan board include: Deborah D. Benik; Reid Coleman, M.D.; Michele G. Cyr, M.D.; Michael Ehrlich, M.D.; Jonathan Fain; Louis Fazzano; Alan Gilstein; Maurice Glicksman, Ph.D.; William Goddard; V. Duncan Johnson; Scott Laurans; Trygve Myhren; Bruce Ruttenberg; Lila Sapinsley; Philip Torgan, M.D.; William Trueheart, Ph.D.; Lorna E. Wayland and Michael Zucchini.

The offices of Lifespan will initially be located in the Coro Building, 167 Point St., in Providence.

The Lifespan board of directors is conducting a national search for a system president and chief executive officer, a position for which both William Kreykes, president and CEO of Rhode Island Hospital, and Steven Baron, president and CEO of The Miriam Hospital, will be considered.

Hasbro Children's Hospital, which opened in February, will be a part of the new system.

According to Selya, everything will remain the same for patients of both hospitals for the foreseeable future. They will continue to receive quality care at the same locations from the same health care providers as in the past.

"Program planning and development will be an ongoing activity in the new system. Although we are looking at all options... we will not be eliminating any programs that are

successful and serving a good purpose," Baron said.

It appears that Lifespan is intended to provide a full spectrum of health services to its clients "from the cradle to the grave." The range of settings at which care is provided will be expanded.

Answers to the following basic questions have been provided by the Lifespan organization.

Q: Where will Lifespan be located?

A: A decision has not been made about permanent office space. The Coro Building on Point Street will serve as the initial corporate offices for Lifespan. Since 1992, some Rhode Island Hospital support services have been located in the building.

Q: Will Lifespan have a single medical staff?

A: Among the key goals of Lifespan is to coordinate the activities of the hospitals' medical staffs, particularly in the area of academic programs. This may actually extend to the creation of a unified medical staff.

Q: Rhode Island Hospital is unionized and the Miriam Hospital is not. How will the consolidation affect this?

A: The hospitals are separate legal entities and, therefore, any union contracts or negotiations at Rhode Island Hospital apply only to employees at that institution.

Q: Is this consolidation going to affect the amount of charity care your institutions provide?

A: Both institutions are committed to helping and caring for people and their actions over the years are proof of this commitment. The consolidation of these two institutions will not negatively affect the quality of care provided by the hospitals — nor the ways in which they have served their communities. They will continue to provide care to all people regardless of their ability to pay.

Q: Will other health care providers be allowed to join Lifespan?

A: We expect to see a fully integrated health care system develop and we are looking forward to linking with other health care providers.

Selected highlights of the consolidation agreement are listed below.

Each institution will retain its individual identity and a level of autonomy commensurate with the responsibility for its day-to-day operations. Each will continue to have its own board of directors and/or trustees, operate at its present locations, and continue to direct the expenditure of its own restricted endowment.

Overall responsibility for the direction of the new system will be vested in a new board whose members, in early years, will be elected by the trustees of the two hospitals, one-half from each.

Some of the goals of the new central group will be: to facilitate access to capital markets at lower cost, to ensure the long-term financial viability of the new holding company and its constituent institutions, and to enhance the institutions' abilities to work with the Brown University School of Medicine and other academic institutions, thereby upgrading educational and research programs.

The holding company will have the power to approve each institution's capital and operating budgets for fiscal years commencing after the date of consolidation. In addition, it shall have the power to approve any material expenditures by an institution not contained in a budget approved by the holding company. The company will also have the power to approve any transfers of assets between the institutions.

The new corporation will plan, direct and establish policy related to the development and ultimate delivery of health care services by the system on an integrated, non-duplicative, cost-effective basis.

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Browsing at the Corner

by Alison Smith
Herald editor

Plantiques, located at One Alfred Stone Road in Pawtucket, is a browser's paradise. Big and small paintings cover the walls. An inviting plantation wicker chair and a bentwood rocker flank a fireplace filled with lush foliage plants. There are dozens of potted plants in original containers on shelves near the sunny window. Shelves in another corner, and behind the counter, are filled with one-of-a-kind pots, baskets, vases and pitchers. Susanne Zucker, the proprietor, says that, "Anything can be made into a planter. Anything!"

Behind the store, there is a three-season greenhouse, open to the public from early spring till December. Chrysanthemums will soon be crowding the tables out there.

One of the most interesting special items was an antique National Biscuit Company metal box, its cover replaced with glass to create a shadow box, fitted out with a purple felt

background and a tastefully-arranged collection of shells and coral — created, of course, by Zucker. For an invalid who misses the sea, this box would be a source of constant pleasure.

The store and two greenhouses have been at the present corner location for 100 years. As her business increases — she is about to celebrate her second anniversary with a "Bargain Bonanza" from Aug. 10 to 17 — Zucker hopes to open up more greenhouse space, and convert it to year-round use.

Zucker's mom comes in every so often to look around with a practiced eye and tell her what is working, and what isn't. It's that type of operation — down to earth, imaginative, free-flowing.

If you need answers to a botanical question, Zucker may be able to help, or at least direct you to the proper reference book in her collection. She will babysit your precious plant for \$5 a week (6" to 8" pot), returning it to you after your vacation in blooming good health.



Susanne Zucker

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Bomber Still Sought

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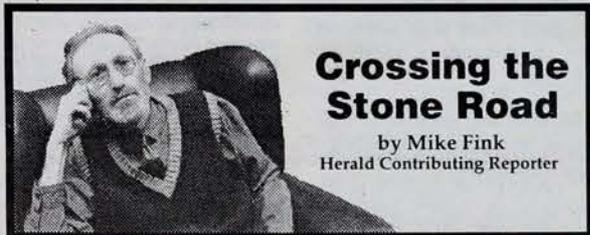
experts, and if they were in Buenos Aires, they surely had some participation in the attack." The judge confirmed that the four men Moatamer referred to entered Argentina at Ezeiza International Airport, but left the country by crossing at the Brazilian border.

According to Moatamer, these men were in charge of organizing local cells of the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement and provided the terrorists with backing at the time of the attack.

In the corridors of the Pink House, headquarters of the Argentine government, it has been rumored that the Foreign Affairs Ministry was about to expel the Iranian ambassador and break off relations with the Teheran government.

But the break in relations has not yet occurred, and it remains to be seen whether Moatamer's statements will help advance the investigation.

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Crossing the Stone Road

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Every Sunday afternoon I take my daughter to Russia to study piano. It takes me five minutes to get to the row of pretty dachas, little mansions in the deep woods, among which her teacher lives across from a stand of Slavic birches and great oaks.

Does the world end at a great wall of boulders? That forest of timber columns is held in place by an immense rise of rocks from Swan Point cemetery, which meets another graveyard on Pleasant Street, like a park and horse pasture with markers and trails. You surely know how to get to this pale. It's called Alfred Stone Road.

My favorite dwellings, the soft grey stucco gabled cottages with low windows and pastel pink or turquoise shutters, face tiny courtyards like children's drawings of baronial estates for boyars, cousins of czars. My cousin lived in one of these houses decades ago.

Julia Volyhskaya gives music lessons to my daughter and while I wait, I wander back and forth along the stone cliff from one end to the other from where it joins the oval gardens of the Blackstone Boulevard and the cafes on East Avenue, and then over again to the loop at Pleasant.

I drop in on Susanne Zucker at Plantiques and pick up a pot of begonias. A carpet of wild ivy grows under the racks of posies in the greenhouse. In the shoppe art deco lamps and vases stand among cases of books and flotsam and jetsam of charm and anecdote.

Ed Gershman's metal butterflies perch on the walls. "Art deco mixed nature with industry, Egypt with Pueblo, Paris and New York, and it all came out in those wonderful design

years from the '20s through the early '50s," notes Susanne.

I go back to the house with the piano and my girl and I step into the vestibule. I take off my shoes, as though the house were in Japan, the Asian custom of this New American household.

"You're late," says my middle child. "I'm sorry, I guess I got lost in thought," I muse aloud. Danny Kaye played Walter Mitty, but if they ever remake Thurber's famous tale of a fellow who travels in a quarter of an hour while he waits at the curb for his wife or his daughter, they can cast me as the star. Now if I can get Julia to teach some Chopin, some Tchaikovsky, or Song of the Volga Boatman, I can really turn Alfred Stone Road into that trail winding into dreamland.

'Let Them Argue'

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But PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat continues to insist that his organization, which he regards as the harbinger of an eventual Palestinian state, should have primacy over both the Muslim and Christian holy places in Jerusalem.

The Jordanian-PLO strains over Jerusalem are useful and convenient for Israel — particularly because of the seemingly intractable deadlock between Israel and the PLO over the future of the city.

Both sides bring to this conflict unswerving political positions, with Israel insisting on a unified city under its own exclusive sovereignty and the PLO advocating a city physically united but politically split into two capitals.

The Jordanians — at least in the context of the Washington Declaration — are prepared to accept a religious role for themselves in the city, while at the same time, as they say, not preju-

dicating their support for the PLO's political claim.

For Israel, Jordan's readiness to accept this distinction between guardianship of religious sites and political sovereignty enables the Jewish state to demonstrate its flexibility and good will toward Muslim sensitivities while not forgoing or weakening its own claim to exclusive sovereignty over Jerusalem.

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