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## Israel, PLO Talks to Resume Despite Waxman Tragedy

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Despite the tragic conclusion to last week's attempt to free kidnapped Israeli soldier Cpl. Nachshon Waxman, 19, from his Hamas captors, the Israeli Cabinet has decided to persevere in its peace initiative with the Palestinians.

Following what was the worst crisis in Israeli-Palestinian dealings since the start of Palestinian self-rule in May, the Cabinet agreed Oct. 16 to resume negotiations with the Palestinians and to lift a closure that had been imposed on the Gaza Strip last week.

The night before the Cabinet session, tens of thousands of Israelis attended the funeral of Waxman, who was killed by his Hamas captors during a commando raid launched by the Israeli Defense Force on Oct. 14.

On Sunday, burial services were held in the military section of the Kiryat Shaul cemetery for Capt. Nir Poraz of Ramat Hasharon. Poraz was killed leading the commando unit that tried to storm the West Bank safe house in which Waxman was being held.

Yehuda Waxman extended his condolences to Poraz's grieving family.

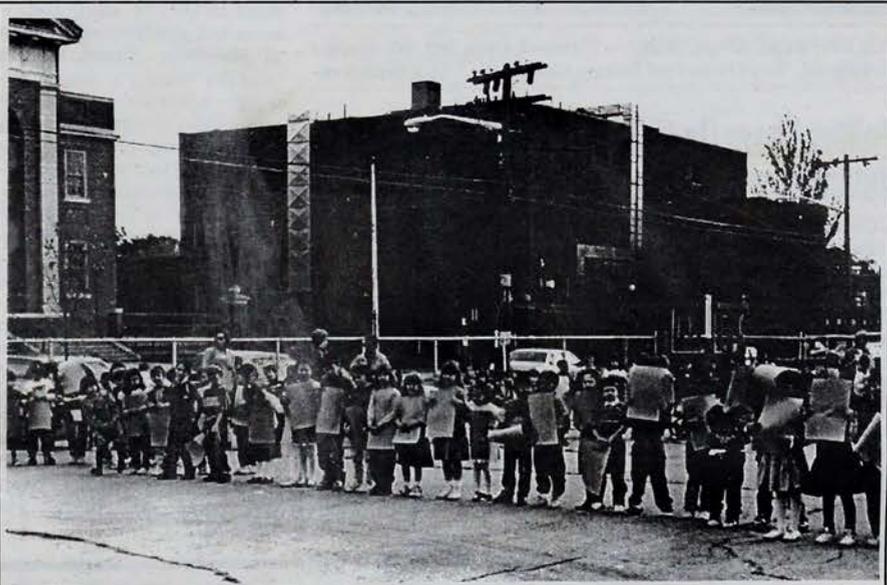
"My heart is heavy knowing that Nir Poraz fell in the operation to save my son," he told Israel Radio. "This additional loss has shaken me terribly. I send my deepest condolences to his family. May they be strong."

When asked if he thought his son might still be alive had the government pursued contacts to negotiate with Hamas rather than storm the captors' hideout in the West Bank village of Bir Nabala, Waxman said, "Rabin is the one making the decisions. He used his judgment based on the information he had available."

After the Israeli government had maintained for most of last week that Waxman was being held in Gaza, it was only last Friday morning that Rabin was informed by the Shin Bet security service that the Israeli soldier was in Bir Nabala some two miles from Waxman's home in Jerusalem.

Armed with the information that the abducted soldier was

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### They're Making A Dinosaur

All the children in Providence Hebrew Day School (it took five film frames to get them all in — this is just a part of the group) turned out last week to fill in the outline of a full-size dinosaur drawn on the blacktop by the school's kindergarteners who are studying dinosaurs right now. It takes a heap of schoolkids carrying green construction paper to make one regulation-size dinosaur.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

### Omani Minister Meets Peres Face to Face

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a continuing sign that the Arab world is warming to Israel, the Omani foreign minister met with his Israeli counterpart for the first time recently.

Although the session was originally described as a "closed meeting," Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf Bin Alawi agreed at the last minute to allow photographers into the session with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

An Israeli delegation visited the Persian Gulf nation last April to participate in the Middle East multilateral talks on water rights. The meeting between Peres and Alawi, however, marked the highest public contact between the two states.

While no concrete decisions were reached at the meeting here, the two ministers agreed to continue the dialogue with the goal of exchanging economic liaison officers in the future, an Israeli Embassy official said.

The latest meeting capped off a swirl of activity in Arab-Israel relations. Earlier, Tunisia and Israel initiated relations by announcing that the two nations would exchange economic liaison offices. Then the Gulf Cooperation Council announced it would end the boycotts of Israel.

And last month, Morocco agreed to an exchange of low-level diplomatic officers.

### American Jewish Congress Supports Pat Robertson

The American Jewish Congress, the Jewish community's leading advocate of separating church and state, has nonetheless written to the Rev. Pat Robertson offering to "join in protesting" two cases in which, according to Robertson, public school children were denied the right to hold a Bible or to say grace before an afternoonsnack.

In a letter to Robertson, chairman of the Christian Coalition, AJCongress Executive Director Phil Baum asked for clarification as to what or when these events occurred so that the Jewish organization could "take appropriate action to protest the incursions upon the rights of the children you describe."

Robertson cited the two cases in his address to the Christian Coalition's Road to Victory '94 conference in Washington last month. Baum wrote that "As supporters of religious liberty, AJCongress has long opposed government-sponsored prayer in the public schools. At the same time, and for the same reason, we have just as strongly defended the rights of individual students to engage in voluntary religious activities."

The full letter follows:  
Dear Rev. Robertson  
I have just had an opportunity to read your speech to last month's "Road to Victory '94" conference. As you might suspect, there is much (Continued on Page 20)

### Israeli Company Develops MS Breakthrough Drug

by Cynthia Mann

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A drug under development by Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries has been found to reduce the rate of relapses in certain cases of multiple sclerosis.

The promising findings, based on clinical tests conducted in the United States, were announced recently in San Francisco, where they were presented to the annual meeting of the American Neurological Association.

The findings are being hailed as a breakthrough in the treatment of the crippling neurological disease, 75 percent of whose victims are women.

There are an estimated 350,000 victims of the disease in the United States, roughly one-third of whom stand to benefit from the new drug, called copolymer 1. In Israel, 1,500 people suffer from the disease, about 500 of whom could benefit from the drug.

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### Glass With Class

One of the more colorful exhibits at the recent Ocean State Home & Interior Design Show at the Rhode Island Convention Center, in Providence, was this stained glass by the Stained Glass Emporium.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE



**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION** — Pictured, from left, are Martha Livingston, Kay Owen and Norma Goodman, VIA's founders.

## Follies Team Up With Volunteers in Action

Charlie Hall's Ocean State Follies teams up with Volunteers in Action to present VIA's fall celebration on Oct. 26 at the Omni Biltmore ballroom in Providence, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a light supper, dessert and many laughs as the follies lampoon the 1994 political candidates.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$100 per person with limited priority seating. Call VIA at 421-6547 for ticket information

## Memorial Holds Healthy Supermarket Tour

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island will sponsor a simulated supermarket tour on Oct. 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the hospital's Sayles Conference Room 1.

Led by a registered dietitian, this workshop will help consumers understand the new

and reservations.

At the fall celebration, VIA will be honoring its three VIA founders, Martha Livingston of Bristol, Kay Owen of Providence and Norma Goodman of Cranston. Twenty-five years ago, these women had the vision to create an organization that developed and encouraged volunteerism in Rhode Island. Because of their foresight, energy and dedication to volunteerism, VIA continues to mobilize more than 3,000 volunteers annually to more than 500 of Rhode Island's non-profit agencies.

## Festival of Hearts at Restaurants

If you eat out at your favorite restaurant anytime in October, you may wonder about the bright red hearts decorating the walls. More than 250 Rhode Island restaurants are observing the American Heart Association's Festival of Hearts program this way.

The Festival of Hearts promotion culminates during the week of Oct. 23, when restaurants will add their celebration of HeartFest, Rhode Island's (and the country's) largest nutrition education and awareness event. During that week, restaurants will be offering low fat, healthy foods and displaying AHA materials.

To be part of the AHA's Festival of Hearts program, restaurants agree to promote the purchase of a paper heart for a contribution of \$1 or more. Patrons write their name or attach their business card, and the hearts are displayed at the restaurant.

For a listing of all participating restaurants in Rhode Island and a free HeartFest nutrition kit, call the American Heart Association, RI Affiliate, at 728-5300.

at the door. The cost includes food samples and all written materials.

The workshop is limited to 45 people. Space may be reserved by calling Lyn Schwartz, M.S., R.D., at 729-2574 before Oct. 22.

## Styron to Speak at Brown

Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Styron, whose 37-year writing career includes the novel *Sophie's Choice*, will deliver a Brown University president's lecture at 8 p.m., Oct. 21, in Room 101 of the Salomon Center for Teaching, located on the College Green. His lecture is titled "Readings and Commentary with William Styron" and will be followed by a question-and-answer session with audience members.

The lecture is open to the public without charge, but those who wish to attend must obtain an admission ticket from the office of special events, 863-2474. Tickets, which will be available beginning Oct. 17, will reserve a seat in the hall until 7:45 p.m. the evening of the lecture. At that time, vacant seats will be made available to those who do not have tickets.

Styron's large scale novel, *Set This House on Fire*, called a "carefully structured and articulated work" was published in 1960. Seven years later, his

highly controversial *The Confessions of Nat Turner* was published. The work, which sought to enter the mind of the man who had led the only significant rebellion in the history of black slavery, drew both rave reviews and criticism, since some felt that thoughts of a black abolitionist could not be interpreted by a white Southerner. *The Confessions of Nat Turner* won the Pulitzer Prize in 1968 and the Howells Medal from the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1970.

In 1979, Styron published his fourth novel, *Sophie's Choice*, an account of the Holocaust conveyed through the story of a Polish Catholic woman who lost her children in Auschwitz. *Sophie's Choice* garnered the American Book Award.

## R.I. Hospital to Offer Free Breast Screenings

Rhode Island Hospital will provide free breast screenings on Oct. 22 in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Women over 40 who have not had a mammogram in the last 12 months and who have no symptoms of breast cancer are encouraged to participate. The screenings will be conducted from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only in the department of diagnostic imaging.

To schedule an appointment, call 444-4199. For more information, contact Barbara Schepps, director, division of mammography at 444-5309.

## Talk Is Cheap At the Library

Adults who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to register for a new book discussion group forming at the Cranston Public Library.

Starting in January of 1995 the group will meet monthly at the Central Library to share ideas about a variety of new and classic books.

Visit any branch of the Cranston Public Library to sign up. For further information, contact Lynda Ross at 943-9080.

## Brown Orchestra to Feature Chicago Symphony Bassoonist

The Brown University Orchestra, under the baton of Music Director Paul Phillips, will perform in concerts at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 1 p.m. on Oct. 23, in Sayles Hall on the College Green. The ensemble will perform Piston's "The Incredible Flutist" Suite as well as Mozart's Bassoon Concert in B flat, K. 191, with soloist

William Buchman '87 of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Saint-Saen's Symphony No. 3 in C minor ("Organ"), Op. 78, with university organist Mark Steinbach.

Tickets to the concert, priced at \$5 for senior citizens, students and children, and \$8 for others, may be purchased at the door.

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## FEATURE



## Closure at Yale

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

At long last I stake my claim on Yale. My dad paid my way here. Now I foot the tuition bills for my daughter. Emily brags to her suite-mate, "I'm a legacy kid, there aren't that many of us on campus."

On a warm October Parents' Weekend Sunday, while Em shopped and chatted with her mom and sister, I walked the dog among the fences, moats, walls, gateways, emblems, and courtyards of a fairyland with layers of memory like ozone and perfume. In her tweed jacket, boots and jeans, with her honey-blond hair and slim but strong limbs, Em fits right into the quadrangle, a mix of brownstone and yellow granite. I had had a harder time as a freshman in the town of New Haven. My high school grades had plummeted downward among the noble elms, and I got in trouble with the dean of the college for some mischief.

But the look of the landscape charms me all over again, the brown dirt and trampled lawn giving a Gallic, French provincial tone with the bronze statues and the sporty fences. There's also a British palatial atmosphere that makes everybody gossip quietly and then move on, noses in the air.

I touched base, my Italian greyhound leashed in tow, with my old freshman dorm room, behind the twin green lions

holding empty heraldic emblems. I moved along to my upperclass chambers. I let my pup rest on the rugs and flooring of the splendid Silliman common room with its chandeliers, gilded ceilings, mahogany and leather armchairs and sofas, oversized and regal beside the tall French windows.

The clan joined me in a hike round to Woolsey Hall, a memorial temple to the Great War, done in white marble with the names of the French battlefields of the War to End Wars and bas relief sculptures of Grecian heroes and heroines. Noble thoughts are inscribed beside the forms. "Courage disdains fame and wins it."

I had been told by art historians that all this moral sentiment marked outdated kitsch. But time improves some things of beauty. By now the marble and the eloquent words seem to hold all the luxury and the melancholy of the old Ivy League and its ideals.

Instead of the years pulling me away like a steamship from my past, they bring me ever closer into it. I see Yale as I never saw it then, and it is mine as it never was first time around. I was born with many of these buildings. I look at the Egyptian hieroglyphs on the entrances and exits, the knobs and handles on the windows and doors, the tree trunks and the vines and

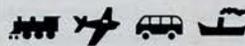
groundcovers, and I glance at my daughter Emily. This terrain is mine.

The wrought iron from the Yellin foundry, like the Hebrew letters from the priestly breastplates now cut in stone above the classroom buildings, mark a territory which belongs to me as much as anybody else. Hey, Yale even has a Jewish president named Levin. Yale has a Torah tradition among its secret societies.

I tell a classmate of Emily's, "I want to switch our mascot from the bulldog to the Italian greyhound. It has the grace, the pride, the ancestry, the poise. It would look just fine in profile." "It's up to you," she says with a smile.

I almost didn't make it to Parents' Weekend. My folks visited only once, at my graduation. I'm glad we showed up.

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## Breakthrough Comes In the GET Procedure

Nine Batei Din (Jewish Courts) in the greater metropolitan New York area have joined forces to standardize procedures relating to the get (Jewish divorce). All aspects of the get procedure, ranging from application to mutual acceptance by both parties are now incorporated into a brochure. The G.E.T. organization, Getting Equitable Treatment, initiated the project by convening the representatives of the nine Batei Din.

For many years women and men seeking a get have been frustrated with the lack of uniformity and specificity from the Batei Din regarding such issues as the summoning process and the anticipated time frame and information required by the Batei Din to finalize the get.

With the publication of this brochure the Batei Din have agreed to systematize procedural aspects of the get process; these include: application, information regarding the giving and accepting of a get, fees, and procedures followed by the Batei Din in oral and written communications with the parties.

At times Batei Din call upon the Jewish community to apply pressure and sanctions when a husband or wife in a Jewish divorce procedure refuses to give or accept a get. The issuance of necessary documents by a Beth Din (Jewish Court) declaring a spouse recalcitrant is also addressed in this brochure. Such a declaration by a Beth Din is re-

quired in order for the Jewish community to apply social and religious sanctions.

The G.E.T. organization and the following Batei Din participated in the preparation of the brochure: Beth Din of Agudath Harabonim of America, Beth Din of America, Beth Din of Beth Joseph, Beth Din of Elizabeth, Beth Din of Long Island, Beth Din of Rabbinical Alliance, Beth Din of Vaad Harabonim of Flatbush, Beth Din of Vaad Harabonim of Queens, Rabbinical Court of Kollel Harabonim.

Rabbi Kenneth Auman, representing the Beth Din of the Vaad Harabonim of Flatbush was the chairman of the committee.

It is hoped that this initial breakthrough will serve as an impetus for all Batei Din to participate in the standardization of the get procedure.

Copies of the brochure are available from the G.E.T. organization at P.O. Box 300131, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230, (718) 435-1310.

The G.E.T. organization is one of the constituent members of International Coalition for Agunah Rights and a beneficiary agency of U.J.A.-Federation of New York.

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# EDITORIAL

## Waldman Denies Smith's Charges

### To the Editor:

The letter of Z. Hershel Smith published in the *Herald* on Oct. 13 was replete with misstatements:

1. The executive committee of the Jewish Home for the Aged has always been willing, within the framework of its legal commitments, to receive all bona fide offers.

2. The chairman of the properties committee was informed by the group which Smith claimed to represent that it was not presently in a position to proceed.

3. During the last contact with Smith concerning this matter, based on his own statements, it was unclear whether a

lawyer-client relationship existed between him and the group which he claimed to represent. He was also unable to arrange a meeting at which that group's interest could be explored.

Ellis Waldman

## Two Sets of Standards for the Press?

### To the Editor:

A recent JTA report (Sept. 26) of a protest in Manhattan by the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha against President Carlos Menem of Argentina contained grave inaccuracies about the events which led to the arrest of our national president, Rabbi Avi Weiss and colleague, David Kalb.

It was reported that Weiss "disrupted" the gathering of the Appeal for Conscience Foundation which was honoring Menem with its World Statesman of the Year award.

In fact what took place is as follows. Weiss, holding a press credential and letter of verification from the *Jewish Press* newspaper in Brooklyn for whom he writes regularly, was admitted together with CJC-Amcha member Kalb to the VIP area where the news conference with Menem was to be held. After about 10 minutes Weiss and Kalb were approached by a representative of the foundation and asked to leave. They were told that their names did not appear on the "press list." (Other journalists present subsequently told us there was no "press list.") Weiss and Kalb refused to leave

since their intention was not to disrupt the news conference but to attempt to ask Menem a question about the aftermath of the Buenos Aires bomb attack.

Police were called and at that point Weiss and Kalb sat down. They were then forcibly removed from the area by eight officers. Despite their passive behavior, Weiss sustained multiple bruises over his arms and shoulder, and Kalb's glasses were broken as they were pulled down a flight of 30 stairs. They were both handcuffed and detained for more than four hours in a cell at the 20th precinct — fingerprinted, mug shots were taken, and they were cited for criminal trespass.

We believe that this incident has serious implications for Jewish journalists. Must members of the press run the risk of arrest if they protest their removal from a news conference at the whim of the organizers? We urge you to correct the reports of the event and to speak out about this violation of a journalist's rights.

Judy Balint

National director, CJC-AMCHA

## The Attempt to Christianize the Holocaust

by Morris Gastfreund

Recently, I read an alarming report in *The Jerusalem Post*, related by some visitors to the sites of the most famous death camps in Europe. This is where the Nazis exterminated six million Jews for the sole crime of being born Jewish. My blood started to boil when I read, "Crosses, churches, convents, chapels and other Christian symbols are sprouting over the sites of Nazi concentration camps all over Europe."

In Sobibor, Poland, where 250,000 Jews were murdered, there is nothing to tell the world that the murdered men, women, children and babies were Jews. A Catholic church was built on the ground, masking the fact that virtually only Jews were murdered in Sobibor, and the ground on which the church was built is soaked with Jewish blood and tears. As a recent visitor put it, "The cross in the heart of Sobibor perpetuates the Nazi lie. It desecrates the identity as well as their memory and their faith."

In Auschwitz, Dachau, Theresienstadt and other former concentration camps, churches, crosses and chapels are rising, although 90 percent of the victims were Jews.

The ordinary visitor must have the impression that the Holocaust was a Christian tragedy, not a Jewish one. This Christianization of the Holocaust was started by the present Pope John Paul II, who is doing his utmost to de-Judaize the Holocaust and transform the six million Jewish martyrs into a Polish Christian symbol. In 1971, when the Pope (at the time known as Cardinal Wojtyla) spoke in Auschwitz at the beatification of the Rev. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish priest and well-known anti-Semite before World War II, the Cardinal urged that a church be erected in Auschwitz as a symbol of sacrifice. This was the first stone in a gigantic design to transform the Holocaust into a Polish Christian event. According to Cardinal Wojtyla, Auschwitz must become a place of remembrance of Catholic martyrs; however, not one word was said about the Jews who comprised the overwhelming majority of the victims of Auschwitz.

During the pope's visit to Poland in June 1988, he knelt down at the site of the Majdanek death camp to pray for the victims. He mentioned 14

nationalities, but again not one word about the Jews who constituted more than 90 percent of the camp's victims. During the same visit, the pope — upon going to Auschwitz — spoke of the 6 million victims in these terms: "Finally the last inscription: 6 million Poles lost their lives during the second world war — a fifth of our nation." Again, not a word was reserved for the 3¼ million Polish Jews who perished. Once again, the church was trying to steal a Jewish symbol and transform it into a Christian one.

The Christianization of the Holocaust goes on unchallenged. In Dachau, over a dozen crosses and places of worship dominate the skyline. One is the Carmelite Convent of Holy Blood, where nuns pray for the sins of the victims murdered in Dachau, and also prayers are recited for the souls of Jews — for being Jews when killed. We all know that many of the Jewish victims before their deaths uttered with their last breath the Shema Yisrael, affirming their Jewish faith. What the Vatican is doing is nothing less than the spiritual desecration of what was predominantly a slaughterhouse for Jews. There is an attempt being made here to betray our loved ones, to hide the fact that they were murdered as Jews.

It is shameful that our Jewish leaders and the leading rabbis of our generation, including the chief rabbi of Israel, are not reacting to this spiritual crime committed against our 6 million martyrs. If the Vatican really cared about the Holocaust, it could have done something at the time, like issuing a proclamation to all Catholic faithfuls not to collaborate with the Nazis in the killing of Jews. This one proclamation could have saved hundreds of thousands, and maybe millions, of Jews. But such a proclamation never came. It appears now that the Vatican is cooperating with the Holocaust deniers to perpetuate the big lie that there was not a Jewish Holocaust.

Fifty years after the slaughter, there is an attempt being made to betray our families, to hide the fact that they were Jews. Churches and crosses have no place in the former death camps, which are mostly Jewish cemeteries, and the victims should be respected and honored by being left in peace.

which then could be used to disguise even more of the deficit in the general fund.

Means testing of Social Security and Medicare would increase our reliance on regressive taxes to finance government spending. Were more dollars for deficit reduction available from regressive sources like payroll taxes, it would mean less pressure for progressive income taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations.

Congress should concentrate on proposals that deal with the general fund portion of the fed-

eral budget and with health care, where our real problems lie.

Don't be fooled by means testing. Contact your congressional candidates and find out where they stand on means testing. If they support means testing, tell them you can't support them.

*The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare has about 6 million members and supporters, and is the nation's second-largest senior advocacy (lobby) group.*

## Means Testing Won't Work

### An Opinion

by Martha A. McSteen  
President

National Committee to Preserve  
Social Security and Medicare

As the political season heats up, there seems to be a rising tide among some congressional incumbents and challengers in support of means testing — reducing Social Security or Medicare benefits for parts of the middle class and the so-called "elderly wealthy" — as a way to balance the federal budget.

On the surface, it may sound good. And it may even be politically correct. But it is absolutely the wrong road to take to get to fiscal soundness, and it could threaten two of the most successful social programs in American history.

It's not that I object to asking the well-off to pay more; I support progressive taxes. What I find troubling is the idea of tying benefits to income or asset levels.

For more half a century, Social Security has offered economic dignity to tens of millions of Americans of all ages by lifting them out of poverty. In 1992 alone, some 14.7 million Americans were raised above the poverty threshold by Social Security, including 1.7 million children.

One of the key reasons for Social Security's success is its universality — almost all workers participate and are covered with benefits tied to a person's age, work and earnings history. In addition to retirement, contributions lift the disabled as well as workers' dependents and survivors out of poverty.

Social Security currently is on firm financial footing and running large annual surpluses, including more than \$60 billion this year alone. However, because all surpluses by law must be invested in Treasury securities, every surplus penny is being borrowed to disguise the true size of the deficit in the general fund.

Medicare offers a different challenge. Its costs are rising faster than the rate of inflation, but this is a reflection of the out-of-control costs besetting the entire American health care system. The solution lies in comprehensive reform, not just singling out Medicare. Means testing won't cure the disease — it will just offer cosmetic surgery to cover it up.

Proponents of means testing would like to continue the current fiscal charade. They would like to squeeze the programs to generate ever-larger surpluses



**Candlelighting**

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Legislators Support A Unified Jerusalem

by Jennifer Batog

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As Jerusalem moves again to the forefront of peace negotiations between Israel and its neighbors, a record number of members of Congress sent a letter to President Clinton supporting a united Jerusalem and asking the administration to oppose Palestinian claims to Israel's capital.

The Oct. 7 letter, signed by 279 members of Congress, said the legislators remain "unwavering" in their belief that "Jerusalem is Israel's capital, and only Israel's capital, and it must remain a united city under Israeli sovereignty."

While praising the administration's efforts to move the peace process forward, the letter also said the representatives were "very concerned" about U.S. government actions which may give credibility to the Palestinian claim on Jerusalem.

It expressed support as well for recent legislation prohibiting the establishment of new offices in Jerusalem to deal with the Palestinian ruling body in

the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Both the House of Representatives and Senate passed such bills earlier this session, which also included a ban on meetings in Jerusalem between American officials and representatives of the Palestinian Authority.

"At this time in the peace process the letter, with its bipartisan support and the number of members who signed it, prove how important Jerusalem is to Israel and how strong the American commitment is to keeping it the unified capital of Israel," Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), one of the letter's co-sponsors, said through a spokeswoman.

The letter, signed by 146 Democratic and 133 Republicans, shows strong bipartisan support in Congress for Israel, said Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), another co-sponsor.

Reps. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), and John Lewis (D-Ga.), Bill Paxton (R-N.Y.), and Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), also co-sponsored the letter.



PRESENTING CHAGALL'S MODELIA, David Strassler and Abraham Foxman of the ADL smile with Pope John Paul II on the occasion of Israel's first ambassador's reception at the Holy See.

## ADL Presents Chagall to Pope

David H. Strassler, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, and Abraham H. Foxman, national director, presented the Chagall Modelia, a medal depicting the detail of Chagall's famous "Entry into Jerusalem," which hangs in the Knesset in Jerusalem, to Pope John Paul II recently.

A 20-member ADL delegation met with the pope at Castelgandolfo, his summer residence, on Sept. 29, the historic day that Israel's first ambassador to the Holy See, Schmuel Hadas, presented his credentials. ADL also presented the Pope with the manuscript of a Hebrew translation of Gianfranco Svidercoschi's narration of the true story of the lifelong friendship between Karol Wojtyla (the pope), and his Polish Jewish friend Jerzy Kluger, who was present at the audience.

ADL has obtained the rights to publish the book in Hebrew, and it will be available in Israel. ADL expects to publish a special English-language edition.

## Town Repudiates Former Nazi

The Argentine town that former SS Capt. Erich Priebke has lived in for 50 years unanimously approved a resolution today repudiating him, the World Jewish Congress reports.

The city council of Bariloche, 1,020 miles southwest of Buenos Aires, demanded a quick response to Italy's request last June for his extradition.

The resolution called for the "energetic condemnation of Nazism and all ideologies which consider man a mere tool with which to achieve the goals of a few self-proclaimed chosen ones," according to Manuel Tenenbaum, executive director of the Latin American Jewish Congress.

Two weeks ago, the council was criticized for voting down

an identical resolution.

Priebke, 81, is wanted in Italy for his role in the March 1944 massacre of 335 Italian citizens in the Ardeatine caves outside Nazi-occupied Rome.

Priebke escaped from a British prison camp after the war and fled to Argentina. He is now under house arrest in Bariloche while the courts consider Italy's extradition request.

## Farrakhan's Participation In Conference Cancelled

A planned televised appearance via satellite to a London conference by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan was cancelled following a strong protest by the British Jewish community.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews, the World Jewish Congress national affiliate, was incensed to learn that Farrakhan's address was to be the central event of a rally at London's Wembley Conference Centre.

The board called on the British government to ban the satellite link to the rally planned for Oct. 9 by the Islamic People's Trust, noting that Farrakhan had been banned from entry to Britain in 1986 on the grounds that his presence "would not be conducive to the public good."

Michael Whine, spokesman for the board, said: "Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam are deeply and offensively anti-Jewish. Farrakhan's views are similar to the Nazis. Not many people are banned from entering Britain because of their views but Farrakhan is one.

"This satellite broadcast is a blatant attempt to evade the ban. In view of Farrakhan's continuing anti-Semitic statements and the likelihood of incitement to hatred against the Jewish community, we asked the home secretary and police to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent this transmission," Whine said.

Following the board's public protest, the Wembley Conference Centre cancelled their booking for the scheduled conference, expressing its understanding of both the legal and moral objection to the Farrakhan telecast.

"As a highly responsible company we are naturally concerned at the ramifications of this event taking place. The satellite transmission featuring Louis Farrakhan may be perceived as a means to circumvent the law and it would be improper for us to facilitate such an arrangement," Wembley spokesman Martin Corrie said.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Belgian Legislator Resigns After Desecrating Grave

Daniel Leskens, a member of the city council of Anderlecht, in Belgium, submitted his resignation Oct. 14, 24 hours after a television broadcast showed him urinating on a Jewish grave during a neo-Nazi gathering in Germany last February, the World Jewish Congress has reported.

He was also expelled from his party, the Belgian National Front, according to the WJC Brussels office.

Leskens had just been elected on Oct. 9, in municipal elections, which resulted in heavy gains for the far right throughout the country.

In Anderlecht, a working-class suburb of Brussels, the national Front won 13.2% of the vote.

The chairman of the National Front, Daniel Feret, announcing Lesken's expulsion from the party, declared: "For me, urinating on a grave is a sacri-

lege."

The gathering in which Leskens participated brought together former SS officers and Belgian neo-Nazis. Following the meal, during which Leskens told neo-Nazi jokes, he went to relieve himself in the nearby cemetery, on a grave whose headstone bore Hebrew writing.

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## Spielberg Will Help Preserve Truth About Holocaust

by David Miller

Jewish Bulletin of Northern California  
SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) —

After making one really big movie about the Holocaust, Steven Spielberg now intends to make thousands of little ones.

The Academy Award-winning producer-director of "Schindler's List" has announced plans to create the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, which will videotape survivors around the globe telling their personal Holocaust stories.

The project will produce the world's largest library of survivor testimonies.

"The majority of Holocaust survivors are in their 70s and 80s," Spielberg said in a statement released last week. "This archive will preserve history as told by the people who lived it, and lived through it."

Lani Silver, director of San Francisco's Holocaust Oral History Project, is among a team of consultants working with the foundation, which currently is operating a pilot program at Amblin Entertainment, Spielberg's Los Angeles production company.

"I often worry that there are a lot of people who have not

been interviewed," said Silver, whose own organization has recorded oral histories of more than 1,200 survivors during the past 13 years.

"The Spielberg project is going all over the world. It's a godsend, a miracle," she said.

Silver has given advice on a wide range of issues, from interviewing techniques to survivor outreach. She and her team trained the foundation's first group of 50 interviewers in June.

So far, more than 100 survivors have been interviewed for the Spielberg project, which will open branch offices in New York, southern Florida and Toronto in November.

Production is expected to expand worldwide in early 1995.

Whenever possible, interviews will be conducted in survivors' homes and at synagogues. Each survivor will receive a copy of his or her testimony for family archives.

The foundation currently is seeking to contact survivors and potential interviewers worldwide. For information in the United States and Canada, call (800) 661-2092. Or write to Survivors of the Shoah Visual History, P.O. Box 8940, Universal City, Calif. 91608-0940.

## ABC Says 'No' to Chanukah Show

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Television Christmas specials are so popular that even Jews have been known to host them. But an effort by Roseanne to get a Chanukah special onto the airwaves has been nixed by ABC network brass.

According to an ABC television spokesperson, there wasn't enough time to produce the show in time for Chanukah because the Festival of Lights comes so early this year, falling a few days after Thanksgiving.

An article last week in New York *Newsday* reported that the network hated the proposed guests, jokes and even the whole idea of turning the Jewish holiday into a comedy routine.

Roseanne did not return phone calls from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency seeking comment. *Newsday* reported that the ribald comedian's response was so spicy it could not be reprinted on the pages of a family newspaper.

According to ABC television spokesperson Eileen Kurtz, the

network hopes to air a Chanukah special in the future. When asked if one was being planned for next year, she said, "in this business you can't plan more than two weeks in advance."

Proposed guests for Roseanne's Chanukah show included Neil Diamond, who last year hosted his own network television Christmas special.

Roseanne apparently feels deeply connected to her Jewish heritage and has been working since 1991 on the idea for a Chanukah special to rival the glittering Christmas extravaganzas which the networks roll out each year.

When she and Tom Arnold married, he converted to Judaism and they had a Jewish wedding.

Whether they have obtained a "get," or Jewish divorce as part of the well-publicized breakup of their marriage remains unknown.

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# MILESTONES

## Nordell and Lefkowitz Wed

Barbara Nordell and Richard Lefkowitz were married July 30 at the Tamcrest Country Club, Alpine, N.J. The bride is the daughter of Joan and Michael Nordell of New City, N.Y. She is the granddaughter of Joseph Blum of New York and the late Deborah Blum, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nordell of N.Y. The bridegroom is the son

of Rochelle and Jerry Lefkowitz of Cranston. He is the grandson of Minnie Pavlow of Providence and the late Samuel Pavlow, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Sol Sefkowitz of Fall River.

Rabbi Bemporad officiated at the ceremony with a reception immediately following at the Tamcrest Country Club. The

cantor was Robert Block.

The maid of honor was Deborah Nordell, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were Kim Lefkowitz, bridegroom's sister, Barrie Center, Debra Katz, Stephanie Vorcheimer and Jodi Wolfman.

Steven Lefkowitz, was best man for his brother, and ushers were Jeffrey Fiarman, Michael Kendall, Eric Kaplan, Michael Ostow and Andrew Weiner.

The bride graduated from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), and Boston University School of Law with a J.D. degree. She is employed as an associate in the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom of Boston.

The bridegroom graduated from Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and from Boston University Law School with a J.D. degree. He is employed at the law firm of Riemer and Braunstein, in Boston.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and have made their home in Boston, Mass.

## Shahak Chosen Chief of Staff

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak has been chosen to serve as the next chief of staff of the Israel Defense Force.

At its weekly session on Oct. 9, the Cabinet unanimously approved Shahak's nomination by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who also serves as defense minister.

## Spielberg to Receive Holocaust Remembrance Award

Steven Spielberg will receive the 1994 State of Israel Bonds Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award from Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel at an international tribute dinner in his honor on Nov. 20.

Hundreds of Holocaust survivors, including members of Schindler's list, are expected at the 10th annual international Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

The Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award was established in 1985 to honor prominent individuals who escaped or survived the horrors of Nazi Germany and went on to become outstanding national and international Jewish leaders. The presentation to Spielberg, the first non-survivor to receive the award, demonstrates that the generation born after the Holocaust has accepted the sacred mission of remembrance.

## Hadassah Magazine Awards Ribalow Prize

Carol De Chellis Hill, author of *Henry James' Midnight Song* (Poseidon/Simon & Schuster), and Michael Blumenthal, author of *Weinstock Among the Dying* (Zoland Books) are the recipients of the 1994 Harold U. Ribalow Prize it was announced recently by *Hadassah Magazine* executive editor Alan Tigay.

This is the second time since the award's inception that two authors have been chosen in the same year.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Levkowitz

## Meredith Weisman to Wed

Fran Weisman of Warwick announces the engagement of her daughter, Meredith Dara, to Richard H. Amaral of Providence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal Amaral Jr., of East Providence.

The bride-to-be graduated from the Wheeler School and Hofstra University. She is employed at the John E. Fogarty Center as assistant program manager. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldman of Warwick.

Her fiancé graduated from East Providence High School and Rhode Island College. He is employed at the John E. Fogarty Center as a vocational instructor. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal Amaral of East Providence.

An October 28, 1995, wedding is planned.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Temple Shalom Welcomes New Affiliates

The congregation of Temple Shalom, the Conservative congregation of Newport County will welcome new affiliates at a special late Shabbat eve service on Oct. 28 at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will conduct the worship based on a service which he has compiled and written especially for this event. All new members will be honored with a certificate created for the temple's new affiliates.

Dr. Jerrold Rosenberg, temple president, and Dr. Steven Freedman, membership chair, will participate.

The Oneg Shabbat following the worship will be tendered in honor of the following new Temple members:

The Honorable Howard R. Croll and his daughter, Julie; Paul and Lois Erhartic and their sons, Gabriel and Brian; Paul and Sheryl Girard and their son, Frederick; Ruth C. Jurmann; Mitch and Myrna Mallett and their children, Rebecca and Noah; Dr. Howard and Karen Meiselman; Robert and Marcia Riesman; Dr. Sheldon and Joan Rosenbaum and their children, Tara and Joshua; Nathan and Pamela Wilensky and their daughters, Abigail and Leah; and Joel Bazar.

Membership information can be obtained by calling the temple at 846-9002. All prospective members are cordially invited to attend this service.



Cantor Melvin Luterman



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## JCCRI Joins Food Program

The Jewish Community Center has announced its participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

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## Cantorial Concert Coming Saturday

Temple Beth-El will present a cantorial concert on Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. in Silverstein Meeting Hall.

"From the Shtetl to the Stage" will feature the temple's new cantor, Nancy R. Ginsberg and her colleagues, Cantor Stein-Davidson, Cantor Melvin Luterman and Cantor Glenn Groper. The concert is the second part of a special weekend when Ginsberg will be formally installed by the congregation.

Ginsberg comes to Beth-El after serving the Main Line Reform Temple in Wynnewood, Pa., for seven years. During that time, she directed five choirs, worked as a chaplain in a maximum security prison, performed ecumenical work through music and earned a master of social work degree.

The cantors will perform liturgical works by Ben Steinberg and Abraham Ellstein, classical pieces by Victor Hebert and Georges Bizet, Israeli and Yiddish favorites, and selections from "Porgy and Bess," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Carousel."

There is no admission charge and members of the community are invited to attend. For further information, call the temple office at 331-6070.



Cantor Nancy Ginsberg

## Doctor Speaks On A Doctor's Dilemma

The B'nai B'rith I.M.P.A.C.T group (ages 22-35) will present Dr. David Zangen, speaking on "Accepting the Challenge," on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m., at the B'nai B'rith New England Regional Office (34 Washington St., Brighton, Mass.).

Zangen served in the West Bank during the Intifada as an infantry battalion physician, and will discuss the conflicts of being an Israeli doctor during war time and helping both Israeli soldiers and Palestinian civilians.

A falafel dinner will be served. The cost is \$3 for B'nai B'rith I.M.P.A.C.T members; \$6 for non-members. Reservations are required for dinner.

For further information, or to make a reservation, call (617) 731-5290.

## Sylvia Weber Returns to Brown Bag Club

Sylvia Weber, a psychiatric nurse with Counseling and Mental Health Services in East Greenwich, will return to the Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, on Oct. 25 at noon to talk about "Making Cherries Out of Pits."

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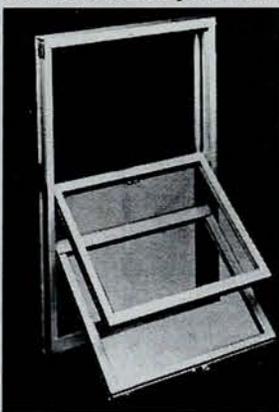
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# Rainhandler Makes Gutters Obsolete

By Neil Nachbar

Herald Associate Editor

For those who hate having to remove debris from the gutters or are fed up with downspouts getting clogged by ice during the winter, there is an alternative to conventional gutters — Rainhandler.

Rainhandler is a rain dispersal system which, through seven angled slats, converts roof runoff into rain-sized drops and sprays the water on to grass and bushes two to three feet from the house.



According to manager Brad Heath, the traditional gutter system has been in place for so long, most people don't stop and question its usefulness.

"Why would you want to catch the rainwater, carry it to a central location and deposit it in one spot? It doesn't make sense," said Heath. "Rainhandler is the first alternative to come along in thousands of years."

Rainhandler was patented a year and a half ago. Last year, Mark Lang was chosen to be the Rhode Island distributor, based on his sound reputation as the owner of a local construction company.

Aside from homes, Rainhandler has installed for busi-

nesses and city buildings that are undergoing a modernization program. So far New Bedford, Mass., Richmond, Va., and 26 other cities have switched to Rainhandler.

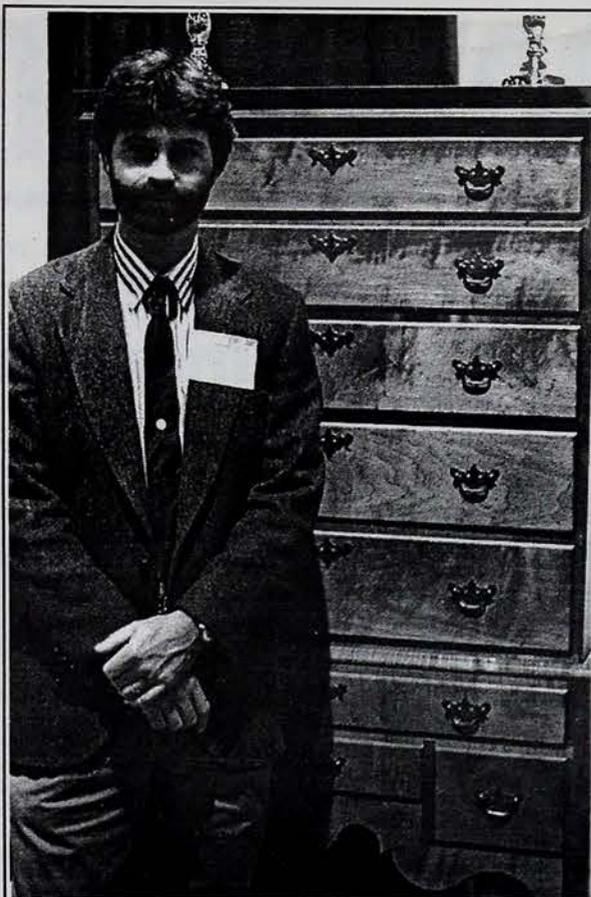
Unlike gutters, Rainhandler doesn't break up the lines of a building. From just a few feet away, the slats are barely noticeable.

When house gutters become



Attached to any building, the Rainhandler converts a sheet of water into drops and directs it away from the structure.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar



## High-Class Highchest

Jeffrey P. Greene, of the Ball & Claw, shows off a highchest which he built in the 1750 Queen Anne style, at the Ocean State Home & Interior Design Show at the Rhode Island Convention Center last weekend. The highchest was recognized by *Early American Life* magazine for its fine craftsmanship.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

To test Rainhandler's durability, the Richmond Fire Department blasted it with two or three fire hoses at the same time, but failed to overwhelm the system.

One of Rainhandler's finest features, is that it requires little or no maintenance. Most debris either falls through the slats or is blown off. If some debris remains, it can easily be sprayed off by a garden hose, while standing at ground level.

clogged, pooling may ensue. This serves as a breeding ground for insects and mosquitoes and can contribute to foundation damage. Rainhandler eliminates this problem.

According to Heath, the cost of Rainhandler varies from installation to installation, but is comparable to an upgraded gutter system. Rainhandler comes with a 25-year warranty.

The slats are made of aluminum and are available in brown, white or aluminum-colored.

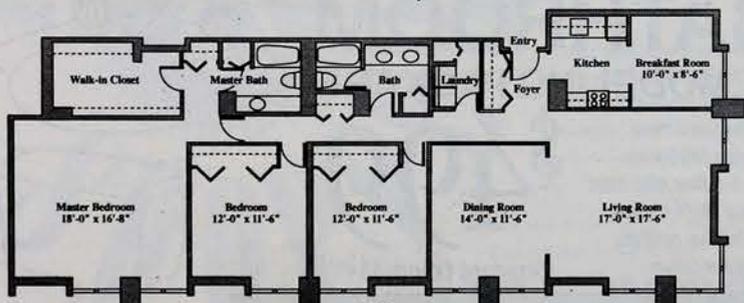
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# Cold? How Cold Is Cold?

How cold is cold? We all know that when it is zero degrees outside that it is cold. But, just how cold is cold? In relation to fuel and heating how much fuel is required to heat our homes on a cold day? How do oil companies know when to make a delivery? The answer to these questions lies in the degree-day system.

What are degree-days? How do they affect fuel consumption? Degree-days are a measurement of elapsed temperature conditions which require either heating or cooling for human comfort. For the purposes of this article we will deal with degree-days and their relationship to heating.

Whenever the average outdoor temperature is below 65 degrees we start counting degree-days because it is assumed that heating is required for human comfort. In any given day we record the high temperature and the low temperature, add them together, divide by 2 to find the average, and subtract this average temperature from our constant of 65 degrees. The resultant figure is the amount of degree-days in this particular day. For example: the high temperature is 66 degrees, the low is 44. We add 66 and 44 together to total 110. We divide 110 by 2 for the resultant average of 55. We then subtract the average temperature of 55 from our constant of 65 and the result we find is 10. In this particular day we have 10 degree-days. Heat must be supplied to the 10 degree-days. Degree-days are counted much like the odometer in a car counts the miles the auto has been driven. The more miles driven, the more fuel consumed. By knowing the miles per gallon we are capable of estimating the fuel needed for a given trip.

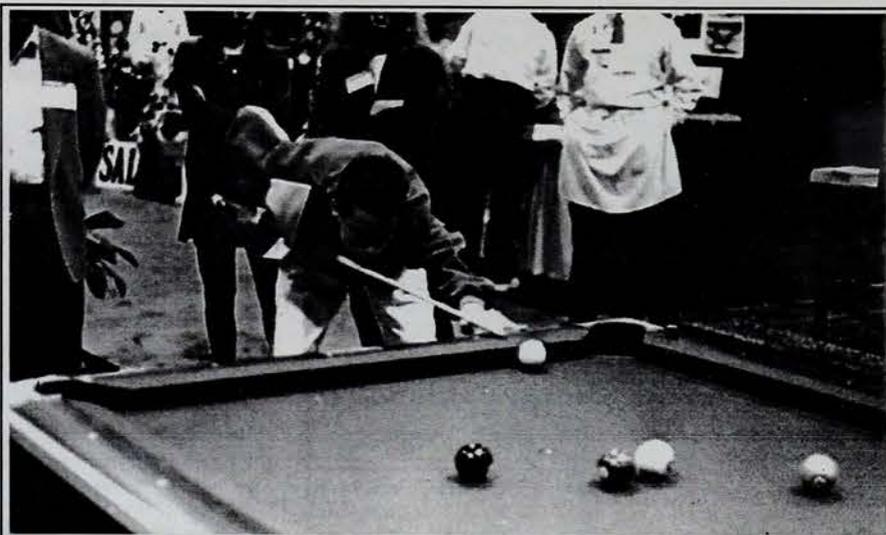
The miles you can drive a car

per gallon of fuel is equivalent to the "K" factor in heating degree-days. A "K" factor is assigned to each individual account. Just as your driving habits affect miles per gallon, then also your heating habits affect your "K" factor. The age and type of auto you drive affects miles per gallon, the age and type of heating equipment affects your "K" factor.

If you drive 150 miles and consume 10 gallons of fuel then you are getting 15 miles per gallon. If you heat your home for 150 degree-days and consume 10 gallons of fuel you are getting 15 degree-days per gallon. This is known as your "K" factor. Once your "K" factor is established then we can calculate how much fuel is burned as the winter gets colder. With this knowledge we can calculate when to fill your tank. If you change your driving habits you will change your miles per gallon. If you change your heating habits you will also change your "K" factor.

Degree-days are counted from September to June of each year. The colder the winter, the more degree-days and the more fuel consumed. Cold and comfort go hand in hand. All of the above information is recorded daily in the newspapers in the weather section. Comparative data is also recorded in this section. By reading this section you will know if it is colder this year compared to last.

You control the amount of fuel you consume by your habits and equipment. Good heating habits and good heating equipment go hand in hand. Either will reduce your fuel consumption, both will reduce it even more. Think about it.



## Ward Off Cabin Fever this Winter

With the cold weather approaching, people will be turning to indoor entertainment, such as pool and piano playing. Rhode Island Nine-Ball Juniors champion Billy "the Kid" Lanna (top) finishes off another challenge at the Ocean State Home & Interior Design Show at the Rhode Island Convention Center last weekend. John Salva (bottom) entertains an audience with one of his Avery pianos.

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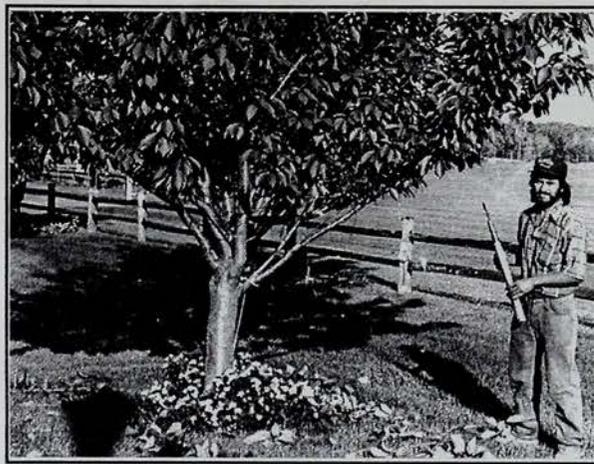
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HUGH H. SALAZA, a North-Eastern Tree Service employee, pauses in his work on a tree near the main entrance of the Holiday Inn at the Crossing. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

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By Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

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# Pest Control Tips For Fall

by Tony DeJesus

The Farmer's Almanac is now out and predicting that this year will be one of the coldest winters in recent history, even worse than last year, with snow in November. If they are right, there isn't much time to get our property ready for the onset of winter pests.

This is the time of year when rats and mice try to enter heated buildings in search of shelter and food.

These uninvited guests require very little room to enter your home. Openings of just 1/4" for mice and 1/2" for rats offer easy access to these animals, who not only carry disease, but can also damage your home with their gnawing and chewing. The best way to find out if you have a problem is to go into your basement during the day with the lights off. If there is any 1/4" space or larger, where you can see daylight, it is a big enough space for a rodent to enter. These cracks and holes must be caulked or repaired to prevent a problem.

Broken cellar windows are like an invitation to any small animal to come in and live for the winter. Be sure to install new glass in all broken windows now.

Check to be sure that all doors entering the house, including attached garage doors, fit snugly to the floor. Weather

stripping may need to be replaced.

If you are in the habit of feeding the birds for the winter, be sure to put out only enough seed for one day. Also, be sure the feeder is located away from your house. Seed is a favorite food for rats and mice and will draw them to your feeder.

Be sure to rake all the leaves in your yard, especially those caught between the shrubs closest to your home. The combination of moisture and shelter create a good harborage for rats and mice.

**A little time spent now while the weather is good can prevent you from having to deal with a big problem with a foot of snow on the ground.**

Rodents are not the only pests that invade in the winter. Insects and spiders are also looking to come inside for the winter.

Be sure to vacuum all spider webs, especially in the high corners of the ceiling and in the basement. Often the webs will contain eggs which will hatch to create more spiders. This is a good example of integrated pests management.

Moisture can create a haven for carpenter ants and other insects. If your gutters are blocked with dirt, leaves and other debris, rain water will not flow

through properly and will back up into the soffits under the roof and may even get in between the walls of the house. It is important to clean the gutters on a regular basis, especially after the leaves have fallen from the trees. The location of your home will determine the frequency of cleaning required.

If you burn firewood to help heat your home, there are several things you should do to minimize your risk of pests. Store the firewood away from the house. Woodpiles make great homes for insects and rodents. If the wood is stacked against your house, you may be giving these creatures an open invitation to have dinner in your house.

Be sure the wood is stacked up off the ground and is cross stacked to allow air to circulate and keep the wood dry.

Bring in only the firewood you intend to use in one day so that insects that may be lying dormant will not become active in your home.

Remember, a little time spent now while the weather is good, can prevent you from having to deal with a big problem with a foot of snow on the ground.

If you do develop a problem and call in a professional, be sure the company you call is licensed and fully insured. A bargain isn't such a bargain if there are problems not covered by insurance.

Tony DeJesus is the pest control manager for New England Pest Control. Call 941-5700 or toll free, 800-637-3737 in Rhode Island, 800-851-5151 in Massachusetts or Connecticut.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** — Sherman sits in the place of honor with members of her West Coast family on her right, and her East Coast family on her left, and grandchildren everywhere.

*Herald photo by Alison Smith*

## They Made Sentimental Journeys

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

Both sides of Mrs. Fanny Sherman's family came to Providence, to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, for a celebration of her 95th birthday recently.

Seven great-grandchildren and five grandchildren, two sons and two daughters-in-law, plus almost 100 friends gathered to be part of this momentous family occasion. The youngest attendee was Adam

Eagle, from San Diego, Calif., who was 5½ weeks old. The head table was divided between members of the West Coast contingent, on Sherman's right, and the East Coast branch from Boston, on her left.

Sherman told me, "I live alone, so this (the Jewish Community Center) is my home." Wearing a powder blue, white polka dot dress, Sherman smiled benevolently on those who had come to celebrate with her, and seemed to be enjoying every minute.

## Ladies Auxiliary Presents Author Renee Worch

The New England Rabbinical College Ladies Auxiliary will present Renee Worch, author of *Might & Survival*, as its featured speaker on Oct. 24 at 8:15 p.m., at the home of Miriam Lipson, 36 Elmway, Providence.

A noted author of two well received personal accounts of the Holocaust, Worch is cur-

rently working on her third book. She is an active member of the Manchester, England Jewish community, a full-time mother and grandmother, and operates a successful marketing business which she founded. All women are welcome to attend this lecture.

## JCCRI Hosts JERI Program

The kosher mealsite at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, has invited Debbie Samlan, programming coordinator of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, to present a program about Jewish culture on Oct. 25 from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

When you announce the birth of a child why not include a black and white photo?

## New Morning Aerobics at JCCRI

The Family Fitness Center at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, has added Tuesday and Thursday morning step aerobics. The classes are taught by AFAA-certified aerobics instructors Pam Oliveira and Lisa Starr-Dansereau and will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. in the center's aerobics/dance studio.

All 13 of Family Fitness Center's aerobics classes are free to full JCCRI members; JCCRI babysitting services are also available for parents while they work out. Contact Jay Snyder or Melissa Danusis at 861-8800 for more information.

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## Temple Shalom Schedules Book Fair

In honor of Jewish Book Month, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will present a special Oneg Shabbat program following services on Oct. 21 at 8 p.m.

In observance of this annual event, there will be a Jewish Book Month fair to be held in November at the Temple when books reviewed at the Oneg Shabbat, and many others, will be for sale.

### CORRECTION

In the Oct. 6 edition of the *Jewish Herald*, we incorrectly identified the Fleischer family as the sponsors of the first word of Temple Sinai's new Sefer Torah. The Fleischer actually paid for "The First Day of Creation." Stanley Horowitz paid for the first word.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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"The Waiting Room" is a provocative comedy set in Boston which mixes controversy with laughter demonstrating the politics of women's health care.

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## A Revealing Look at Ourselves

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Politicians: Photographs from 1843 to 1993 demonstrates how advances in photographic technology and distribution have altered our perceptions of politicians and the democratic process. This exhibition ranges

from formal, stately portraits of Abraham Lincoln and John Quincy Adams through examples of today's manufactured "photo opportunity."

Arranged chronologically, "American Politicians" in-

cludes approximately 175 black-and-white photographs. The exhibition features two categories of work: portraits and news photographs made on commission by professional news and magazine photographers, and photographs that were made independently.

It includes both unknown and well-known works that have been selected from an array of public and private collections.

The impact of television on the political process is highlighted with 15 minutes of video excerpts from the first of the Nixon/Kennedy debates in 1960. The video component also shows a compilation of 42 campaign commercials including the first presidential television advertisement for Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952 and Clinton's campaign ads 40 years later.

Among the earliest works in the exhibition are the carefully posed daguerreotypes John Quincy Adams (1843) by Philip Haas and Harriet Beecher Stowe (c. 1843) by Albert Sands Southworth and Josiah Johnson Hawes.

Because there was no negative, daguerreotypes could not be made into multiple prints. Consequently, these earliest photographs had little influence on political life.

It was during Abraham Lincoln's presidential campaign of 1860 that photography began to have a far-reaching effect on the careers of political personalities. The development of the collodion negative and the albumen print made the photograph easier and less expensive to produce — hence quicker to disseminate to the electorate. In such images as "Abraham Lincoln" (1861, a group of four cartes-de-visite or card-mounted photographs) and "The President [Abraham Lincoln] and General McClellan on the Battlefield of Antietam" (1862), both by Alexander Gardner, Lincoln's distinguished and somewhat strange

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ON THE OTHER HAND, some found it uplifting. Richard Nixon, in the exhibit, "American Politicians: photographs from 1843 to 1993" at the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

## Theatre Only For the Brave

On Nov. 3 at 8 p.m., Perishable Theatre at 95 Empire St. (the AS220 complex), will present "Dark Night," a benefit performance of short radio plays and original pieces performed in complete darkness to fund the purchase of new lights.

Currently, virtually all of Perishable Theatre's lights are borrowed. Alias Stage and Trinity Rep have lent equipment to Perishable, but they will be needing their lights back soon. A special benefit performance in total darkness seems appropriate. On the bill are adaptations of Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk-Wood*, Ernest Hemingway's *A Clean, Well-Lighted Place* and Samuel Beckett's *Radio II*.

For tickets or more information, call Perishable Theatre, 331-2695.

image of helmeted presidential candidate Michael Dukakis riding in a new tank.

A number of contemporary photographers have been able to move beyond these restrictions to produce works that transcend the facts of the occasion and project their subjects in a way that is visually compelling. Teresa Zabala's "President Carter and Congressional Leaders at a Press Conference" (1977) shows the president surrounded by men who look as if they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Judith Joy Ross's "Senator Robert C. Byrd, Democrat, West Virginia" (1987) presents a powerful portrait of an aging, ordinary-looking man in dignified dress, placing the viewer face-to-face with the subject. These photographs, while not always flattering or ennobling, candidly portray real human beings.

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Evian's 15th anniversary year in the United States.

Entries must be submitted to Evian, c/o Ketchum, 220 East 42nd St., 12th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017 by Nov. 30. Winners will be announced in January 1995. All entries with proper return address information will be returned. For further information on the contest and a list of specifications, please call (800) 633-3363.

## Laura Evans Exhibits Work

Artist Laura Evans will be exhibiting her work at the Sarah Doyle Gallery, located in the Sarah Doyle Women's Center, 185 Meeting St., Providence. The show, which consists of mixed media works, will open Oct. 24 and continue through Nov. 18. There will be a reception on Oct. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

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physical appearance could be seen by a broad audience. The carte-de-visite became a popular collectible in the United States. Sold to the public in magazine shops, bookstores, and from the photographer's studio, cartes were the first opportunity for the politician to connect his actual photographic image with his platform.

The development of the handheld camera and the founding of stock picture agencies at the end of the 19th century gave the public access to images of politicians as they moved about the world. With the invention of the halftone process at the turn of the century, the technology for reproducing photographs in the mass media was in place. It was now possible to create and disseminate an appealing public persona; Theodore Roosevelt (the first president to set up a press room in the White House), in particular, profited from the fact that his political career coincided with the introduction of halftone images in newspapers and magazines.

In the aftermath of World War II, a flood of positive images were released, from Dwight D. Eisenhower and his mother on their front porch in "Eisenhower's Homecoming, Abilene, Kansas" (1945) to the gleeful Harry Truman after his defeat of Thomas Dewey in "Jubilant President Truman Holds Up a Copy of a Newspaper Extra" (November 1948). By the early 1960s, however, the image of the American politician had shifted from an essentially reverent and often ennobling portrait to a critical and sometimes undermining one. This is seen in the exhibition in such works as Robert Frank's "City Fathers — Hoboken, New Jersey" (1955-56) and Garry Winogrand's "Nixon Victory Celebration, Republican Headquarters, New York"

(1972). Conversely, the carefully constructed image that surrounded the Kennedy family was created, largely, by photographers like Jacques Lowe as seen in "Diner, Oregon" (Fall 1959), which, characteristically, portrays JFK as thoughtful, dignified, and in control.

After the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Robert Kennedy, easy access to politicians was limited for security reasons. Limited access in combination with the introduction of the photo opportunity — a controlled version of an actual event — would help generate innumerable staged photographs in the decades to come. One famous example is Michael E. Samojeden's "Test Ride" (1988), an incongruous

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# SPORTS FEATURE

## URI's Field Hockey Team Suffers Through Scoring Drought

### Midfielder Sharon Rosenthal Has Provided Some Relief

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

When a team is having trouble scoring, in any sport, it can make for a long season. That's what has happened to the University of Rhode Island field hockey team.

Through 14 games this season, the Rams have only scored nine goals and have been shut out eight times, leading to a 4-10 overall record and a 0-4 mark in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

A ray of sunshine, in an otherwise difficult season, has been the play of junior Sharon Rosenthal. The Scarsdale, N.Y., native scored the winning goals in recent games versus Hofstra and Yale. The goal against Yale came in double overtime.

"Sharon has been finishing the season strong," said first-year coach Laurie LeGoff. "The way she's been scoring lately, it's as if the floodgates just opened."

Despite her recent individual success, Rosenthal is focused on the team's progress. "I want us to win as many games as possible, and end the season on a good note," said the psychology major.

To accomplish this goal, Rosenthal knows what the Rams need to work on.

"We've been doing really well," said Rosenthal, "but we can't have as many break-

"Sharon has an integral role on the team," said LeGoff. "Midfielder is the toughest position to play. She's needed to contribute on offense and defense, and she has done so."

On defense, Rosenthal is responsible for neutralizing the opposing team's top offensive player.

Aside from her contributions during the game, LeGoff credits Rosenthal for being a valuable asset in many other ways.

"She's a catalyst to the program morally, as well as being a leader," stated LeGoff. "She's helped a lot of the younger players step up to the Division I level and adjust to college life. She's a positive role model."



SOPHOMORE DAN NEWMAN is one of the up-and-coming cross country runners for the University of Rhode Island. Newman also runs indoor and outdoor track for the Rams.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

## Running Down the Competition

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

At 6'6", Dan Newman can cover a lot of ground with very few steps. With his speed, Newman can cover a lot of ground in very little time.

Newman is one of the runners on this year's University of Rhode Island cross-country team. The Commack, N.Y., native is a relative newcomer to the sport, but has made great strides for the Rams.

"In high school I was very raw, but I would win races on my athletic ability," said the sophomore. "When I came to URI, I was overwhelmed by how fast everyone was."

It's taken Newman some time to adjust to the collegiate level. Not only are the races longer than in high school (five miles, as opposed to three), but the competition in New England is among the strongest in the country.

Newman credits his development to his coach, John Copeland.

"Coach has helped me improve a great deal," stated Newman. "He's treated me like a beginner, which I am." Since he's been at URI, Newman has shaved almost six minutes off his time.

A typical practice consists of a one-mile warm-up run, calisthenics, seven to 10 more miles and maybe a hill workout or some sprints. "Coach always knows how hard to push us," said Newman.

Traditionally, URI's cross-country team has taken a back seat in Rhode Island to the programs at Providence College and Brown — both of which are usually nationally ranked. However, Newman insists that

in a couple of years, URI will give them a run for their money.

"We have a long way to go to catch up to them," admitted Newman. "But by my senior year, we'll beat them."

The Rams' roster consists of mostly sophomores and freshmen. In two years, URI may be primed to upset their local rivals.

"Right now they have all the experience in the world, but they'll be losing it as most of their top runners will be graduating," Newman said.

The cross-country season will be ending soon, but Newman won't be slowing down by any means. Indoor track picks up when cross-country ends, and Newman's event is either the half-mile or mile. He runs the same distance for the outdoor track team in the spring.

When he's not running races, or running from class to class, he's running around campus as the sports editor of the student newspaper, *The Good 5' Cigar*. On a light day, Newman puts in 14 to 15 hours between activities and classes.

In the remainder of the cross-country season, Newman would like to break his personal best of 28:20. "If I'm lucky enough, I'd like to break the 28-minute mark," said Newman.

Now that he's had over a year of experience under his belt, Newman's goal is to rise to the next level and make a name for himself.

"I've put in my time," said Newman. "This year I would like people to know who I am, and that I am (a) good (runner)."



SHARON ROSENTHAL is one of the leaders of the University of Rhode Island field hockey team. She has set a good example on the field and off.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

downs (in concentration). We have to go out there wanting to win, instead of trying to avoid losing."

Rosenthal is the third leading scorer on the team, but from her midfielder position, her contribution goes beyond points.

This season is quickly coming to a close, but the nucleus of the team will be returning next year, including Rosenthal, who is expected to lead the team to greater heights.

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## Youth Hike at Mt. Tom Trail

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Junior and Senior Outdoor Clubs, which include those in grades 7 to 12, will be hiking the Mt. Tom Trail in Exeter on Nov. 6. The group will meet at the JCCRI, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, at noon and return by 6 p.m.

Those interested should wear comfortable shoes and clothing; backpacks are optional. The cost is \$7 for all Outdoor Club members and \$10 for non-members. RSVP to Alisa Yanow at 861-8800 by Oct. 31.



# School Beat



## Feinstein Program Involves Kids In Fight Against Hunger

All public and private Rhode Island middle/junior high schools have been invited to participate in the Feinstein Youth World Hunger Brigade Program. This two-phase program is designed to promote in our youngsters an awareness of and interest in the problem of world hunger and needs of others.

More than 20 Rhode Island junior high/middle schools are currently involved in the program which is being disseminated nationally. There is no expense to the schools. All curriculum materials will be provided free by the foundation, and each school participating fully will receive \$150 for supplies and materials.

During the fall semester, phase one of the program involves implementing the curriculum through using the guide provided, and through

creative ideas which the teachers develop on their own. The guide was developed by the Feinstein World Hunger Program at Brown University in conjunction with Rhode Island teachers. Each lesson is designed to introduce youngsters to the issues of hunger on international, national, state, and local levels.

In phase two — winter/spring — participating schools can choose how best to help alleviate hunger in their local communities. Fifteen thousand dollars in cash awards will be divided among the schools determined to have the best projects. The winners will be acknowledged at the International Feinstein World Hunger awards ceremony at Brown University in April of 1995, and featured on Channel 10's "Kids Watch TV Program."

## Get Your Computer Courses At Night

The Bryant College Center for Management Development will offer the following evening seminars in November and December.

Nov. 1-Dec. 6 (six Tuesdays), Introduction to Microcomputers, DOS and Windows.

Nov. 2-Dec. 14 (six Wednesdays), Intermediate WordPerfect, Basics of Lotus 1-2-3.

Nov. 3-Dec. 15 (six Thursdays), Basics of WordPerfect for Windows, Computerize Your Accounting Department.

Nov. 5-Dec. 17 (six Saturdays), Microsoft Word for Windows, Basics of dBase IV, Intermediate Lotus 1-2-3.

For more information, call 232-6200.

## Students Urged to Apply Soon for Scholarships

High school students with a grade point average of "B" or better and who are U.S. citizens interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by Dec. 15 from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N. McKinley Rd.,

P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045-5012.

To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state, zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation.

All requests for applications will be fulfilled on or about Jan. 13, 1995. One hundred fifty winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$150,000 will be awarded.

## Mensa

### Announces

### Essay Contest

The American Mensa Education & Research Foundation will award approximately 100 grants from \$200 to \$1,000 nationwide.

Awards are made on the basis of an essay of fewer than 550 words describing the applicant's academic or career goal. The only eligibility requirement is that the applicant must be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited American institution of post-secondary education for the 1995 fall/winter term.

General awards are unrestricted as to age, sex, level of education or financial need.

Requests for applications must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and be postmarked no later than Jan. 5. Essay submissions must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31. Contact: Barbara B. Blackburn, scholarship chair, R.I. and S.E. Mass. Mensa, 8 Shadow Brook Lane #B, Smithfield, R.I. 02917.

For more information on Mensa, contact American Mensa Ltd., 2626 East 14th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235.

## Professional Seminars Announced

The Bryant College Center for Management Development offers the following seminars Oct. 24 to 28 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 232-6200.

Oct. 24 — Managing Multiple Responsibilities: Time Management. This seminar offers tips about setting objectives and managing time to work at peak effectiveness. Learn to manage daily activities, organize an office, and implement a time-effectiveness plan.

Oct. 26 to 28 — School for Managers. This seminar is designed for the new or prospective manager. Learn essential

management skills and develop a leadership style. Gain an understanding of how to motivate employees, solve employee performance problems and get superior results from every employee.

Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and 9 — The Essential Skills. This course is specially designed to meet the needs and schedule of the front-line supervisor. Learn how to use essential management principles to set goals and provide consistent day-to-day leadership. Gain insight on using personal management styles.

Oct. 27 — Technical Data Management: Tools to Comply with ISO 9000. Learn how to access the right information, at the right time, in the right place. Realize how to organize a company's technical data and make it electronically available for control improvement and archival storage and retrieval.

Oct. 28 — Managing Stress. Learn to identify the signs and symptoms of stress, and then develop a personal stress management plan through the use of stress-reduction strategies and stress prevention.

## 'Talking With ...' the CCRI Players

"Talking With ...," a play by Jane Martin, will be presented by the Community College of Rhode Island Players at the Flanagan Campus, Lincoln, on Oct. 20, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.

In "Talking With ...," her first play, Martin introduces us to 11 characters, all contemporary women and each played by a different actress. All of these women are passionately involved with some one thing, and their passions bring them instantaneously to life.

Martin's portraits are acute yet delicately sensitive, drawn with an attitude of sincere affection. The heroines of these personal dramas range from an actress in her dressing room preparing to meet her audience to a housewife who patches her life together with fantasies from the "Oz" books.

Reserved-seat tickets are \$5 general, \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are on sale weekdays at both the Knight and Flanagan Campuses. For reservations by telephone, call 825-2219 at any time, or 333-7170 just prior to performances.

## Lincoln School Presents Math/Science Day

Lincoln School, located at 301 Butler Ave. on the East Side, will present Math/Science Day on Oct. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The program is open to all girls enrolled in grades six through eight throughout Rhode Island and surrounding Massachusetts.

Girls will have the opportunity to attend workshops fea-

turing women who have excelled in careers based in math and science.

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LOOK WHO'S TALKING — Appearing in the CCRI Players' production of *Talking With ...*, by Jane Martin, are (from left) Christine M. Aubin, Mari Dias, Lisa Stanley, Jennifer Payne, Jodi B. Jackson, Angela Savard and Lise D. Roberts.

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# OBITUARIES

## VICTOR ABRAMS

PROVIDENCE — Victor Abrams, 82, of 192 Sessions St., a business teacher at Attleboro High School for 22 years before retiring 12 years ago, died Oct. 14 at home. He was the husband of Leah (Eisenstadt) Abrams.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Bernard and Jennie (Swartz) Abrams. He had lived in Providence all his life.

He was a graduate of Bryant College and earned his master's degree from Rhode Island College. He served in the Army during World War II. For 10 years he was co-owner with his late father of the former Providence Food and Specialty Co.

He also had been an office worker for many years for a furniture company.

He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of America and the Jewish Community Center. He was a member of the Blackstone Valley Center and the Smithsonian Institution. He had been a Boy Scout leader years ago. He was a member of the Retired Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Marlene Miller of San Francisco; a son, Andrew Abrams of Cumberland; a brother, Maurice Abrams of Charlotte, N.C.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Oct. 16 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## ELLIOTT E. DITTELMAN

PROVIDENCE — Elliott E. Dittelman, 77, of Chatham Circle, Warwick, died Oct. 12 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Eleanor (Copelof) Dittelman.

Born in New York, a son of the late Louis and Helen (Simmons) Dittelman, he lived in Warwick and Boynton Beach, Fla., for seven years. He previously lived in Cranston.

He was a partner in the Laventhal & Horwath International for 37 years before retiring 12 years ago. He was an Army captain in World War II, and served in Australia and the Philippine Islands. He was a 1938 graduate of the former

Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island. He was a certified public accountant.

He was a board member and officer of Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, and chairman of its building committee. He was a member of Redwood Lodge AF&AM, the Council of American Institute of CPAs, a past member of the Crestwood Country Club, and a past president of the Rhode Island Society of CPAs. He was an honorary director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, a Cranston area vice president of the Jewish Federation, and he was an honoree of the Bonds of Israel Campaign.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Lewis J. Dittelman of Westboro, Mass.; two daughters, Irene Sacks of New York and Helen Dittelman-Dolan of Foxboro, Mass.; two brothers, Martin I. Dittelman of Cranston and Judge Harold J. Dittelman of Scarborough Manor, N.Y., and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Oct. 14 at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue, Cranston. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## REBECCA JACOBSON

CRANSTON — Rebecca Jacobson, 84, of 315 Park Ave., died Oct. 13 at home. She was the wife of Harry Jacobson.

Born in Lithuania, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Leventhal. She had lived in Providence before moving to Cranston 15 years ago.

Mrs. Jacobson was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek, and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Steven Jacobson of Philadelphia; a daughter, Avis Greenstone of Nashua, N.H., and four grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Oct. 16 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## HERBERT M. KANTER

PROVIDENCE — Herbert M. Kanter, 86, of The Summit, North Main St., a self-employed accountant in Providence before retiring, died Oct. 16 at the facility. He was the husband of Mae (Kasdan) Kanter.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Harry and Bessie Kanter, he lived in Cranston for many years before moving to Providence five years ago.

Mr. Kanter was a graduate of Boston University. He was a member of Temple Beth-El, and the Redwood Lodge, AF & AM.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Stanley Kanter of Barrington, and Stephen Kanter of Pasadena, Calif.; a sister, Edith Taub of Revere, Mass.; a brother, Arnold Kanter in Massachusetts, and two grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Beatrice and Leonard Kanter.

The funeral was held Oct. 18 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel & David Cemetery. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street.

## LOUIS A. LEVY

PROVIDENCE — Louis A. Levy, 81, of East Bay Manor, 1440 Wampanoag Trail, died Oct. 13 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of the late Florence (Leibo) Levy.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Isaac and Esther (Sedoff) Levy, he had lived in East Providence for five months, previously living in Greenville, Cranston and Providence.

He was a salesman for Hill House Clothing in Providence for 40 years, retiring seven years ago. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the European Theater. He was instrumental in getting funding for the Veterans Cemetery in Exeter.

Mr. Levy was a member of the American Legion, the Navy League, Temple Torat Israel, and the Moses Michael Hays Masonic Lodge in Needham, Mass.

He leaves a daughter, Judith Levy of Haverford, Pa.; and a sister, Shirley Nevler of Revere,

Mass. He was the brother of the late Joseph Davey, Roseann Mangone and Ruth Abrams.

A graveside funeral service was held at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence.

## IDA ZUCKERMAN

ATTLEBORO, Mass. — Ida Zuckerman, 90, of the Bristol Nursing Home, 1000 Oak Hill Ave., died Oct. 14 at the home. She was the wife of the late Abraham Zuckerman.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Meyer and Rose (Ostroff) Rezepter. She had lived in Providence most of her life before moving to Attleboro 1½ years ago.

Mrs. Zuckerman was a member of the Louis Felner Lodge. She was a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob, Providence, and its Sisterhood.

She leaves four sons, Bernard Zuckerman of Brockton, Mass., Gerald Zuckerman of Cranston, Louis Zuckerman of Pawtucket and Edward Zuckerman of Springfield, Mass.; a daughter, Sylvia Gilman of Brockton; a sister, Etta Malinou of Providence; 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Fred Zuckerman.

A graveside service was held Oct. 16 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope Street, Providence.

## Samuel Merlin Dead at 84

NEW YORK (JTA) — Samuel Merlin, a member of Israel's first Knesset and the director of the Institute for Mediterranean Affairs, a think tank, died here Oct. 4 following a long illness. He was 84.

Merlin, who was born in Kishinev, Moldavia, in 1910, left before the Russian province became part of the Soviet Union.

In 1938, he joined a group of young Palestinian Jews who were in Europe to rescue Jews from the Nazis and spirit them to Palestine through the British blockade.

He became secretary to Vladimir Jabotinsky, the Zionist leader who sponsored the effort.

Merlin spoke and wrote in French, Russian, Polish, Hebrew and several other languages, but he barely knew English. However, within a few

## Music from Theresienstadt to be Presented

The Longy Chamber Singers, conducted by Lorna Cooke deVaron will present a Terezin Memorial Concert featuring the music of Viktor Ullmann, Pavel Haas, Hans Krasa, and Gideon Klein and including poetry written by Terezin children set to music by Robert Convery.

The concert will take place in Longy's Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall on Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5.

Terezin, a walled town converted into a concentration camp in 1942, functioned as both a transit location for the Nazi death camps and propaganda vehicle designed to deceive the world community about the true nature of the "Final Solution."

A 1944 propaganda film depicted the lives of the Jews of Terezin as contented and artistically enriched due to Nazi efforts. Among the prisoners — later to be transferred to Auschwitz — were Ullmann, Haas, Krasa, and Klein.

Mark Ludwig, founder and director of the Terezin Chamber Music Foundation, in a *New York Times* interview, said, "Here is music from people who were the target of a program of annihilation, who were stripped of their identities, given numbers and were no longer a part of society. Yet in their darkest hours, they continued to create."

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years he had become a prolific writer in the language, authoring pamphlets and books, such as *The Search for Peace in the Middle East*, *The Big Powers and The Present Crisis*.

Merlin was part of an effort to create an army of stateless and Palestinian Jews to fight the Nazis under the Allied command. The group successfully lobbied for the appointment by President Roosevelt of the War Refugee Board and tried to bring about recognition of Jewish Palestine as a sovereign state.

They created the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, and Merlin became secretary-general of the group.

In 1948, when Israel got its independence, Merlin was elected a member of the first Knesset. But he soon resigned over differences with the Herut party leadership.

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TO ROAST A KASS, bring him to Temple Torat Yisrael on Oct. 16, and surround him with friends like Tom DeLuglio, on the left, and Sheldon Sollosy on the right, and turn the proceedings over to M. Charles Bakst. Herald photo by Alison Smith

## MS Breakthrough

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Scientists do not know exactly what triggers the auto-immune disease and they say no cure is expected in the foreseeable future.

Copolymer 1, being developed by Teva, Israel's largest pharmaceutical company, was discovered at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. It was clinically investigated at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

The drug, also known as Copaxone, has been found to help in cases of what is known as relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, in which unpredictable attacks often leave the victims increasingly disabled.

Patients treated with the drug daily over a two-year study suffered 24 percent fewer relapses than patients who took a placebo, announced Dr. Kenneth Johnson, professor and chairman of the department of neurology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and chief investigator in the study.

Those who took the drug also experienced a decrease in the amount of disability they suffered over the same period, he reported.

Adverse side effects were "very short-lived," said Johnson, who said the drug had an "excellent" safety profile.

"Those promising findings confirmed our hopes of developing an entirely new treatment for this devastating disease," said Johnson. "Having fewer attacks means better morale, fewer days lost at work (and) fewer hospitalizations," he added.

Dr. Ruth Arnon, professor of immunology at the Weizmann Institute and discoverer of the drug, said there are hopes that improved treatments will come from combining copolymer 1 and Betaseron. Betaseron, which is also designed to reduce the

frequency and severity of MS attacks, was approved last year by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The difference between the two is that Betaseron, a natural substance produced by the body, "appears to affect many different immunological responses in the body" and is used to treat a range of viral diseases, said Aaron Schwartz, vice president of business development at Teva.

Copolymer 1, on the other hand, has been specifically designed to deal with MS, said Arnon.

The drug could be on the U.S. market as soon as 1996. Teva is finalizing its international registration package and hopes to submit it as soon as possible for approval by the FDA, said Schwartz. It takes a minimum of one year for FDA approval.

It should soon be widely accessible to Israelis as clinical trials expand throughout the country.

## AJC Supports

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in the speech that AJCongress would take issue with. As I hope you might further suspect, there is also some important common ground.

AJCongress certainly shares your concern for religious liberty. I was quite shocked by the examples you cited in your address of school children being denied the right to engage in voluntary religious activities. You noted that:

*In Michigan, a 5-year-old girl in kindergarten tried to thank Jesus quietly before her Friday snack, but was told by her teacher that she had to stop because prayer is not allowed in schools. In another case, the teacher snatched a Bible from the hand of a little boy and said "Get that thing out of here. (9/17/94 speech, pg.16)*

*As supporters of religious liberty, AJCongress has long opposed government-sponsored prayer in the public schools. At the same time, and for the same reason, we have just as strongly defended the rights*

## Roasting Kass

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

There was a party disguised as a roast, Sunday night, at Temple Torat Yisrael. Steve Kass, popular radio personality, was the guest of honor — if that's the appropriate title. Flanked by friends at the head table, he listened and laughed as he was gently skewered and peppered with comments and advice. His family members, in the front row, enjoyed the whole thing immensely too.

It was a surprise to find M. Charles Bakst such a deft hand with a joke after listening and watching while he took on, and dispatched, controversial political figures with deadly seriousness. Bakst is a funny man behind a mike — a great emcee.

## Resumes Talks

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being held in a West Bank area where the IDF could take military action to free him, the thrust of Israeli government consideration reportedly switched from the option of accepting the Hamas demand to swap Waxman for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, to the planning of a military assault.

At the same time, Rabin's office leaked reports that the prime minister would consider Hamas' demands in the hope that Waxman's captors would agree to extend last Friday's 9 p.m. deadline for the freeing of jailed Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and other Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Waxman.

By 7:40 p.m. last Friday, about an hour before the Hamas dead-

line, the commando unit silently surrounded the hideaway house in Bir Nabala and established that three entry doors appeared to be bolted shut. A reconnaissance of the roof found no entry possibilities there, and the only alternative appeared to be blasting the doors open, giving up the element of surprise.

Some of the explosives subsequently used to blow in the front door and another entrance proved to be inadequate, and time was wasted in replacing the explosives.

Once inside the house, the commandos found other doors reinforced by steel bars. Before blowing in the doors, the soldiers shouted to the Hamas guards in Arabic to surrender.

They replied, in Hebrew, that Waxman was already dead and that they themselves were also prepared to die.

(JTA correspondent Hugh Orgel in Tel Aviv contributed to this report.)



'OH, THAT CHARLIE!' Mrs. M. Charles Bakst, nearest the camera, and Edmund and Mildred Beck, seated beside her, enjoy Bakst's opening sally, at the Temple Torat Yisrael roast of Steve Kass. Beck was instrumental in arranging for the roast. Herald photo by Alison Smith

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