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Lubavitch Elections Take Bitter Turn

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Lubavitcher Chasidim in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn were due to vote for new Jewish community council representatives, ending a bitter campaign, this month.

The campaign has taken on such eschatological fervor that it is no longer about choosing representatives to develop local housing and make sure the street lights are working. It is about the forces of good versus evil, Torah versus secularism, and the prophetic wisdom of the recently deceased Lubavitcher rebbe versus the wishes of a civil court judge. And it has taken some violent turns.

The current board members of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council have invoked the rebbe and charge that their opponents are going against his wishes.

Their opponents charge that the current council leaders are intimidating local residents into voting their way.

One candidate who challenged the council leaders resigned from the race because, he said, his life was threatened by his opponents.

The elections were decreed by a court order as part of a settlement in a lawsuit brought by a Lubavitch couple. The couple sued because elections had not been held in eight years, even though the community council's bylaws require elections to be held every two years.

For the first time, women will be eligible to vote in the community elections.

The incumbents, who control the council, have declared the upcoming election a referendum on the wishes of the revered

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"Great Speech, Prime Minister!"

Maynard I. Wishner, president of the Council of Jewish Federations, leads the applause for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin following Rabin's address to the annual CJF General Assembly in Denver.

Incumbents Reinstated in Bitter Crown Heights Community Elections

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — After a bitter campaign, the seven incumbents have been re-elected to the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council by a wide margin.

Only about half the estimated 3,850 eligible voters turned out for the election, held Nov. 20.

The Crown Heights Jewish Community Council is charged with developing housing for the community, administering food programs and helping local eligible residents register for government aid, including Social Security and Medicaid.

Representatives of the Honest Ballot Association, a neutral agency brought in to run the election, had no comment on the results.

"The community spoke as to who they believe to be the leaders," of the Lubavitch in Crown Heights, said Rabbi Yosef Katzman, a member of the winning campaign committee.

The campaign, which was marked by charges of intimidation and claims by the incumbents that a vote against them was a vote against the rebbe, was really about more than the community council.

Their opponents advocated a more moderate, less messianic, approach to the late Rebbe Schneerson, O.B.M.

According to Katzman, the losers are "the so-called leaders of Lubavitch like (Rabbi Yehuda) Krinsky, and the

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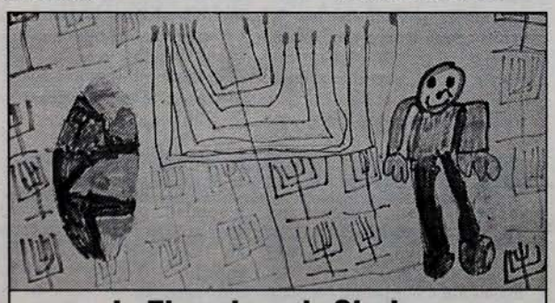

In The winner's Circle...

One of the winners of our Chanukah Art Contest demonstrates this year's theme — Chanukah Around The World — very nicely. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

Reconstructionists Experience Fast Growth and Confusion

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

DANA POINT, Calif. (JTA) — Forty years after five Reconstructionist Jews had their first organized meeting, and 20 years after the first rabbis were ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, the movement is at a crossroads.

Reconstructionism — what it is and how it is different from Judaism's other liberal movements — is often not clear to its own members, or to the rest of the Jewish world.

Members often come to Reconstructionist congregations with little idea of what Reconstructionism is, said conference participants.

The movement now has 78 affiliates, more than triple the number of member congregations it had in 1980, and many of the congregations have themselves enjoyed explosive growth in membership.

That growth brings with it administrative and some financial problems for Reconstructionist organizations, which are still structured to serve a tiny movement.

It also brings with it philosophical and educational challenges for a movement which has been intimate, by design and by dint of its number of followers, and now must make the transition to the different dynamic inherent in a larger organization.

Most members of Judaism's youngest movement have backgrounds in other movements, or come from no synagogue affiliation at all, according to the movement's members.

Those stands which set Reconstructionism apart from Judaism's other movements — an emphasis on study, openness and creativity in liturgy and ritual, the ordination of women and acceptance of gay and lesbian Jews — have become less defining as many non-Recon-structionist liberal congregations integrate similar approaches.

What is more, new members, like American Jews in every movement, are often Jewishly uneducated, according to Jane Susswein, newly installed president of the federation. The communities are a very comfortable place to learn, says Jane Susswein, president of the federation.

Reconstructionist theology and philosophy, as articulated by founder Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan and his followers, is profoundly different from Judaism's other movements. In practice, Reconstructionist Jews are often as observant, or even more observant, than Conservative Jews — but for different reasons.

Reconstructionists see Torah not as a divinely inspired or even historically accurate document, but as a collection of myths reflecting the spiritual experience and searching of the Jewish people.

Reconstructionists' decisions about issues ranging from the kashrut policy of a synagogue to whether same-sex unions may be religiously sanctified are made after studying Jewish sources. The decisions are informed — but not dictated — by the tradition.

Torah "has a vote but not a veto," according to Kaplan's theology.

That plays out as "eat kosher but think treif," according to Rabbi Arnold Rachlis, spiritual leader of University Synagogue in Irvine, Calif., who led a workshop on spirituality.

It means "be a traditional Jew when it doesn't conflict with ethics, like on the women's issue, and to think to the very fullest limits," said Rachlis.

The Reconstructionist movement tries to negotiate a unique path between the individual autonomy at the heart of Reform Judaism and the obedience to Jewish law espoused by Conservative Judaism, if not Conservative Jews.

Kaplan espoused "belonging" as the vehicle for Jewish participation, rather than behaving or believing. This stands as a stark contrast with traditional Judaism, which focuses first on behavior, or the performance of mitzvot, then belief, and finally, membership, as the measures of Jewish commitment.

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Study Takes Aim at Women's Postmenopausal Problems

Nearly 400 women, ages 50 to 79, have joined a historic study of women's health based at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

"We are extremely pleased with our progress in the first year," notes Annlouise R. Assaf, Ph.D., principal investigator of the study.

Memorial is one of 16 Vanguard Clinical Centers that designed and tested the extensive research protocols now being used at 40 centers across the country.

Women have been very enthusiastic about their involvement with the original 16 centers. These locations have carried out 52,000 screening visits and have entered 4,500 women in the clinical trial.

The Women's Health Initiative will recruit 163,000 postmenopausal women: 63,000 for a clinical trial and another 100,000 women for an observational study.

Recruitment for the study began last year in Rhode Island and will continue for the next three years. In Rhode Island and at each center throughout the country, 3,600 women will be recruited for the study.

To participate in this history-making study, post menopausal women ages 50 to 79, who plan to live in the area for at least three years, may call (800) RI BEGIN or (800) 742-3446.

The clinical trial will seek answers to the question of whether low fat dietary patterns prevent breast cancer, colon cancer, and heart disease; whether hormone replacement therapy prevents heart disease and osteoporotic fractures; and whether calcium and vitamin D prevent osteoporotic fractures and colon cancer.

The observational study will seek estimates of the influence of genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors on health and disease.

This study will also identify new biomarkers — such as biochemical tests and DNA markers — that predict the development of heart disease, cancer and osteoporotic fractures.

Walgreens Funds Health Reference Center

Through the efforts and diligence of Councilwoman Evelyn Fargnoli, Mt. Pleasant branch's new neighbor, Walgreens Drug Store, has made a three-year pledge of $11,000 to help the branch offer to the community one of the most comprehensive consumer health information tools available today on CD-ROM — the Health Reference Center.

This new system allows patrons to search for medical information in a broad spectrum of up-to-date magazines, newsletters and reference books. This highly sophisticated, yet user-friendly computer, will help Mt. Pleasant residents with their questions about diseases, alternative forms of treatment, fitness, nutrition, ailments, pregnancy, drugs and other health issues.

An unveiling ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the Mt. Pleasant branch, 315 Academy Ave. Fargnoli's town meeting will follow the dedication ceremony. Both events are free and open to the public.

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Become A Player

Cranston Community Players will hold an organizational meeting/preliminary audition on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Ave. (opposite Almacs).

The group is seeking people in the seventh grade through their senior years for membership.

Performers and technical crew members are needed for a production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" to be presented on March 10, 11 and 12.

Cast for this production will include seven female and 17 male roles, ranging in age from the teens through 60 years. Singers are also needed. Rehearsals will begin in early January.

For more information, contact Nancy Donegan at 467-5608.

Casey Named Honorary Chair for Rose Day

Channel 10 Anchor Ginger Casey has been named honorary chair for the Arthritis Foundation Rose Day to be held on Dec. 15.

The deadline for ordering roses, at $15 per dozen, is Dec. 5. Your purchase will help the Arthritis Foundation, Rhode Island Chapter raise much needed funds for local services such as support groups, exercise classes and self-help courses.

Roses may be picked up on Dec. 15 at one of three locations: the Arthritis Foundation in East Providence; Textron Inc. in downtown Providence, or the Warwick Public Library in Warwick. Or, if you order three dozen roses or more, they will be delivered directly to you.

For more information about Rose Day, arthritis or the Arthritis Foundation, call the Rhode Island Chapter office at 434-5792.

New Breast Cancer Study Starting

Rhode Island Hospital is one of 24 medical centers nationally to launch a study aimed at learning whether eating less fat protects women from a recurrence of breast cancer.

The Women's Intervention Nutrition Study is funded by the National Cancer Institute and administered by the American Health Foundation.. Researchers hope to enroll about 2,000 women between 48 and 78 years of age who have been surgically treated for early-stage breast cancer within the past year.

Rates of new cases of breast cancer and recurrence of breast cancer are much higher in countries like the United States, where the average amount of fat eaten is high, compared to countries where less fat is traditionally eaten. Some studies in the United States show no association between dietary fat and breast cancer. Other studies, however, suggest that an association does exist.

The study will compare two nutritional plans. Both plans will include nutrition counseling and assessment of the participant's eating habits. One of the nutritional plans will change participants' eating habits to reduce fat to about 15 percent of the total daily calories eaten. Participants in the second plan will also be counseled regarding adequate nutritional intake while maintaining their usual eating habits.

Women eligible for the study must be post-menopausal, and must be taking tamoxifen as drug therapy following surgery.

More information on the study is available from Marion Winkler at 444-4276.

Enterprise Zones Help Create Jobs

The Rhode Island Enterprise Zone Program has been a spectacular success story.

More than 250 companies have enrolled in the program since its inception two years ago, and three-quarters of them have received tax incentives for adding new employees, hiring more than 1,200 new full-time workers and 250 new part-time workers.

The average enterprise zone business created seven new full-time jobs and 1.5 new part-time jobs.

An enterprise zone business is eligible for tax incentives simply for locating in an enterprise zone, adding new employees or investing in an enterprise zone.

Starting on Jan. 1, business owners who increase their company's payroll by just 5 percent can take a tax credit equal to 50 percent of the company's added payroll expense in the first year.

Rhode Island now has seven enterprise zones:

The port of Providence/Cranston zone including most of South Providence, Washington Park and Edgewood; Providence II: downtown, upper South Providence, Smith Hill, Promenade Center, Valley and Olneyville; the Pawtucket/Lincoln zone comprised of Northwestern Pawtucket, and a section of Lincoln along the Moshassuck Valley Industrial Highway; the Woonsocket/Cumberland zone, the Fairmount district of Woonsocket and areas along the Blackstone River and the Highland Corporate Parks; the CentralFalls/Cumberland zone, Central Falls and the Valley Falls section of Cumberland; in Mount Hope, most of Bristol and Warren, and West Warwick, including most of West Warwick.

Two more zones may be added later this year.

For more information call the Enterprise Zone Program at 277-2601.

'A Really Odd Couple'

The Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant, 102 Connell Highway, Newport, will present the comedy, "The Female Odd Couple" on Nov. 25 and each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night through Jan. 22.

Friday and Saturday performances will start at 8:30 p.m., with a buffet an hour and a half before showtime.

Sunday performances will start at 7:30 p.m. with a buffet an hour and a half before showtime. A cabaret will follow each show, back in the restaurant.

Prices for buffet and theater are $34.95 (tax included); theater only $17.50. Special group rates available. For further information call 848-PLAY.

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New Organization Helps Vets Find Old Friends

The recent 50-year celebration of D-Day was a somber reminder for many World War II veterans that those war-time buddies who did survive the war are fast succumbing to old age. Many veterans lost touch with their friends upon the war's end and a return to civilian life.

Several search organizations assist vets in finding old comrades. One relatively new and unique one is the Registry of American Veterans.

ROAV gathers information from veterans and computerizes their name, current residence, military units they served in and the time periods served in each outfit. Persons who join ROAV will receive an initial and annual printout of the database information of all veterans who served in the same unit during the same time frame as the joining member. The printout will show the current address and phone number of surviving unit members.

Veterans are encouraged to write to ROAV for information on how to register. ROAV will then send the proper form to complete and become part of the database. The address is Registry of American Veterans, P.O. Box 51148, Riverside, California 92517.

Talk Face to Face This December

Management Recruiters International, the nation's largest search and recruitment organization, will again open its centers to the public between Dec. 19 and 22 to bring distant family members "Home for the Holidays" via interactive television.

As part of its holiday promotion, MRI, AT&T and Compression Labs, Inc. are waiving the usual videoconferencing costs, which typically are about $250 per half-hour, allowing the public to visit with family members face to face, figuratively speaking, free of charge.

ConferView's network uses CLI's easy-to-use eclipse interactive videoconferencing units and AT&T's public switched digital telephone network to transmit the video image and audio, allowing both parties to talk and act simultaneously.

Each 15-minute slot of MRI's holiday ConferView open house is available on a first-come, first-served basis in conjunction with ConferView sites worldwide. Reservations must be made by Dec. 16.

Here in Rhode Island, the local site is in Warwick at the sales consultants office at 349 Centerville Road in Office Commons 95. To locate the ConferView site for the party you wish to communicate with, call (800) 875-4000 and ask to speak to the ConferView Holiday reservation desk during normal business hours.

For the first time, participants will have the chance to reach several international sites, including Melbourne and Sydney, Australia; Auckland, New Zealand; Osaka, Japan; and London. Other international sites may also be available. Call the toll-free number for more information.

Searching For The Next Star

Laureen A. Krol, executive director of the Barbizon Modeling Agency, is coming to Warwick on Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., to conduct complimentary auditions at the Sheraton Tara Hotel, located on Post Road near the T.F. Green Airport.

Krol will be looking for girls ages 10 to 25 to train for television commercials, films, magazines, fashion shows and other modeling opportunities in the Boston area through its nationally affiliated modeling agency. No experience is required.

Those who wish to be seen by Krol and her staff must reserve a time by calling the Barbizon Modeling Agency at (800) 223-4613. Girls of a junior age must be accompanied by a parent.

Give Thanks

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

It's the American holiday with the loveliest name — Thanksgiving. It falls not on a date but on a day that goes with that thoughtful word —Thursday. Since it has no specific religious or even European origin, it appeals to all new Americans, a celebration of survival in a place of refuge. It's a friendly, humble holiday, with piles of nutbrown oak leaves around your house, and squirrels rustling among them for the acorns. Some seasons a blast of chill wind keeps you huddled in your wingchair by the fire. This time Indian summer reminds us that the Narragansetts helped the settlers find herbs, berries, and wildfowl to get through some terrible winters and bad days.

When I was a boy, the nearby hobo-haven and the soldiers moving about the armory on their way overseas made us feel rather isolated among the walls of our dining room and parlor, within the comfort and anxiety of a family. Two uncles served in the war, one in Europe, the other in the Pacific. Thanksgiving kept something of the tentative spirit of its beginnings. It also followed after Succoth like another version of the blessing of harvest and home and your own health. Thanksgiving followed after Columbus Day and Armistice Day, stately reminders of the hardships and achievements of our national history and destiny. You didn't talk or think about these symbols, unless you had a drawing or writing assignment at school. You took the cranberry jelly, the stuffing and the sweet potatoes for granted, ate some turkey and enjoyed the warm and fragrant kitchen, mom in an apron a little flushed or with a bit of rouge on her pleasant cheeks. Festivals can make you feel alone, or even angry. But as a child at least, I loved my house and all its rituals.

The wild turkey that charmed Ben Franklin has come back to our Rhode Island local lots and brush. In our hutch we used to have plates with Audubon's print of that New England bird printed in rich November hues of pumpkin and rust.

This time I recall how trouble adds to the tone of Thanksgiving. It's a week when your old friends stop over, your kids get back from their schools, the theater of family makes its curtain calls among the draperies, and the best silver shines on the white cloth. You add up your gains and your losses. You keep track of time and count the good things you can shore up against the storms over the horizon.

I like to take stock of the very tiniest delights of these days around the feast. Today a late monarch butterfly crossed my windshield, tattered but still fluttering bravely and brightly upon its divine mission. A kind word, spoken or written, also brings a quiet barucha to my mumbling lips. I kiss my children's hands, I pat my puppy's smooth small head, I hum a half-forgotten melody, and I give thanks for making it to the brink of another equinox.

Gas Prices Up

Motorists will pay an average nine cents more for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gasoline this Thanksgiving holiday than they did one year ago, according to AAA South Central New England.

The current price for regular self-serve is $1.18 per gallon as compared to $1.09 last year.

AAA's Thanksgiving Fuel Gauge Survey did find some good news for motorists. Prices have been dropping in recent months, with self-serve regular unleaded four cents lower than Labor Day in September. Of the stations surveyed by AAA, 73 percent will be open on Thanksgiving, though motorists may still want to get gas early.

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Dear Mr. President

November 16, 1994

Hon. Bill Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President:

It was with deep concern that we read of your remarks in Jakarta discussing a possible constitutional amendment on the subject of prayer in public schools.

While the remarks quoted in press accounts did not indicate that you fully endorsed the efforts by Newt Gingrich and congressional Republicans to place such an amendment before the states, they were enough to give us pause, as Jews and as Democrats.

We have profound reservations about such an amendment. A school prayer amendment would be an unprecedented incursion into the realm of the First Amendment and indeed of the entire Bill of Rights. Subjecting the First Amendment to the political winds of the moment, threatens all of the freedoms we hold dear as Americans.

The Jewish community has long supported the Supreme Court view of the firm separation of church and state as being morally and constitutionally correct, and as best guaranteeing the rights of all Americans to live according to their own beliefs and values, and not to be required to conform to the religious views of the majority.

Organized school prayer serves to give the imprimatur of governmental sanction to particular religious beliefs. Organized school prayer divides children from each other, relegating those children who decline to participate "voluntarily" to the status of moral outcasts. The teaching of religious values belongs in the home, the church, the synagogue, the mosque, and not the public school.

In our view, forcing our children to make the choice of participating in organized school prayer or giving silent, sullen countenance to it is inherently coercive.

The National Jewish Democratic Council is in the mainstream of American Jewry in unambiguously opposing organized school prayer in any form, and we strenuously oppose any attempt to breach the integrity of the Bill of Rights and the wall of separation between church and state through any such constitutional amendment. Democrats should defend these cardinal principles that have inspired the loyalty of Jewish voters to Democratic candidates in election after election. A retreat from these principles could gravely undermine the decades of trust built between American Jews and the Democratic Party.

Sincerely,

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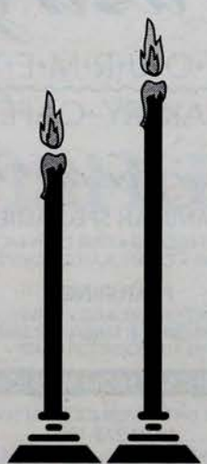

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Kaplan Would Be Dismayed

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

DANA POINT, Calif. (JTA) — Were he alive today, Mordechai Kaplan, founder of Reconstructionism, would be dismayed by some of the directions taken by his movement and by the rest of American Judaism.

Or so his daughter, Judith Kaplan Eisenstein, 85, and her husband, Ira Eisenstein, 88, believe.

The couple reflected on Kaplan during an interview recently at the annual convention of the Reconstructionist movement.

They have traveled from their home in upstate New York to attend every convention since the first one 40 years ago.

"He would have been upset about the whole retreat from reason."
Ira Eisenstein

At that meeting, — too small, really, to be called a convention — five Reconstructionist Jews from four congregations met at Congregation Beth Am Shalom in White Plains, N.Y., recalled Ira Eisenstein.

Eisenstein became Kaplan's chief disciple while studying under him at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary. He met the theologian's daughter while working as Kaplan's assistant at the congregation he founded in Manhattan, the Society for the Advancement of Judaism.

"It was destiny that we would marry," laughed Kaplan Eisenstein, who was the first girl to have a bat mitzvah, in a ceremony instituted by her father more than 70 years ago.

"... As far as he was concerned, you judge truth by its consequences, not its origins."

Her husband went on to transform Kaplan's views from a theology into a movement by founding the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1968.

Kaplan was a rationalist, said Eisenstein, who brought to his theology an approach to Judaism which demystified it.

"He would have been upset about the whole retreat from reason" which is attracting contemporary Jews who are searching for spiritual answers, Eisenstein said during the interview.

"He would have been puzzled and annoyed at the resurrection of Chasidism as a force, at the mysticism which claims another source of knowledge. As far as he was concerned, you judge truth by its consequences, not its origins," Eisenstein said.

"He would have been shocked by the idea of legitimizing homosexual marriage."

Kaplan would have been dismayed by the intense focus on spirituality emphasized by contemporary Jews, including those in the Reconstructionist movement, he said.

"The spirituality was implicit," continued Eisenstein. Focusing on it as a goal "has shifted the weight from concern with the welfare of the Jewish people to personal concern. We were much more involved with Jewish communal issues" in Kaplan's day, he said.

Despite the fact that he championed the integration of contemporary ethics into Jewish practice, Kaplan "would have been shocked" by the stand on homosexuality taken by the Reconstructionist movement, said Eisenstein.

The movement, in 1992, issued a report articulating a philosophy of non-discrimination against gays and lesbians, one which permits rabbis to conduct commitment ceremonies affirming homosexual relationships in a Jewish context.

"He was very conventional, almost Victorian, on issues of sexuality," said Eisenstein. "He would have been shocked by the idea of legitimizing homosexual marriage."

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

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PLO Declares 'Independence Day'

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As the Palestinian Authority declared Nov. 15 "Palestine Independence Day," more than half of the members of the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee boycotted their first official meeting in Gaza.

Only eight of the committee's 18 members attended the session, four short of the necessary number for a quorum.

As a result, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat declared it merely an informal meeting.

PLO officials who boycotted the meeting said they suspected Arafat was going to call on the committee to urge the Palestine National Council, the so-called parliament-in-exile, to abrogate portions of the PLO's charter that call for the destruction of Israel.

When Israel and the PLO officially recognized each other in the days prior to the signing of the Palestinian self-rule accord last year in Washington, Arafat pledged to change those sections of the PLO charter that deny Israel's right to exist.

Arafat has repeated the pledge on more than one occasion since.

Despite dissent in the ranks, Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank designated Nov. 15 their independence day.

Arafat appealed to all factions, incuding Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which reject the PLO's accord with Israel, to unite in building a Palestinian homeland.

Also on Nov. 15, Israel handed over to the Palestinians control over welfare and tourism in the West Bank. Control over taxation and health is expected by the end of November.

Rabbi and Priest Dialogue in New Book

What happens when two old friends — a rabbi and a Catholic priest — get together to have a dialogue about faith, grace and moral law? A book is born.

A Catholic Jewish Encounter, issued recently by Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Company, contains the edited tapes of a conversation between Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of the Anti-Defamation League's department of interfaith affairs, and Father Peter Stravinskas, editor of *The Catholic Answer* magazine and other books published by the Sunday Visitor Inc.

Klenicki said he wants Jews to know that "there have been profound changes in the relationship between Catholics and Jews" since the historic *Nostra Atate* document that denounced anti-Semitism and removed the charge of deicide against Jews.

Conversely, he wants Catholics to understand the profound effect of the Holocaust and the establishment of Israel on most Jews. "For us it is the story of exile and return, death at Auschwitz and return to the Promised Land. It is very special."

Another point he hopes the book will convey is that the Holocaust is also a part of Christian history. "None of us should forget that this horror occurred in the heart of Christianity, in Europe, 'Never again' is an appropriate slogan for both groups."

Klenicki said it is important for non-Jews to understand the diversity in the Jewish community, that there are Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews. "We don't all think, vote and act alike." He also wants Catholics to remember that anti-Semitism is "a serious threat to Jewish life around the world."

The book contains a useful glossary of Catholic and Jewish religious terms and a list of discussion topics such as afterlife, race, abortion, euthanasia, the Ten Commandments and Christian influences on Jewish practices as well as the reverse.

EDITORIAL

Being Better is Not Being Good

We find two similar name changes in the Torah. The patriarch Abraham was told by G-d that he shall no longer be called Abram, but rather Abraham. The Talmud says that referring to the patriarch as Abram is a transgression because G-d said he was no longer to be called by that name.

However, when Jacob is told that he shall no longer be called Jacob but rather Israel, the Talmud says that it is permissible to refer to him as Jacob. Why the difference?

Commentaries explain that of the two names, Israel indicates a much higher level of spirituality and is thus the preferable name. This name was given to Jacob when he triumphed over the angel and its meaning is, "you battled with mortals and with angels and you triumphed." The name Jacob, however, has a much humbler origin. It reflects that when he was born, Jacob's hand grasped the foot of his twin brother Esau.

These two names allude to two different levels regarding a person's credentials. One can easily understand the difference between being deserving by virtue of one's own merits as opposed to being bereft of merits but being considered better than others, one's neighbors, who are far more degenerate. The latter is a tragic state.

Yet, the facts of life are that we must at times invoke the latter as a plea for a favorable judgment. There are times when as individuals or as a nation, we are truly superior in our spirituality to other humans and even greater than angels. Angels are created in a state of purity and holiness, whereas humans must overcome countless challenges and temptations achieving holiness by our own efforts.

But, there are also times when we are so lax in our spirituality that we descend far beneath the level that we should achieve. Our only redeeming feature is that we are nevertheless superior to the Esaus, to those who have totally rejected G-d and are committed to a life of indulging one's desires. At such times, we are not Israel but rather Jacob; that all we can do is grasp onto Esau and claim that in comparison to Esau, we are more meritorious.

The divine commandment to Jacob was thus not an imperative, you shall no longer be called Jacob. Rather you should be in a state of spirituality in which you would have no need to compare yourself to Esau because you will be in a status of Israel, superior to both mortals and angels. Yes, we may at times have to invoke Jacob but we are known as Bnai Yisrael, children [nation] of Israel and that is what we should be, true children of Israel, of the highest level of spirituality.

Shabbat Shalom and have a nice weekend.

Submitted by Rabbi Eliezer Levi.

Turn Bitter

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rebbe, who died last spring.

Ultimately, the election is really about more than the community council.

Its outcome will determine who will speak for the Lubavitch community. Some of the seven incumbents are central players advocating the aggressive marketing of the rebbe as Moshiach, or the Messiah.

Their opponents advocate a more moderate approach to the late rebbe.

The three rabbis who rule on issues of Jewish law for the community have endorsed the incumbents, who quote pieces of speeches given by Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson to back their claims that their reelection is what the rebbe wished.

Their opponents say that the current council leaders are running a "communist" campaign. Tires on the insurgents' cars have been slashed, and blows have been exchanged.

"These goons can terrorize an entire community. People are afraid they'll be boycotted or bad-mouthed," said one of the insurgents.

"There is a silent majority of people here who are terrified," said Hindy Lewis, who was physically forced out of a neighborhood meeting run by the incumbents. "Lots of people here rely on this neighborhood for their jobs and apartments. They are afraid of the violence and intimidation and threats," she said.

Lewis was distributing leaflets opposing the incumbents at a Nov. 9 gathering of Lubavitch women when she was shoved hard against a doorway by a group of men and escorted out of the building.

Abraham Greisman, a Crown Heights accountant who opposed the incumbents, resigned from the race writing, in an Oct. 17 letter to the neutral agency overseeing the election, that he was "compelled to do so be-

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Rabin Survives No-Confidence Motions

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has withstood two no-confidence motions brought recently to protest negotiations with Syria and to attack policies that have led to rising Israeli poverty rates.

The no-confidence motion on security, submitted by the National Religious Party and the nationalist Tsomet Party, lashed out at Israel's attempt to reach a peace accord with Syria.

The opposition cited an Israel Defense Force intelligence officer's recent remarks that Syrian President Hafez Assad could not be trusted to honor an agreement.

"Soldiers, money, a separate road, there has to be a limit ... a settlement in the heart of the Arab population centers. For What?"

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

But the debate soon turned to the recent terror attack in the Gaza Strip near the isolated settlement of Netzarim that killed three Israeli reservists and left 11 others wounded.

As other leading government officials have done in the past, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres spoke out against keeping Netzarim, home to some 28 fmailies, in Israeli hands.

"Soldiers, money, a separate road, there has to be a limit," Peres said from the Knesset podium. "There is no Zionist, security, or economic justification for a settlement in the heart of the Arab population centers. For what?"

Though the Palestinian self-rule accord signed last year in Washington states that no existing Jewish settlements will be moved for a period of five years, several government ministers have said the outlays for keeping Netzarim are not justified.

The second no-confidence motion was brought following the recent release of statistics indicating that poverty is on the rise in Israel, particularly among children.

Likud Knesset member David Levy blasted the government's social and economic policy, citing the poverty report's statistic that said 270,000 children live below the poverty line.

"Behind the numbers are lives," Levy said. "In development towns there are hungry children."

Labor and Social Welfare Minister Ora Namir countered that a recent drop in the unemployment rate, along with recent government moves in the welfare sector, would act to reduce the poverty rate.

Ocean State Artisans At the Inn, Saturday

The Ocean State Artisans will present their fourth holiday festival at The Holiday Inn at the Crossings, on Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

About 50 artisans will exhibit. The price range will be wide. The group prides itself on supporting local talent and offering quality gifts.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Islamic Fundamentalists Plan New Attacks

by Michel Di Paz

PARIS (JTA) — As Islamic fundamentalists step up their attacks against Israelis, they are also busy planning terrorist actions against Jewish and Israeli targets elsewhere in the world.

In France, Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said recently that a group of terrorists belonging to the Armed Islamic Group was planning to attack Israeli and Jewish sites in France.

French authorities arrested about 100 members of the group, which hopes to overthrow the Algerian government and replace it with an Islamic state.

Although concerned about the latest arrests, an official with France's Jewish community said that security at Jewish institutions was being maintained at previously requested levels.

"It is good to have a visible police protection as a deterrent," said the official, who asked not to be identified. "But this would be of no help in case of a suicide terrorist attack, as we have seen in Israel."

In Germany, meanwhile, the news magazine *Focus* has reported that Islamic fundamentalists are renewing their efforts to carry out terrorist attacks against Jewish and Israeli targets in Germany.

According to the magazine, the German security service received intelligence information that radical Muslims recently held a secret meeting at a mosque in Berlin to discuss future terrorist assaults on German soil.

The meeting reportedly was attended by representatives of Hamas, Hezbollah and the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood.

Focus said the German secret service is concerned that the radical Muslims will try to carry out an attack as soon as security measures around Israeli institutions are relaxed.

Security at potential Jewish and Israeli targets in Germany were stepped up in September in the wake of intelligence reports that a terrorist squad of the Abu Nidal group had entered Germany with the aim of launching a terorist strike.

Ilan Mor, spokesman for the Israeli Embassy, said in an interview that Israeli diplomats in Germany were confident that German security services would do their utmost to protect them and their families, and would offer similar protection to Israeli and Jewish institutions in Germany.

International cooperation against terrorism will be a topic at the Summit of the Americas in December, which is expected to be hosted by President Clinton in Miami.

(JTA correspondent Gil Sedan in Germany and JTA staff writer Susan Birnbaum in New York contributed to this report.)

Labor Will Cut Funds to *Davar*

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — *Davar*, an Israeli daily newspaper linked to the Labor Party, may cease publication by the beginning of next year according to Haim Ramon, chairman of the Histadrut trade union federation.

Ramon informed the newspaper's employees that as of Jan. 1, Histadrut would cut off all funding to the paper, which has a daily circulation of about 20,000.

But he said he was prepared to continue negotiations with a committee representing the paper's employees, who may purchase the newspaper in a bid to keep the presses running.

Ramon said Histadrut would be prepared to give *Davar* an approximate $11 million "farewell grant" if the workers' committee could find a way to guarantee the continued employment of most of the newspaper's employees.

Christopher Columbus' interpreter, Luis de Torres, was a Jew who believed that the natives could be members of the ten Lost Tribes of Israel. In fact, the first words spoken to the natives by De Torres were the Hebrew for "We come as friends" (Anu ba'im keyedidim).

Israeli Figures Show Aging Population

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — According to the latest findings of the Central Bureau of Statistics: the Israeli population is aging; immigrants from the former Soviet Union make up the largest ethnic group, and tourists are shortening their stays in Israel.

Of Israel's population of 5.4 million people, 9.4 percent is over 65 years old, compared to 8.9 percent in 1985.

There were 712,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Israel in 1993. Israelis of Moroccan background were the second-largest group, with more than 500,000 people.

Israel-born citizens made up 61 percent of the population, compared to 64 percent in 1989.

During the past year, 33,500 couples got married, 7,000 divorced and 112,000 babies were born.

The report said the Jewish population in the territories stood at 116,000.

Some 13,800 Israelis moved to the territories in 1993, compared to 6, 800 who left the territories to live inside the pre-1967 borders last year.

As for tourists, the average stay in Israel was 17.8 days in 1993, compared to 18.5 in 1992.

B'Tselem Charges Prisoner Abuse

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli human rights ogranization B'Tselem has accused interrogators with the Israel Defense Force and the General Security Service of routinely using torture on Palestinian detainees.

The group called on the government to ban such mistreatment, and warned that the abuse could breed more violence.

B'Tselem issued a report Nov. 16 quoting nine Palestinian detainees and the proceedings of four court hearings.

B'Tselem, which monitors human rights abuses in the territories, said the methods of torture employed by Israeli security forces included beatings, verbal abuse and prolonged deprivation of sleep and food.

The authors of the report rejected the argument that the recent wave of Islamic fundamentalist terror against Israelis justifies the use of torture.

"Innocent people arrested for long weeks and tortured harshly go out with a lot of bitterness and anger," said Yuval Ginbar, one of the report's authors. "When you torture people, the benefit is not unequivocal."

Responding to the B'Tselem charges, an IDF spokesman issued a statement pointing out that violence or threats of violence against detainees in army prisons is strictly forbidden.

The spokesman added that regular checks are made to insure that standing orders regarding interrogation methods are followed. He said that any complaints made to the army are thoroughly investigated, with severe punishment meted out to anyone found guilty of violating the orders.

Israeli Tourists Visit Jordan

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Three days after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordanian King Hussein exchanged ratified copies of their historic peace treaty, the first group of Israeli tourists entered Jordan using their Israeli passports.

The group of 35 people passed through the southern border crossing at Eilat recently for a two-day visit to the Jordanian cities of Aqaba and Petra.

"We feel very excited. I think we have the luck to be able to participate in a kind of small personal history," said Moshe Hananel, the manager of Galilee Tours, which organized the trip. "This is the real meaning of peace for us."

The July 25 Washington Declaration, which officially brought to an end the 46-year state of war between the two countries, called for the opening of the two border crossings, but allowed only third-country nationals to travel between Israel and Jordan.

The Oct. 26 Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty, which paved the way for full diplomatic, economic and cultural ties, enabled Israelis and Jordanians to visit each other's countries.

As a result of the peace treaty, an Israeli delegation from the Foreign Ministry, headed by Director-General Uri Savir, was scheduled to travel to the Jordanian capital of Amman to choose a site for the Israeli Embassy.

Egyptian-Israeli Trade Soars

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — After years of a "cold peace," trade between Israel and Egypt warmed up this year.

According to figures released by the Egyptian Economics Ministry, trade between the two countries more than doubled during the first nine months of 1994 over the same period last year.

Israeli-Egyptian trade, excluding oil sales, stood at $30 million for the first three quarters of the year, up from $13 million from the same 1993 period.

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WORLD NEWS

Damage To Fetal Brain Could Be Reduced

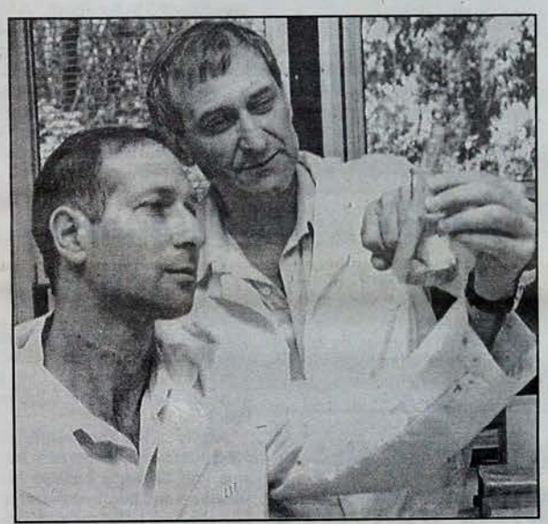
REHOVOT, Israel — New ways to reduce brain damage in fetuses whose growth is stunted due to placental malfunction may come out of an animal study at the Weizmann Institute, to be reported in the December issue of the *Journal of Neurochemistry*.

The study deals with PAF (platelet-activating factor), a substance ordinarily produced by cells of the immune system and associated with vascular circulation, as well as with nerve differentiation and gene expression in the brain.

The researchers — Prof. Ephraim Yavin and doctoral student Baruch Kunievsky of the Institute's Department of Neurobiology — found that PAF is produced in excess in the fetal brain whose maternal blood supply is curtailed.

They also showed that following its synthesis, PAF stimlates the release of thromboxane, a vasoconstricting substance believed to exacerbate damage to brain tissue and accelerate its breakdown.

In addition, Yavin and Kunievsky demonstrated that the fetal brain possesses receptors which, when triggered by PAF, activate the release of intracellular calcium that disrupts brain metabolism and stimulates generation of harmful free radicals. The scientists also found that a derivative originally extracted from the leaves of the Ginkgo biloba tree, known as BN52021, prevents the action of PAF, thereby exerting a protective influence. The drug can be administered prophylactically via the amniotic fluid in the pregnant animal.



FETAL SCIENCE is advancing constantly at the Weizmann Institute under the direction of (left) Prof. Ephrain Yavin and student Baruch Kunievsky.

Study Suggests Jerusalem Compromise

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new study published by the World Jewish Congress suggests there may be a way to resolve the problem of who rules Jerusalem that could satisfy both Jew and Arab.

The study, conducted by British Jewish historian Martin Gilbert, indicates that Jerusalem could remain Israel's undivided capital while maintaining Palestinian links.

Despite the decision by Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to postpone discussions on Jerusalem until final-status talks on Palestinian autonomy begin in 1996, the issue is already a hot one in Israeli-Palestinian relations.

Israel has declared Jerusalem to be the eternal, undivided capital of the state, while Palestinians claim it as a future capital of their state.

After examining the historical and political issues surrounding Jerusalem, Gilbert — author of numerous books on the Holocaust and other Jewish topics — writes that he foresees "a political formula, and a reality ... acceptable to both sides."

For Gilbert, the formula involves keeping an undivided Jerusalem as Israel's capital while acknowledging Arab residents' institutional ties to the emerging Palestinian Authority on the West Bank and Gaza.

"If the pace and direction of the current autonomy agreements is maintained," he writes, "there ought to be a political way forward that could satisfy both Israeli and Palestinian aspirations, while maintaining the current growth and expansion of all neighborhoods."

Under a united Jerusalem, he writes, the Arabs of eastern Jerusalem "could obtain status and self-governing instruments."

IDF Discharges Negligent Officer

by Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force has dishonorably discharged an army officer who was in command of an IDF outpost in southern Lebanon that was almost overrun by Hezbollah guerillas last month.

Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak ordered that Lt. Maor Binyamini be dismissed for what he described as "behavior under fire unbecoming of an officer."

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SPORTS FEATURE

Follow the Bouncing Ball, If You Can Keep Up With It

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

To most Americans, table tennis is a game played at family get-togethers and on rainy days.

However, there is a small percentage of the population that treats table tennis as the sport that it is, with its own strategy, etiquette and set of rules.

Locally, there are two clubs where the table tennis players take their sport as seriously as any other athlete: the Cherry Table Tennis Club, at Cherry Semiconductor on the East Greenwich and Warwick lines and the Manville Community Center, in Manville, R.I.

Cherry operates a league on Fridays. Manville has an "A" league on Mondays for experienced players and a "B" league on Tuesdays for beginners.

Last weekend Manville hosted the Rhode Island State Table Tennis Championship. It was the first time in eight years that the tournament has been played. The reason there hasn't been a tournament the last several years isn't because of a lack of players, but a lack of leadership.

This time around, Brian Conti, of Warwick, stepped forward and organized a successful event, with the help of others.

At the competitive level, table tennis only vaguely resembles the game you once knew from your uncle's basement.

Players work up a sweat as they exchange smashes upwards of 70 to 80 miles per hour. At first you wonder if it's really necessary for the participants to wear shorts or sweatpants, then you witness how much footwork is involved and you realize that the comfortable attire is indeed necessary.

Upon closer examination, one realizes how vital putting a great deal of spin on the ball is to the game. With such a small area to work with, players must have cat-like reflexes to return a hard-hit ball.

The common misconception is that the Chinese are the only ones that take the sport seriously. The truth is, table tennis is the second most popular sport in the world, behind soccer, and China is no longer considered the top country.

The Europeans, led by Sweden, France and Belgium are now the countries to beat. It's not unusual in Europe to see 10,000 spectators do "the wave" at a table tennis match. One Swedish player who is a touring professional, earns over $1 million a year, including endorsements.

In the United States, while one out of every 20 households have a table tennis table, the sport is still generally regarded as a basement game.

One reason the sport hasn't caught on is a lack of exposure. The only time the public gets a taste of table tennis is during the Olympics (It's been an Olympic sport since 1988.) The elite players are usually foreign athletes, and when the United States doesn't have a shot at a medal, the fans don't tune in.

Unlike some of the more popular sports, table tennis is a difficult sport to appreciate on television. not only does the ball travel so fast, but the rotation of the ball, which is crucial, is impossible for a viewer to pick up. Top players can spin the ball at greater than 6,000 revolutions per minute and return it over 100 miles per hour — which is a similar speed to tennis, but over a much shorter surface area.

An effort is underway to convert table tennis tables from the traditional green surface to blue, which would make it easier for a camera to pick up the ball.

A big reason why the sport isn't taken more seriously in this country is it was widely introduced to the public in the 1920s as Ping Pong, a copyrighted trademark of Parker Brothers.

"It's had the reputation as a child's game," said Conti. "The name 'Ping Pong' hardly sounds serious."

Conti and others have been working hard to promote the sport more in Rhode Island.

"We hope to put on some exhibitions in high schools and malls," said Conti. "We could even do it as a fund-raiser for a good cause."

One of the great things about table tennis, according to Conti, is anyone can play.

"As long as you're relatively healthy, you can play," said Conti. "One of the top players in the United States is André Scott, who happens to be in a wheel chair."

Players also cover all ages. Manville has members from 10 years old to 60 years old.

For some reason, few women are active in the sport. "We're not sure why more women aren't interested, but they're always welcome," said Conti.

On the other hand, Conti thinks he knows why many men are attracted to the sport. "A lot of men or boys see it as a good outlet for aggression," he said.

How a player is rated in table tennis is similar to chess. The greater the upset, the more points a player is awarded.

For more information, call 826-8863, before 8 p.m.

TWO PLAYERS compete in the Rhode Island State Table Tennis Championship held last weekend at the Manville Community Center. The tournament, sponsored by Capital Billiards of North Providence, attracted over 60 competitors.
Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Adams Named Honorary Chair For Jingle Bell Run

Channel 12 Anchor Karen Adams has been named honorary chair for the Jingle Bell Run For Arthritis to be held on Dec. 3 in Lincoln Woods and Dec. 4 at River Bend Athletic Club in Peace Dale.

Along with thousands of other walkers and runners, Adams will tie jingle bells to her shoelaces and take to the streets. The run is a nationwide fund-raising event which takes place in more than 150 cities.

The starting time for both events is set for 11 a.m. Registration for the Lincoln Woods walk/run begins at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 3 at Davies Vocational Technical High School. Registration for the Peace Dale event begins at 10 a.m. on Dec. 4 at River Bend Athletic Club.

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Field hockey player Sarah Gordon, a defenseman for Lincoln School, was named Second Team All-State.

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Roger Williams Medical Center has announced that it will enroll more patients in trials for a new Alzheimer's drug. The medical center is one of 35 U.S. centers participating in the study.

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To enter the trials, patients must be diagnosed with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease, be 50 years or older and have a caregiver willing to assist in the program.

Patients should be free of cancer, in good general health and have no major psychiatric illness requiring treatment with tranquilizers and antidepressants.

Volunteers who complete the first three months of the study will be offered the opportunity to continue medication for an indefinite extended period of time. All office visits and medications required for the study are free.

For more information, call Dr. Brian Ott, principal investigator, or Meg Lannon at the Roger Williams Medical Center's Alzheimer's disease and memory disorders unit, 456-2231.

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South County Art Association Announces Pottery Sale

The South County Potter's Cooperative is holding its 24th annual Holiday Pottery Sale. This is the largest pottery sale in Rhode Island and includes the work of over 60 potter members of the South County Art Association.

This five-day sale features functional and decorative porcelain and stoneware as well as jewelry, all produced by both students and professional potters.

Prices reflect the various levels of skill and many "great finds" have made this sale an annual South County event not to be missed.

The sale will be held at the Helme House Gallery, 2587 Kingstown Road (Rte. 138), Kingston from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no admission charge. For more information, call 783-2195.

City Nights Announces Auditions

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces open auditions for its February/March show "Move Over, Mrs. Markham" by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. Performance dates for the show are Feb. 17, 18, 24, 25, March 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12. 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The show is directed by David Jepson. Auditions will be held at the theatre on Dec. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. All roles are open. Needed are four men and five women.

City Nights provides a stipend payment to all cast, crew and production staffing. Inquiries are always welcome for all areas of participation. Apprentice positions are often available.

Those auditioning for the first time are encouraged to bring, if possible, a resume and a recent photo to be kept on an active file (or a form and photo can be taken at the theatre). Auditions for new shows are approximately every six weeks.

City Nights is located at the center of downtown Pawtucket, next to the *Pawtucket Times* Newspaper Building with easy access from Route 95 by exit 29 (at the end of the exit ramp, turn south onto Broadway, then at the first traffic light turn right, onto Exchange Street).

The theatre is on the left side of Exchange Street at the intersection of Broad Street, with several parking lots on the right side of Exchange Street across from the theatre and one diagonally behind the newspaper building.

For further information or to let the casting department know of your intention to audition, call the box office, 723-6060, leave name and number. All calls will be returned.

Have Fun in the Dark

Brown University Theatre/Sock and Buskin will present a student-written musical, "The Darkest Hour," a musical play by Kevin J.H. Shay and Stephen P. O'Reilly, Dec. 1 to 4 and 8 to 11 in Stuart Theatre.

The musical is about a sprightly series of adventures in the dark when the entire East Coast experiences a power failure. Misadventure, mischance and mischievous meetings occur to song and dance during the nightlong blackout.

Performances are at 8 p.m. except for Dec. 11 which is at 3 p.m. matinee. Stuart Theatre is located on Waterman Street, Providence, and is part of the Catherine Bryan Dill Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets are $11 regular admission, $8 senior acitizens/Brown faculty/staff and $5 students. Tickets are available at the Leeds Theatre box office or by calling 863-2838.

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Bresler Coming To Stone Soup Soon!

It's becoming a Stone Soup tradition — the annual appearance of Michael Bresler's Klezmer Orchestra at the Providence coffeehouse. It's an important tradition because it's about the only occasion each year when many of us can hear that wild, often melancholy music of the Jews of Eastern Europe.

Bresler and Stone Soup are serving up Klezmer Nov. 26 in the basement of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 15 Hayes St., Providence at 8 p.m. There will be a $6 admission charge. Also an open mike.

Klezmer is the music of East European Jews, tinged with gypsy music and marinated in early jazz. It is also the wildly-infectious music of Jewish weddings and Stone Soup will make sure there's sufficient space for dancing, for it always irrepressibly breaks out.

Bresler, one of the founders of the Neon Valley Boys, is one of the best-known musicians in this area and one of the funniest. He is a superb musician on flute and mandolin (among many other instruments) and he studied Klezmer clarinet with some of the most celebrated Jewish musicians in Brooklyn, a Klezmer hotbed.

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Philadelphia Museum to Exhibit Rosenbach Collection

From Nov. 22 through April 2, the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia will exhibit manuscripts, drawings, portraits and books which were collected by Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach. Curated by Evelyn Feldman, this exhibition will present works from the American Jewish Historical Society in Waltham, Mass., the Rosenbach's own collections, the American Antiquarian Society and private collections.

Rosenbach's reputation as a pre-eminent dealer in rare books and manuscripts is well-known, but what is perhaps less recognized is his important role in the Jewish community as a leader, scholar, activist and philanthropist. He served as president of both the American Friends of Hebrew University and the American Jewish Historical Society.

Rosenbach was the first prominent bibliophile to introduce the idea that items related to the American Jewish experience should be collected. By the 1930s, he had accumulated a vast personal library of American Judaica, and by the end of the decade he had donated most of his Judaica to AJHS.

Moreover, he urged AJHS to purchase items of Judaic interest as they became available, which resulted in the present archive, noted for its completeness and the rarity of its objects.

The exhibition will feature 50 rare treasures, including works by early Jewish settlers Isaac Pinto, Aaron Levy, Moses Lopez, Isaac Leeser and Gershom Mendes Seixas. Also on view will be a number of manuscripts which address the issue of tolerance for the Jewish people, including documents by Alexander Hamilton and Ezra Stiles.

The Rosenbach Museum and Library is open from Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors should arrive before 2:45, when the last tour of the day begins. Admission is $3.50, students and seniors $2.50.

For group tour information, contact Joan Watson at (215) 732-1600, ext. 10. For any other information, contact Thomas William Yanni, (215) 732-1600, ext. 16.

New and Old World Dancers Meet in Workshop

In conjunction with the Dec. 7 and 8 appearances of The Moscow State Ballet and Orchestra of the Natalia Sats Theatre at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Groundwerx Dance Theatre has announced a joint workshop demonstration featuring principals from Groundwerx and the Moscow State Ballet on Dec. 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This attempt to highlight the contrasting styles of contemporary dance technique and traditional European ballet technique, brain child of the *Providence Journal's* Bill Gale, is an attempt to expand understanding between two diametrically opposed schools of thought.

Performance movements chosen will highlight the interpretive societal differences between the two, inasmuch as, until very recently, Russians had no concept of contemporary dance in their curriculum.

The demonstration is open to the public. There is a suggested donation of $10. Reservations and further information maybe obtained by contacting Groundwerx at 454-4564. Groundwerx Dance Theatre is located at 190 Mathewson St. in Providence.

Interlochen To Host Info Night In January

INTERLOCHEN, Mich. — Interlochen Center for the Arts, the nation's premier educational institution for young artists, will host an Info Night for local parents and students.

In our area, Cindy Chase, at 885-2381, will be the person to contact. Info night in our area will be on Jan. 8.

Interlochen faculty, staff, alumni and friends will be available to discuss the arts center's two primary operations: Interlochen Arts Academy and Interlochen Arts Camp.

The academy enrolls 428 boarding high school students from 39 states and 18 other countries. Instruction is offered in music, theatre arts, dance, visual art, creative writing and college preparatory academics.

The camp is open to more than 1,500 students in grades three through 12 from all 50 states and 33 other countries. Courses focus on music, theatre arts, dance, and visual art.

The center is situated on a 1,200-acre campus near Traverse City, Mich.

For more information, call the admissions office at (616) 276-7472.

An Evening of Dance

The Brown Dance Ensemble will present its annual fall concert, Dec. 2 to 4 and 9 to 11 in the Ashamu Dance Studio at the Catherine Bryan Dill Center for the Performing Arts. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 for reserved seats, $3 for floor spaces (available only at the door on the night of performance).

The program is a diverse mix of dances including a revival of dance pioneer, Charles Weidman, a work by contemporary master Milton Myers, and pieces by students and faculty which range from the experimental to traditional African dance.

The Ashamu Dance Studio is located off Waterman Street. For more information, call 863-2838.

Chamber Music Concert Scheduled

The Rhode Island Chamber Music Concerts will present Fine Arts Quartet on Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. in Alumnae Hall, Brown University, 194 Meeting Street, Providence.

The quartet will perform: Juan Arriaga's "Quartet No. 1 in D Minor"; Shostakovich's "Quartet No. 11 in F-minor, Op. 122"; and Mendelssohn's "String Quartet in E-flat, Opus 12."

This series is funded in part by a grant from The New England Foundation for the Arts with additional support from The Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

Tickets are available by writing to Brown University, Box 1903, Providence, R.I. 02912, or by calling 863-2416.

Blithewold Will Be All Dolled Up

"All Dolled Up" is the title of this year's holiday season exhibit at Blithewold Mansion & Gardens, 101 Ferry Road (Rte. 114), Bristol, R.I.

The exhibit will be open Dec. 3 through 23 and Dec. 26 through 31, from noon until 8 p.m. During this period the elegantly decorated mansion will be the backdrop for Blithewold's doll collection, antique toys and a variety of informal musical performances.

Island Moving Co. Presents Master Class with Ballerina

The Moscow State Ballet and Orchestra of the Natalia Sats Theatre and the Island Moving Co. have announced that they are sponsoring a ballet master class at the Newport Academy of Ballet, 3 Charles St., Newport, on Dec. 6 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

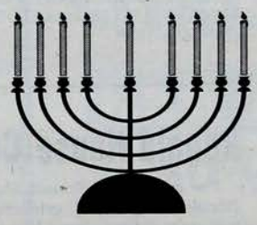
Prima ballerina emeritus Elena Kopolova, of the Moscow State Ballet, will conduct this glimpse into Russian technique and style. The class is open to the public and is intended for level 4+ students.

A $5 fee will be charged for Newport Academy members, $10 for all others. Spectator seats may be reserved for $5 and $10 as well.

Island Moving Co. urges anyone wishing to attend to make reservations as soon as possible. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

Yelena Watson, Island Moving's folk dance instructor, will serve as Kopolova's interpreter, and will offer her insight on the inherent parallels of folk dance and ballet.

Reservations can be made by contacting Island Moving Co. at 847-4470.



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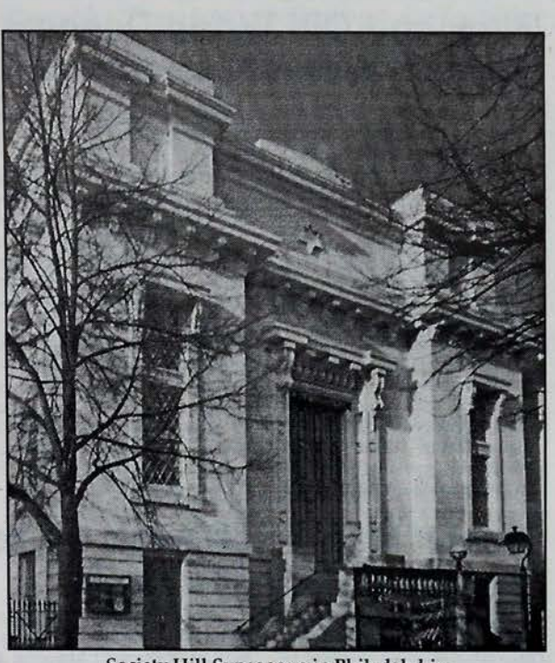

Society Hill Synagogue in Philadelphia.

City of Brotherly Love Is Home to Many Synagogues

In 1682, when William Penn founded Philadelphia, he welcomed people of all faiths. As a result of the religious freedom he offered, many synagogues were founded here and some still house active congregations.

Philadelphia's many historic synagogues, as well as other sights of Jewish significance, make it a good location for a visit or for Jewish groups to hold meetings and conventions.

These historic synagogues are among the listings in a new brochure, called *Sacred Sites of Center City: A Walking Tour Guide to Philadelphia's Historic Churches, Synagogues and Meeting Houses.* The brochure was produced by the Historic Religious Properties Program of the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation. PHPC is the region's largest professionally managed non-profit preservation organization.

The brochure maps out six walking tours of sacred sites and includes six historic synagogues. The Old City tour points out Congregation Mikvah Israel, the oldest Jewish congregation in Philadelphia and the second oldest in the nation. It shares a facility with the National Museum of American Jewish History.

The Society Hill tour boasts four synagogues: Society Hill Synagogue, Vilna Congregation, Kesher Israel Synagogue and Congregation B'nai Abraham Synagogue.

Society Hill Synagogue was a church before becoming a synagogue in 1910. In 1916, it became the Roumanian American Congregation and in 1967 the building was acquired by the Society Hill Synagogue. Restoration on the building began in 1967.

The Rittenhouse Square tour passes Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel. This congregation represents a merger of three synagogues and boasts jewel-toned stain glass windows lit from within and depicting the five books of the Bible.

Nearly 300,000 Jews reside in metropolitan Philadelphia, making it home to the third largest Jewish community in the United States. In addition to the historic synagogues, the Jewish community supports a wide-range of cultural organizations, special events, exhibits and performances of interest to Jewish visitors.

Philadelphia is home to the National Museum of American Jewish History, the first national museum devoted to American Jewry and the only museum dedicated to telling the story of Jewish participation in the growth and development of North and South America. Another Philadelphia museum of special interest to the Jewish community is The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, which focuses on the history of immigration to the United States. The museum's research library has an extensive Yiddish collection and it is the home of the Jewish Archive Center.

Also located in Philadelphia are the Philadelphia Museum of Judaica at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, the Rosenbach Museum and Library, the Temple of Judea Museum of Keneseth Israel and Beth Sholom Congregation, the only synagogue designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

For a copy of the *Sacred Sites of Center City: A Walking Tour Guide* or a listing of other sights and events of Jewish significance, call or write the Philadelphia Visitors Center, 16th and JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102, (800) 537-7676 or (215) 636-1666. TDD: (215) 636-3403.

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Interfaith Dinner in Fall River

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"Can you come up with some words about Hollywood and its images of ethnic groups? As co-president of the Interfaith Council of Fall River we want you to speak at our annual dinner at White's in Westport."

Barbara Shore invited me by phone and mail, and the Sunday afternoon has come and gone. I file this report on the great occasion.

Entering its 18th year, the Interfaith Council exists to promote understanding among people of different backgrounds and religious traditions. They sponsor annual observances commemorating the Holocaust, and also Martin Luther King Jr. and his civil rights movement.

"The godfather and good-fellow films fix images of Italians as violent people. The Italians I have known keep wonderful kitchens, hospitable salons and parlors, and smile gently at their friends. I liked de Niro's bus-driving dad in "The Bronx Tale" better than Brando's bravado. Why do we crave scenes of humiliation?"

I attacked some big successes on screen and put in a plug for some smaller fare from long ago and faraway. "My kids claim I only like the movies nobody else does," I admitted. Then I traced a few lines of film history. I looked out at tables of nuns and other groups of priests and ministers and went on about the Italian neo-realist directors, who liked priests but only if they worked for the Resistance, not the Vatican. I mentioned the French Occupation screenwriters whose words got by the Nazi and Vichy censors but secretly built sympathy for victims and their heroes of rescue. I told some tales out of old Hollywood, the social sympathies of the depression in favor of the dispossessed. I accepted the loose concepts we have now that go beyond race, ethnic background and religion and embrace gender, and even the rights of other species.

"George Cukor was openly gay, and Ida Lupino made feminist films, as a director, before we had heard the word 'feminist.'"

I made an effort to drum up support for smaller masterpieces, and some sharp criticism for over-celebrated box office hits. "Gentleman's Agreement" may be a great landmark film, but it says Jews are no different from anybody else, an assimilationist's argument, not good enough for our times. We try to celebrate our differences as well as our similarities.

I closed by making a distinction between the virtues of documentary vs. fictional modes of cinema. For a documentary you try to capture the edges of surprise, truths that catch you off guard. Fiction used to strive for large poetic truths, but it has been reduced to the quest for mere formula.

There's a freedom that comes from a small budget that lets you tell your own story, without the demands that go with big investments. A few people from my table gave out some questions, about "Schindler's List" and "Quiz Show," and afterward a group came up with several more.

Making an after-dinner lecture tests your nerve. You first have to choose what to wear, something comfortable but formal enough to show respect for the audience and the affair. You have to study a map and set out to get there not too early to be a burden, not too late to make your hosts nervous. You have to find a shelf to put down your hat. You type out some words, but leave some space to tell an anecdote. If you are too brief, a few people may feel cheated. If you go on too long, you lose their attention, you break the span and the spell. You get lost en route home and get to your table and hearth a bit drained and in doubt.

One of the most pleasant souvenirs I will keep from this event is the singing of the closing song, led by Richard Shore at the piano. I held hands with my neighbors and repeated the ballad refrain, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

Ronald House Celebrates Birthday

The Providence Ronald McDonald House will celebrate five years of providing a home-away-from-home for families of hospitalized children with a birthday celebration at the Roger Williams Park Casino on Dec. 3.

Live musical entertainment will be provided by the Ed Drew Orchestra.

Cocktails and light fare by Blackstone Catering will be available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a birthday cake, sundae celebration and champagne toast at 9 p.m., and dancing until midnight.

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FEATURE

A Little Protektzia for Single Moms

by Deborah Kazis

Paulino Levine, Pnina she likes to be called now, was a music teacher in her native Ukraine.

She emigrated to Israel almost four years ago with her teenage daughter and landed in Israel as a single parent, with no money, no relatives, and no one to rely on for support. She spoke no Hebrew. "I started from zero," she says.

She couldn't find a job in her profession and gave up after months of searching. Pnina, in her 40s, didn't know what she was going to do to support herself and her child.

As I walk into Pnina's home in the lovely Jerusalem neighborhood of Talpiot where she runs her nursery, the sounds of Ravel's "Bolero" fill the sunny room. Colorful pictures the children have drawn cover the walls. Small birds chirp in a wire cage on the window ledge.

Five children play with brightly painted wooden blocks and sip juice. They chatter in Hebrew as they make necklaces out of colorful beads and pound on triangles and drums. A small boy tries to coax music from a recorder. Pnina plays with the kids in between wiping noses. The room is decorated with colorful balloons and Israeli flags, but the center of the room is the piano.

Pnina's old and new worlds come together as she gathers the children around her piano. She sits in the middle, one child on her lap and two on either side. As she plays, they strike the keys and sing Happy Birthday in Hebrew.

It is sometimes difficult for newcomers in Israel to gain the confidence of native-born Israelis, particularly concerning the care of their children. It is an important measure of Pnina's success that the children in her nursery are not only Russians, but also sabras — native-born Israelis. She has clearly gained the acceptance of her community.

Running her own business is not easy. Pnina cares for five children from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.

After their parents pick them up, she sets off to do the shopping — she feeds her charges three meals a day. She takes in just over $1,000 a month. It is certainly not an enormous sum, but it is far more than she would make as an employee, and enough to support herself and her daughter.

"I never thought I could do this," she says. "I had a lot of help from the neighbors. The ones with grown children gave me all of their toys!"

There is a saying in Israel: "You don't need protektzia if you have connections."

Protektzia is the Israeli word for connections. Connections are often what new immigrants lack, and what they need most.

For those with no connections, The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee offers a bit of protektzia.

Pnina Levine teaches her young charges about Shabbat. *Photo by Yehuda Gorenstein*

Small businesses are important to the development of the Israeli economy and to the creation of much-needed jobs. To encourage new small businesses, JDC has initiated Small Business Development Centers across the country. The centers support entrepreneurs through the stages of their business — from formulating business plans and attaining funds, to implementing management strategies.

New immigrants to Israel have numerous obstacles to overcome such as language and cultural barriers, and non-transferable skills. The transition can be especially difficult for women trying to break into Israel's often male-oriented business world.

New immigrant single parents face even more obstacles as the pressures on them are enormous. While only 7 percent of Israeli families are headed by single parents, 13 percent of families immigrating from the former Soviet Union are headed by a single parent — and a large percentage of them are women.

Recognizing their unique needs, JDC designed a special Small Business Development Program specifically for single new immigrant parents who want to start their own businesses.

The six-month course covers all aspects of business operations such as business plans, accounting, and legal procedures. But, it also goes further to focus on the special problems new immigrants face — such as cross-cultural and communication issues. The seminars also address the special emotional stresses of single parenthood, and provide support every step of the way.

Pnina Levine's nursery school is just one of the many small businesses recently opened by new immigrant single parents.

JDC's programs are supported by contributions to UJA/Federation campaigns throughout the United States.

Cheese Lovers Take Note

Creative cooks and cheese lovers take note. Participants in the seventh annual Sargento "Cheese Makes The Recipe" contest can win up to $5,000 for an original recipe creation and a total of 115 prizes will be awarded. Entries for the 1995 contest will be accepted from Dec. 1 to March 13.

The company is looking for creative new cheese recipes or family favorites in four recipe categories.

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Consumers may enter as often as they wish. Recipes should be typed or neatly printed on a sheet of 8½ x 11-inch paper. The entrant's name, address, telephone number and recipe category must appear in the top right-hand corner.

Recipes will be judged on originality, taste, appetizing appearance, ease of preparation, nutritional value and appropriate use of Sargento classic supreme, fancy supreme, recipe blend or preferred light natural cheese.

A total of 115 prizes will be awarded, including the $5,000 grand prize for best-of-contest recipe and four $1,000 first prizes for the best recipe in each of the contest categories. Ten semi-finalists will each win a mid-size microwave oven. The top 100 runners-up will receive a Sargento *Simply The Best* cookbook and product coupons.

To receive a complete set of rules, send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to:

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Janice Clark Weds Steven Levy

Janice Lynn Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Randall Clark, Jr. of LaPlata, Md., and Steven Joseph Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Levy of 18 Glen Drive, Providence, were married at the Swan Point Country Club in Issue, Md. on June 12. On Oct. 2 their wedding was celebrated again at The Inn at the Crossings in Warwick.

Professionally, the bride is known as Lynn Clark, and the groom as Steve Bean.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawaii, and reside in North Hollywood, Calif.

Concert at Northeastern

A Safam/Zamir Chorale concert will be held Dec. 11 at, 3 p.m., at Northeastern University's Blackman Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit the Camp Yavneh Scholarship Fund. For ticket information, call 739-0363.

Jason Snelgrove

Jason Scott Snelgrove was called to the Torah on June 11 at Temple Sinai in Sharon, Mass.

He is the son of Joyce and Don Shelgrove of Sharon and the grandson of Frances and Norman Pomarantz of Hyannis, Mass. and Pompano Beach, Fla.

His great grandparents were the late Esther and Julius Pomarantz and Ruth and Jack Berman.

Jason Scott Snelgrove

THE LOYAL REUNION drew, from left, standing, Minnie Horovitz, Brenna Cohen, Avraham and Maxine Cohen, Ernest Newman. From the left, seated, Abe, Dorothy and Sandra Marcowitz, and Sam and Eve Gorman. *Photo by Leon Sloane*

Loyal Family Circle Celebrates 60th Anniversary

More than 58 cousins from Arizona, New York, New Jersey, Masachusetts and Rhode Island gathered for brunch on Nov. 13 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Loyal Family Circle of Rhode Island, Inc.

The party was held at Crestwood Country Club in Rehoboth, Mass.

The organization is made up of descendents of Mordecai and Rive Nozick, whose nine children emigrated to New York from Russia in the early 1900s.

There are now more than 750 "blood related" cousins all across the United States. Thanks to the arrangements made by Eileen Rose, president, Susan Sugerman, vice president and Eva Gorman, a good time was had by all, both young and old.

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Can You Help Us?

by Eleanor Horvitz

Joan Ress Reeves donated the accompanying picture to the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

The ladies pictured had formed a sewing and knitting group. On this occasion, they were meeting at the home of Reeves' mother — Anne Ress — on Cole Avenue in Providence.

Reeves believes that the ladies would meet to sew and knit helmets for soldiers in World War II. The picture is probably dated in the 1940s.

They continued to meet, and knit items more suitable for post-war use, and socialize, after the war was over.

Can You Tell Us Who These Ladies Are?

De Klerk Honored

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Anti-Defamation League presented the Joseph Prize for Human Rights to F.W. de Klerk, former president and now executive deputy president of South Africa, for his successful efforts to end apartheid and bring multiracial democracy to his nation.

Lurie Named Bonds Financial Officer

NEW YORK — Arlene J. Lurie, a respected financial management expert, has been named chief financial officer of State of Israel Bonds; it was announced by the organization's President and Chief Executive Officer, Major General (Ret.) Nathan Sharony. Lurie will be responsible for all of the organization's fiscal operations.

In his announcement, Sharony said, "Ms. Lurie has brought an excellent reputation as a financial manager to our organization. I know that with her proven business approach to financial management, she will greatly enhance our operations. We welcome her to the Israel Bonds family."

Lurie, whose stated goal is to "improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the agency's fiscal management," said that "we will strive to provide all possible assistance to our colleagues at Israel Bonds, in order to help them achieve their primary role — to sell bonds."

Lurie brings more than 20 years as a financial executive to the Israel Bonds organization.

Weinberg Heads Three Research Grants

Dr. Marc Weinberg, a member of the faculty at Brown University and its affiliated hospitals, will be the primary investigator for three new research grants. They are: a perspective double-blind randomized comparison of two treatment regimens, Cozaar and Hyzaar versus Vasotec and Vasotec plus 25 mg HCTZ in patients with mild to moderate hypertension; a randomized multistandard double-blind parallel study to evaluate the safety, efficacy and toleration of the two combinations of moexipril and hydrochlorothiazide and to compare these agents to each agent given alone; and a phase 2 double-blind placebo controlled dose range and short-term efficacy study of UP 69-6 in hypertension patients.

Weinberg served as primary investigator on the grants while Dr. David C. Yoburn, Dr. Richard A. Cottiero, and Dr. Thomas L. Salazer, served as co-investigators.

Weinberg also wrote a proposal and grant and received an exclusive contract with the Rhode Island/Massachusetts nephrology network for the care of chronic renal failure and hemodialysis as part of a renal network in Rhode Island in conjunction with a Rhode Island kidney consortium and Ren Center-Providence and the Rhode Island Renal Institute. There were also affiliated dialysis centers and nephrologists in the southern and southeastern Massachusetts areas.

Sandy Bass Marries Hy Comen

Sandy Bass of Providence, and Hy Comen, formerly of Randolph, Mass., were married on Oct. 2 at the Marriott Hotel in Providence.

Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer of Temple Emanu-El officiated the afternoon ceremony.

The bride is senior adult coordinator at the Jewish Community Center. The bridegroom is a consulting electronics engineer.

After a wedding trip to Mexico City, the couple will reside in Providence.

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Touro Fraternal Installs Officers

Touro Fraternal Association, the largest independent Jewish fraternal organization in New England, is now governed by these recently installed officers and members of the board of directors:

Front row, from left: Andrew Lamchick, board member; Bruce Weisman, vice president, Harmony Lodge; Stevan Labush, vice president, Friendship Lodge; Charles Dressler, president, Friendship Lodge; Milton Bronstein, board member; Simon Chorney, past chairman of the board; Morton Coken, board member.

Second row, from left: Irving Wolpert and Joseph Shapiro, board members; Alan Hochman, president, Harmony Lodge; Arthur Poulten, chairman, board of directors; Rodney Locke, Robert Hodosh and Barry Shaw, board members; and Peter Hodosh, treasurer, Harmony Lodge.

Third row, from left: Allan Gourse and Barry Newman, board members; Ronald Berman, secretary, Friendship Lodge; Michael Mitchell, association secretary; Gerald Hodosh, association treasurer; Judah Rosen, association chaplain; Andrew Gilstein, treasurer, Friendship Lodge; Peter Traugott and Nathan Lury, board members, and Jeffrey Stolzberg, secretary, Harmony Lodge.

Not present when photo was taken: Robert Miller, vice chairman of the board, and Michael Smith, board member.

How About a Torah For Jerusalem?

For a synagogue in Arkansas to send a Torah scroll to Jerusalem, the spiritual center of Judaism, may strike some as an exercise in chutzpah. But to the members of Hot Springs' Congregation House of Israel, which is affiliated with the Reform movement of Judaism, it is a mitzvah.

Moreover, to Rabbi Maya Leibovich, who leads the fledgling Congregation Kehilat Mevasseret Zion in a Jerusalem suburb, a Torah scroll from the United States is like manna from heaven, since her tiny congregation cannot afford to purchase one of its own.

Rabbi Leibovich is the first Israeli-born woman to be ordained as a rabbi.

A Torah scroll, which constitutes the Pentateuch (five books of Moses) and is the basic text of Judaism, must be hand-scribed on parchment to exacting religious standards. As a result, the purchase of a Torah is often beyond the reach of many newer congregations.

The Torah was presented formally on a permanent loan basis to Congregation Kehilat Mevasseret Zion on Oct. 14 by B.J. Tanenbaum, Jr., an Arkansas native and member of the Hot Springs synagogue. Tanenbaum flew to Jerusalem for the occasion. A ranking national and international lay leader of Reform Judaism, he led in the arrangements for the Torah exchange project.

The scroll was fully equipped with a traditional velvet Torah cover and adornments. It is one of several extra Torahs possessed by Congregation House of Israel that it "inherited" from Congregation Beth Jacob, an Orthodox synagogue in Hot Springs that was absorbed by the Reform synagogue recently.

Tanenbaum, a well-known Arkansas business leader, is a trustee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations — the central body of 860 Reform congregations in the United States and Canada — and a vice president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international organization of the Reform movement.

A study by his "small congregations committee" showed that the rapid growth of Reform synagogues here and abroad has created a growing need for Torah scrolls, but that the cost is "so high that purchasing one is often beyond the means of a young and struggling congregation."

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School Beat

Program for Children With Special Needs

Applications are now being accepted by the Children's Physical Developmental Clinic at Bridgewater State College for the spring semester.

The Children's Physical Developmental Clinic is a unqiue motor development, physical education and adapted aquatic program offered for children and youth with physical, mental and/or emotional disabilities, ages 18 months through 21 years.

The purpose of the clinic program is to provide each participant with their own individualized activity program based on their needs as identified through an observation and assessment program.

A child's individual program may include development of physical fitness, fundamental motor skills and patterns, swimming, lifetime sport skills and recreational activities.

Currently the program is the only one of its kind in New England and is one of approximately 100 clinics throughout the country.

Inquiries and applications for enrolling children and youth in the clinic can be obtained by contacting Dr. Joseph H. Huber, director, Children's Physical Developmental Clinic, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Mass. 02325 or call (508) 697-1776 or 697-1215.

Camp JORI Announces New Director

The board of directors of Camp JORI, Rhode Island's only Jewish overnight camp, recently announced the appointment of Ken Abrams as the camp's new director.

A social studies teacher at the Scituate Middle and High Schools, he has previously served as camp director at two area day camps, Camp Shepherd in Greenville and Camp Meehan in Lincoln.

Abrams, who becomes the fourth camp director in Camp JORI's 57-year history, has an extensive personal history with the camp. A camper as a child, he went on to spend three summers there as a counselor, and there met his wife Betsy, herself a former camper and counselor.

His goal as director is to further develop the curriculum and traditions that he experienced firsthand while at Camp JORI. "I intend to continue to provide a great summer experience for kids in an atmosphere of Jewish warmth and community," Abrams explains.

For over 50 years, boys and girls ages 7 to 13 have spent their summers at the 13.5 acre campground in Narragansett, taking part in a large variety of activities and events, all led by a qualified staff, which focus on building valuable skills, self-confidence and friendships.

For more information, call 521-2655, or write Camp JORI, 229 Waterman Street, Providence 02906.

RIC to Host Open House

The Rhode Island College office of undergraduate admissions will hold its annual open house on Dec. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Interested students and families are asked to meet in Roberts Hall auditorium for an introductory briefing session.

Scheduled during the afternoon event will be meetings with RIC faculty about academic programs, tours of the campus, and discussions of financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

For further information, call 456-8234 by Nov. 25.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Dec. 10, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Making Advances In Education

Administrators from a variety of institutions will come together to participate in "Update: Women Advancement in Higher Education," a public forum from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 7. The forum will take place in Refectory Room A, Cantanzaro Student Center at the Rhode Island School of Design, 30 Waterman Street in Providence.

The program is part of a yearlong series sponsored by the Rhode Island Association for Women in Education.

Scheduled speakers will be Suzanne Forsythe, president of the National Association of Women in Education and human resource director of the American Council on Education; Sally Thibodeau, associate vice president of academic administration at Providence College; and Mona Wheatley, director of special gifts at Middlebury College.

The public is invited to the forum, which will be preceded by a dinner, at a cost of $18. To register, call RIAWE representative Maria Santos at 792-5549.

Red Ribbon Campaign Gearing Up

Again this winter, MADD R.I. Chapter and the R. I. Auto Dealers Association hope to cover the state with red ribbons tied to vehicles as a reminder to drive sober.

This is the sixth year that the RIADA has been the sole sponsor of this program. Thanks to their support the compaign has grown and spread from one end of the state of the other. This year's campaign will begin officially Nov. 22, at 10 a.m. at ceremonies at the Regency Plaza in Providence.

The R.I. chapter of MADD and RIADA hope to distribute upwards to 100,000 red ribbons this year. The ribbon is cut into single lengths by volunteers. Confirmation classes, senior citizen organizations, girl scouts, football teams, and concerned citizens all volunteered for the ribbon cutting.

Cyndra Moniz, chapter president, noted that the demand for red ribbons has increased dramatically each year. "It's a barometer of the increase in public awareness of the drunk driving menace. We now have organizations, community groups, and businesses, requesting thousands of ribbons at a time. That's in addition to the countless individual citizens who not only display the ribbon during the holiday season, but also during the rest of the year."

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Author Named Dean at Brandeis

Robin Feuer Miller, an internationally recognized scholar of 19th-century Russian fiction and the European novel, has been named dean of arts and sciences at Brandeis University. The appointment was approved Oct. 22 by the board of trustees.

Miller is a professor of Russian and comparative literature at Brandeis and fellow of the Russian Research Center at Harvard.

"Her integrity, thoughtfulness, sensitivity and sense of caring for students and colleagues will serve her well in this very important post," said Irving R. Epstein, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

Miller is one of the most often-quoted scholars on Dostoevsky, about whom she has authored two books.

In addition to handling all faculty-related issues, Miller's responsibilities include implementing and overseeing an innovative new curriculum introduced at Brandeis for the first time this fall, and "upholding the academic excellence and competitiveness of the Brandeis faculty and student body," Epstein said.

Miller earned her Ph.D. and master's degree from Columbia University.

Brown Calendar of Events

Kazin To Deliver Brown President's Lecture

Alfred Kazin, a journalist and educator who currently serves as a Walter H. Annenberg Fellow at Brown, will deliver a President's Lecture at 8 p.m. on Nov. 30, in the Salomon Center for Teaching, located on the College Green. Kazin will discuss his six decades of experience in "Writing Was Everything: Life as a Critic, 1934-1994." The lecture is open to the public without charge.

Fine Arts Quartet

The Fine Arts Quartet will perform at Brown at 8 p.m. on Nov. 30, in Alumnae Hall on Meeting Street as part of the Rhode Island Chamber Music series. The ensemble, made up of violinists Ralph Evans and Efim Boico, violist Jerry Horner and cellist Wolfgang Laufer, last played at Brown in 1987. Tickets, priced from $4 to $20 depending on seat location, may be purchased at the door.

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY BRODSKY

NEW BEDORD, Mass. — Dorothy Brodsky, 86, formerly of Shalom Apartments, Warwick, died Nov. 16 at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home in New Bedford, Mass., where she had moved two weeks ago. She was the widow of David W. Brodsky.

Born in New Bedford, she was a daughter of the late Israel and Ida (Wainer) Scher. She lived in Warwick for two years, and previously had lived in Torrance, Calif., for 20 years and in North Miami Beach, Fla., for 20 years.

She was the proprietor of the former Chamberlain Flower Shop in New Bedford for eight years, in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

She was a member of the Congregation Ahavath Achim of New Bedford and of the Social Seniors of Warwick.

She was a lifetime member of the Brandeis University Women's Association and was a past president of the New Bedford Council of Jewish Women, the Sisterhood of the Congregation of Ahavath Achim, the New Bedford Chapter of Hadassah, the Betsy Winslow Parent Teachers Association, the Moorings Women's Club of Florida, and the Women's American ORT in California. She was a past director of the Southern New England Parent Teachers Association.

She leaves a daughter, Ilene Winegard of Bristol, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Audrey Rosen.

A graveside funeral service was held Nov. 20 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

LEE CHERNIACK

MEQUON, Wis. — Lee Cherniack, 64, of 12549 North Woodberry Drive, Mequon, Wis., died Nov. 8. She was the wife of Gerald Cherniack.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Saul Grossman and Jeanette (Fain) Grossman-Rosofsky and niece of Alfred and Sylvia Fain and Dora Paster of Providence, she moved to Wisconsin 21 years ago.

She was a 1951 graduate of Bryant College. She had been a member of Temple Emanu-El, and president for many years of the Hope Chapter of the B'nai B'rith in Providence.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Sheryl Primakow of Bayside, Wis.; a son, Andrew Cherniack of Wauwatosa, Wis., and a sister, Ina Wynn of Baltimore, Md.

The funeral and burial were held Nov. 9 in Spring Hill Cemetery in Wisconsin.

RUTH H. GARBER

PROVIDENCE — Ruth H. Garber, 75, of 224 Sixth St., an audiologist for the Fishbein Electronics Co., South Attleboro, Mass. for 25 years, died Nov. 16 in Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Charles Garber.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Morris I. and Helen (Bennett) Fishbein.

Mrs. Garber was a member of Congregation Beth Sholom and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Providence Hebrew Day School and the former Pioneer Women, now the Na'Amat. She was a member of the Amit Women, the Devorah Dayan Club and the Monday Book Club.

She leaves a son, Kent Garber of Houston, Texas; four daughters, Ava Miedzinski and Enid Rosenblum, both of Miami, and Sandra Afsai and Ellen K. Garber, both of Providence; two brothers, Dr. Joseph Jay Fishbein and Gilbert Fishbein, and a sister, Harriet Gladstone, all of Providence, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Nov. 18 at Congregation Beth Sholom, at Rochambeau Avenue and Camp Street. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

CECELIA GILMAN

WARWICK — Cecelia Gilman, 85, of the Avalon Nursing Home, Warwick, died Nov. 11 at home. She was the widow of Frank Gilman. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Max and Minnie (Rabinovitz) Kenner, she had lived in Providence and Cranston, moving to Warwick last year.

Mrs. Gilman was a founding member of Temple Sinai and was a member of the temple's sisterhood.

Before moving to the Avalon Nursing Home, she had been a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a daughter, Beverly Salk of Cranston, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A private funeral service was held Nov. 14. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MARTIN LIFLAND

HERZLIYA, Israel — Martin Lifland, 84, textile industrialist, philanthropist and activist, died in Herzliya, Israel. He was the husband of Selma Lifland, and of the late Rose (Newmark) Lifland.

Born in Russia, he was a son of the late Rabbi Joseph Lifland and Anna Lifland. He was a former resident of Fall River, Mass., Milton, Mass., and Providence. He immigrated to Israel in 1970 after retiring.

He was a 1933 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Lowell Textile Institute, Lowell, Mass.

He retired at the age of 60 to focus on charitable and activist endeavors. He was the international and national president of Assaf Harofeh Medical Center at the Aliza Begin Hospital in Israel, and also served as an adviser to the developing Israeli textile industry.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Elissa Yellin of Sacramento, Calif., and Ann Gezel of Tel Aviv, Israel; a son, Eliot Lifland of Boca Raton, Fla., two stepchildren, Diane Heltin and Mark Lifland, both of Boston; a sister, Bess Appel of Delray Beach, Fla., six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was held in Israel.

DR. SAMUEL MILLER

DENVER, Colo. — Dr. Samuel Miller, 72, of 7905 East Colorado Ave., Denver, a retired Rhode Island dentist and former Warwick resident, died Nov. 16 at the Rose General Hospital, in Denver. He was the husband of Charlotte (Kouffman) Miller.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Jacob and Jennie (Shechtman) Miller, he had lived in Warwick for many years before moving to Colorado last year. He had previously lived in Providence and maintained a summer residence in Narragansett.

He was a graduate of Providence College and St. Louis University School of Medicine.

During World War II he served as a dentist in the Navy, attaining the rank of lieutenant.

He maintained his dental office for many years on Hope Street, Providence, before retiring five years ago.

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and the Rhode Island and American Dental Associations. He had been a member of Temple Emanu-El and was a member of Congregation Beth David in Narragansett.

He leaves five daughters, Hillary Ann Handwerger of Ann Arbor, Mich., Wendy Lee Ettinger of Israel, Trudy Joan Sloane of Scottsdale, Ariz., Laurie Sue Lerner of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Ronnie Lois Buchanan of Bellevue, Wash.; a son, Jeffrey Todd Miller of Denver, Colo.; a brother Morris "Mike" Miller of Delray Beach, Fla. and 12 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Nov. 17 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

EVA SALK

WARWICK — Eva Salk, 85, of the Shalom Apartments, Shalom Drive, a sales representative for area department stores for many years before retiring, died Nov. 18 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Esther (Berson) Salk, she had lived in Cranston before moving to Warwick several years ago.

She had worked many years for Cherry & Webb and the former Pinkerson's. She was a member of the Shalom Apartments Residents Association. She had been a member of the women's association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a sister, Betty Lipson of Fall River, Mass.; and two brothers, David Salk of New Bedford, Mass., and Hyman Salk of Lake Worth, Fla. She was the sister of the late Bertha Feldman.

A gravesite service was held Nov. 20 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

REBECCA J. TAPPER

CRANSTON — Rebecca J. Tapper, 75, of 175 Hoffman Ave., a bookkeeper for a Providence accounting firm for many years before retiring in 1978, died Nov. 18 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Charles Tapper. She was also the wife of the late Howard D. Cohen.

Born in New York City, the daughter of the late Abraham and Molly (Sherman) Zipkin, she had lived in Providence before moving to Cranston 25 years ago.

Mrs. Tapper was a member of Hadassah and Congregation Share Zedek.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Steven L. Cohen of Virginia Beach, Va., and Kenneth M. Cohen of Johnston, a stepson, Geoffrey M. Tapper of Warwick; three brothers, Samuel Zipkin of Manchester, Conn., Louis Zipkin of Danielson, Conn., and Harold Zipkin of Palm Harbor, Fla.; two sisters, Elissa Carrignan of Palm Harbor, Fla. and Evelyn Block of Waterbury, Conn.; and seven grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Robert S. Cohen.

The funeral was held Nov. 20, at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

OSI Investigates Alleged Nazis

by Jennifer Batog

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Armed with a list recently provided by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Justice Department is investigating 57 suspected Nazi war criminals believed to have escaped to the United States after World War II.

Efraim Zuroff, the Wiesenthal Center's Nazi war crimes research coordinator, met with Eli Rosenbaum, acting director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, to turn over a list of Lithuanians thought to be part of the Lithuanian Auxiliary Police.

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An active member of the Staten Island community, Weissglass participates in numerous philanthropic and cultural institutions. In addition to his involvement with the Metropolitan, Weissglass serves or has served on the boards of directors of the Staten Island Jewish Community Center (president, 1982 to 83), the New York City UJA-Federation, The Snug Harbor Cultural Center (chairman, 1980 to 83), the United Hospital Fund, and the Jewish Community Center Association of North America. He serves on Comptroller Hevesi's cultural advisory committee, and until June of this year, was chairman of the board of trustees of St. Vincent's Medical Center of Staten Island.

Weissglass has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including Distinguished Citizenship Awards from the Urban League (1976) and Wagner College (1983), the Staten Island Cultural Award (1983), the Israel Freedom Award (1988), and the Friends of St. Vincent's Award, among others.

Weissglass is a graduate of Cornell University; he received an M.B.A. from New York University. He is married to Roberta (Bobby) and has two children and two grandchildren.

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What Are My Rights?

by Louis M. Pulner, Esq.

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Dear Attorney Pulner:

A buddy of mine just went through a divorce in the Rhode Island Family Court system and to put it quite frankly, he took a bath. After all was said and done he received approximately 35 percent of everything that he and his wife had.

This poor guy worked for all 14 years of their marriage and his wife only did part-time work for a period of maybe two and a half to three years.

It was my understanding that the laws had been changed to protect an individual from this type of treatment but apparently that's just not the case.

On top of that, he also has to pay child support, which I can understand, but he also had to pay for his wife's legal fees. If that wasn't enough, he also has to pay her alimony each and every week for a period of three years.

Men everywhere should be concerned about this type of treatment because apparently it's not getting better.

DS in Providence

Dear DS:

While you have provided some information which can assist me in understanding why the marital estate was divided as it was, there is probably a great deal more information which, if known, would allow me to analyze why the trial justice took the action that he or she did.

First and foremost, do understand that Rhode Island is an equitable distribution state and that means that the marital estate is divided equitably, i.e., fairly, after taking into consideration a great many factors.

Until recently, it used to be that the court considered four factors in determining this equitable distribution: the length of the marriage; the conduct of the parties during the marriage; the contribution of each of the parties in the acquisition, preservation, or appreciation in value of their respective estates; and the contribution and services of either party as a homemaker.

As recently as a few years ago the equitable distribution statute was modified to include as many as eight additional factors that the trial justice must consider in arriving at what is equitable.

Specifically, the court must now factor in the health and age of the parties; the amount and sources of income of each of the parties; the occupation and employability of each of the parties; the opportunity of each party for future acquisition of capital assets and income; the contribution by one party to the education, training, licensure, business or increased earning power of the other; either party's wasteful dissipation of assets or of any transfer or encumbrance of assets made in contemplation of divorce without fair consideration; and the need of the custodial parent to occupy or own the marital residence and to use or own its household effects taking into account the best interests of the children of the marriage.

Having said all that, painful scrutiny must be given to the specific facts of each and every case which is heard in the Family Court.

You have already indicated that your buddy has been steadily and gainfully employed while his wife was not. Clearly, she did sacrifice either her career and/or her education so that she could remain home and provide homemaker services, thereby enabling the husband to achieve success in his chosen career.

With his jumpstart on a career, he is more likely to prosper further, all while the wife must now make steps to build a future which can enable her to become self-sufficient.

You also take issue with an award of alimony, but it must have been made clear to the court that without some assistance from your friend, she would have been unable to maintain any kind of a lifestyle at all, i.e., support a roof over her head and meet her month-to-month bills as they become due. Perhaps the award of alimony was made to assist her in obtaining further education, something which would certainly enhance her financial future.

Obviously, I am incapable of providing a full analysis here without more information, but chances are that your friend's conduct also played a role in the distribution made by the court.

While I cannot state whether or not I believe the decision rendered to have been a fair one, it is unfair of you to suggest that men as a class, are abused by the Family Court system. Every case is different and I can assure you that for every man who claims he has been "abused" in the Family Court, that there is at least one woman who exists to make the exact same claim.

Trust me, there are no winners in any divorce litigation. An experienced attorney though, sure can make a difference.

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

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

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Austria Rebuilds Ties

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In the first visit by an Austrian head of state, President Thomas Klestil arrived in Israel recently for a three-day tour aimed at improving relations with Jerusalem.

Accompanied by business leaders from Austria's 17 leading companies, Klestil said at a welcoming ceremony that he hoped his visit would mark the start of warmer ties between the two countries.

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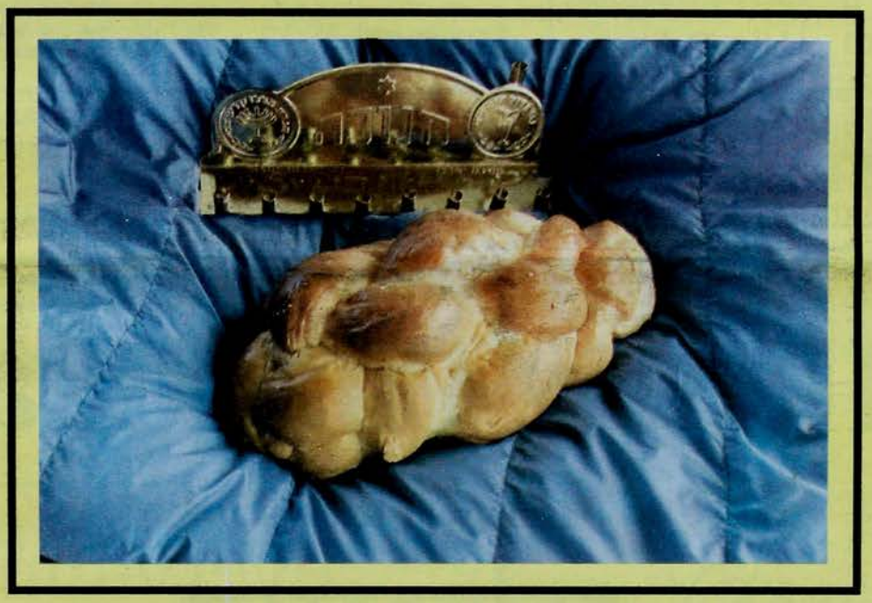

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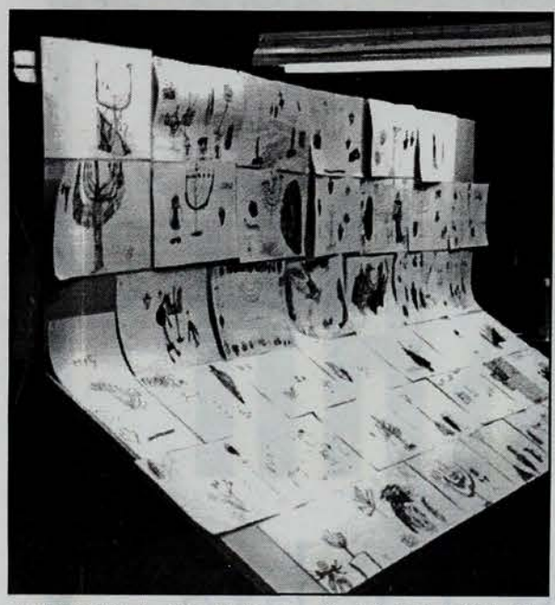

And This Was Just The Beginning...Our First Batch Of Entries

Turn Bitter

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cause of the barrage of slander, harassment, intimidation and threats (life-threatening) being perpetrated" against him.

When asked about Greisman's charges, Rabbi Josef Baruch Spielman, chairman of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council, who is running for re-election, said, "I personally feel it didn't happen. He hasn't proven it.

"I am insulted and hurt by these allegations that the people who are running on our slate are committing acts of intimidation. It's being used as a ploy so that when they (the council's opponents) lose they can start the next court case.

"We see this election as an affront to the rebbe, as an affront to the rabbonim, an affront to the community by those elements that are supporting an individual that has and continues to steal from this community," said Spielman, who has chaired the council for the past eight years.

A two-page handbill urging voters to choose Spielman and the six other candidates on his slate says that "these 'elections' are not elections, but rather a challenge to the rabbonim and part of an attempt to remove the rebbe's rule from Crown Heights. "Make sure that the rebbe rules!"

One Crown Heights Lubavitcher, who requested anonymity, said that "By tainting others as anti-rabbis and anti-rebbe, the incumbents garner influence."

The couple who forced the election are accused, by Spielman, as acting on behalf of Rabbi Dovid Fisher, a former council staff member, who was charged with embezzlement.

The Fisher case, still in the courts, resulted in Fisher's ex-communication from the Lubavitch community. Fisher and the council are entangled in half a dozen suits over the control of Crown Heights property.

Spielman contends that the Fursts, who are distantly related to Fisher, sued the community council for elections so that if their candidates win, the community council can drop the suits against Fisher.

The settlement of the Fursts' case resulted in an unusual set of requirements for eligible voters and candidates.

Voters must be at least 22 years old and married, divorced or widowed, and must be listed in the neighborhood's local phone book.

Candidates must be male, married, widowed or divorced, at least 30 years old and sign "an affirmation which states 'I am an Orthodox Jew,'" according to the terms of the settlement.

Voting will be done by secret paper ballot in a booth in the Lubavitch yeshiva. There will be separate booths for men and women.

ABOUT THE COVER

Bread and Light and Tradition

Symbolic of the celebration of Chanukah is the menorah. Big or little, it is the holder of light for this festival.

Challah bread is also a traditional food at this time of year. Loaves like this one will be sold every Friday until spring by the staff at the Early Childhood Development Center at the JCCRI. Place your order by phone or in person.

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A Chanukah Message

From The Lubavitcher Rebbe O.B.M.

Dear Friend:

The Chanukah lights which are kindled in the darkness of night recall to our minds memories of the past: the war that the Hasmoneans waged against huge Syrian armies, their victory, the dedication of the temple, the rekindling of the menorah, the small quantity of oil that lasted for many days, and so on.

Let's picture ourselves members of the little band of Hasmoneans in those days. We are under the domination of a powerful Syrian king; many of our brethren have left us and accepted the idolatry and way of life of the enemy. But our leaders, the Hasmoneans, do not commence action by comparing numbers and weapons, and weighing our chances of victory. The Holy Temple has been invaded by a cruel enemy. The Torah and our faith are in grave danger. The enemy has trampled upon everything holy to us and is trying to force us to accept his way of life which is that of idol worship, injustice, and similar traits altogether foreign to us. There is but one thing for us to do — to adhere all the closer to our religion and precepts, and to fight against the enemy even if we have to die in this fight.

And wonder of wonders! The huge Syrian armies are beaten, the vast Syrian empire is defeated, our victory is complete.

This chapter of our history has repeated itself frequently. We, as Jews, have always been outnumbered; many tryants attempted to destroy us because of our faith. Sometimes they aimed their poisoned arrows at our bodies, sometimes at our souls, and, sad to say, many of our brethren have for one reason or another turned away from G-d and His Torah and tried to make life easier by accepting the rule of the conqueror.

In such times of distress we must always be like that faithful band of Hasmoneans, and remember that there is always a drop of "pure olive oil" hidden deep in the heart of every Jew, which, if kindled, bursts into a big flame. This drop of "pure olive oil" is the "Perpetual Light" that must and will pierce the darkness of our present night, until everyone of us will behold the fulfillment of the prophet's promise for our ultimate redemption and triumph. And as in the days of the Hasmoneans "the wicked will once again be conquered by the righteous, and the arrogant by those who follow G-d's laws, and our people Israel will have a great salvation."

From Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson O.B.M.

WZO Grants Hadassah 'Independent Status'

The World Zionist Organization has formally approved the granting to Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, of "independent status" at a meeting of its general council, the Va'ad Hapoel. As a result Hadassah will no longer participate in WZO general elections.

Hadassah had, for many years, been critical of the political structure and election process within the WZO.

The independent status was granted in recognition of Hadassah's long-standing contributions to the Zionist movement and the health and well-being of the people and land of Israel.

Hadassah National President Deborah Kaplan said, "I'm elated over our new status. Although Hadassah will no longer participate in WZO elections, we intend to remain a full and active participant in the American Zionist Movement and World Zionist Organization."

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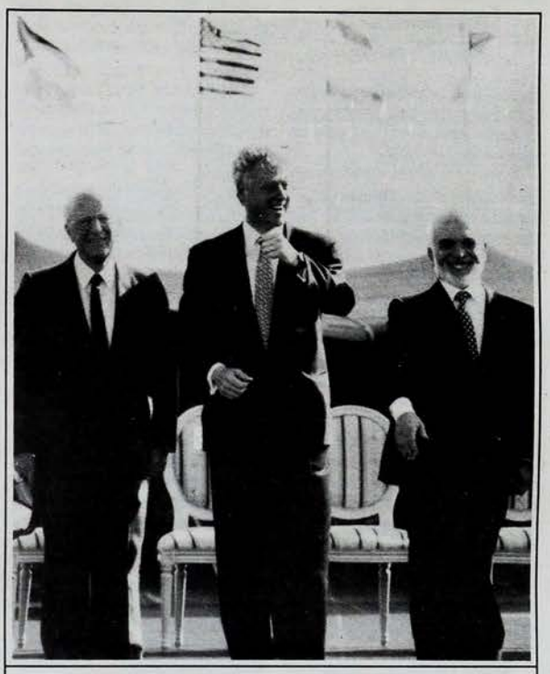

Let's See That One More Time

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Incumbents

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Hechts and some other people who have the title rabbi who live in the community who went against the bais din."

Krinsky was the spokesman for and one of the chief aides to the late Lubavitcher rebbe. He also runs the network of emissaries who represent Lubavitch all over the globe.

The Hecht family is involved in the National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education, which does charitable work for the Lubavitch community in Crown Heights.

Two out of the three rabbis on the influential bais din, or rabbinical court, endorsed the incumbents.

The challengers had forced the elections through a lawsuit brought on the grounds that the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council had not held elections in eight years, although its bylaws require that they be held every two years.

After a campaign , bitter and violent, the challengers said shortly before the election that they would contest the results in court.

Rabbi Josef Spielman, who was re-elected as chairman of the community council, denied the allegations of threats and violence.

Fayge Rubenfeld, who was involved with the lawsuit forcing the elections and opposing the slate of seven, said that bringing the community's rabbis into the election determined the outcome.

"If the slate says that the rabbonim say people must vote, and must vote a certain way, they will. Of course they will," she said.

Katzman said that if the challengers took the issue back to court they would face problems in Crown Heights.

"The community will have to find ways of letting them know if they don't like the community, let them go some place else. How it will be manifested I don't know," he said. "If they go to court, there will be some kind of backlash."

Chanukah Calendar

Nov. 27, 4 p.m., at Warwick Mall, a Grand Chanukah Celebration, with latkes, dreidels and gelt, music and children's programs. Sponsored by Chabad of West Bay.

Nov. 27, at 5 p.m., on Channel 36, "Chanukah Live," a program of simultaneous celebration by Jews all over the world, transmitted by satellite. Will include message from Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem M. Schneerson, O.B.M.

Nov. 29, at 3:30 p.m., at Shalom Apartments, a party for seniors including menorah lighting, latkes, music and dancing. Sponsored by Chabad of West Bay.

Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m., at Congregation Agudas Achim, Attleboro, a Chanukah celebration including food, entertainment and candle lighting. There will also be a Havdalah ceremony, door prizes and small gifts for the children. Call (508) 222-2243 for more details or to make reservations.

Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. to noon, at Congregation Bnai Israel, 224 Prospect Street, Woonsocket. Families and friends are invited to celebrate with songs, latkes, and games.

Dec. 4, at 1:30 p.m., the Great Chanukah Zest starring Zavil and Zalman, at Chabad House, 360 Hope Street, corner of Olney, Providence. There will be balloonery, door prizes, dreidel tournaments, refreshments and general hilarity. Free!

Dec. 4, at 3 p.m., at Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro Street, Newport, a Chanukah party at the Newport Beach club. There will be a make-your-own-sundae table, presentations from the children in the religious school, and a performance by Joan and Her Performing Poodles. The event is free, and open to all, but reservations are required. Please phone 847-4794.

Dec. 4, at 4 p.m., at Temple Am David, Gardiner Road, Warwick, a Chanukah celebration featuring Fishel Bresler, story teller and musician, a gift exchange for the children ($2.00 maximum), and supper. Reservations required.

Ethan Selinger and his Dad Yehuda, leave school with their Challah

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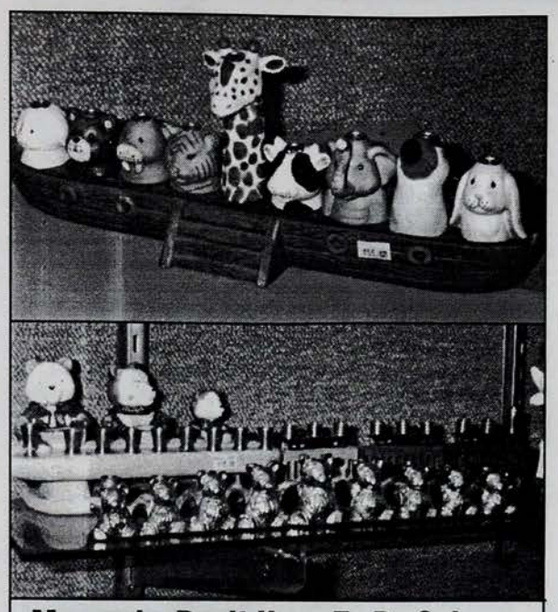

Menorahs Don't Have To Be Solemn

These, from Tikva Traditions, would make any child smile.

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The Message of Chanukah

Chanukah reminds us that the greatest danger to the Jewish way of life lies not in the threat of shutting out or extinguishing its light completely, but rather in the tendency to defile it by feeding unholy oil to its menorah.

This tendency expressed itself in many ways: in the worship of materialism and material success; in the presentation of certain man-made ideologies and "isms" as the panacea of all human ills; in the idolatry of science and technology and the tendency to measure everything by the yardstick of human reason. These do not necessarily rule out "religious experience," but either confine it to a narrow domain, or, worse still, produce a pseudo-religiosity, where consecration and commitment are sacrificed to convenience and compromise.

Chanukah teaches us that the sanctity and purity of Jewish life must be preserved at all costs. The external and material aspects of our daily life should not only be precluded from contaminating the purity and holiness of the Torah and mitzvos, but, on the contrary, the Torah and mitzvos should bring sanctity into the material aspects of our daily life, in accordance with the principle; "Know Him in all your ways."

Divine Providence saw to it that a cruse of oil, pure and uncontaminated, should be left with which to rekindle the menorah, and that it should not only hold its own, but should grow and spread, free of the Greek "touch." This episode conveys another message of Chanukah.

What was true in those days is just as true in our age; and what is true of the Jewish people as a whole is true, of course, also of every individual Jew. Under the assault of environmental influences a Jew may find his "Sanctuary" — his attachment to and identification with G-d through the observance of the Torah and mitzvoth of G-d invaded and contaminated by ideas and mores which are alien to the Jewish way of life, incompatible with it and inimical to it. But in the inner sanctum of his soul there is always a "cruse of oil" that remains pure and holy — that spark of G-dliness which is his divine soul, which is indestructible and beyond reach of defilement.

The Jew has but to kindle it, and although it may seem like a tiny light at first and of brief duration, yet it is sufficient to light up one's whole being until it becomes a perpetual light.

However, the Jew must not think only of himself. The commandment "Love thy fellow as thyself" demands the same attitude towards one's fellow Jew. No Jew should ever be given up. It is necessary to kindle in him that pure and holy light, even if it appears to be good only for no more than one day; for even that in itself is worthwhile. Moreover, it will steadily grow from day to day, and gradually illuminate his whole life.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

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'Let Us Dream And Tell Stories'

by Rabbi Hershy Worch

Why is the Torah all stories? Because the Torah is prophecy. Prophecies are dreams, and the dreams we dream are all stories. Why stories? Because the spinning, weaving and telling of stories is the ultimate form of creativity. G-d is the ultimate creator, so the Torah is all stories.

Reb Shlomo could spin a yarn! There are tapes filled with nothing but his stories. To hear him is to be instantly enthralled, to be moved and exhilarated. For his unique gifts as a storyteller we would remember and honor him.

"To those who know these things, it is clear," he would say. "The last surviving shreds of the fabric contrived by the Holy Baal Sham Tov, is the telling of stories." To tell the stories is to spread the light, the very purpose of every life. To be young is to tell stories. To be old is to have lost the gift of stories.

"You know what it is?" Reb Shlomo would say abruptly, "We are so stingy with our light. Instead of sharing it with the world, we turn our backs, huddle in a corner and try keeping it to ourselves. So we forfeit it.

"What's wrong with the world," he used to say, "is that everyone is against, against, against. A good American is against communism and a good policeman is against crime. A good doctor is against disease and the United Nations is against war. Against against against!" What are you for? But this is changing now."

He pointed out, "Medicine is now being aimed at promoting health, nations are making treaties that are for closer ties, that have nothing to do with military alliances, the good American is for America.

"So now that they have their act together, it's time we Yiddelech get our act together."

We are not here to prevent the reoccurrence of a holocaust. The State of Israel cannot be merely to protect Jews from enemies. Jewish education must not be simply an antidote to assimilation and intermarriage. The world of against is an historic failure. So, if we know already that Judaism is for joy and oneness, what are we waiting for?

"Do you think the meaning of holinesss is separation and separateness?" Shlomo asked. I nodded my head solemnly, for that is exactly what I had always been taught. Shabbos is holy because it is separate from weekdays. Marriage is holy because it separates the couple from the rest of the world. The children of Israel are holy because they are separated from all other peoples.

"Holiness is the opposite of separation, holiness is oneness, unity." He said, continuing. "The essence of a marriage is that two people become one. The more they turn to and join each other, cleaving unto each other, the holier they are."

Shabbos is likewise holy, for then G-d is united with us and The Shechina and the Torah. To quote the Zohar, "The secret of Shabbos is that Shabbos is an induction into the mystery of oneness."

If holiness were about separation we would make havdallah (trans. lit. separation.) on Friday night.

Hearing Torah revelations like these was like having philosophic bombs going off in my head. With a single sentence Reb Shlomo would demolish a lifetime of pre/misconception and bias. This was an element of his genius. His mastery of the medieval theological literature, gave him the ability to find nuggets of truth that his intuition told him must be there.

What Shlomo pointed to was the way out of our self-made prisons. Out of our virtual slavery.

"It isn't enough," he used to say, "to leave Egypt. Leaving Egypt is just the first step to freedom. We must cross the Red Sea." Crossing the Red Sea is the key to developing a future. In order to have a vision of the future we need to dream.

If I look at another person and don't see the image of G-d writ large upon their face, I may not be in Egypt but I haven't crossed the Red Sea.

If I am in Shabbos and feel irked by prohibitions, bound by rules and frustrated, I may no longer be in Egypt, but I haven't crossed the sea.

Jewish people need to dream. Dreams are prohecies and dreamers are prophets. He would quote the Torah from Izbicy about the Hebrew word for bread, lechem. The three Hebrew letters that make up the world lechem also spell the word lochem, which means fighting and warfare. But turn it around, and the very same three letters spell the word cholem, dream.

So we talk of our dreams as we eat our bread. The grace after meals we recite after eating bread is full of dreams and visions. The land of Israel, the city of Jerusalem and the house of King David. That is why we eat bread, to dream of a better world. So Joseph the dreamer is the one who provides the bread his brothers eat. Let us dream and tell stories!

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CUTTING FRICTION—From left, Dr. Eugenia Kumacheva, Dr. Diana Mahalu and Professor Jacob Klein (seated), of the Weizmann Institute of Science, have discovered a new technique to reduce friction.

Technique For Reducing Friction Described in Weizmann Study

A thousandfold reduction in friction, the primary cause of inefficiency in any machine, has been achieved in Weizmann Institute experiments recently reported upon in *Nature*.

While standard lubricants — commonly made of thin organic films — are the first line of defense against friction, their efficiency is limited. The new study shows that a completely different technique based on molecular "brushes" can reduce friction by a factor of a thousand or more.

These "brushes" are formed by attaching a layer of polymer molecules to each of two smooth rubbing surfaces that are compressed and made to slide past each other in a liquid. The molecules are bonded to the surfaces by one end only, and extend out into the liquid in a manner resembling the hairs on a brush — hence their sobriquet.

The study was conducted by Professor Jacob Klein of the Institute's Department of Materials and Interfaces, along with Drs. Eugenia Kumacheva, Dvora Perahia and Diana Mahalu of the same department, and Dr. Lewis Fetters of the Exxon Research and Engineering Company, Annaldale, N.J. The precision of their experiments required them to devise far more sensitive experimental techniques than those hitherto in use.

The researchers attribute the great reduction in friction to the fact that the polymer brushes interpenetrate only very slightly, even when they are strongly compressed against each other. Because of this, the interface between them remains very fluid, and they can be made to slide quite easily.

The resistance of these brushes to interpenetration is due to the configuration, size and flexibility of the polymer molecules. These properties are not found in other molecules, so that the brushes represent a totally new form of lubrication. "Because of the self-assembling, robust and self-healing nature of polymer brushes, our results have clear complications for new lubrication strategies," the researchers write.

Survive the Holidays

Tips from Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers suggests the following tips to get through the holidays without gaining the average holiday weight gain of seven to 10 pounds.

At a party...

Limit alcohol. Not only is it high in calories, drinking alcohol also makes it more likely to lose track of your eating. Decide in advance to limit cocktails. Hold onto a seltzer or club soda, so you'll have something to sip. Splurge on one special, seasonal drink and think of it as dessert.

Never go to a party hungry. Eat a filling snack that you particularly enjoy at home. This is especially important before a cocktail or buffet party.

Check out the buffet table before you eat. Decide what you will have in advance. Or, get a salad and eat that first. Then, when you're not as hungry, go through and choose your entree.

If the party features a food you especially like, eat a reasonable portion and enjoy it. Then, skip those foods that are less appealing to you.

Eat a little less during the day, so you can eat a bit more at the party.

Be aware that many appetizers are especially high in fat and calories. If you particularly enjoy them, plan to make them part of your main meal.

When the party is yours...

You are in control. Include some foods that are easier for you to handle and that you enjoy eating.

Prepare lower-fat and lower-calorie versions of favorite holiday foods. Chances are, your guests will like them just as much.

Send leftovers home with guests, especially those that are higher in calories or tempting for you. You'll then have less chance to finish them yourself the next day. Use decorative tins — that way guests leave with a present.

If, despite your best efforts, you feel that you've lost control, get it back as soon as you can. Plan to be more active in the next few days, and start eating nutritiously right away.

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There Can Never Be Too Many Latkes

by Naomi Arbit
Author of seven cookbooks

FOX POINT, Wis. (JTA) — Chanukah, the eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights, is a family celebration of love and tradition.

To commemmorate the historic struggle for their religious freedom, Jewish families around the world light one new candle on the menorah each evening during the holiday. The first night of Chanukah this year is Nov. 27. On the eighth day, the entire menorah glows.

Eating latkes fried in oil has become a part of the tradition. Latkes are delicious served at breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Today we are concerned with a healthier diet and we can improve our methods of preparation of these delicious crisp, tender, golden-brown pancakes.

1. Cholesterol and saturated fat content can be reduced by replacing eggs with egg substitute, or using 2 egg whites for each egg required.

2. Larger potatoes are easier to handle, using a vegetable peeler to remove the thinnest peel possible.

3. Potatoes will not discolor if shredded coarsely into ice water.

4. The secret of crisp-every-time latkes is to extract moisture from the potatoes. Wrap the shredded potatoes and onions in a kitchen towel, and wring them out. This also prevents the batter from becoming watery and sticking to the pan while frying.

5. Use a non-stick skillet and ½ teaspoon oil per batch. Make sure the skillet is very hot. Using a pancake turner, lightly flatten latkes, browning on both sides, turning only once.

6. To freeze latkes, drain on paper towels. Freeze in single layers on baking sheets lined with foil. Once frozen, remove from baking sheets and store in plastic bags. To reheat, place latkes in one layer on foil-lined baking sheets and bake in a preheated 400 degree oven until crisp and brown, 5 to 10 minutes.

7. Latkes can be served with yogurt or sour cream of choice — light, low-fat or non-fat — and unsweetened apple sauce.

CLASSIC POTATO LATKES

4 large potatoes (3 pounds), peeled
1 onion
2 eggs
⅓ cup flour or ¼ cup matzah meal
2 teaspoons salt
dash of pepper
vegetable oil

Shred potatoes and onion with a coarse hand grater or with the food processor into a bowl of ice water. (One tablespoon fruit protector may be added to 1 quart of water if desired.) When ready to fry, drain in a colander, and then into a cheesecloth or kitchen towel and wring out all moisture. In a mixing bowl, lightly whisk eggs, salt and pepper; add potato mixture and flour. Stir until well-mixed. Heat oil in skillet until very hot, spoon in ¼ cupfuls of mixture, flattening each to make one 4-inch pancake. Fry until golden brown on one side, about 4 minutes; turn and brown other side. Keep warm on a cookie sheet in a low temperature oven. Stir potato mixture and continue frying about four at a time, adding ½ teaspoon oil to a hot skillet each time. Makes 16 latkes.

VEGETABLE MELANGE LATKES
(Zucchini, Carrot and Potato)

3 eggs
2½ cups peeled shredded zucchini (about 2 medium)
1 cup shredded potatoes (about 2 medium)
1 cup shredded carrots (about 2 medium)
½ cup shredded onion
½ cup snipped parsley
½ teaspoon salt; ⅛ teaspoon pepper
¾ cup matzah meal
vegetable oil

Drain all vegetables in a colander, then place in a cheesecloth or kitchen towel and wring out all moisture. In a large bowl whisk eggs lightly, add vegetables, salt and pepper. Stir in matzah meal. Shape vegetable mixture into small cakes using 1 to 2 tablespoons mixture for each. Fry a few at a time in a hot, lightly oiled skillet, about 2 minutes on each side. Serve with poached apples.

POACHED APPLES

6-8 red cooking apples, peeled or unpeeled as desired
3 tablespoons margarine
¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons apple juice, cider, apple brandy or water
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
⅛ teaspoon nutmeg

Core apples and cut into thin wedges. Melt margarine in a large skillet. Add apples, sugar, apple juice, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cover; simmer 15 minutes. Uncover; cook over low heat for five minutes or until apples are glazed.

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Latkes

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COTTAGE CHEESE LATKES

1 cup cottage cheese, drained
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 eggs
2 teaspoons honey

Put all ingredients in a blender and whirl smooth. Heat a cast-iron skillet or griddle and oil lightly. To do this, pour a few drops of oil into the skillet, then wipe over the bottom with a cloth or paper towel. Drop the batter in tablespoonfuls onto the hot, oiled griddle. When brown underneath, turn and brown other side. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve with apple or blueberry sauce. Makes 16 small pancakes.

RICOTTA LATKES

4 eggs, separated
1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
½ cup skim or low-fat milk
¾ cup flour
4 teaspoons sugar (more or less to taste)
½ teaspoon baking powder
pinch of salt
2 teaspoons vegetable oil

Whirl egg yolks in blender or processor. Add milk, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt until well-blended. Beat egg whites in mixer bowl until stiff but not dry. Fold gently into batter. Heat 1 teaspoon oil in large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Drop batter by ¼ cupfuls onto skillet. Cook until tops are bubbly and look dry; turn and cook second side until golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve with blueberry sauce. Makes 4 servings.

Note: You may omit the sugar and serve the latkes with smoked salmon or caviar.

BLUEBERRY SAUCE

1 cup fresh or thawed blueberries
2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
4 teaspoons sugar
½ teaspoon grated orange zest

Place all ingredients in a medium saucepan. Cook, stirring frequently, over medium heat until thick and syrupy, 5 minutes.

BLUEBERRY SAUCE II

1 can blueberries, drained; reserve juice
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Blend cornstarch and sugar. In a medium saucepan, stir sugar mixture into blueberry juice and cook over low heat until clear. Add lemon juice and berries and heat through.

PARSNIP LATKES

¾ pound parsnips (2-3), peeled and shredded
1 small potato, peeled and shredded
1 small tart apple peeled and shredded
¼ cup finely chopped onion
⅓ cup flour
2 large eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
vegetable oil

Place shredded parsnips, potato, apple and onion in a large bowl. Sprinkle flour over mixture and toss. Add eggs, salt and pepper and mix well. Heat ½ teaspoon oil in a nonstick skillet and heat. When hot, place a heaping tablespoon of parsnip mixture into skillet. Flatten each pancake with a spatula to make it 3 inches across. Cook 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown and crisp, frying a few at a time. Latkes can be made ahead and reheated in a 400-degree oven about 5 minutes. Serve with sour cream or yogurt of choice. makes about 6 servings.

POTATO KUGEL

3 pounds potatoes, peeled
4 eggs
½ cup potato starch
2 teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup grated onion
¼ cup vegetable oil

Grate potatoes on coarse grater into a large bowl of ice water. Let stand 15 minutes. Drain and pat dry with kitchen towel. There should be about 5½ cups of potatoes. Beat eggs in a large bowl with an electric mixer until thick and light colored. Stir in potato, potato starch, salt, baking powder, pepper, onion and the oil. Spoon into an oiled 1½ quart baking dish. Bake uncovered in a 350-degree oven 30 minutes. Brush top with another tablespoon of oil. Bake until top is crusty and golden brown, 45 minutes longer. Makes about 8 servings.

MASHED POTATO LATKES

Leftover mashed potatoes
For each cupful add:
1 egg
snipped parsley
grated onion or sauteed onion
dash of celery seed
salt and pepper to taste
vegetable oil
flour or matzah meal

Brush skillet with a small amount of oil and place over moderate heat. Shape potato mixture into small patties, and dip lightly in flour or matzah meal. Brown latkes on one side and turn and brown other side.

Naomi Arbit is the author of seven cookbooks, a syndicated food writer, a cooking teacher, restaurant consultant and a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

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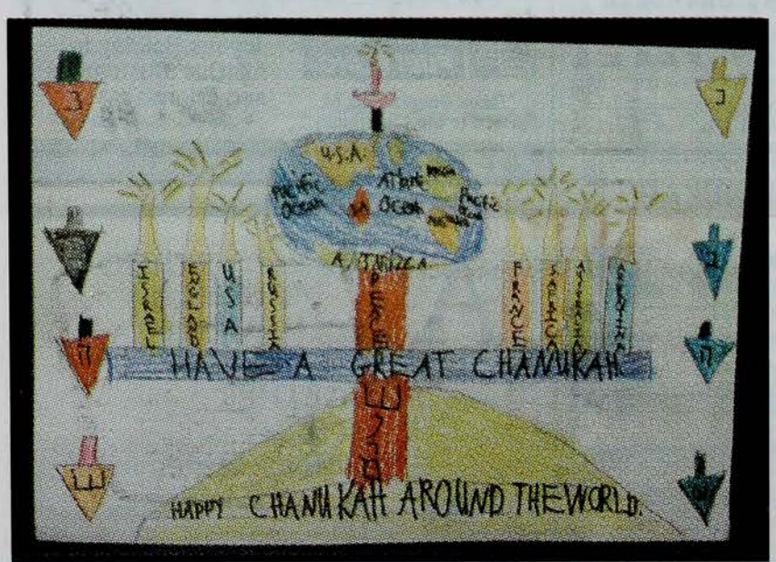

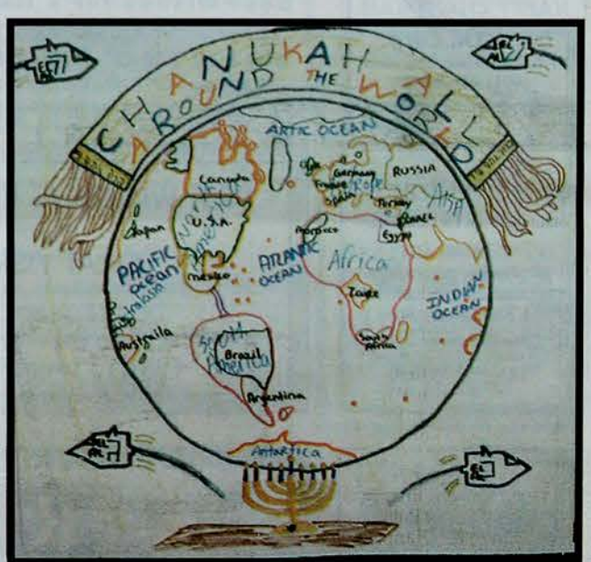

Every Entrant a Winner!

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

At first, the entries dribbled in, and we wondered if interest in the contest was waning. Then, suddenly, we were inundated — 126 entries in all, and every one of them made us smile, or nod in understanding, or shake our heads in amazement at the imagination and loving care with which it had been executed. Our judges did a lot of head-shaking, too. They were torn between this one and that one — and we all wished we had dozens of prizes to award because dozens of the entries were prize-winners.

So — to all those who entered, our thanks and our applause for a job well done. To our judges, thanks. We know

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Contest Entrants

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how hard it was to decide. And to the parents, teachers and rabbis who encouraged and assisted with materials and time and space, our special thanks.

The winners in the 4- to 6-year-old group were: first, Tova Stark; second, Baruch Weiner; third, Reuven Yavner; fourth, Kayla Cusner; runner up, Shoshana Scharf.

The winners in the 7- to 9-year-old group were: first, Dan Konoff; second, Becky Pultman; third, Elisheva Diamond; fourth, Hasya G. Pearlman; runner up, Joshua Casuno.

The winners in the 10- to 13-year-old group were: first, Jackie Feit; second, Seth Konoff; third, Esther Barer; fourth, Benjamin Konoff; runner up, Yehudah Lipson and Shmuel Gold.

Happy Chanukah to all!

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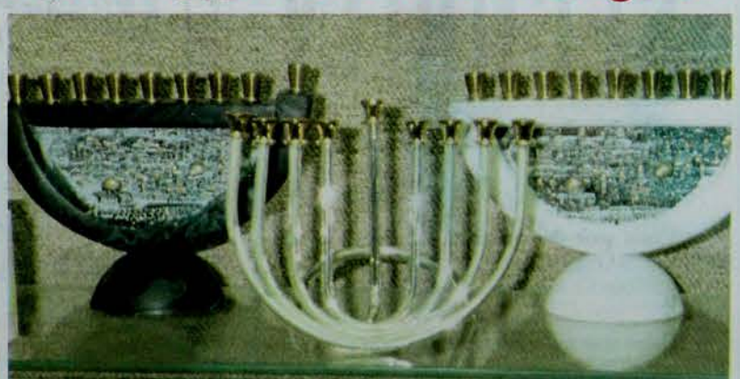

Judah Maccabee (left) stands victorious with shammash in hand at Tikva Traditions. At right, three outstandingly beautiful menorahs grace a shelf at the store.

Herald photos by Alison Smith

A Well-Dressed Group

The Cranston/Warwick Group of Hadassah had a fashion show at their recent paid-up membership brunch at Temple Sinai in Cranston. The co-chairmen are Selma Price and Ruth Siperstein. The co-presjdents are Ruth Fink and Ruth Ross. The clothes being modeled by this group are from Gap and Gap Kids in the Rhode Island Mall and Rita's Dress Shop in Cranston. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

National Conference Elects New Board

The National Conference of Christians and Jews recently elected new trustees, and proposed a new approach to fighting prejudice by concentrating more on children in grades three through 12. New trustees shown, are: back row, Norman Orodenker, Anthony Maione, Shirley Wilson, Peter Stickeler and Robert Gormely. Shown in the front row, from the left, are Charlotte Penn, Ana Rodriquez, Olga Noguera, Christine Roundtree, Joe Newsome and Ralph Rodriguez.

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Fast Growth

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According to Rabbi Harold Schulweis, spiritual leader of a Conservative congregation in Encino, Calif., "Because Kaplan was a little weak on believing and emphasized belonging, the richness of Reconstructionist theology has not come across."

For Reconstructionists, the community is the center, and serves as the locus of decision-making. But American Jews today have been raised in a culture that emphasizes individual rights, not commitment to a group.

Another of Reconstructionism's characteristics which make it unique among the main movements in American Jewish life is its full integration of homosexuals.

Gay and lesbian Jews are movement and congregational leaders, lay and staff, rabbis and congregants. There were no sessions at the conference devoted to gay and lesbian issues. Sexual orientation is simply not an issue.

A hallmark of the movement is its continued innovation.

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, which this year has 76 students — its largest class will soon be launching two initiatives.

A new program will train rabbis to work with and in Jewish federations, an expertise which is certain to become increasingly important as the federation world expands its work with synagogue life in its effort to reach more Jews.

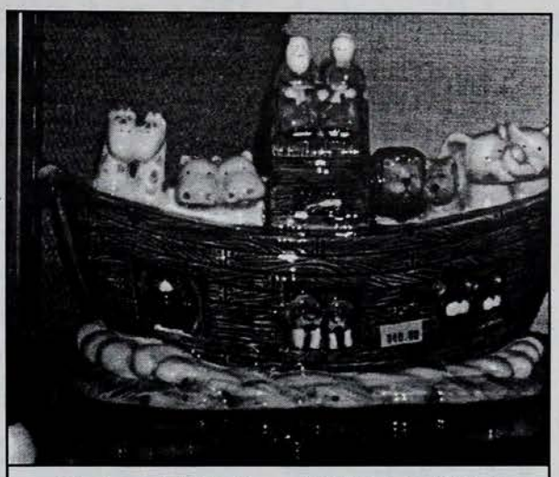
The college will also soon be launching a center for Jewish ethics, which will consider and produce materials to help others weigh the Jewish perspective on ethical issues.

Saturday night's dinner and entertainment was emceed by Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben, who has the looks and the energy of a Jewish Bill Murray.

He joked about the fact that there is so much confusion about what Reconstructionism is.

"We are the only movement that begins a national conference with three hours of discussion about explaining who we are.

"And did you hear what the anti-Semites did to the Reconstructionist Jew? They burned a question mark on his lawn."



Picture This One All Lighted Up!

Menorah courtesy of Tikva Traditions.

A Chanukah Message From the JNF

By Milton S. Shapiro
President, Jewish National Fund

During the festival of Chanukah we celebrate the victory of the Maccabees' determination to maintain their Jewish tradition and national integrity.

On regaining Jerusalem, the Maccabees rededicated the Temple, which had been defiled by the enemy. Though the flask of consecrated oil contained enough to burn but one day, the flame lasted for eight, a miracle we have commemorated during this season for nearly two thousand years.

Determination and rededication: these themes apply directly to the Jewish National Fund's work over the course of nine decades in Israel.

JNF's achievements in developing the land of Israel were miraculous. A land that was barren and desolate was brought to life, turned green and made capable of supporting a population of over five million citizens. To achieve this miracle we had to be as determined as the Maccabees in order to realize the hidden potential of a land that was neglected for centuries.

Cranston-Warwick Hadassah Meets

A regular meeting and Chanukah gathering will be held on Dec. 5 at noon at Letter Carriers' Hall.

A panel discussion on "The Place of the Jew in America Today" will include Rabbi George Astrachan, Linda Kushner and Doris McGarry.

Refreshments will be served.

Cranston Senior Guild Will Meet

The annual Chanukah party of the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on Dec. 8.

Checks must be sent before Dec. 1 to Selma Price, 143 Hoffman Ave., Apt. 411, Cranston, R.I. 02920.

The first 1995 meeting is slated for April 5, 1995.

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Discovering the True Meaning of Chanukah

by Cari Moskowitz

"Why can't I open them all now, daddy?" The sight was so overwhelming as a child. Eight days worth of gifts waited patiently on the counter top in the family room. They'd sit so silently together that it would be so hard to single out just one each night.

After lighting the candles, my brother and I would race to open one. My parents showed such delight as we ripped through the freshly wrapped package. The joyous occasion continued through the night when we were both satisfied with our new toys.

Unfortunately, at times the fun would end when I wasn't happy with what I had received. Like a spoiled child, I threw tantrums and went to sleep filled with frustration and anger.

As I grew older, the eight presents were compressed into one special one, putting more pressure on my parents to satisfy me. Again, I occasionally went to sleep disappointed, having not yet learned to show my parents the appreciation they deserved. In the end, I ruined many nights of what was supposed to be a nice celebration.

Now I know better. It took going off to college to finally appreciate the things I have. One of them being the opportunity of sharing a holiday with the ones I love.

Chanukah is a very special occasion, but I don't get the opportunity to share it with my family anymore. At school I am surrounded by people who don't understand the feeling I felt at home.

Chanukah doesn't lie during winter break like I once remembered. This year it comes so early that I leave home from Thanksgiving the day before the first night. My schedule is full until late at night, so I won't be able to go to the Brown/RISD Hillel to light the candles with the rest of the Jewish students.

Now it is up to me to make this holiday special. I can now fully understand the true meaning of a Jewish holiday and how important Judaism is to me. Chanukah isn't all about being showered with the perfect gifts.

Chanukah: Getting The Whole Message

by Rabbi Irving Greenberg

NEW YORK (JTA) — Most people think of Chanukah as the holiday with the happy ending. But it is more accurate to describe Chanukah as the holiday of the uneasy peace. What the Jews did with their hard-earned moratorium after the first Chanukah can teach us a lot about what to do now as we face an uncertain peace.

In the popular conception, the Maccabees defeated the Greeks, and the Jews lived happily ever after.

This erroneous image is strengthened by the focus on the oil that miraculously burned for eight days, in contrast to the realistic miracle in the Maccabean war victory.

If G-d intervened magically, surely all the problems were solved! Unfortunately, Jewish history — like Jewish life — is rarely that neat.

As David Ben-Gurion said: In Jewish history, if you do not believe in miracles, you are not being a realist.

On Chanukah, the Hasmoneans celebrated not a victory but the fruits of an unstable peace. Happily, the Jews used the peace well.

Chanukah (dedication) marks the rededication of the temple on 25 Kislev (which this year falls on Nov. 28), 164 BCE.

Earlier, Judah Maccabee's army routed Greek forces led by Gens. Nicanor and Gorgias. But a follow-up invasion, led by Lysias, was barely contained.

A negotiated settlement enabled the Hasmoneans to take charge of the temple, but left many of the issues unsettled and the Hellenists unbowed.

Within two years, the Greeks supported a new high priest, Alcimus, who was pious, but opposed to the Maccabees. New fighting broke out among Jews, as well as between Jews and Greeks.

What did Chanukah victory really accomplish? It bought time.

Judah was abandoned by many pietists. They feared being implicated in the compromises and potential corruption in governance. In late 160 BCE, a Greek army led by Bacchides, crushed the weakened Hasmonean army and killed Judah Maccabee.

Further turmoil in the Seleucid empire gave the Maccabees their chance for a comeback.

In 152 BCE Jonathan, Judah's brother, got the post of high priest. It took seven more years and shifting alliances with pretenders to the Seleucid throne for Jonathan to win out.

Then, he, too, was treacherously captured and killed.

More years passed until Simon, another Maccabee brother, was firmly established and Judea won virtual independence.

Still, the Hasmoneans never

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got out from under the shadow of the great powers that dominated the East (Seleucids, Rome, Parthia). Nor did they solve the inner cultural conflicts over the proper mix of Judaism and Hellenism.

What did the Chanukah victory really accomplish? It bought time. Judaism was not yet equipped to cope with the full attraction and power of Hellenistic culture. The Maccabee victory purged some negative influences and provided the margins for the inner development of Judaism.

It must be admitted that independence was never complete.

Despite many cross-currents, that group called the Perushim (Pharisees) blossomed. Eventually they provided the kernel of the (later) rabbinic leadership, which successfully navigated the shoals of exile and powerlessness after the destrution of the Second Temple.

The Chanukah victory also rallied the people. Some assimilationists turned back to Judaism. Judaism's practitioners learned how to swim in the sea of Hellenism — some by keeping its message at bay, others by integrating some of its best insights.

Yet, it must be admitted that independence was never complete, and the inner divisions of the Jews led to civil war and to the fatal embrace of the Romans.

Today, we celebrate Chanukah in a time when an uncertain peace appears within reach. Peace — however strained by terrorism — would be an extraordinary achievement of Jewish power.

A peace settlement will stimulate the rise in living standards and social and institutional revitalization now going on in Israel.

However, peace will not resolve the dangers that lurk in the politics of the Middle East. Nor will it settle the internal Jewish conflicts over the proper interaction between Judaism and modern culture.

The erosion of Jewish values proceeds apace in Israel as in America — only the advantage of a Jewish majority culture masks and softens this fact.

The long-simmering polarization of secularists and religionists may yet erupt into full-blown kulturkampf once the outside threats subside. The ethical/cultural issues of a proper role and full justice for the Arab minority in Israel will now require attention.

Like the Chanukah victory, Israel's achievements buy us time. But as Ben-Gurion said: Time works for us or against us, depending on how we use it.

We must use the time to upgrade Jewry's internal life through education and spiritual development. Jewish religion remains the strongest driving force of Jewish life and meaning. Despite the deep conflicts, we must strengthen all aspects of our religious capacity.

Miracles can be accomplished, "bayamim haheym bazman hazeh" — in those days and in our time.

That will not be easy because the religious and secular groups are defining themselves in ways that contradict, or even undermine, the others' views.

Perhaps like Judaism in the Second Temple era, we are in for a period of competing sects and fluid boundaries until the test of history enables some group — or some new consensus — to emerge ascendant.

Over the past 46 years, Israel's fight has rallied the Jewish people. The Jewish state remains a magnet for Jewish loyalty and identity.

Israel should become the place where every Jew spends time learning Judaism. There, people experience Jewish history as a living presence. The total Jewish environment makes religion come alive.

We have to create a Chanukah haggadah, which will tell the story of the holiday — including both the striving for Jewish political dignity and the religious struggle.

The memory and model of Chanukah can reassure and sustain Jews through the days of uneasy peace that are coming. We start with a leg up because Chanukah is celebrated by more Jews than any other holiday except Pesach. And its message is right.

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Gabriella Rose Levin

Carl and Brenda Levin of Narragansett, R.I., announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriella Rose, on Oct. 5.

Maternal grandparents are Jean Bianchini of Cranston, R.I., and Robert Bianchini of Oklahoma. Paternal grandparents are Morris and Roberta Levin of Narragansett. Great-grandparents are the late Ben and Rose Levin of Providence, Louis and Lillian Abedon of Providence, Albert and Mary Taventy of Waterbury, Conn., and Antoinetta Farina of Cranston.

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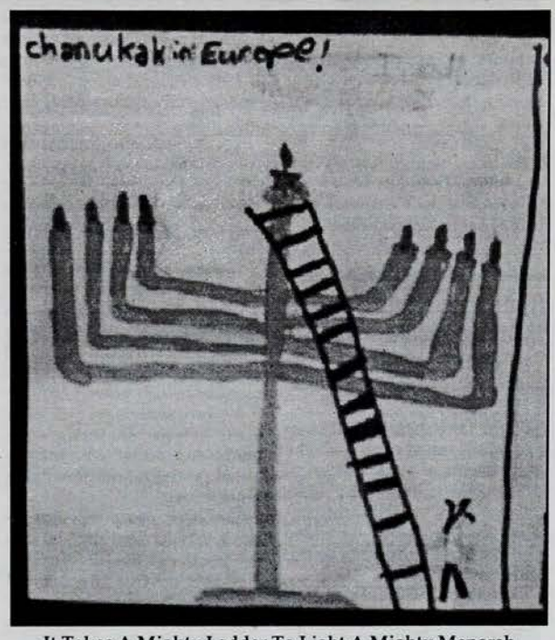
At sundown on Nov. 27, the first night of Chanukah, Humanistic Jewish families will kindle the first of eight lights on their Chanukah candelabras. These lights affirm the humanistic values of courage, integrity, and hope, and remind Jews of their shared history.

For Humanistic Jews, Chanukah is not a tribute to divine power or divine miracles. It is a celebration of human dignity and of Jewish pride. The holiday of Chanukah is traditionally known to commemorate the successful Maccabean revolt in 165 B.C.E. The Maccabees revolted against a Greek tyrant who defiled the temple in Jerusalem and tried to impose his religion on the Jews. We admire the courage and strength that led Judah Maccabee and his followers to face death for what they believed.

But Chanukah is actually much older than this revolt and the legendary miracle of the single flask of oil that burned for eight days in the rededicated temple. Chanukah originated with a primitive rite of the winter solstice, when ancient people lit fires in an effort to renew the dying sun.

As Humanistic Jews across the country retell the story of the Maccabees, they are inspired by the determination of this oppressed band of people to fight for their right to seize control of their lives. And, as they light the menorah, they acknowledge the triumph of light and life over winter's darkness and despair and express their hopes for the future.

"Chanukah is an endorsement of human daring, a reminder that human beings can use their abilities to enhance the quality of life," said Miriam Jerris, executive director of the Society for Humanistic Judaism. "The Chanukah candles remind us that, like our ancestors before us, we, too, must determine for ourselves the course of our lives. We must act on our choices courageously, without sacrificing our integrity."



It Takes A Mighty Ladder To Light A Mighty Menorah

Music and Stories to Celebrate His Memory

On Dec. 10 at 8 p.m., Congregation Beth Sholom will sponsor a program dedicated to the musical world of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, of blessed memory.

Rabbi Hershy Worch, a musician who was a student-colleague of Carlebach, will join with other musicians and followers of Carlebach in a program which will include some of his most memorable stories, Torah thoughts, and music.

Carlebach revolutionized the world of Jewish music, bringing through it, a deep, spiritual sense to Jews who had never before connected to the power of the prayers, psalms and teachings of old.

His stories — many of which were reworkings of classic Chassidic tales — and his simple melodies, entranced the hundreds of thousands of people he reached on every continent, in every community over the past 30 years. This relaxed, personal tribute to his life and work should be a special evening.

A minimal entrance fee will help cover costs; refreshments will be served.

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Chanukah Then and Now

In 1942 children of Jewish refugees in Bolivia created a "living menorah" to celebrate Chanukah (top). The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee helped support various resettlement efforts in Latin America, including a Jewish colony in Sousa, in the Dominican Republic and a refugee settlement in Bolivia.

Today, JDC continues to support holiday programs around the world, such as community-wide Chanukah parties for Jews in Bombay, India (bottom). JDC places great emphasis on outreach efforts in India to deepen Jewish identity and on Jewish culture and informal Jewish educational activities for the younger generation.

In Honor of Chanukah

Prepared by the UJA Rabbinic Cabinet

Long ago, the rabbis asked: "What is Chanukah?"
Today, we understand the importance of that question.
For Chanukah is the story of Jewish continuity, as the Maccabees defied the forces of assimilation all around them.
How easy it would have been for them to yield to the seductions of the pagan world.
And yet, they refused to do so: instead, challenging their own generation — and ours, as well — to turn again to the teachings and the moral values of our faith.
Theirs was a triumph, not only for religious freedom, but also for the very survival of the Jewish people.
Ever since, when the hours of darkness are longest, we celebrate Chanukah — remembering and affirming the heroism of our ancestors.
This year, as we light our Menorah, we are grateful for the blessings which are ours: family, friends, community, and the opportunity to live as Jews in freedom.
We also pray for the emergence of a complete peace for Israel.
As the ingathering of the Jewish people continues in Israel, we know that the challenges of their absorption are complex.
On Chanukah, each of us is a candlelighter — with the ability to kindle new hopes and encouragement for Jews, wherever they may be in need.
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Israel Bonds Names Rabbi Bernat

Rabbi Haskell M. Bernat, respected for his leadership roles in the Jewish community, has been named national director of synagogue and rabbinic activities of Israel Bonds, it was announced by Israel Bonds President and CEO Nathan Sharony (Major General Ret.).

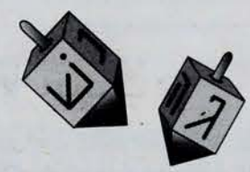
In his announcement, Sharony said of the new director, "The Israel Bonds organization is pleased and gratified that Rabbi Bernat, who has such a rich background in Jewish communal service, has joined our senior staff in one of the most important dimensions of our work. The rabbinic cabinet, which is at the heart of the synagogue campaign, is central to our commitment to broaden the base of our people who are exposed to the opportunity to invest in Israel through Israel bonds."

Bernat, who assumed his Israel Bonds position in late September, has a distinguished record of leadership involvement with the Israel Bonds rabbinic cabinet.

He was also national rabbinic chairman of Operation Moses for the United Jewish Appeal (1984 to 1985), and was the first rabbi to be named a national vice chairman of the UJA (1983 to 1986).

Currently rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, in Long Beach, N.Y., Bernat has served as national associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress (1987 to 1989), as senior rabbi of Temple Israel of Greater Miami (1980 to 1987) and Temple Israel of Hollywood, Calif., (1974 to 1981).

Bernat received his bachelor's degree at Columbia University, and his higher Jewish education at Yeshiva University, the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Hebrew Union College, where he was ordained with honors and served as a teaching fellow in Talmud.



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Some Laws of Chanukah

1. Chanukah lights should be kindled each of the eight nights of Chanukah, at nightfall (except Friday and Saturday . . . see the "Chanukah Calendar" for the exact time).

2. For the order and number of lights to be kindled each night, see the accompanying "Chanukah Calendar."

3. Before kindling the lights, the appropriate blessings should be recited (see below).

4. After the lights are kindled, we recite or sing the prayer "Haneyros Hallolu." It is also customary to sing other Chanukah songs.

5. The Chanukah lights should remain lit for at least a half hour into the night, i.e., after three stars appear in the sky. Therefore, before kindling the lights, one should be sure that the candles used are large enough to do so, or — if oil is used — that there is sufficient oil to do so.

6. No use should be made of the light shed by the Chanukah lights, such as reading or working by their light.

7. Women who live in a dormitory or in their own apartment, and are not visiting another household that evening, should kindle their own Chanukah lights.

8. The Chanukah menorah should not be touched or moved from the moment of kindling on Friday afternoon (Dec. 2) until the moment when it is permissible to kindle the lights on Saturday night (Dec. 3).

9. Also, no preparation for menorah kindling should be done until Shabbat is over at 5:07 p.m. on Saturday night (Dec. 3).

To be on the safe side, so as not to desecrate the Shabbos, it is advisable to kindle the Chanukah lights a few minutes earlier on Friday afternoon (see #6 on Chanukah Calendar) and a few minutes later on Saturday night (see #7 on Chanukah Calendar).

If one failed to kindle the lights on the first evening of Chanukah, then blessing III should be recited when the lights are kindled for the first time.

If on Friday night the candles go out before they burn down completely, DO NOT REKINDLE them. Rekindling them on Shabbos would desecrate the Shabbos.

Before kindling the lights, the following blessings are recited:

I. Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

II. Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our fathers in those days, at this time.

The following blessing is said only on the first evening (or the first time one kindles the lights this Chanukah):

III. Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

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Chanukah Calendar 5755/1994

1. Sunday, November 27

At nightfall, from about 5:00 pm, place one candle in the extreme right holder of the Menorah. Light the Shamesh-Servant candle (the candle in the far left of the illustration). Then, recite blessing I, II and III and with the Shamesh kindle the Chanukah candle. Then place the Shamesh in its appropriate holder.

2. Monday, November 28

At nightfall, from about 5:00 pm and on, place 2 candles in the Menorah at the right. Recite blessings I and II, and kindle the 2 candles, from left to right.

3. Tuesday, November 29

Place 3 candles in the Menorah, at the right. Recite blessings I and II and kindle the 3 candles, from left to right.

4. Wednesday, November 30

Place 4 candles in the Menorah, at the right. Recite blessings I and II and kindle the 4 candles, from left to right.

5. Thursday, December 1

Place 5 candles in the Menorah at the right. Recite blessings I and II, and kindle the 5 candles, from left to right.

6. Friday, December 2

All the below should take place before Shabbat begins at 3:57 pm. Place 6 candles (large enough to burn at least until 5:30 pm) in the Menorah. Recite blessings I and II and kindle the 6 candles, from left to right. Then the women and girls should kindle the Shabbat candles, reciting the appropriate Shabbat blessing.

7. Saturday, December 3

After Shabbat ends at 5:05 pm, recite the *Havdalah* (separation between Shabbat and weekday) prayer. Then place 7 candles in the Menorah, at the right. Recite blessing I and II, and kindle the 7 candles, from left to right.

8. Sunday, December 4

At nightfall, from about 5:00 pm and on, place 8 candles inthe Menorah. Recite blessings I and II and kindle the 8 candles, from left to right.

BEFORE KINDLING THE LIGHTS, THE FOLLOWING BLESSINGS ARE RECITED:

I. Boruch atoh Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ho-olom asher kidshonu b'mitzvosov v'tzivonu l'hadlik ner Chanukoh. *Blessed are You, o Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.*

II. Boruch atoh Ado-noi, Elo-heinu, melech ho-olom sheoso nissim la-avoseinu bayomim hoheim bizman hazeh. *Blessed are You, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our fathers in those days, at this time.*

The following blessing is said only on the first evening (or the first time one kindles the lights this Chanukah):

III. Boruch atoh Aldo-noi Elo-heinu melech ho-olom shehecheyonu v'kiyimonu v'higiyonu lizman hazeh. *Blessed are You, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.*

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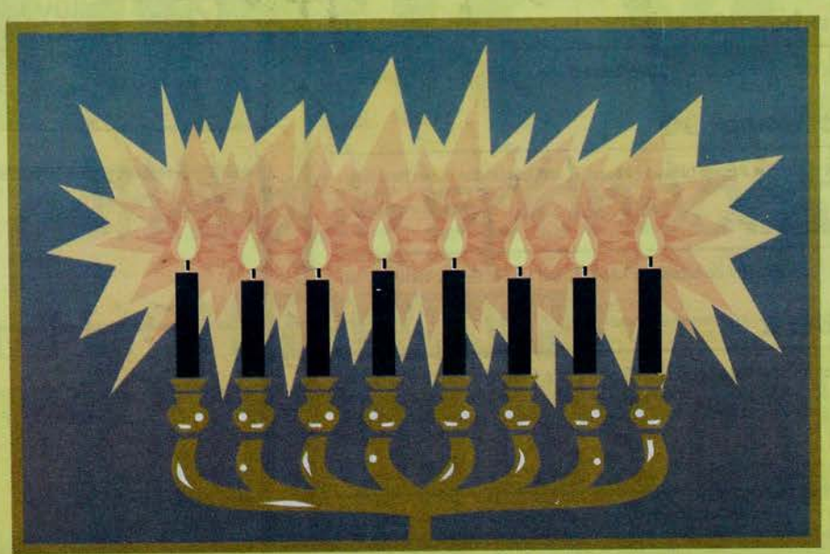

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