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President Clinton greets Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at their recent meeting in the Oval Office.
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Gore Fails in Bid to Reassure Jews on School Prayer

by Lisa Hostein

DENVER (JTA)—Vice President Al Gore tried to reassure American Jews on the question of school prayer recently, but he was less than successful.

In a speech before 2,600 delegates at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, Gore scored marks for defending the separation of church and state as neither a Democratic nor a Republican idea, "but an American idea" and for emphasizing the Clinton administration's opposition to "coerced" prayer in public school.

He defended religious liberty and said that both he and President Clinton are adamantly opposed to allowing the government to take over the responsibility of "telling others how to pray."

But the vice president never mentioned a word about voluntary prayer or a moment of silence in public school, concepts that most Jews also reject as a violation of the separation between church and state and a threat to their security.

At a news conference with representatives from the Jewish media following his speech, Gore was more specific, strongly hinting that the president would, in fact, support moment-of-silence legislation.

As governor of Arkansas in 1985, Clinton helped write legislation allowing silent meditation at the beginning of the school day.

Clinton "wants to be respectful of those who felt that there

might be some way legislatively to accommodate people who seek only an opportunity on their own initiative to silently participate in their religious tradition," the vice president said.

Gore's remarks came just days after Clinton shocked many Jewish supporters by suggesting he would consider supporting a constitutional amendment to allow voluntary school prayer. Despite his history of support for voluntary school prayer, this marked the first time as president that he seriously discussed a constitutional amendment.

The president's comments were interpreted as a peace offering to the newly elected Republican leadership in Congress.

U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) said recently that he intends to bring a constitutional amendment on school prayer to the floor of the congress by July 4.

Clinton's remarks unleashed an avalanche of protest from Jewish organizations, including the National Jewish Democratic Council.

In a Nov. 16 letter to the president, NJDC chair Monte Friedkin, a major financial backer of the president, and the group's policy committee chair, Howard Squadron, took the president to task for his comments.

NJDC "is in the mainstream of American Jewry in unambiguously opposing organized school prayer in any form," the

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President Gives Rabin Assurance

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA)—The United States remains committed to Israel's current aid levels and qualitative military edge, President Clinton assured Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during a meeting in the Oval Office last week.

The assurance, often stated by U.S. officials in the presence

of visiting Israeli leaders, carried particular significance this time since Rabin's three-day visit to the capital followed in the wake of hostile statements by some incoming congressional leaders about Israel's peace policies and foreign-aid levels.

The visit also came just before donor countries were scheduled to meet in Brussels to discuss

fulfilling aid pledges to the fledgling Palestinian authority.

After the meeting, Rabin acknowledged the difficulties in the peace process but vowed to press ahead.

"There are problems, but we are continuing this process of reconciliation and solving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict," Rabin said.

Urban December Dilemma Upon Us Again

Debate Intensifies Over Religious Displays on Public Land

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — It has been five years since the Supreme Court banned religious displays inside government buildings, but the creche and menorah debate continues to gain new fervor with each holiday season.

With government buildings—including city halls and courthouses—off-limits, religious groups have increasingly turned to public parks to display nativity scenes or menorahs.

This week, Jews in almost every state will light more than 200 menorahs on public land to celebrate the festival of lights. At the same time, nativity scenes will begin to spring up across the country as the Christmas season gets under way.

The debate over holiday displays has divided not only various courts and civic groups, but the Jewish community as well.

Defense organizations, such as the Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Congress and American Jewish Committee, have supported legal challenges to nativity scenes and crosses on public land, as well as to

menorahs. They have found themselves at times arguing against Chabad and other religious activists who sponsor menorahs in at least 44 states.

"In essence, Chanukah is a festival celebrating the religious liberty and freedom of the Jewish people, and that's why we use public forums," said Rabbi Levi Shemtov, director of the Washington office of the American Friends of Lubavitch.

"The essential point is that if we are allowed by law to display a menorah, we should do it," he said.

Opponents argue that religious symbols on government property convey the message that the government is endorsing one religion over another, which would violate the Constitution.

This side of the debate also argues that passers-by who do not belong to the religious groups being represented in a display are made to feel like second-class citizens.

The courts have ruled that while menorahs, crosses and creches fall under the category

of religious symbols, Christmas trees and Santa Claus displays do not.

Arguing that no prayers are said over a Christmas tree and that they carry no religious significance, courts have declared trees and Santa Claus displays seasonal symbols and have permitted them in public buildings.

"When a menorah stands alone in a park or in front of a city hall there's generally no problem," said Nathan Lewin, president of the American section on the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists. Lewin has litigated dozens of cases supporting menorah lightings on public property. "So far as private religious displays in public forums, the courts have ruled consistently in our favor with a few exceptions," he said.

The Supreme Court ruled in a landmark 1989 case that a holiday display in an Allegheny, Pa., courthouse was unconstitutional. The justices decided that the creche display, without any secular symbols of the holiday season, clearly endorsed Christianity over other religions.

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Lighting the Way

Cantor Richard Wollberg (left), of Temple Beth-El in Fall River and Cantor George Lieberman, of Congregation Adas Israel in Fall River, light the menorah with help from residents of the Fall River Jewish Home and students of the Adas Israel Hebrew School.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Rhode Island Philanthropists To Be Honored

The National Society of Fund Raising Executive's Rhode Island Chapter has announced their 1994 Philanthropy Awards.

Outstanding Philanthropist Award goes to those with records of exceptional generosity encouraging others to be philanthropic leaders who have demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable responsibility through direct financial support. This will be presented to the Alperin-Hirsch family by United Way of Southeastern New England President Doug Ashby.

Outstanding Philanthropic Organization Award is going to The Champlin Foundations, presented by University of Rhode Island President Robert Carothers. To qualify, an organization must have demonstrated civic and charitable re-

sponsibility through direct involvement and encouragement and motivation of others to be leaders in philanthropy and community participation.

Outstanding Corporation Award will be presented to Hasbro by Rhode Island Hospital Trustee Cynthia Burns. To qualify, a corporation or its foundation must demonstrate outstanding commitment through financial support and encouragement and motivation of others to be leaders in philanthropy and community involvement.

The awards will be presented at a Philanthropy Day Luncheon on Nov. 30 at noon at the R.I. Convention Center. Call 729-0100 or 455-8050 for more information.

Blood Drives Scheduled

Blood drives open to the public will be held:

On Dec. 6 at R I B C Aquidneck Island Donor Center, (Donor Center), 700 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, R.I., from 4 to 8 p.m.; on Dec. 7 at Rhode Island College (Union Ballroom), 600 Mount Pleasant Ave., Providence, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Dec. 8 at Community College of R. I. Knight Campus (Lower Commons), 400 East Ave., Warwick, R.I., from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MADD About Drunk Driving

Victims of drunk driving crashes and concerned citizens from around Rhode Island will join together for an evening to remember and to hope at MADD, Rhode Island's 12th Candlelight Vigil. The vigil is scheduled for Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Bishop McVinney Memorial Auditorium in Providence.

MADD holds the vigil each year to support victims' families, to alert the public about the realities of drunk driving and to express hope for a less violent future for all.

Cyndra Moniz, president of MADD, R.I. Chapter, urges all victims, including surviving family members and friends, to attend to remember their loved one through a ceremony of music, candle lighting, and special readings of hope and solace.

Moniz stated, "The pain we've experienced from these tragedies never goes away, but the holidays are an especially difficult time. The vigil allows us to share our grief and remind the community that drunk driving is a violent crime which affects thousands of people each year. It can happen to anyone because of another's irresponsible actions."

Convention Center Is In Trouble

The House Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Dec. 6, on the deteriorating fiscal situation at the Rhode Island Convention Center and the projected need for additional state subsidies for its continued operation.

The 6:30 p.m. hearing, which will be held at the Statehouse in the Joseph T. Trainor Hearing Room (Room #35), was announced last week by Finance Committee Chairman Antonio J. Pires (D-Dist. 79) of Pawtucket in a letter to Joseph R. DiStefano, who chairs the Convention Center Authority.

Pires wrote to DiStefano after he and the four finance committee subcommittee chairmen toured the Convention Center complex and the adjacent Vestin Hotel, which is sched-

uled to open this month.

"The purpose of this hearing is to obtain as current and as accurate financial information as possible on the Convention Center project," said Rep. Panciera, who will chair the Dec. 6 hearing.

Last week's tour follows a visit earlier in November to the Convention Center by House Fiscal Advisor James F. Mahoney and Fiscal Staff Legal Counsel William R. Guglietta.

What caused the increased concern of legislators, according to Pires, were the new financial projections that the center released in October to state budget officer Michael O'Keefe for his work on the fiscal 1996 state budget.

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'Senior Journal' Announces Upcoming Schedule

"The Senior Journal" is a program designed to educate the public on concerns of aging through the personal perspectives of Rhode Island seniors. It is written, hosted, produced and edited by senior volunteers. The program can be viewed Monday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m., over the statewide cable interconnect, Channel A.

The broadcast schedule for upcoming "Senior Journal" programs follows:

Dec. 5 to Dec. 15 — "Rhode Island Residential Care Facilities," hosted by Lee Chalek of Coventry, and featuring Diane Sangermano and Oliver Harvey, Village of Waterman Lake.

Dec. 19 to Dec. 29 — "Consumer Fraud and Protection," hosted by John Hovan of Providence, and featuring Dr. Donald Deignan, R.I. Attorney General's office.

Jan. 2 to Jan. 12 — "Senior Citizens Police Advocate Program," hosted by Gus Anthony of Providence, and featuring Patrolman Christopher Gillfillan of East Providence.

Jan. 16 to Jan. 26 — "Warwick Bridge Club," hosted by Chalek and featuring Robert Garfinkle, Warwick Bridge Club, and Sylvia Thompson, American Contract Bridge Club.

Viewers' written comments, suggestions, or opinions on "The Senior Journal" are always welcome and should be addressed to: Mr. Larry Grimaldi, R.I. Dept. of Elderly Affairs, 160 Pine St., Providence, R.I. 02903.

FEATURE

More From Dr. Sweeney On State's Financial Health

Editor's Note: On Nov. 17, we published the first part of a report by a Bryant College professor (Dr. William B. Sweeney) on the economic stability of the nation and of this state in particular.

In that article, he foresaw big problems with, among other projects, the Convention Center and Providence Place.

Here is the rest of Sweeney's report. Readers may also be interested in the accompanying release on a Dec. 6 meeting to face up to financial problems with the Convention Center.

It looks as though Sweeney is all to depressingly correct.

Casino gambling may be another problem for the economy. While not a direct obligation of state government, it will still have a significant impact on the Rhode Island economy. Every dollar that is waged on gambling represents a dollar that is denied to some other sector of the economy.

Gambling is essentially a service activity generating a low amount of transactional growth. Therefore, its multi-

plier value is weak. If there is a proliferation of gambling casinos in the southeastern New England region, then this type of betting activity will sink under its own weight.

There are no quick fixes to Rhode Island's economic doldrums despite campaign rhetoric to the contrary. The state, in order to accelerate the economic development process, needs to take the following long-term steps:

1. Lower business taxes.
2. Improve the infrastructure. (A national survey organization reports that 25 percent of R.I.'s road system is in poor shape.)
3. Project a positive political image.
4. Upgrade the secondary educational system.
5. Make it possible for small businesses to raise capital inexpensively.
6. Cut overall government spending.

The state's economic development efforts would be better directed towards putting forward an industrial enhance-

ment program that is based on parity. In other words, it should treat all companies alike. Special tax breaks would be a good case in point. They should be extended to all existing industrial firms, rather than the current policy of luring out-of-state companies to Rhode Island with concessions.

U.S. Dollar Overseas

Despite the fact that the economic statistics spewed out by the appropriate government

agencies seem to be very favorable, there is a cloud of apprehension forming amid all the sunlight. It surrounds the U.S. dollar abroad, which has been subjected to a lot of down pressure as a result of worldwide selling.

In fact, our monetary unit reached an historic low against the yen when it dipped below 100 yen to the dollar.

Why is the international dollar in trouble even though it

has stabilized temporarily? In my opinion, the underlying reason for the dollar's problems lies with the debt position of the U.S. government. As the national debt continues to expand at the rate of at least \$200 billion a year, the ability of the U.S. Treasury to successfully place its bonds in international financial centers is becoming more difficult.

Sentiment seems to be moving toward a weaker dollar in international money markets. With an estimated trillion dollars outstanding in the hands of foreign traders and banks, this monetary unit is in a rather precarious position.

Unless there is a resolution of the U.S. balance of payment problem in the near future, which seems highly unlikely, the dollar will remain under downward pressure for the foreseeable future. The dollar has fallen against the Japanese yen and German mark over the past 12 months.

In order to prop up the dollar overseas and to avoid the necessity of higher interest rates, the following need to take place:

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Convention Center (Continued from Page 2)

The new projections show that the final price tag to Rhode Island taxpayers for the center is now estimated at \$573 million. This is an increase of \$183 million over the earlier projected state subsidy of \$389 million spread over the 34-year life of the revenue bonds used to construct and operate the Convention Center.

Even the current annual state subsidy of \$18.6 million, which is contained in the current state budget, will not be sufficient. The latest projections show that \$22.7 million will be needed this year to keep the center and hotel solvent. For fiscal 1996, the state subsidy has been revised upward from \$15.3 million to \$21.9 million.

"The state of Rhode Island continues to face serious bud-

get problems," said Panciera. "Not the least of these problems is the ever-growing cost of debt service for public projects, such as the Convention Center," he added. "To say that I and the members of the finance committee are concerned is an understatement."

The Dec. 6 hearing will be televised statewide by Capitol Television over the Interconnect A Channel, which is Channel 49 for most cable subscribers in Rhode Island. However, the Interconnect A is carried on Channel 32 on Dimension Cable and on Channel 5 on the TCI cable system. On Westerly Cable, it can be seen on Channel 7.



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EDITORIAL

A Statement of the Ethics Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America on the Recent Elections

The elections of Nov. 8, highlighted a growing trend toward negativism and personal attacks that play an ever more central role in American political life. While it is true that many serious issues not amenable to compromise are on the political table today, this is no excuse for the level of dialogue. Questions of the proper role of government, the place of religion in society, the source of public morality, the nature and efficacy of the welfare state, and the role of government regulation are core issues for the future direction of our country. Issues such as these should raise the level of the dialogue, not lower it.

Bumper stickers that ask the question, "Where is Lee Harvey Oswald when we really need him?" ... simply do not belong in our society.

Unfortunately, while some chose to debate matters on this higher plane, all too often a very different tone was struck. Bumper stickers that ask the question, "Where is Lee Harvey Oswald when we really need him?" or campaigns that raise the particular religious affiliations of opponents as a negative issue simply do not belong in our society.

By the same token, standards must be set for how and when personal and private indiscretions should be included in public campaigns. Events whose occurrence were recorded and detailed many years in the past, events that have no direct bearing on a candidate's professional life, events that are reported on the basis of hearsay and rumor without adequate proof cannot be allowed free reign in the political process.

Both the media and the political profession must take responsibility for controlling these types of excesses.

The Rabbinical Council, through its Ethics Committee and its membership, calls on all those involved in the political process to raise the tenor and tone of political dialogue in the country.

No one is served by the scorched earth policies now used in media ads and public presentations. Though some polls show that negative approaches meet with some success in winning elections, the short term gains are undeniably offset by the long term difficulties created. Governance becomes more difficult, and an atmosphere of violence and insult grows when these types of approaches become the norm.

One may win victory in a particular election but lose many things that are far more precious.

Interview With Terrorist Reveals Mind-Set

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Six days before a young Palestinian terrorist strapped explosives around his waist and drove his bicycle into an Israeli checkpoint, he was interviewed by a Simon Wiesenthal Center consultant studying the mind-set of radical Islamic terrorists.

In the Nov. 11 attack in the Gaza Strip, 21-year-old Hisham Ismail Hamad obliterated himself and three Israeli soldiers, and wounded 11 other Israelis and Palestinians.

Hamad was among a group of Islamic Jihad militants who talked openly with Kenneth Timmerman about their aims and beliefs. Timmerman is an international security expert who has previously undertaken studies for the Wiesenthal Center on Iraqi chemical warfare capabilities and Iranian and Libyan weapons programs.

The meeting took place on Nov. 5 in an abandoned parking garage in Gaza, near the home of Hani Abed, a Palestinian journalist and suspected terrorist, killed by a car bomb on Nov. 2. Islamic Jihad has blamed Israel for Abed's death and vowed revenge.

What struck Timmerman, a non-Jew, as "scary" was the ritualistic incitement to hatred of all Jews, at the meeting and in the Gaza streets.

"The streets outside Hani Abed's mourning house were filled with graffiti and huge banners proclaiming revenge," reported Timmerman.

Inside the meeting place, the hatred of Jews was the most extreme Timmerman had witnessed in many years of talking with Arab militants, he said.

Hamad told the group that "according to the Torah, the Jews say they are the leaders of nations. But in fact, Israel wants to destroy the world. They want to destroy American society, French Society, British society. They want to destroy the whole world. But we believe Israel will be destroyed by Muslims. This is what the Koran says."

At another point, perhaps anticipating his own death, Hamad said, "Hani Abed, peace be upon him, is blessed today in heaven. He is not dead. No, he is happy. That is why the women are ululating. They are happy because he has given himself to Allah."

Timmerman preceded the Gaza meeting with interviews in Damascus and Amman with leaders of Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Muslim Brotherhood.

"In 15 years of covering the (Palestine Liberation Organization), I have never encountered such rank anti-Semitism," Timmerman said. "For instance, I never heard PLO officials mention 'The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' but the Hamas and Islamic Jihad men believe this old czarist forgery is the absolute truth." The fight against such terrorists will be long and difficult, said Timmerman.

"The bombers are generally between 14 and 22, without children of their own and with-

out a police record that would make them suspicious to the Israeli authorities," he said. "Once selected, they are indoctrinated into the ways of sacrifice. Or, if you prefer, prepared like sacrificial lambs for the knife."

"To persuade young men like Hamad to blow themselves up, Islamic Jihad goes to great lengths to separate them from their families, sealing them off in a bubble of hate-filled rhetoric that makes their choice of death seem rational, even sublime," Timmerman said.

He said he would not pre-

sume to advise Israeli and other security services on how to fight the terrorists, but warned that while the supply of suicide bombers was limited, more than a few seemed to be willing.

Islamic Jihad, for instance, has claimed that it is training a suicide brigade of 70 members.

From the longer perspective, Timmerman believes that with the recent confrontations between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the Islamic extremists, the situation is likely to get worse.

"Only massive infusion of foreign aid and investments will help Gaza residents, but with each new act of violence, foreign investors are scared off, the poverty gets worse and violence increases. It's a vicious cycle," said Timmerman.

Clinton and Rabin Discuss Current Events

The following excerpts were taken from comments made by President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during a recent photo opportunity at the White House.

Clinton: With regard to the meeting that we have just had, let me say that it was, as always, a good meeting. We remain committed to achieving a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. I have reaffirmed my support for the current aid level to Israel, as well as for certain security assistance, including the Arrow missile program in the years ahead, so that we can continue to support the security conditions that, in my judgment, are the precondition for Israel being able to make a just peace with all her neighbors in the Middle East.

Rabin: In the last two years the Middle East has seen dramatic change in the interrelationships between the Arab countries and the Arab peoples and Israel...

...We are committed to continue the negotiation with the Palestinians, with Syria and Lebanon, with the purpose to achieve comprehensive peace. I'm sure that without the United States' involvement-support, under the leadership of President Clinton to Secre-

tary Christopher, it would be much more difficult, if at all, to achieve this progress in the peace process that we all witnessed and so many people did not believe that it would be possible to be done...

Press: Do you have any possibility of Syria in '95, of a peace agreement, Mr. Prime Minister?

Rabin: In accordance to the Bible, all the prophets came from the Middle East. I would not advise anyone to become a prophet of what will happen in the Middle East today. We will try our best.

Press: Can you clarify your position on the Golan Heights?

Clinton: I think it's — on the Golan issue, let me say, generally, we shouldn't get in the way of the parties making peace themselves. And I don't think I should say or do anything on that, that would undermine the possibility of the parties reaching a peace...

...Now, the prime minister can comment on this better than I, but you know there have been American troops in the Sinai for quite a long time without incident. And I don't think any American would be-

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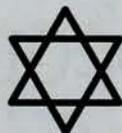
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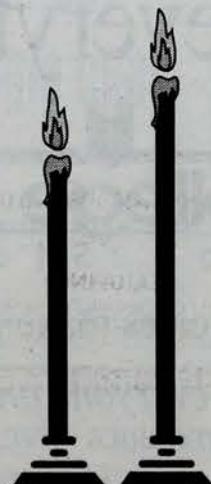
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Herald Wins Newspaper Awards

We are proud to announce that the Rhode Island Jewish Herald's graphic artist, Johanna Sparling has won two awards in the 1994 New England Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

Sparling won in the advertising category for best advertising supplement — our 1994 Bridal Issue — and in the editorial category for best illustration. The 20-page bridal section was done entirely in house at the Herald Press, with the four-

color separations done by our publisher.

The contest drew over 3,700 entries from more than 200 newspapers throughout the New England area.

The judges were from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

The NEPA awards banquet will be held on Jan. 27, as part of the its 1995 Annual Convention & Trade Show at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Jimmy Breslin will be speaking.



The winning illustration, for a story by Mike Fink.

OPINIONS



THE ARTIST'S SON, and grandson (on the right), discuss his work at the opening of the exhibition of Harold Baumbach's work. *Herald photo by Mike Fink*

Faces, Voices, Words

by Mike Fink

Across the river, just over the new footbridges, the Po Gallery in the Arcade keeps downtown on the cultural go. This month, Steve Palumbo and Anne Huntington have put up a group of paintings and called the show "Harold Baumbach's Century." On hand at the opening were the 91-year-old artist's professor son, Jonathan, who wrote the brochure, and grandson Nico, a Brown sophomore majoring in semiotics.

"My dad likes to paint standing up. He's legally blind now,

and hasn't the energy to stay upright for a long period of time. My mom reads to him, and he explains her words. She has lost her short term memory." Jonathan writes eloquently of the mysterious beauty of his father's canvasses. He speaks of their devotion and the pathos of their current lives.

The pictures on the walls of the Po gallery tell the story of our time in lovely and lyrical images, upon an elevated plane. The dignity of his portraits of wife and children, the charm of

his interior landscapes, the poetry of his haunting floral still lifes will root you on the spot in the small chambers of our marvellous Arcade.

A few footsteps away, the Rhode Island School of Design auditorium housed a lecture by Judy Chicago addressed to a convention of art educators. "I come from 23 generations of rabbis from Vilna, but I knew nothing about them until I went to east Europe. I found out that this city was known as another Jerusalem, that a third of the population were Jewish. So complete was the murder and destruction that even the memory, the history, the identity of the victims have been wiped out, erased."

Judy spoke of the rediscovery of her own past. She connected anti-Semitism to anti-feminism. She got a low level laugh from using some inappropriate phrases such as "pissed off." She put some people off with her tried and true liberal analogies.

Still, her Holocaust Project has been shown far and wide and it makes a statement. "We are not second generation survivors. We freely chose to tie our lives to the event of the Holocaust."

A new book has come to town. The Temple Emanu-El library offers from its stacks and shelves the current study, *Secret War Against the Jews*, by John Loftus and Mark Aarons. Subtitled "How western espionage has betrayed the Jewish people," the work goes back to Roosevelt's State Department anti-Semitism with a shocking claim that James Forrestal's suicidal breakdown followed the failure of a treasonous pro-Axis scheme.

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Young Adults Making Aliyah Find Opportunities, Financial Problems

by Abigail Pickus

NEW YORK (JTA) — With high-priced educations under their belts and without the burden of family and job obligations, many recent college graduates are quietly talking with shlichim — Jewish Agency emissaries — and tackling the challenges of moving to Israel.

There they face a whole new set of challenges. Many have to join the army, learn the language, finish their education, search for mates and set up new lives.

Raised on Jewish summer camps, programs in Israel and, in some cases, religious day schools, these young adults see moving to Israel as the next step in the natural progression of their Jewish lives.

"I don't see it so much as leaving America but as moving to Israel. I feel at home there as a Jew," said 22-year-old Joe Zeff from West Bloomfield, Mich.

Statistics show that 40 percent of Americans return to the United States within the first five years of moving to Israel, often because of financial problems.

The high level of education and low tuition costs in Israel make graduate school programs appealing to recent college graduates, especially if they are considering aliyah, according to Amit.

Adina Zarchan, national alumni coordinator for the Hebrew University office in New York, confirmed that many people who study in Israel on the school's one-year program for foreign students end up living there.

"This is a turning point in their lives," Zarchan said. "People are definitely influenced by our program." She said she has a few hundred names in her database of one-year-program alumni who reside in Israel.

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Faith

by Niles Welch

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Outside the tree's leaves are turning crimson
While barren trees' leaves blow around.
Inside, the hearth is seen glowing
Beyond the mezuzah, beneath the menorah
Waiting for the festive lights.

Within the home, a light burns
Firing the heart as no hearth can.
When summer's heat vanquishes flame,
The home still blazes — with love —
Thwarting the elements, solidifying a belief
That those who dwell within
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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Israel Will Not Intervene In Wake of Fighting

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — While Palestinian leaders attempted to calm tensions in the wake of the recent bloody rioting in the Gaza Strip, Israeli officials offered restrained reactions, careful to avoid any appearance of interference.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said flatly that Israel would not intervene in what he described as a matter best left for the Palestinians to work out for themselves.

"I propose we leave it to the Palestinians to deal with their internal matters," he said.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres echoed this view. "The current struggle between the (Palestine Liberation Organization) and Hamas and the Islamic Jihad is an internal Palestinian issue," he said. "We

must be very cautious and not create the impression that Israel is involved."

Peres instead stressed the economic problems facing Gaza, noting that pledges of financial support from foreign donor nations have failed to materialize. As a result, he said, the Palestinian leadership has been hampered in its attempts to improve the lot of the average Gazan.

The violence, which left 12 Palestinians dead and about 250 injured, was sparked by clashes between the Palestinian police and followers of rejectionist fundamentalist movements who had gathered outside Gaza city's main mosque. Each side has blamed the other for starting the fighting.

Rabin Receives Reagan Freedom Award

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Serenaded by a U.S. Marine band and flanked by an armed forces honor guard, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin accepted the 1994 Ronald Reagan Freedom Award and pledged to pursue peace while at the same time fighting the enemies of peace.

The November 16 ceremony took place on the first day of Rabin's recent visit to the United States.

More than 400 persons attended the evening dinner at

the Beverly Hilton Hotel, where Rabin received the award. Each paid \$1,250 to support the Ronald Reagan Library and Center for Public Affairs.

Earlier on his one-day visit, Rabin had lunch with the cream of Hollywood executives and creative talent.

Among the screen and television stars in attendance were Barbra Streisand, Elizabeth Taylor, Warren Beatty, Michael Douglas, Richard Dreyfuss, Jay Leno, Leonard Nimoy, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Henry

Winkler.

Detailing some of the milestones in the Middle East peace process, Rabin suggested to the film crowd that his real-life negotiations contained more cliffhangers than most Hollywood thrillers.

Asked afterward by a reporter what was the latest movie he had seen, Rabin searched his memory and said it was "Schindler's List."

To a follow-up question as to who was his favorite film star, Rabin shook his head and responded, "You don't expect me to answer that."

Forest Dedicated in Israel in Memory of U.S. Firefighters

by Yehonathan Tommer

A forest of 10,000 trees, planted in memory of 20 American forest firefighters killed in a July blaze in Colorado, was dedicated in November by representatives of the U.S. National Forest Systems and the USDA Forest Service in the Jewish National Fund American Independence Park, near Jerusalem.

The dead firefighters, from several states across America, were overtaken by a rush of flames as they fought a huge fire in the Colorado forests, in one of the worst disasters of its kind this century.

Grey Reynolds, deputy chief of the National Forest Systems; Dr. Thomas Hoekstra, assistant director for research, Rocky Mountain Range and Experiment Station of the USDA Forest Service; David Nahmias, the director of JNF's Land Development Authority, and Ruth W. Popkin, JNF of America past president, participated in the dedication.

"We will never forget the brave souls who were felled while trying to protect our trees," said Reynolds. In Israel for the first time, he referred to the cooperative endeavors of JNF and the USDA

Forest Service, noting, "Our partnership rests on a common stewardship in conserving forests for the welfare of our peoples," adding, "I am distinctly honored to be here to witness your truly remarkable achievements."

The relationship between JNF and the USDA Forest Service began in 1987, when the Forest Service sent experts to Israel to assist in combatting the terrorist-set fires which were sweeping Israel's woodlands.

Nahmias noted that the secret to the success of the two agencies' joint projects lay in a combination of human chemistry and interlocking professional interests. "I am proud to be working with a team of such dedicated people," he said.

Synagogue Council is Dissolving

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — After nearly 70 years as a joint effort of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements, the Synagogue Council of America has collapsed.

But another organization — minus Orthodox and including the Reconstructionists — is quickly forming to take its place.

The Synagogue Council's mandate since its founding in

1926 has been to serve as a forum for interdenominational communication and as a representative of American Jewry in dialogue with other faith communities.

The Synagogue Council has had an ongoing dialogue with the American Catholic Church's National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and a relationship with the National Council of Churches, which is the umbrella body for dozens of Protestant and Orthodox denominations.

It has also been one of the partners in, and the secretariat for, the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, which represents world Jewry in dealings with the Catholic church.

For the last two-and-a-half years, the organization has died a slow death due to lack of funding. It is officially closing its doors this month.

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IN MEMORY of the forest firefighters killed in a July blaze in Colorado, U.S. Forest System Deputy Chief Grey Reynolds, on the left, and David Nahmias, director of the KKL (JNF) Land Development Authority, preside over the installation of a memorial plaque in Israel.

Israeli Tourism Leaps Onto Information Highway

Utilizing the latest in up-to-date, state-of-the-art information computer programming, the Israel Ministry of Tourism has launched a new travel in-

formation center enabling anyone considering traveling to Israel to obtain tourist information easily and without charge. "This truly and firmly places

the Israel Ministry of Tourism on the information highway," said Uzi Michaeli, Israel's consul and tourism commissioner for North America, who, like the Information Center, is based in New York City's Empire State Building.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Far-Right Threat Growing In Europe Ukrainian President Pledges to Fight Anti-Semitism

by Michel Di Paz

PARIS (JTA) — The growth of far-right parties in Europe "threatens the civil and constitutional rights of certain minorities," according to a recent report issued by the Paris-based European Center for Research and Action on Racism and Anti-Semitism.

The 130-page report, issued by the Jerusalem-based Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress, reached the conclusion that extremist political groups are increasingly becoming a part of the European political establishment.

"Europe, which believed it had gotten rid of its old evils, has reached a stage where ex-

tremists have become players" in the mainstream political process, Serge Cwajgenbaum, secretary-general of the European Jewish Congress, said at a recent news conference. "Let's not be mistaken on their real intentions — taking power or at least destabilizing (Europe's political) institutions," he added.

Noting that far-right parties "may well be in a position to influence the mainstream political agenda," the report also found that extremists could rush in to fill a political vacuum created by "the collapse of a political system or decline of a political party."

Jean Kahn, president of the

EJC, told the news conference that extremists were taking advantage of political freedom in an attempt to destabilize European democracies.

Kahn added that some European countries have failed to crack down on the far right because of their adherence to principles of freedom of expression.

Cwajgenbaum voiced concern about the recent electoral victories of right-wing parties in Italy and Austria. "Those parties are indeed spinning a web. It is still a very fragile one, but the more they do, the more people they will catch," he said. "This potential danger shouldn't be overlooked."

at Babi Yar, the site of one of the worst massacres of Jews during World War II.

Kuchma noted that Ukraine had the most rapidly growing Jewish community in the former Soviet Union.

When asked about a recent "60 Minutes" episode that suggested that Ukrainians were perceived as "genetically anti-Semitic," Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that Kuchma proved this was not the case.

"In terms of this president, I think the answer is given by virtue of his visit to the Holocaust Museum and by virtue of his forthright remarks" at the meeting, he said. Kuchma was scheduled to visit the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington recently.

by Ilana Wernick

NEW YORK (JTA) — In his first meeting with American Jewish leaders, newly elected Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma pledged to fight anti-Semitism in his country.

"We are not indifferent to cases of anti-Semitism in Ukraine, but the malignant term of neo-Nazism does not exist in Ukraine," Kuchma recently told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"I promise that as president I shall fight against such phenomena," he said.

The Ukrainian leader said he recognized that his country's history "had black and bloodshed chapters" vis-a-vis the Jewish people and called for the establishment of a museum



A TECHNION SATELLITE will lift off on a Russian rocket in the spring. From left, Russian representative General Youri Solomonov, Technion President Zehev Tadmor, and Russian representatives Youri Yashin and Boris Lagutin, display a model of the Gurwin-1 TechSat in Haifa, Israel.

Russian Delegation and the Technion Sign Satellite Agreement

Technion President Zehev Tadmor and Russian representatives General Youri Solomonov, Youri Yashin and Boris Lagutin, study a model of the Gurwin-1 TechSat at an Oct. 28 signing ceremony that formalized plans with the Russian S.T.C. Complex, to launch the Technion's new telecommunications and research satellite aboard a Russian rocket.

The Gurwin-1 was designed and built by students at the Technion's Asher Space Research Institute.

The launch is scheduled to take place March 28, 1995, at a site about 540 miles from Moscow.

The Gurwin-1 is named for Joseph and Rosalind Gurwin of Great Neck, N.Y., who funded design and construction of the satellite at the Asher Institute. It will carry out a three-year mission of experiments including analysis of the earth's ozone layer, and various other environmental and communications experiments. It will also provide service to ham radio operators.

Notably, the Russian rocket that will carry the satellite was originally designed and built to carry the hydrogen bomb. The Russian S.T.C. Complex was created in 1991, under the auspices of the Moscow Institute of Heat Technology, to help in the

conversion of military technology to peaceful uses. The complex is developing new multi-purpose launch vehicles.

More such joint projects are under discussion. "The Technion plans to launch a new satellite every 3 to 4 years," says Prof. Giora Shaviv, director of the Asher Institute. "We hope to carry out future launches in cooperation with the Russian S.T.C. Complex."

Israel and S.Korea Sign Pact

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and South Korea have signed a cooperation agreement in the fields of communication and science.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni said firms from South Korea and Israel will work together on projects in which the main financial backing will come from South Korea.

Aloni also said there were broad possibilities for scientific cooperation, given South Korean expertise in applied research, which complements theoretical research being done in Israel.

France To Fund Auschwitz Preservation

by Michel Di Paz

PARIS (JTA) — Saying that the dark history of the Holocaust "must be remembered," French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur announced that France will contribute about \$2 million to the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation to help with preservation efforts at the site of the

Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi concentration camps.

Balladur also announced that he will ask the French parliament to strengthen legislation against racist and anti-Semitic acts. He also stated that France and Israel will expand their economic and cultural ties.

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Go After Your Dream

The first time my folks took me to New York City, I was breathless at the sight of tall buildings, the sounds of a rush of people and traffic, and the thrill of going to a show at Radio City Music Hall.

And oh yes, I remember the precision artistry of those amazing Rockettes and the velvet tones of Nat King Cole, the solo headliner.

Darlene Wendy remembers her first experience at Radio City Music Hall, when at 8, her parents, Charles and Marion Frank, took her to the holiday show.

It's strange, but when you have a talent like that, it's almost as if you have no choice."

Sadly, Darlene's parents passed on eight years ago within a short time of each other. "I don't think I would have ever been a dancer if it weren't for my mother.

"She encouraged me so much, coming and watching every class I took as a child.

"You need somebody to be there for you. It's easy to get discouraged because it's painful. You're sore all the time and tired from homework."

didn't understand me. I always felt different, which bothered me. I didn't want to go to parties. I didn't have time.

"I was so driven. My parents never pushed me into dance," she stressed. "It was totally my decision. My mother taught me to pursue my dreams, that if you have a dream in life, go after it."

In Manhattan, Darlene studied with Luigi and the famous late choreographer Peter Gennaro, a strong influence in her life. "He was very encouraging and gave me good advice."

Darlene has been in so many shows that it's hard for her to remember them all. She has performed in dinner theatres and nightclubs, danced with Cher, worked with Jerry Vale, and was one of Sammy Davis Jr.'s dancers in a nightclub show.

The Rockettes have appeared on David Letterman's show many times. "He's so much fun. He loves us." She was in *Night of a Hundred Stars* with Placido Domingo and has appeared in films... Annie, *Chorus Line*, *Secret To My Success*, and the first Diet Coke commercial starring the Rockettes.

When not performing as Rockettes, these dazzling dancers can do whatever shows they want as long as they don't refer to themselves as Rockettes, she says.

Darlene acted and danced in *Rigoletto* at the Lincoln Center. Two summers ago, she was in an opera about Marilyn Monroe.

In a vastly opposite stint, she broadcast the weather for NBC, which came about when she was interviewed on behalf of the Rockettes.

"During the interview, the DJ asked our publicity manager if I could stay on," she says. "Since I didn't have to be back to the show for awhile, I accepted the offer.

"The DJ asked how I would feel about reporting the weather. You're kidding, I said. I've always wanted to do that.

"I'm doing the weather and he hands me a sheet. It's sports. I end up doing the sports."

The next day, Darlene found a memo taped to her dressing room mirror. Planet Hollywood, a club similar to Hard Rock Cafe, was opening.

She was asked to broadcast the weather. "This was hysterical. I've had such feedback from it," she says excitedly.

"People want to represent me. It all happened because the interview went

so well."

Darlene again foresees the future. When she gives up dancing, she plans to go into broadcasting.

Physical and psychological warm-ups precede each Rockette performance, she says. "I continue doing that during the whole show.

"I usually try to pretend someone in the audience is coming just to see me, a friend, relative, agent. You have to do that so it doesn't become boring. It helps me to focus on someone in the audience."

She always tries to do her best on stage to make it special. "It helps. If you feel good about yourself from within, it comes across to the audience."

The Rockettes do lots of kicks... 300 every show, Darlene says. It requires a lot of discipline. "Kicks have to be precise, for that's what we're known for. No matter how tired we are, the audience is out there anticipating to see the Rockettes come out kicking."

The Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular highlights the best stage productions from Radio City's 60-year history. The show is a magical journey through extraordinary times in stage history, when magnificent theatres around the world were built.

Costumes, colors and scenery are set to music by composers like Duke Ellington and George Gershwin. "It's a pleasure to do this show," she says.

Darlene said her mother always loved to see the Rockettes through the years even before she became a Rockette.

"My mother saw me at Radio City so many times. My father saw me in many shows, but only saw me perform once at Radio City.

"I'm glad they lived to see my dream come true.

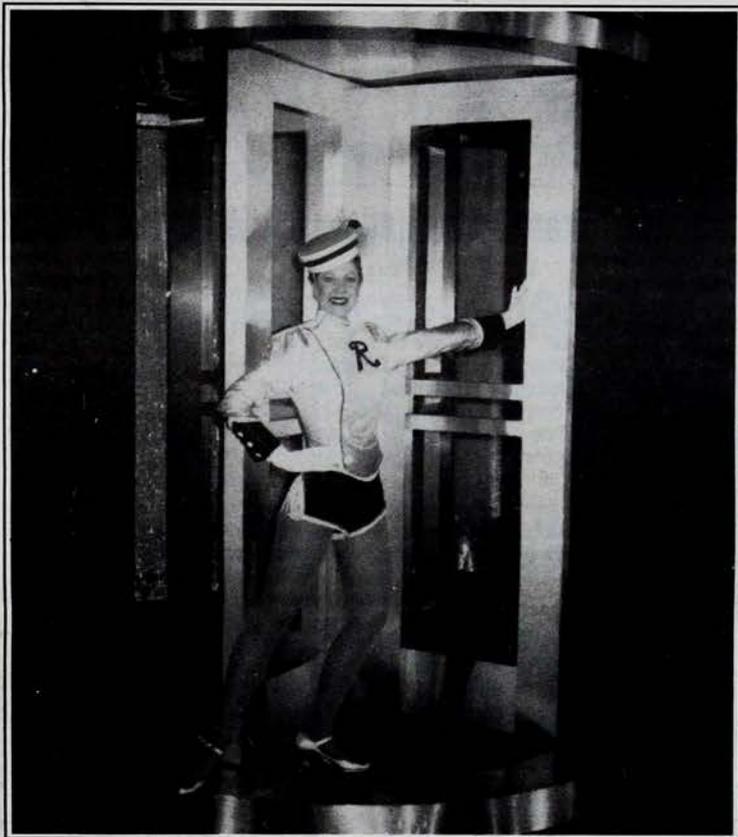
"My dad was such a wonderful, wonderful man. I miss my parents terribly. The Jewish holidays are always so sad for me."

Darlene has sweet High Holiday memories this year thanks to the rabbis and congregations of two synagogues in Tulsa and Wichita.

She had dinner with the rabbi and his family during Rosh Hashanah in Tulsa.

She didn't perform in the show for two days during Yom Kippur in Wichita, breaking the fast at the synagogue.

"It was totally wonderful and special, very very special," she warmly says, noting she writes to those new friends.



Rockette Darlene Wendy will perform in Providence next week.

"I looked at the Rockettes and knew I wanted to be a dancer," she recalls. "I was going to be a Rockette."

Such prophecy from an 8-year-old who hadn't yet taken dance lessons, but the motivation had been planted. "My parents took me to see all the shows. I just knew that's what I was going to do."

Darlene's childhood fantasy came true with plenty of determination and discipline. A Rockette, she's currently touring in *The Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular* starring the Rockettes and Susan Anton.

Though Darlene began lessons at 8, she thinks the desire to dance began earlier. The very first time she walked, Darlene headed for the television set to a sprightly Ginger Rogers floating across the screen.

"My mother said I kissed the TV and said something like Mommy, pretty."

Coincidentally, Darlene later worked with Ginger Rogers on stage at Radio City.

The Brooklyn-born Rockette began dance lessons in ballet, tap and jazz at neighborhood schools. When the Franks moved to Queens, Darlene took classes in Far Rockaway. In her teens, she commuted an hour each way to Manhattan dancing schools for professional lessons.

Teen-age years weren't the norm. She didn't date or attend parties. Homework and dance lessons monopolized her time.

"I just wanted to dance. As a child, I always knew that I was meant to dance.

Darlene learned at a young age about peer pressure. Her classmates didn't understand her gift and dedication to dance. When she won a school talent contest, the kids were jealous of her.

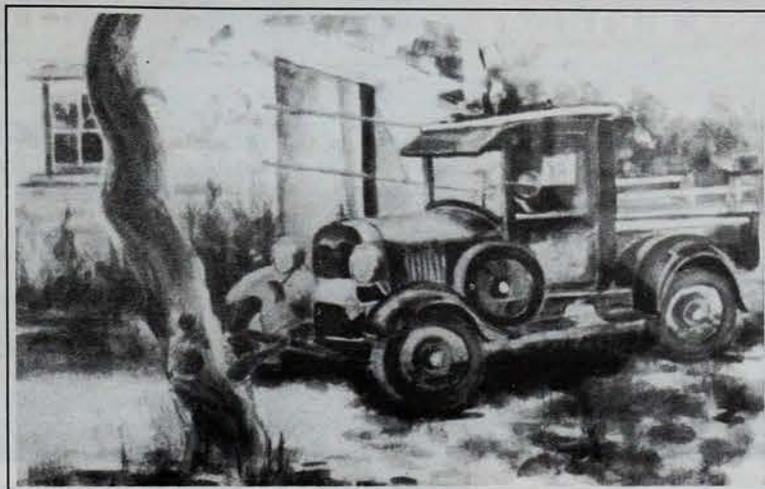
"Children can be cruel. I knew I was different. It was difficult knowing they



A scene with the company of the Rockettes starring in *The Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular* coming to the Providence Performing Arts Center Dec. 6 through 11.

Photo by Joan Marcus/Marc Bryan-Brown

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



"Pride And Joy," by Pat Daley Cotter



EAST MEETS WEST — Appearing in the Community College of Rhode Island Players' production of "The Teahouse of the August Moon," are (from left): James Basile as Captain Fisby, Rich Morra as Sakini and Olivia Deanna Destafino as Lotus Blossom.

Photo by Bert Silverberg

To Brighten A Dark Day ...

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

"Perceptions in Watercolors" opened on the afternoon of Nov. 27 in Gallery 401 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. "Perceptions" will break winter's hold on you immediately.

The show features the works of 31 art students of Carole Berren Cohen.

A second reception will be

held Dec. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the gallery. All are welcome. The exhibit continues through Dec. 26.

A wide spectrum of styles and levels of skill are represented. Many works are for sale at very reasonable prices. Anyone who likes watercolor painting should find this exhibit interesting, and might wish to discuss taking lessons themselves with artist/instructor Cohen.



A Place In The Shade, by Jean Monney.

URI Hillel Hosts Fair/Toy Drive

On Dec. 4, the Hillel Foundation at the University of Rhode Island will be hosting King David's Fair in celebration of Chanukah. In conjunction with the fair, a toy drive will be held with all proceeds going to the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

This event will be held at the URI Memorial Union, Atrium I (2nd floor) on the Kingston campus from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call URI Hillel at 792-2740.



"Still Life in Delft," by Betty Cassity

The Magic Tree Appears At The Auditorium

The Veterans Memorial Auditorium will hold an exhibit of work by Rhode Island artist Sylvia Petrie from Dec. 2 to Feb. 28, entitled The Magic Tree.

Known for her black and white prints, the artist has created a series of colorful monotype-drawings which evoke the childhood world of fantasy.

Monotypes are made by painting an image on a perfectly smooth plate and then transferring the ink to dampened paper through a press. These images have been further developed by drawing on the print surface with Prisma-color.

Petrie has had several solo exhibitions in the United States. She has won numerous awards for her strongly ordered, poetic prints. Her prints are in over 200 private, corporate, and public collections. They have also been used to illustrate three of her husband's books and poems.



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CCRI Players Invite the Public To "The Teahouse ..."

One of the most successful plays of the modern theatre, "The Teahouse of the August Moon" is a delightful combination of genial satire and a warm sense of human fellowship.

This comedy by John Patrick, adapted from the novel by Vern Sneider, will be presented by the Community College of Rhode Island Players on Dec. 1, 2, and 3, at 8 p.m. and on Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. at the Knight Campus in Warwick.

"The Teahouse of the August Moon" opened on Broadway on Oct. 15, 1953, and ran in New York for 1,129 performances. Along the way, the play won the Tony Award, the Drama Critics' Circle Award, and the Pulitzer Prize. The original cast featured David Wayne as the genial interpreter Sakini, John Forsythe as well-

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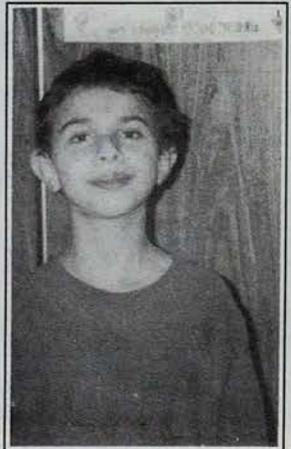
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by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

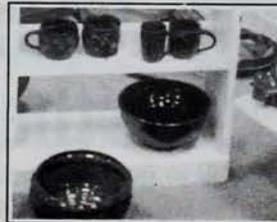
The 19th annual artisans crafts fair at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island took place on Nov. 19 and 20, and was, to all appearances, a great success.

Notable among the exhibitors and exhibits were the wearable art pieces done by Judy Smith De Perla and Jane A. Reynolds; the Cadena Studios "fabric dolls" by Linda Miller — they were works of art, not dolls in the regular meaning of the word; one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces by Corinne Tate which combined gypsy colors, baroque abundance and Victorian femininity; glass by William Riker, and "Gale Glass" by Christopher Watts and Jeffrey Rossi, and many elegant, original ceramic pieces, and examples of weaving and dying.

It seems safe to assume that there will be a 20th annual artisans crafts fair and the J.C.C.R.I.



Dan Konoff, first place,
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Becky Pultman, second place,
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It's A Big Day For Dancing

Groundwerx Dance Theatre is sponsoring a "Big Day," a free open house celebrating the diversity of movement classes offered at the Groundfloor, Groundwerx' new educational

facility.

The event will be held on Dec. 4, from 2 to 4:15 p.m. at several venues within the AS220 Arts Complex, 95-115 Empire Street in downtown Providence.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. on the 2nd floor hallway at 95 Empire St. Call 454-4576 for information.

The day will begin with an

introductory comparison of the approaches and philosophies of the various movement classes offered at the Groundfloor. Participants can then take 20-minute sample classes in ballet, generous movement, Alexander technique and hatha yoga; watch demonstrations of classes in stage combat, t'ai chi, Latin dance, creative dance for kids and their parents; see performances by Middle Eastern dancers and Improv Jones; get a free five-minute massage from Bodysense Massage therapists and enjoy refreshments.

Instructors will be on hand to answer questions, take registrations and provide gift certificates for a unique holiday gift experience.

All classes and events are free. Come dressed to move!

RIC Goes Bach In Time

Edward Markward of North Providence will conduct the Rhode Island College Chorus and Symphony Orchestra in concert on Dec. 5, in Roberts Hall auditorium for two pieces by Bach, including the "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3" and Mendelssohn's "Hymm of Praise."

Joining Markward in the RIC production, which begins at 8:15 p.m., will be the choir of the First Baptist Church in America under the direction of Stephen Martorella of Warwick, and sopranos Joanne Mouradijian and Jeanne Marcie, and tenor Edward Doucette.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The other selection by Bach — the first on the program — is "Motet No. 6 (Lobet den

Herrn)."

In Bach's time (1685-1750), motets were sung as introits for religious services and for certain special occasions, according to notes compiled by Markward. Bach wrote them probably only for burial services.

Bert Gallery Opens Their Collection

Bert Gallery is pleased to offer the exhibit, "Art From Our Collection." This exhibit will run until Dec. 31. The Bert Gallery is located at 540 South Water St. at Corliss Landing.

A special Wickenden-Old Harbor District Celebration will take place on Dec. 10 and 11. The show can be viewed daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. There is no charge for admission.

The holiday exhibition at Bert Gallery appeals to a wide variety of art connoisseurs and novices alike. The result is a wide range of prices and subject matter at the exhibit.

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The Significance of Chanukah Tuning in to Chanukah

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We affirm the supremacy of spiritual light over coarse materialism, of Divine wisdom over human limitations. We recognize that the world in which we live is not an end in itself, but exists to serve a higher spiritual purpose.

The Chanukah menorah is lit only after nightfall. This signifies that our purpose is to illuminate the darkness of this world, until the time when, as the Prophet says, "the world will be filled with the knowledge of G-d."

It may be difficult for us to perceive G-dliness in our everyday lives. But Chanukah reminds us, even in our darkest moments, that the light of knowledge can shine brightly, that redemption is at hand, if we will kindle just one more lamp.

The menorah is lit either in the doorway, or in a front window, so that it can be seen outside in the street.

This teaches that it is not enough to bring light into our own private domain. We must spread the light and warmth of Torah to the outer environment as well, as far as our influence can reach.

Each night of Chanukah, we add another light to the menorah, until all eight lamps shine on the eighth night.

This signifies that in matters

Providence Hadassah Plans Chanukah Meeting

Providence Hadassah will celebrate Chanukah on Dec. 5 at Highland Court with a program of musical entertainment by Michael Bresler.

Another feature of the meeting will be the drawing of winning tickets for the annual raffle, chaired by Ruth Goldstein. Additional tickets for the raffle prizes will be available at the meeting.

A coffee hour, at 1 p.m., will precede the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Residents of Highland Court are invited to join Providence Hadassah members for the musical program at 2 p.m. in the dining room.

South County Celebrates Chanukah

South County Hebrew School and Temple Beth David of Narragansett, welcome the public to attend a Chanukah party celebration on Dec. 4, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Temple Beth David, Kingstown Road, Narragansett.

Please bring a grab-bag gift to donate to Jewish Family Services and a gift to exchange with your fellow classmates.

For more information, call Laurie at 789-7203.

of holiness, we must always be on the increase. With every added flame, we deepen our commitment to the values and traditions of our Jewish way of life.

The lights of the Chanukah menorah are more than simply a reminder of ancient miracles — they are meant to provide inspiration and illumination in our contemporary daily lives.

In fact, in a very real sense, the Chanukah miracles of old are reenacted in our observance today. That is one reason why we say, in the second blessing recited over the Chanukah lights, "...Blessed are You... who wrought miracles for our ancestors — in those days, at this time."

Ordinarily, the routine of our day-to-day existence suggests that life is predictable, that events take place according to a natural order, a chain of cause and effect.

We may not readily recognize that even "natural" phenomena are, in essence, evidence of the miraculous hand of G-d — until our hearts are stirred by a beautiful sunset, or a glimpse of wildflowers in bloom...

But there is another sort of miracle: an event so striking, so far beyond rational explanation, that we cannot help but recog-

nize it as miraculous.

This is the kind of miracle that Chanukah calls to mind. When one day's supply of oil lasts eight full days, we sit up and take notice. When an ill-equipped handful of Maccabees succeeds in vanquishing all the assembled forces of a mighty Imperial oppressor, we realize that nothing is impossible for G-d.

Throughout the ages, Chanukah has signified the miraculous triumph of the weak over the strong, the pure over the impure, the righteous over the wicked.

Whenever the integrity of the Jewish people is under siege, no matter how dark the night, the Chanukah lights proclaim with confidence that the dawn of deliverance is near.

Today, the Chanukah lights have special relevance.

Many among us despair of ever witnessing the dawn of redemption. After nearly 2,000 years, it may seem that the cold, hard realities of exile have all but erased our age-old faith in the coming of Moshiach, who will lead us toward a perfect world.

But Chanukah reminds us that G-d grants redemption in the blink of an eye — that the light of G-dliness can brighten even the darkest night.

Chanukah Wishes From The White House

Warm greetings to all who are celebrating Chanukah. Arriving this year in advance of winter, the Festival of Lights casts a warm glow that can see us through the cold months ahead. Chanukah fills our hearts with the story of a people's deep and enduring faith. Families around the world tell of a faith that guided the Maccabees to victory and that preserved a day's worth of oil for eight days. By the rich light of the menorah, people everywhere celebrate a faith that has sustained the Jewish people for millennia.

Today, this same powerful belief that light may prevail over darkness continues to illuminate a path toward a brighter future. We have seen Israel join hands with its old adversaries, brought together by the desire to give all children a world finally free from violence. The partnerships taking root in the Middle East have not come easily, and the challenges that remain are great.

This year let the menorah lights shine as a harbinger of the day filled with light — light of a land graced with prosperity, of nations, of nations blessed by peace. Let us look forward to a time when the whole world is united in believing that tomorrow can be better if we have the faith to make it so.

Hillary and I extend best wishes to all for a joyous Chanukah and a wonderful holiday season.

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The half-hour TV program will appeal to all Jewish children, even those with little or no previous background and to non-Jews interested in a bit of Jewish culture. The engaging action-packed drama provides an appealing setting for children to be introduced to a wide range of Jewish customs and ideals.

The story is about four teenage cousins, Danny, Rena, Zak, and Sarah, who are challenged by a mystical Professor Pellah and his pet fish Bernie to create a campaign to promote awareness for the holiday of Chanukah. The kids dream up all sorts of elaborate promotion ideas — from Rena creating her own network talk show, to Zak's unique MTV, music video.

During the action, cut-away segments will introduce viewers to the arts of candle making and oil pressing, to public menorah lighting ceremonies in cities all over the world, and an animated history of Chanukah as seen by a young boy in ancient times.

In Rhode Island the program can be seen on cable TV at the following times: Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m., Dec. 3, 11:30 p.m., and Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m.

The program can be seen at the above times on all of the following channels: Dimension Cable, Channel 33; TCI, Channel 6; COX, Channel 50; Vision Cable, Channel 50; Full Channel TV, Channel 50; Cable TV of East Providence, Channel 50; and West-erly Cable Co., Channel 8.

This program is sponsored by Chabad of Rhode Island and Chabad of West Bay, CHAI Center. For more information, call 884-4071.

Beth Shalom To Hold Chanukah Party

Congregation Beth Shalom will be celebrating Chanukah with its annual Chanukah program on Dec. 4, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Candlelighting will be at 6 p.m.

There will also be family oriented entertainment and dinner. Hot dogs, latkes, soda, and dessert will be available at modest prices. Children ages 12 and under can enter the grab

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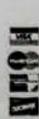
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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

General Assembly Grapples With Continuity

by Larry Yudelson

DENVER (JTA) — After rescuing Soviet, Syrian and Yemenite Jewry, the American Jewish community is trying to save itself.

For the third year in a row, the American Jewish community was the focus of fear, concern, and occasional consolation at the annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

'Let My People Be Jewish.' That is the agenda for you.

While hallway discussions and session turnout indicated a healthy concern about the recent Republican victories in congressional elections, the delegates' attention focused primarily on Jewish continuity, Jewish identity, affiliation and intermarriage.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin endorsed the direction of the conference, saying that with the opening of all the gates once closed to Jews, the rallying cry of "Let My People Go" has succeeded.

Now, he said, "the question should be, 'Let My People Be Jewish.' That is the agenda for you."

In his keynote address,

World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman called for an affordable system of Jewish education, including high quality boarding schools.

Likud Party leader Benjamin Netanyahu, in his address, also urged the assembly to "construct a plan to finance the airfare and upkeep for two months in Israel for every young person aged 17 to 25."

On the opposite end of the political spectrum, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin has been similarly urging communities to fully subsidize Israel trips for Jewish youth.

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with Boston's federation leaders. While they were receptive in theory to signing on as a pilot project, there was some question about how to come up with the estimated \$4 million it

would cost the community.

In neighboring Marblehead, Mass., meanwhile, the Jewish Federation of the North Shore became the first to sign on to such a plan.

Shortly before the G.A., the Marblehead federation passed a resolution making available 50 full subsidies for Israel trips, with the idea of expanding the program to encompass the several hundred Jewish teens believed to live in the community.

All these moves raise the question: How can federations pay for programs of Jewish education?

At the North Shore federation, which prides itself on its maverick ways, money for the Israel trips will come at the direct expense of allocations to UJA.

Beilin for his part, has insisted that money could be freed up to subsidize Israel programs by transferring social welfare functions of the Jewish Agency for Israel, such as rural settlement and youth aliyah, to the Israeli government.

Bronfman, in his address, proposed that money be found by "reprioritizing the Jewish tax dollar," with an eye toward combining or closing the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress.

ADL's national chairman, Abraham Foxman, disagreed

that the money for education should come at the expense of his agency. He said such a transfer "wouldn't make a dent" since only a tiny percentage of his group's budget comes from federation.

Also arguing against a redistribution of funds was Mendel Kaplan, who will soon conclude five years as chairman of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency.

Calling on American Jews to "build more high schools," he argued that the money can be found. "We have never been wealthier. We don't have to do it at the expense of anything else — certainly not at the expense of Israel," he said.

Fund-raisers in the field agreed that money can be found to fund continuity programs.

The contention that new money can be found was borne out by a half-million dollar endowment received by the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles to help fund Israel experience programs.

And Barry Shrage, president of Boston's Combined Jewish Philanthropies, argued that fostering Jewish identity is so effective in explaining and marketing the broader mandate of the Jewish community that it more than pays for itself.

"We have to create a new vi-

sion of the Jewish people, rooted in the Land of Israel, the people of Israel, and also the G-d and Torah of Israel," he said.

Such a new vision of the Jewish future and Jewish culture, said Shrage, would enable the community to compete against the visions that other causes are trying to sell to philanthropists.

"Then you can go and say (to a prospective donor), 'You're going to be giving a \$2 million chair to Harvard, but I know you also care about the Jewish future,'" Shrage said.

JCCRI Brown Bag Club Meets Dec. 6

The Brown Bag Club at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence, will meet on Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon and to hear a "World of Song" operatic concert.

The concert features Nicole Saul Kogut and Robin Kern, is preceded by a luncheon, catered by Jeff's Kosher Catering, and is part of the "Celebration of the Printed Word," the center's annual book and cultural festival.

Lunch is \$4 for JCCRI members and \$5 for nonmembers.

The concert is free and sponsored by the Anna and Peter Woolf Fund.



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The "Can You Help Us?" picture in the Nov. 24 edition of *The Herald* has brought forth some interesting responses.

Both Helen Waldman (a close friend of the lady) and Betty (Cantoff) Webber, (her "baby sister") called to identify Rose Comras, who is the second lady from the left, in the back row.



Something For Everyone Who Reads

The Chanukah book and gift sale at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will continue until Dec. 7.
Herald photo by Alison Smith

If you are celebrating a special anniversary, announce it in the *Herald*. Include a photo with the announcement. Black and white only, please.

Social Seniors Plan Two Events

The Social Seniors of Warwick will have a Chanukah party at Temple Am David on Dec. 4 at noon.

Magic by Dr. Trix will be the entertainment for the party.

Contact Sally Goldman or Estelle Miller to reserve space. On Dec. 14, a meeting will be held at Temple Am David at 1 p.m. Music Express will be the featured entertainment, and refreshments will be served.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7 P.M. • AUTHOR SIGNING: Jon Land, bestselling author of *Day of the Delphi*, will be signing his new book, *Kingdom of the Seven*.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 A.M. • Daphne Patai presents her book *Professing Feminism*. In conjunction with the URI History Department.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Like Living Dreidels

by Mike Fink

The Konoff crew of brothers and friends whirled around the floor of the Jewish Community Center social hall. "You guys are spinning like a living dreidel," this reporter charged and snapped some pictures on the stage across from the wall display of Chanukah art. The youth contest sponsored by the *Herald* brought moms, dads and youngsters around a table of apple juice, cookies, and assorted books and toys.

Another vibrant family chanukiah was personified by Rabbi Jakubowicz, who has as many children as we light candles of dedication. Their daughter Shifra is lovely. She's engaged. She's studying piano, and played the JCC baby grand in a windowed corner of the hall.

Jeanette Hidalgo and I put up the winning pictures in three age categories, using potted trees as the dividers. Moving among the branches and leaves of the indoor woodland, the kids bounded in shouting, "Look Ma, there's my drawing!" and pointed at their prizewinning papers taped behind the small orchard.

It was easy to take photos of the proud pupils, with their older and younger siblings standing alongside.

Rabbi Jakubowicz did as fine a job as critic as any I have ever heard at grown-up galleries and art classes. "You can tell a lot about a child from the colors and lines they mark, and the forms they shape. Look at how careful and detailed those buildings in Israel are sketched in, and the tears on the right panel, how patiently they are drawn."

The theme of the show this year was "around the world," and the work Rabbi J was discussing contrasted lighting in Jerusalem with dark days of sorrow in Moscow.

The winner of the first place award mixed images of people standing like candles with words of blessing in many languages. The rabbi asked, "Why is Israel not at the center, but France instead? Did the artist make this choice on purpose?"

He and I discussed Zion, the Napoleonic Code, and the value of art in education. We talked of many things, fools and kings. "The holiday falls early this year. What is the portion of the week?" I queried. "Vayeshev. Jacob filled with anxiety comes home to hear Joseph tell of his brothers' envy of the coat. But Joseph warns his father against favoritism and injustice. Parents and teachers should take care to reward every effort, to praise evenly, just as among these drawings all are beautiful."

And then, our conversation dipped deeper into the well of memory. "My father came from a large family in Poland. Only two brothers survived out of a score. My father and mother cannot speak of the horrors of the camps. It is even hard for me as a second generation. My wife's family got out of Germany right after Krystallnacht."

"Rabbi," I declared, "it is a great mitzvah that you and your wife are raising your

lovely family to help replace the loss of Europe's Jewish world." His story struck me as the perfect, Chassidic sort of Chanukah conversation. "I was born in postwar Germany, but I grew up on a farm in America. My father taught me to learn from the animals. And school-children also learn from art."

It was also good to see students at work mapping the geography of the continents. It recalled how Jews have lived everywhere. We have lit the tapers of Torah like little



Jackie Feit, first place,
10- to 13-year-olds

Herald photo by Jeanette Hidalgo



Reuven Yavner, third place,
4- to 6-year-olds

Herald photo by Jeanette Hidalgo

streetlights. If Jews leave, for America or for Israel, they take sparks with them from every nook and cranny of culture, and leave behind the traces of their mitzvot.

Suddenly a small squall of snow swirled in a flurry to put an end to Indian summer. The pictures glowed like kindly light against the outdoor wind. Jeanette and her daughter Tiffany gave out the gifts, gath-

JCCRI Offers More Programs for Senior Adults

The senior adult center at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island has expanded its programs for senior adults. Special programs include a

catered kosher lunch at noon followed by a performance by the Cranston Senior Tappers on Dec. 13 at the JCCRI social hall. Senior adults of all ages are welcome.

There is a \$1.25 charge for lunch. The show is free. If transportation is needed, call 861-8800 and ask for the senior adult social work department.

The first of three theatre event outings will be a trip on Dec. 22 to the Jewish Theatre of New England in Newton, Mass., to see a performance of "That's Life," a delightful and energetic musical review that celebrates everything that is great and not-so-great about being Jewish in America today. There will be a catered kosher lunch served at the JCCRI at 11:30 a.m. The bus leaves at 12:30 p.m. and returns to the center at 5 p.m.

A charge of \$19.75 includes lunch; \$18.00 for theatre and transportation only.

R.S.V.P. to Lori Broomfield at 861-8800 by Dec. 8.

Generations, a new intergenerational program featuring visits from the JCC's nursery school, includes songfests, craft projects and listening to stories. The program takes place each Wednesday morning.

Also new is Baking with Lynn. Enjoy baking all types of delicacies with Lynn Troia on Thursday afternoons.

There are new gin rummy and pinochle games forming now for senior adults of all ages.

Expanded programming has been made possible with funding from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Call Lori Broomfield, senior adult social worker at 861-8800, for more information.



Elisheva Diamond, third place,
7- to 9-year-olds

Herald photo by Jeanette Hidalgo

ered up the cheerful debris, and the rest is *Herald* history.

Senior Health Insurance Discussion at JCCRI

The senior adult center at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, is holding a senior health insurance discussion on Dec. 6 at 11:15 a.m.

A representative of the department of elderly affairs will answer questions concerning medicine, Medicare and health insurance.

On Dec. 4 at 10:45 a.m., the center is showing part II of "Yentl."

The center invites seniors to join in a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal catered by Izzy's Kosher Catering at the kosher mealsite weekly, Sunday through Friday at noon. People arrive at 10 a.m. for casual conversation in the lobby.

The weekly scheduled events are: Exercise with Melissa from 11 to 11:20 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; duplicate bridge on Mondays from noon to 3:30 p.m.; Generations, an intergenerational program with the JCCRI Preschool, held from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. on Wednesdays; Friend to Friend — Current Events Discussion which meets on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.

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The First Candle of the Celebration

Jerry Jacobs lights the first candle on the big menorah erected in Warwick Mall by Chai Center for the Chanukah festivities. Watching, from the left, are Rabbi Eliezer Levy and Governor-elect Lincoln Almond. Herald photo by Alison Smith

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School Beat



"BUON GIORNO" say the students of Grade two at the Alperin Schechter Day School in Providence as they are introduced to the Italian language by Phyllis Thorne, on the left. With Thorne are Hannah Mellion and Bruce Kaufman.



STREGNA NONA visits Alperin Schechter Day School to help Grade two students re-enact the classic Italian story as the culmination of their study of Italy.

Johnson & Wales Wins Grand Salon Award

The College of Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University was awarded the Grand Salon Award for "overall best table" during the recent 126th annual Salon of Culinary Art & Exhibition in New York City.

The world's largest culinary school walked off with top honors at the world's largest free-lance culinary arts competition.

A total of five students and 14 faculty members from Johnson & Wales participated in the food preparation for the team's table at the show. Some of the individual dishes included a country harvest pork platter with smoked cranberry chutney, a salmon and red snapper mousse, cold platters featuring venison, rabbit and pheasant, decorated cakes, petit fours, a dessert platter, a bread display, pulled and blown sugar showpieces.

In charge of the Johnson & Wales team were chef-instructors Jean Jacques Dietrich, chairman, and James Griffin, adviser.

In addition to the Grand Salon Award, individual prizes were awarded to Johnson & Wales faculty members. First-place winners were Lars Johansson, Jean-Luc Derron, Bernd Gronert, Alfonso Contrisciani and Dietrich.

Second-place winners were Frank Terranova, George O'Palenick, Kenneth Wollenberg, Felicia Pritchett and Cynthia Salvato. Third-place winners were Victor Calise and Steven Kalbe. A judges' mention was awarded to Sean O'Hara.

The world's largest culinary school walked off with top honors.

Johnson & Wales students W. Anthony Horvath, C. Heath Stone and Christie Jo Demboski were awarded second-place prizes; Anuwat Morakot-jantachote and Steve Zimei, third-place prizes.

The prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony in January in New York City.



Tova Stark, first place, 4- to 6-year-olds
Herald photo by Jeanette Hidalgo

E.G. Skater Captures Silver Medal

Hilary Rothberg, of East Greenwich, successfully competed at the 1995 United States Figure Skating Association's New England Regional Championships held in Burlington Vermont.

The 16-year-old won the title of 1995 New England Junior Lady Silver Medalist. This qualifies her to compete at the USFSA Eastern Sectionals in January.



Hilary Rothberg

Writing Contest Announced

A prize of \$1,000 will be given for the best original short story on a Jewish theme or topic by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education in the fifth annual David Dornstein Memorial Creative

Writing Contest for Young Adult Writers.

The contest is open to writers between the ages of 18 and 35. Membership in CAJE is welcome but not required to participate. Authors should submit

a typed, double-spaced manuscript of no more than 5,000 words of an original short story that has never been published or received an award. Only one entry per author per year is permitted.

The deadline for the contest is Dec. 31. Judging will take place between Jan. 1 and April 30. The winning story will be published in the CAJE journal, *Jewish Education News*, and efforts will be made to facilitate its publication elsewhere.

The contest memorializes 25-year-old David Dornstein, a former CAJE staff member who was killed in the crash of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988. He had served as CAJE conference assistant for 1987 and 1988. He was an avid reader and writer of fiction, and the award honors his creative spirit.

For further information about the contest, contact

Something Fishy in Barrington

A triple-talent fishing extravaganza and raffle will be presented by the East Bay Anglers fishing club at the Barrington Middle School on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

The program features noted diving fisherman Mike Laptew, angler David Pickering and ESPN fly fishing expert Greg Weatherby.

Laptew will present an entirely new giant screen video production entitled "Striper Vision" of which he says, "The only place you'll see more fish is in your dreams." Pickering, famed for his high rate of

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schoolie catches, will reveal another side to his angling talents: eel fishing for big stripers. using slides, he will explain how to increase catches of large bass using eels. Weatherby will present a fly fishing video and offer helpful hints on starting a salt water fly fishing career in local waters.

According to club president Steve Juchnik, there will be valuable door prizes, a giant raffle of more than 100 prizes, and refreshments. Further information, promotional flyers or tickets can be obtained by sending self-addressed and stamped envelope to the East Bay Anglers, Box 29, Barrington, R.I. 02806. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased before New Year's Day.

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The Rhode Island Philharmonic will present a Classical Series Concert on Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence.

Featured guest soloist for the concert will be violinist Stephanie Chase in a performance of the Stravinsky Violin Concerto. Included on the program are Brahms "Symphony No. 3 in F major, Opus 90" and the "Prelude to Die Meistersinger" by Wagner. The program will be conducted by Music Director Zuohuang

Chen.

Chase is acclaimed worldwide for performances praised for their technical brilliance, tonal beauty and compelling artistry. She has performed with numerous orchestras, including those of New York, Chicago, San Francisco, London, Vienna and Israel.

Ticket prices for adults are \$18, \$28 and \$32, and for senior citizens and disabled \$15, \$25 and \$30. For the first time ever, the Philharmonic will offer any full-time student with a

valid ID half-price tickets for any available seat in the auditorium. Half-price student tickets for this performance are \$9, \$14 and \$16, depending upon seat location. Student tickets may be picked up in person at the Philharmonic office, 222 Richmond Street, Providence or at Veterans Memorial Auditorium box office. Students may purchase up to two tickets per valid identification. All tickets may be purchased at the Philharmonic office by phone, 831-3123, using Mastercard or Visa, or in person during business hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



School Beat



Students From Music School at Kennedy Center

Three young Music School students joined the ranks of world-renowned musicians, dancers and actors when they performed in front of an audience of 1,800 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Erica Jaffe (age 12), Michael Gordon (age 14) and Lily Engle (age 13), all students at The Music School in Providence, participated in a two-day National Festival of the Arts on Nov. 19 and 20 sponsored by the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts.

Erica and Lily, both voice students of Roberta Janelle, sang in the festival's Children's Choir conducted by Henry Leck.

Michael, who studies flute with Susan Thomas and piano with Diana Smirnov, performed Vivaldi's Concerto in D major in the festival's five-hour performance.

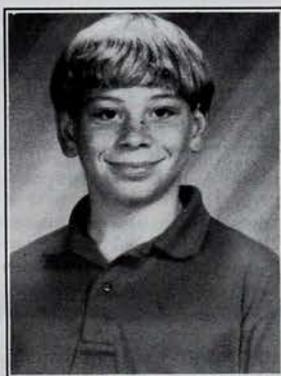
The National Guild represents 400 community-based art and music schools nationwide. Guild schools like The Music School employ more than 10,000 teachers and artists and serve 300,000 students each year through on-site and outreach programs.

The performance and the choir performance were designed to offer a once-in-a-life time opportunity for students of all ages and levels of ability to appear on stage at the Kennedy Center. The selection of participants was based upon recommendations made by directors and faculty at The Music School with an emphasis on quality and performance regardless of level of advancement.

When asked to sum up the experience, Erica Jaffe exclaimed, "Awesome!" Erica Jaffe and Michael Gordon live in Providence and attend Moses Brown School, Lily Engle lives in Seekonk, Mass., and attends Wheeler School.



Erica Jaffe



Michael Gordon



Lily Engle

December Vacation Camps at JCCRI

Vacation camps at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, are designed to help working parents who have children in preschool through grade seven. They offer a professional staff, early drop-off and late pick-up options, a variety of activities, and special field trips.

In addition, this year the JCCRI has added a special basketball vacation sports camp for 6- to 9-year-olds.

The preschool December vacation camp, for ages 3 to 6, will be held Dec. 27 through Dec. 30, and will include cooking and crafts projects, special theme days and gym activities. The cost is \$100 for full members and \$140 for supporting members. It is necessary to register and prepay by Dec. 9.

Call Eva Silver or Debbie Blitz at 861-8800 for more information.

KidSpace camp, for grades kindergarten to three, and the preteen December vacation camp, for grades four to seven, will be held Dec. 19 through 23 and Dec. 26 through 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities will include daily swims, gym activities, parties, cooking and crafts projects.

In addition, those in grades four to six can go "tubing" down a beginner's ski trail at Yawgoo Valley in Exeter with Club 456 on Dec. 28.

Groups and activities are divided by age.

The cost is \$20 per day for full JCCRI members and \$30 per day for supporting members.

Please register and prepay by Dec. 9.

Call Anne Liss Johnson at 861-8800 for more information.

The newest December vacation camp, the basketball sports camp, for ages 6 and 7 and 8 and 9, will be held Dec. 26 through 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Morning activities will include basketball skills practice, swim lessons, and "new"

games. Afternoon activities will include quiet games, free swim and a basketball game.

The cost of the basketball sports camp is \$100 for full JCCRI members, \$125 for supporting members and \$150 for non-members.

Call Michael Seidenberg at 861-8800 for more information. Please register and prepay by Dec. 9.

Schechter Goes On-Line

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism has just established an on-line computer service for use by all Solomon Schechter Day Schools.

This on-line service will enable communication by computer among the 70 Schechter schools throughout the United States and Canada.

Schools will be able to set up conferences with colleagues, professional and lay leaders, exchange ideas and materials, and receive information on policy issues, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

Students will be able to "chat" in Hebrew as well as in English, creating on-line pen-pal relationships.

There are also plans for



Azriel Jakubowicz enjoys the refreshments at the Chanukah party.

Herald photo by Jeanette Hidalgo

"one-shot classes" to be held on the computer.

The computer has proved to be a global communicator. The Alperin Schechter Day School, already on-line and an Internet veteran, welcomes the Solomon Schechter Day School Association to the world of E-mail, and looks forward to exciting exchanges.

Alperin Schechter Says 'Come On Down'

The Alperin Schechter Day School, at 85 Taft Avenue, Providence, invites all interested students, parents and grandparents to its open house on Dec. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Science Competition Now Open To American Jewish Teens

A science competition for Israeli teenagers designed to encourage interest in science and technology careers will now be open to Jewish youngsters in the United States, it was announced recently by the Israel National Museum of Science, sponsor of the contest.

Under the expanded program, known as "Olympiyeda: Olympics of the Mind," the top American scorers will receive an all-expense-paid, month-long summer stay at a science camp in Israel.

The Olympiyeda, now 6 years old, is a three-stage competition, open to ninth- and 10th-graders. It is designed to offer fun, excitement and challenge, as well as cash prizes, to the young participants. Until now, entry to the contest was limited to Israeli students.

American students who enter are given a multiple choice gen-

eral science examination. The top-scorers qualify for a second stage multiple choice exam to test their knowledge and understanding of a particular science subject, assigned by the Olympiyeda officials. The topic for 1995 is "Light." Study materials are provided by the Israel National Museum of Science.

The top 10 American scorers will be sent to Israel for a three-week summer science camp on the Technion campus sponsored by the Israel National Museum of Science. They will participate in a science and technology workshop, meet with Israel's leading scientists and visit important historic, cultural and religious sites.

Six students will then be selected from among the American and Israeli contestants to participate in the competition's finals, which are televised in Is-

rael.

Since 1995 is the first year the contest will be opened to Americans, it is viewed by Olympiyeda officials as a pilot program. Some 40 Jewish schools in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Greater Boston area have agreed to handle applications from their students who wish to enter. The first-stage screening will be held on Dec. 11.

American students can obtain additional information about the Olympiyeda by writing to Judith Golub, executive director, American Friends of the Israeli National Museum of Science, 511 Fifth Ave., 12th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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OBITUARIES

MARGOT A. ZOLT

PAWTUCKET — Margot A. Zolt, 57, of 28 Potter St., died Nov. 27 at Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Abraham S. Zolt.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Ethel (Marshall) Mikkelsen of Pawtucket, and the late Svend Mikkelsen, she lived in New Bedford, Mass., before moving to Pawtucket in 1979.

Besides her mother she leaves two daughters, Amy Breault, and Wendy Zolt, both of Pawtucket; two sons, Jeffrey Zolt of Wilmington, Mass., Michael Zolt of Lawrence, Mass., and seven grandchildren.

A procession left from the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, on Nov. 30 for a graveside service at the Plainville Jewish Cemetery in New Bedford.

School Prayer

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letter said.

The NJDC leaders warned that Jewish voters, the majority of whom vote consistently Democratic, might turn their back on the party over such issues.

The next day, White House aides tried to clarify the president's remarks by saying he really meant that he would consider only a moment of silence.

A few Jewish organizational professionals spent the two days between Clinton's reported remarks and Gore's speech in constant contact with the White House, hoping to persuade the vice president to assuage their concerns through his speech.

Though much of the vice president's speech focused on the importance of religious liberty and the separation of church and state, many of those who were listening closely were disappointed by what he left out.

"It's not what I was looking for," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center. He said he was particularly disappointed that the vice president did not specifically express opposition to a

Additions

In the Nov. 24th edition of the *Jewish Herald*, the obituaries for Cecelia Gilman and Eva Salk should have concluded with "Arrangements were by the Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence."

constitutional amendment on school prayer.

Gore "didn't go far enough," agreed Diana Aviv, Washington director of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Reflecting widespread dissatisfaction and continuing unease over the issue, CJF's board of delegates moved quickly and spontaneously to amend its prepared resolution endorsing the separation of church and state and opposing school prayer.

The amendment, passed unanimously by the approximately 175 CJF communities attending the conference, said that a moment of silence is "equally unacceptable," Aviv said.

With the issue of school prayer squarely on the table for the first time in years, the Jewish community is strategizing how best to combat it.

Many Jewish leaders feel that any form of prayer, including a moment of silence, would adversely affect Jewish and other minority children.

"A moment of silence is an innocuous-sounding compromise, but as appealing and safe as it sounds, our experience is that it leads to great abuse," said Elaine Steinger, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Des Moines, Iowa.

"It's a tactic of those who want their form of Christianity in the school," she said. "It's a wedge in the door."

Jewish organizations are seeking to work with other opponents to school prayer to present the most effective coalition possible.

As one organizational official who asked not to be named put it, "We don't want this to be perceived as a Jewish-versus-Christian issue."

Dr. Sweeney

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1. U.S. government should borrow less abroad.

2. American consumers should reduce consumption and save more.

3. American economy must export more.

4. U.S. economy should become more energy conscious, which would result in a lower demand for imported petroleum and automobiles.

However, remedial action on the part of players in the U.S. economy seems highly unlikely to take place in the short run.

New York Stock Market

The old stock ticker tape loved low inflation and the new electronic quote system is no exception. It appears that Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is not only attempting to reduce investors' expectation of higher inflation but also cutting its actual rate as well. Since February, the Federal Reserve system has increased the Federal Fund rate by 1.75 percentage points and forced the discount rate up by one percentage point. (Investors fear rising prices because they reduce the real value of investments.)

The Federal Fund rate is likely to jump as much as 1.5 percent to 6.25 percent from 4.75 percent.

If there is a proliferation of gambling casinos in the Southeastern New England region, then this type of betting activity will sink under its own weight.

If my scenario about the economy is correct (there will be a moderate slowdown in GDP growth) then this development will be good news for the stock market. Instead of moving ahead at its current rate of increase of 3.5 percent, the real GDP will ratchet down to 2.5 percent or 2.75 percent.

While investors may be growing bearish about fixed-income securities, a strong case

can be made for a moderate resurgence of the stock market. When the economy is operating at a sustainable clip without the threat of a higher than normal inflation rate (3 percent), the stock market seems to respond favorably. Historical data from the 1950s to the 1980s support this position. Under the circumstances, the Dow Jones Industrial Average appears to hold the potential of reaching the 4,100 level by the beginning of 1995. The bullish stock market forecast is couched on the following assumptions:

1. That a tighter Federal Reserve Policy will be able to control any real inflationary threat;

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and

2. That over the next 12 months the upward momentum of the stock market will eventually stall due to the pressure of higher interest rates.

3. That the prospect for higher interest rates over the intermediate term will not put a dent in the expectations for steady increases in corporate profits during 1994 to 1995.

Conclusion

It will be difficult for most American workers in the immediate future to raise their standard of living.

In order for employees to increase their buying power, wage must climb faster than the cost of living. Current statistics indicate that a favorable pattern for U.S. workers is not developing. Salary and wage data suggests that pay increases are just about staying even with the cost-of-living gains.

Organized labor is not pushing the economy into an untenable inflationary zone in pursuit of a short-term wage boost. Management and labor seem to agree that the only way to raise

living standards over the long term is to increase worker productivity so that employers can pay higher compensation and fringe benefits without resorting to higher prices.

This rapprochement augers well for the future of the American economy because it should mean that our competitiveness in international markets will remain strong over the long-term.

However, the challenge for policy makers in Washington over the intermediate-term, or next eighteen months (1994 and 1995), will be to keep the economy in a sustainable growth pattern without running the risk of higher raw material and resource prices that could lead to a cost-push inflation.

In the meantime, as consumer demand begins to lose some of its forward motion due to relatively high saturation levels (lower pent-up demand) for durable goods, the prospect for a recession in 1996 seems to loom larger.

Urban Dilemma

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Since this ruling, legal challenges to nativity scenes have sprung up across the country. But courts have drawn a sharp distinction between displays in government buildings and those in public parks, leaving open the door for menorah displays on government-owned land.

In Indianapolis, city officials and Jews are currently locked in a legal battle over a menorah near City Hall. The case hinges on whether supporters of the menorah can prove that the city is trying to silence religious speech. A decision in the case was expected before Chanukah began.

Some of the most prominent public lightings of menorahs by the American Friends of Lubavitch slated for next week include those in Central Park in Manhattan, Independence Mall in Philadelphia, the State Capitol in Georgia and the Ellipse behind the White House in Washington. Lubavitch also plan public lightings in front of scores of city halls across the country.

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Clinton and Rabin Current Events

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grudge the investment we've made in the historic peace that grew out of Camp David.

Rabin: Do you know that there are today a thousand Americans — about a thousand Americans — that served for 15 and a half years in the Sinai as part of the multinational force in which there are participation of military civilians from Australia, New Zealand, Colombia, Canada, and this force is in existence since we signed the peace treaty with Egypt, on the demand of Israel?

All Americans there, as the others — and there is one fighting infantry battalion, American uniformed soldiers in the Sinai. Their role is not to defend Israel. Their role is to monitor the military annex of the peace treaty — the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. And it serves effectively...

Press: Mr. President, the prime minister is describing a monitoring force. Is that how you anticipate Americans being used, as monitors, or is it — which is something entirely different?

Clinton: First of all, there has been no discussion — he described to you what came out of Camp David. There has been no discussion among the parties of a role for American forces yet. That would — let's let the people who have to make this agreement make it...

Press: Are you going to see Helms yourself, Mr. Prime Minister? Are you going to see Mr. Helms, Senator Helms?

Rabin: He's not in town.

Press: Mr. President, with a new Republican Congress, what will happen to the foreign aid and to the American troops in the Golan Heights?

Clinton: ...We have enjoyed in this country, historically, a bipartisan level of support for Israel. Now, with regard to the Golan, I can only tell you that we in the United States must await an agreement of peace between Israel and Syria. If a peace agreement is reached regarding the Golan in which we were asked to participate, obviously that is something that I would consider...

Press: Don't you think that the way that President Assad treated you, it was an insult from your point of view?

Clinton: I wouldn't characterize it in that way. I would say that if you look at the way my press conference and my comments about terrorism were played in the Syrian media, I don't think you can say it in that way. I do think that we have to keep working to build more trust and confidence between the two countries. And I have urged President Assad to do that, to do whatever can be done to reach out to the people as well as to the government of Israel to make it clear that Syria does genuinely wish a peace...

Press: Mr. Prime Minister, what did you achieve in your meeting with President Clinton?

Rabin: ...First, I thanked the president for his involvement in sending the secretary of state to the region, because in the

last two years, we have achieved, to my humble opinion, dramatic changes in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

We started to tackle the longest, the most complicated complex of conflict — the Israeli-Palestinians. I knew that there would be ups and downs, there would be enemies of the achievement of a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem. But I believe that regardless to what happened in Gaza, we are on the right track...

...I told the president that I, the government of Israel, the people of Israel, thank him for his guidance, for his involvement, for his readiness, as he once wrote to me, and has kept his commitment that when Israel takes risks for peace, the United States would try its best to minimize these risks.

Press: Mr. President, one more question. The prime minister mentioned the danger of the Islamic extremists. Do you intend, as the president of the most powerful country, to build a coalition against the Islamic extremists and the danger.

Clinton: First, let me say that I agree that it's a danger, and we are monitoring it very closely. We keep up with it, and we're going to do whatever is appropriate.

Faces, Voices

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The authors regard the Dulles brothers in the Eisenhower era as hateful, and describe a naive and trusting Carter believing fake tales spread by the oil interests to the detriment of Israel.

Harry Truman alone looks pretty good in hindsight, but even here they have a problem with decisions made.

Under his administration, Nelson Rockefeller allegedly swapped a promise to get Latin America to recognize partition and the new state in return for a pledge by Ben Gurion not to pursue the Nazi emigres helped by the Vatican or sponsored by American interests, who hoarded Jewish jewelry south of the border.

Ben Gurion is said to have kept his word, but as it turned out, Israel didn't need those dearly bought votes to come into existence.

Those of us who didn't think much of Nixon came around when he turned toward Israel, even while Kissinger made some unfortunate choices. It was Alexander Haig the authors believe, who caught on to some vast conspiracy against that brave and noble country, Israel.

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but it will remind you of just how hard this small nation has had to work to stay in the world in which, some believe, many governments worked against its welfare. It makes lonely reading.

This has been a weekend of attending lectures, noshing at art openings, reading some fresh volumes, and sitting in on meetings. Some of these ren-

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Strife In Gaza Produces New Role For Israeli Arabs

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The recent confrontation in the Gaza Strip between the Palestinian Authority and the fundamentalist Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements produced a new phenomenon that both surprised and perturbed many Israelis.

Israeli Arab politicians took the unprecedented step of becoming actively involved as peacemakers between the two warring camps.

In a move reflecting the discomfort among some Israelis with the involvement of Israeli Arabs, the Likud Knesset faction chairman, Moshe Katsav, introduced a bill in the Knesset that would prohibit any Israeli citizen from serving as an adviser "to a hostile organization."

Likud sources said openly that the measure, which provides a three-year jail term for anyone advising such organizations, is aimed primarily at Dr. Ahmed Tibi, a close adviser

to Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

But they agreed that it conceivably could be used to prevent, or to prosecute, the diplomatic activities undertaken by various other Israeli Arab leaders in Gaza.

The Israeli Arabs are defending their role as intermediaries between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas.

"We neither deny nor apologize for our involvement," said Walid Tzadik, the Arab Israeli deputy minister of health from the Meretz bloc.

"In addition to being citizens of Israel, we are a part of the Palestinian people. Hence what is happening in Gaza is of concern to us," Tzadik said in an interview.

"You Jews say, 'Kol Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh' (all Jews are responsible for one another). It's the same with us," he added.

For years, Tzadik continued, Israeli Arabs suffered from the fact that Israel was at war with their people.

"Now, at last, when peace is at hand, we feel we must make our contribution to making peace happen," he said.

Tzadik told the newspaper *Ha'aretz* that the prompt intervention by him and other Israeli Arab public figures had stopped the bloodletting and brought an initial measure of stability to a highly volatile situation.

Young Adults

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Last year, 3,000 North Americans emigrated to Israel and the figure is expected to rise slightly with the end of 1994, according to recent reports. While most of the immigrants from America are professional couples with children, approximately 20 percent of them are young singles.

The downturn in the American economy, along with the increased opportunities in Israel since the advent of the peace process, have contributed to the interest in aliyah among those just starting out.

Computer-related jobs and high-tech professions are particularly in demand.

Another reason Americans make aliyah when they are young is that they want to make sure they actually do it. "I realize that if I don't go now, the chances that I will eventually go will be nil," said Zeff.

Army service for olim decreases with age. By their early 20s, men have to serve one year. After that, the olim are on reserve duty only. Female American citizens over the age of 17 do not have to serve at all.

At the same time, however, Zarchan pointed out that many young Americans who move to Israel shortly after college do not necessarily stay there.

"Whether they stay permanently is another story," she said. "It's rare for someone to make aliyah in their 20s. People might go there for a few years and come back."

Indeed, statistics show that 40 percent of Americans return to the United States within the first five years of moving to Israel, often because of financial problems.

The highest rate of return is among single olim who have no job experience and no reserves of money.

Zeff said he realizes his commitment is not written in stone. "I'm not 100 percent set that I want to spend the rest of my life in Israel," he said.

Jewish Leaders Saddened But Mobilized By Victory For Proposition 187

by Leslie Katz

Jewish Bulletin of Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — The ballot victory of Proposition 187, a move to deprive illegal immigrants in California of educational, medical and welfare benefits, has left local Jewish leaders disappointed and frustrated, but grateful for the strong interfaith coalition that arose in opposition to the initiative.

"This effort has pulled representatives from different denominations together unlike (anything) I've ever seen before," said Tracy Salkowitz, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, one of the organizations that led the Jewish communal fight against the initiative.

Although Proposition 187 passed on the Nov. 8 ballot, it prompted the immediate filing of several lawsuits in local and state courts in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, the state capital, challenging its constitutionality.

Salkowitz named organiza-

tions such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of San Francisco and the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund as among those mounting legal challenges to various aspects of Proposition 187.

The AJCongress, Jewish Family and Children's Services and the San Francisco area Jewish Community Relations Council came out strongly against the initiative, calling it extreme and inhumane. "I think the organized Jewish community recognized very early on the dangers posed by Proposition 187 and was united in its effort to educate (Jews) and others about its many flaws," said Rabbi Doug Kahn, executive director of the JCRC.

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