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Picking Up the Pieces After Academy Closes

Two Groups Try To Open Jewish High Schools

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

It was reported in this month's edition of the *Jewish Voice* that the boys' component of the Orthodox New England Academy of Torah will be closing at the end of this year due to financial difficulties.

According to Providence Hebrew Day School Board President David Yavner, the boys' program has been operating with a \$120,000 deficit and at its current rate of financial decline, it would jeopardize the financially sound lower school.

Yavner recently told the *Jewish Herald* that the PHDS board has voted to keep the girls divi-

co-ed high school declined to comment on the situation at this time. Thus, any information the *Herald* could offer about such a school would be merely speculation.

However, the *Herald* is able to report on the effort underway to re-open a boys-only high school.

The new boys' high school would operate independently from the girls' high school and the PHDS lower school. That way, if the school was to run into financial difficulties, it wouldn't affect the other schools.

There are many obstacles in the way of opening a boys' high school—the biggest of which is funding. According to Thomas W. Pearlman, chairman of the board of NEAT, in order to open the school next year, \$200,000 must be raised by Jan. 15.

The odds of that happening appear slim. Pearlman and others have tried to solicit donations, but with little luck.

"We've had several prospects, but no firm commitments," said Pearlman.

A more realistic goal would be to open the school in the fall of 1996. But what about the students already enrolled in the boys' high school?

"The boys were informed within 48 hours (of the announcement of the closing)," said David Pliskin, vice president of budget and finance of PHDS. "In fairness to everyone, a decision has to be made soon, to give the students time to enroll elsewhere. We're doing our best job to find other schools (in case the school doesn't open promptly)."

The demise of the boys' high school is attributed to many factors, including poor fund-raising, weak recruiting effort and not enough public relations. However, internal feuding among school administrators also played a role.

"I'm not sure if the fighting caused the problems at the school," said Yavner. "But I think it went hand-in-hand."

The question now is, aside from money, what will it take to rebuild a boys' high school?

"The answer I see is to put the internal bickering behind us and build up the school internally," said Pliskin. "If we put out a good product, people will have good things to say and in turn, it will be easier to get more students."

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"Are We Dressing Up For The Party?"

The cast of "Dressing Up" lines up across the stage at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Dec. 21. From the left, Regina Goldenberg, 8, as Felicia, the maid; Robyn Radway, 7, as the mother; Adam Bram, 8, as the father; Greg Bram, 13, as the son of the wealthy family; Elana Kieffer, 9, as the daughter of the family invited to the party and as the daughter of the wealthy family; Matthew Sandler, 7, as her brother in the first case; and Emile Sorger, 7, as a business tycoon. The Children's Theatre performance was directed by Tony Annicone.

'Nachshon Became Everyone's Son'

by Elizabeth Bernstein
JUF News

CHICAGO (JTA) — Esther Waxman — mother of Nachshon Waxman, the Israeli soldier kidnapped and killed by Hamas guerrillas near Jerusalem in October, traveled to Chicago in December "to personally thank the people of Chicago" for the scholarship fund set up in the names of her son and Nir Poraz, the Israeli soldier killed trying to rescue him.

The scholarship fund was established by the Chicago chapter of the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces — a worldwide organization that provides humanitarian aid to Israeli soldiers and their families.

The fund will provide 10 combat unit soldiers with scholarships to university, enabling them to continue their studies after completing their army service.

Waxman addressed the group's annual dinner. This was the only public speaking engagement that she had so far accepted, out of the several hundred she had been offered.

Since Nachshon's death, Waxman has focused her energy on memorializing him, saying that "we must never let him be forgotten."

In addition to the scholarship fund, she knows of several other efforts being dedicated in his and Poraz's memory, including a synagogue in Kiryat Shmona

for Israeli soldiers, several Torah scrolls, a Jewish National Fund forest and a home for the handicapped (one of Waxman's children has Down's Syndrome).

Speaking in measured, weary tones of the experience of losing
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Capital Gains Tax Will Begin

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ended two weeks of speculation over the future of Israel's new capital gains tax when he announced this week that the 10 percent tax would take effect, as planned, at the start of 1995.

Acknowledging criticism that the controversial new tax could hurt small investors, Rabin said that the government would closely monitor the implementation of the tax and make changes if needed.

"The legislation passed the Knesset, and the law will take effect in January. At the same time, we will do what is done with any new law — watch it and correct what has to be corrected," Rabin told reporters after meeting with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat for the third time in two days.

Rabin's announcement had an immediate effect on the Tel Aviv stock market, where share prices plunged.

Poverty Strikes One in Five Israeli Children

by Naomi Segal

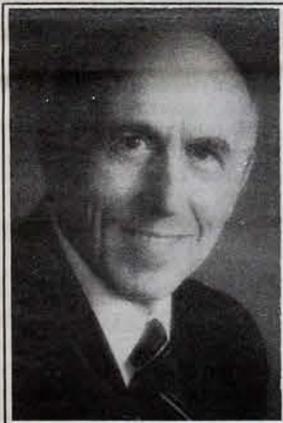
JERUSALEM (JTA) — One out of every five Israeli children, or about 470,000 youngsters, lived below the poverty line last year, according to a report released recently by an independent organization that monitors child welfare statistics.

The National Council for the Welfare of the Child said that the highest rates of poverty among children were found in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak, near Tel Aviv. Both areas are home to large concentrations of fervently Orthodox families.

Dr. Yitzhak Cadman, executive director of the council, said child poverty has been steadily growing in Israel over the past three years.

He noted a widening gap between children who receive proper health care and education, and those who do not. "If they do not get the basic (resources) to prepare them for adult life, they will be unable to contribute to society," he said.

This recent report conflicted with numbers in another report released last month by the National Insurance Institute. According to that report, an estimated 279,000 Israeli children were living in poverty. Overall, 12 percent of Israel's population, or some 648,000 Israelis, lived below the poverty line in 1993, according to the institute's figures.



Thomas W. Pearlman

sion of NEAT open. "We decided to reduce the budget of the girls' school so that it won't create a problem for the lower school," said Yavner.

For some time there has been disagreement within the Orthodox community on whether the high school should be co-ed or if the sexes should be separated.

Now that the PHDS board has decided to close the boys' high school, two groups have been scrambling to open a new school — one striving for a co-ed school, the other aiming to revive a boys' school.

A representative from the group that would like to open a

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

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Paris in Providence

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing
Reporter

I sat in on a final architecture crit at semester's end, a guest juror for a seminar project. The student had to pick out a new, ugly building, erase it from its site, and build a better model to serve the same "program," or use. "Ugly" doesn't mean the same thing to an architect at an art school that it might mean to you or me. Purists hate fake grandeur. At least the older designers did. I trust their judgment more than my own. "I like everything to stay put," I offer feebly.

The day college closed down, at that star-time when dawn meets dusk with a few dim

hours in between, and color leaks out of sky and stone, I set out with my slim little dog to pace around the brand new river embankment. This Parisian promenade commences at One Citizens Plaza and moves to Water Place Park.

You step down from a curved stairwell to the quai and look up at the footbridges or across at the wintry garden and path on the other side of our Seine, or rather our Moshassuck and Woonasquatucket, our marvelous river names, tributaries of the Seekonk. You won't get lost, you'll just draw a magic circle like a pup before it lies down to rest.

Moving my head round like a periscope, I took in the buildings of the new Providence skyline, scattered rather than grouped. I could not render a verdict on the plan. Kitsch pretense or great vision of renewal?

All I can report is a perfectly lovely ramble through a miniature, toy-size European metropolis. A pigeon coos under an arch. A squirrel scampers among crunchy leaves or winter grasses. Nobody else is up and about. We have the place to ourselves to slip through, to ramble and reflect. The plaques read pompous, dull information like a WPA bronze set in cement on a sidewalk. I drift in my



Videoconferencing A Chanukah Reunion

From the left, on screen, are David Caudill, Lauren Caudill and their daughter, Madison. From the left in the viewing room are Susan and Steven Adler, Martha Adler holding her grandson Joshua, and Ken Adler. The Adlers' Chanukah reunion took place in Warwick, R.I., through the good offices of Sales Consultants of Rhode Island, AT&T, Compression Labs and Management Recruiters.

thoughts like the chill breeze twisting debris around us.

Providence has a poetic genius for the picturesque. Maybe this terrace along a tributary is an extravagant absurdity, but I liked it at this time of year. Students come to downtown from all over the world, Hong Kong and India, Israel and Saudi Arabia. The Outlet has turned into Johnson and Wales. The

factories and markets have become the School of Design. These undergrads find pieces of their own cultures here, add to them, and take our own motifs and ideals back home with them.

My dog jumps into my jeep and we head home to hibernate away the rest of the December doldrum.

Neighborhood Meeting

Councilwoman Rita M. Williams (Ward 2, Providence) will host a neighborhood meeting for Ward 2 on Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at School One located at 220 University Ave., Providence.

B. James Suzman, director of the department of public works, Irene Testa, traffic engineering, and Major William Devine from the Providence police department will be present to discuss traffic and police concerns in the area.

All residents are invited and urged to attend this meeting.

If you have any questions, call the Providence City Council office at 521-7477.

Hope High Reunion

The Hope High School class of 1955 will celebrate its 40th reunion on June 24, 1995 at the Marriott, Providence. The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. If you can help locate alumni or would like information, call reunion coordinators at (617) 893-1199 or (800) 372-5277.

Library Schedules Winter Storytimes

Cranston Public Library will begin registration for the winter session of storytimes on Jan. 7.

Time For Twos, a half-hour program for two-year-olds with an adult caregiver, will meet at the central library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Early Three's Storytime, for children 3 to 3½, with an adult caregiver, will meet at the central library on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

The William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St., will offer a toddler program on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for children 2½ through 3½, accompanied by an adult.

A Story Hour for children 5 and up will be offered at the William Hall Library on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and at the Auburn branch, 396 Pontiac Ave., on Saturdays at 2 p.m. These programs will begin the week of Jan. 16 and run for five consecutive weeks. For additional information, call the children's library at 943-9080.

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INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Free Eye Care Provided To Uninsured Workers

A program to provide free eye examinations to low income, uninsured working Americans and their families gets under way in Rhode Island. Sponsored by the Rhode Island Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association, Vision USA is a national program to help people who need eye care but have no means to obtain it.

"Low-income working families with no health insurance are at a great disadvantage for health care benefits," said Katherine Rispoli, O.D., co-chairwoman of the program. "Because of their employed status, they often fall between the cracks of government and private medical assistance programs."

To be eligible for care

through Vision USA, one member of the family must be employed, the family must not be covered by government or private health insurance, eye exams must not have been received in the past two years, and household income cannot exceed an established level based on household size.

Workers who believe they may be eligible for benefits are encouraged to call the Providence Salvation Army at 421-0956 between Jan. 3 and Feb. 17. Residents of South County, Aquidneck Island and the Woonsocket area may call Rhoda Kelly, executive director of the Rhode Island Optometric Association, toll free at 1-800-491-7550 to be screened for eligibility.

R.I. Endodontist Elected To Dental Board

Edwin S. Mehlman, D.D.S., who is in the practice of endodontics in Providence and Cranston, was recently installed as first vice-president of the 140,000-member American Dental Association. Mehlman's installation took place at the ADA's 135th annual session in New Orleans.

Mehlman will serve on the ADA board, which formulates and reviews policies and programs and makes recommendations to the 418 members of the ADA house of delegates. In this capacity, he will play a major role in the ADA's over-all objective of protecting and improving the public's oral health and promoting advances in dentistry.

In addition to his endodontic practice, Mehlman is staff associate in the department of endodontics at Forsyth Dental Center in Boston and assistant clinical professor of endodontics at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He has held numerous other teaching positions and has guest lectured at schools throughout the United States and abroad.

Mehlman received his bache-

lor of arts degree from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1957, his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, in 1961, and his certificate in endodontics from Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry in 1965.

Mehlman resides in Barrington with his wife, Lesley.

Newport Yachting Center Raises Over \$80,000

The Newport Yachting Center Marina and Special Events Center helped to raise \$83,750 for charitable organizations during the 1994 season. Many beneficiaries, such as United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island, the Leukemia Society of Rhode Island and the Kiwanis of Newport County, raised proceeds directly at yachting center events. Other non-profit groups, including the Literacy Volunteers of Newport County, the Canine Companions and various marine-related organizations, were assisted by in-kind contributions.

Bryant College To Award Family Business Of The Year

The Institute for Family Enterprise at Bryant College has initiated a new format for its awards program which will recognize the positive contributions made by family-owned firms to the community and the state's economy.

Family businesses based in Rhode Island and able to demonstrate the results of combining effective business practices with a cohesive family will be recognized at the fourth annual Rhode Island Family Business Conference to be held at Bryant College on May 25.

Anyone (including employees, business associates and customers) who knows of a

family-run business worthy of the RIFB of the Year Award can obtain a nomination form by calling the IFE at 232-6477 or faxing them at 232-6948. In the spirit of entrepreneurship, self-nominations are encouraged. The deadline for nominations is March 3.

The IFE will send all nominated firms an application to be completed by March 24. The judges will then evaluate the entries and select finalists and a Rhode Island Family Business of the Year in two categories: Small Companies (fewer than 50 employees, and Large Companies (larger than 50 employees).

CCRI Announces Spring Schedule

The Community College of Rhode Island will offer more than 300 credit and non-credit courses this spring.

CCRI will offer courses at its campuses in Warwick, Lincoln and Providence, and at off-campus locations in East Providence, Middletown, Newport, North Kingstown and Westerly. Classes begin Jan. 23.

CCRI will offer credit courses in accounting, art, astronomy, biology, business administration, chemistry, computer studies and information processing, economics, electric engineering technology, electronics, engineering, English, fire science, French, health, history, human services, Italian, law, machine design, machine processes, manufacturing, mathematics, mechanical engineering technology, music, oceanography, office administration, philosophy, physical education, physics, political science, Portuguese, process control tech-

nology, psychology, retail management, sociology, Spanish, speech and theatre.

Non-credit courses, offered through the Office of Community Services, provide an opportunity to explore areas such as aerobics, assertiveness training, ballroom dancing, deck building, self-defense, and yoga.

For more information on non-credit courses, call CCRI's Office of Community Services at 333-7070 in Lincoln or 825-2000 in Warwick.

Walk-in registration is Jan. 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A brochure outlining course offerings may be obtained through the Office of Admissions and Records at the Knight Campus (825-2125) in Warwick, the Flanagan Campus (333-7300) in Lincoln or the Providence Campus (455-6017).

Stop & Shop Raises \$289,000

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Co. recently donated over \$289,000 to non-profit organizations who feed the hungry in the communities where it operates. The campaign ran for four weeks this past fall.

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on food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries and emergency shelters throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.

Stop & Shop store employees volunteered their time and energy to raise funds to benefit an adopted hunger relief organization in their respective communities.

Red Cross Offers CPR Review Course

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a CPR review course on Jan. 11 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. at chapter headquarters, 150 Waterman St., Providence.

To be eligible for the review course, the participant must possess one of the following: a current Red Cross CPR certificate or a current equivalent Heart Associate CPR certificate.

Students will review preventing childhood emergencies, rescue breathing techniques, first aid for choking, and administration of CPR to infants, children, and adults.

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Compassionate Friends To Meet

The next meeting of the Compassionate Friends (a self-help group for parents who have suffered the death of a child) will be held on Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan's Church Hall, 33 Turner Ave., East Providence, R.I.

The topic for discussion at this meeting will be "Happy New Year?/Winter Blues."

For directions or further information, call Carol Smith at 885-2900.

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EDITORIAL

Is Giordano The Best Man ...? Smith Recounts Other Offers Made on Home

To the Editor:

The *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* on Dec. 22, 1994 contains several articles and letters about the (former) Jewish Home. *Herald* Editor Smith and Attorney Smith present one perspective; Ellis Waldman another, which circles the wagons around the "done deal" of contractually ceding the home to the tender care of Mr. Giordano. Of course, this is the same Antonio Giordano of recent notoriety in the matter of financial misadventures; of asking DEPCO to forgive some \$3 million in unpaid loans and at the same time flaunting the wealth he supposedly does not have by throwing a costly party for his employees and by sponsoring a posh wedding for his daughter. A degree of inconsistency is quite apparent. Is this really the best man to take over our home? Waldman says that Giordano's financial well-being is only of concern to the extent that he can live up to his agreements. Surely his financial well-being must have been considered when negotiating with him. The attitude of those entrusted with the fortunes of the home seems to be that a contract with the devil is acceptable as long as he can pay.

Is Giordano really the best man to take over the home? Smith and Smith say no; Waldman says yes, because no other offers were made. Alison Smith has personal knowledge of at least one other, financially more attractive bid, which seemingly was ignored by the powers that be. Why? Could it be that Mr. Appel's intention to keep the home Jewish was ab-

horrent to the "wheels" at the home? I vividly recall the insensitivity of members of the board who were phoned in attempts to "save the home" — they hung up on callers. I also personally saw the arrogance of power towards demonstrators during the rubber stamp meeting which formalized the closing — the demonstrators were left in the cold and blinds were drawn in the board room. The clear intimation was that outsiders (mere mortals) could not possibly understand all of the complications involved. The board's solution to these complications was to get rid of problems by abandoning them! The decision to subsequently sell to Giordano seems to be based on the same premise.

It is ironic that on the same page as some of the above comments is a letter on an unrelated matter which is headed "staying Jewish." It is also ironic that Waldman's response to Alison Smith uses a letter head which states: "The Jewish Home — New Spirit...New Hope...New Life." It is a pity that the people charged with guarding the best interest of our community did not consider staying Jewish and thus give meaning to the letterhead.

Kudos to Smith and Smith for having the courage of their convictions. Keep up the good work. Shame on Waldman and all those who sold their brethren out so completely.

Peter Traugott
Providence, R.I.

To the Editor:

Last week's *Jewish Herald* carried a letter from Ellis Waldman stating that "The Jewish Home has received no other offers." I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Zvi Kupfer addressed to the Trustees of the Jewish Home which is self explanatory.

When I tried to arrange an appointment for Mr. Kupfer to see the facility I was told that the deal with Mr. Giordano had been concluded and there was no need for other offers.

Previously I brought another nursing home administrator to the facility and he was told that he was only a backup who would be contacted if they could not put together a deal with Giordano. This prospective purchaser told both me and attorney Dan Stone of Temkin & Stone, the home's attorneys, that he liked the facility but in order for him to put together a proper offer he would have to spend about three weeks studying the figures, the community needs, and other various aspects of the operations. He said that he would be willing to do that if at the end he

had a chance. He was not given any assurance whatsoever but was told to wait and see if the Giordano deal would come together.

The agreement with Giordano has to be approved by a majority of the trustees at their January meeting. I would urge all members of the Jewish community to contact members of the board of trustees of the home and ask them to consider Mr. Kupfer's letter and the fact that there are other willing offerors out there very carefully before allowing the Jewish Home to get yet another black eye by getting in bed with someone who has failed to live up to his commitments to the home under the first agreement or to DEPCO in connection with his other endeavors.

Z. Hershel Smith
Counsellor-at-Law
Providence, R.I.

Ed. Note: This office has a copy of a Book Transfer Credit Advice by the Marine Midland Bank for Zvi Kupfer in the amount of \$500,208.42.

Not Family OR Institution, But Family AND Institution

by Norma Holzer
President, AMIT Women

The back-and-forth between Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on the pros and cons of orphanages has sparked heated debate in this country over the collective care of children removed from their homes.

This debate posits two alternatives: foster care, which approximates family life but cannot be constantly supervised, and institutional care, which offers greater control of the children's circumstances at the sacrifice of an intimate family environment.

There are variations on the latter which offer a few hallmarks of the family, such as long-term residency and housemothers or -fathers, but such facilities are still considered suspect by family advocates because they do not actively seek to reunite the children with their natural families.

Waldman Deserves Credit

It's important to remember, when we're talking about the Jewish Home for the Aged and its trustees, that Ellis Waldman has taken our phone calls or returned them, has put his points in writing in this paper, has spoken and written calmly and without vituperation.

There are, or were, 93 trustees. Waldman is more visible than the rest because he is not hiding behind drawn blinds or silence.

Additionally, there is the bottom line to consider. Foster care, though often an abysmal failure resulting in child neglect or abuse, is relatively cheap. Projections for the cost per child of institutional care run in the five figures, according to a recent *Time* magazine article.

Assuming we could actually come up with a collective care system that would deliver the kind of care we think best for the children, how could we do so without breaking our collective financial backs?

There is precedent in the United States for seeking solutions to our own societal problems by examining the methods used by other Westernized countries — witness the recent attention paid to the British and Canadian systems for delivering national health care. In the quest for appropriate alternative child care, we would do well to look to Israel, a family-oriented country if there ever was one.

In Jerusalem, in 1983, an experimental facility called AMIT Beit Hayaed (literally, "House of the Child") opened its doors to children aged 6 to 14 who had been removed from their families — for a variety of reasons — by social welfare professionals. The experimental factor was a concept called "mishpachton," from the Hebrew word for family, mishpacha. The 144 children who reside full-time at Beit Hayaed live in self-contained apartments which are in fact surrogate family units. Each family comprises 12 boys and girls of varied ages; a married surrogate parent couple who have emerged successfully from an intensive screening procedure

An Open Letter To The Trustees

Ladies & Gentlemen:

My name is Zvi Kupfer. I am a nursing home operator and administrator in the state of New York. The Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island was brought to my attention by Leo Swartz of Lakewood, New Jersey. Mr. Swartz has given to me the appraisal of your home done by Thomas Andolfo of Providence. I like the home and believe that I can be successful in operating it.

My wife and I purchased a nursing home in Queens, New York, which was losing \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year for several years before we acquired it in 1986 and we turned it around to a point where it now runs itself and earns a profit in excess of \$450,000 each year. This is only a 70-bed facility.

My wife and I have just transferred \$500,000 to an account in Marine Midland Bank to be devoted to the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island. A copy of the statement showing the transfer on December 12, 1994 is attached. I am certain that I can better your present offer by several hundred thousand dollars, if not more and I have the wherewithal to do it even if it would take \$12,000,000. In order to be in a position to make an actual offer, however, I would have to see the facility which I have not been afforded the opportunity to do.

I assure you that I am a serious purchaser and I will transfer the money in the Marine Midland account to the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island as a down payment upon entering into a binding purchase and sale agreement.

If you want references with regard to our capabilities, I would refer you to Dov Hikind, New York State Assemblyman, whom I assume many of you know.

Zvi Kupfer
Brooklyn, N.Y.

and are usually headed for advanced degrees in psychology or social work; and a female high school graduate fulfilling her armed forces duty via national service.

On a daily basis, these individuals function as an actual family, eating together, discussing school and friends, doing homework, playing in the family room. But they in fact have on the premises a support system available to few families.

Beit Hayaed has an institutional-sized kitchen (in addition to the kitchen in each apartment) from which the main, hot meal of the day is sent to each family, and the facility provides laundry service as well. This frees the surrogate parents to concentrate on the children. There is also a licensed psychologist on staff, as well as a full-time guidance counselor and a social worker. A tutoring program directed by principal-level educator offers

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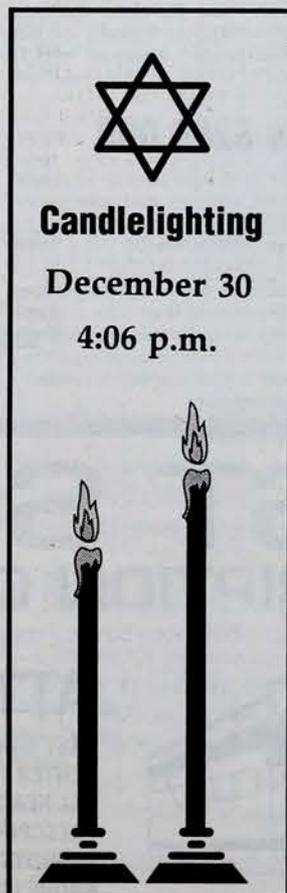
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EDITORIAL

Not Family OR

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10 trained counselors to help the children with their homework. The building houses a computer room, library, infirmary, speech pathology room, activity rooms, counseling rooms and a synagogue.

In short, AMIT Beit Hayered combines the advantages of a family and an institution while minimizing the disadvantages of each. It could easily appropriate entirely the role of family for its residents. But in keeping with Israel's social welfare system's goal of maintaining the parent-child bond, Beit Hayered fosters contact between the children and their parents whenever possible. Children who can do so safely return home for one weekend each month. Parents join in birthday celebrations — which are celebrated en masse by the entire facility — and one-to-one activities. They are urged — sometimes contrary to their own inclinations — to remain part of their children's lives.

There is also a group of some 80 children at Beit Hayered known as the "externim" (externals), those who "live out."

These are children whose parents have been determined by social welfare professionals to be at least minimally capable of caring for them. Beit Hayered makes it easier for them to do so by picking up the youngsters early in the morning by minibus, feeding them a hot breakfast, getting them ready for school (their school clothes and knapsacks are kept at Beit Hayered) and sending them off on time.

After school, the children return to Beit Hayered, where they have a snack, receive help with their homework, and engage in recreational activities until, after eating supper and washing up, they are returned to their homes. All their parents need to do on schooldays is wake and dress the children in the mornings and see them into bed in the evenings — hopefully, with a good night kiss.

But that kiss is not assumed. Parents of Beit Hayered's commuter children receive extensive counseling from the staff in every aspect of child care: proper hygiene; maintaining discipline without resorting to physical or psychological assault; even how to play with their children.

Every effort is made to hold these families together, no matter how nominal the actual time spent with each other. And although the "externim" are grouped in surrogate families, with surrogate parents, while at Beit Hayered, they are encouraged to think of their natural families as being central in their lives.

What Price Success?

The Beit Hayered experiment is now in its 11th year, and its success has been confirmed by a number of measures.

Its waiting list is substantial; one social worker informed its director that when she places a child in Beit Hayered, she "stops worrying." At the request of the ministry of social welfare, two smaller offshoots of Beit Hayered, for children with more severe behavioral

problems, have been established in Jerusalem, and one recently opened in the southern town of Dimona.

Of the children who grew up in Beit Hayered, says director Nitzchia Eldar, 92 percent have achieved "successful adulthood," as defined by three criteria: graduation from high school, completion of army service, and the ability to hold on to a job. Several of the girls have returned to Beit Hayered, by request, to fulfill their national service. A great many are still in touch with their surrogate parents.

What is the cost of such success? A breakdown of the annual budget reveals a per child cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000, admittedly higher than the estimated cost of foster care but significantly lower than the projected cost of institutional care. And when one considers the probability that a childhood spent in such a residence will do much to prevent an adulthood spent in and out of government-funded drug recovery programs or correctional facilities, the investment looks even more attractive.

There is no shame in borrowing an idea that works. Let's consider borrowing this one.

Why Worry?

This week, we find guidelines in the Torah how one should deal with concerns about the future. It is obviously immature to live only for the present moment and not give any thought to the future. One might then squander all one's assets on enjoyable activities and eventually find oneself totally destitute.

On the other hand, a person can worry oneself into physical, as well as psychological, diseases by contemplating all that can go wrong in the future. How much worry is proper and how much is excessive?

In chapter three of this Parsha, G-d commanded Moses to deliver the Israelites from their Egyptian bondage. Moses asked of G-d, how do I refer to you when I speak to the people? And in verse 14, He says, "I will be that which I will be." But then G-d says, "this is what you shall say to the Israelites, I

will be has sent me to you." First, twice "I will be" and then only once.

The Talmud explains this dialogue as follows: G-d said to Moses, I will be with the Israelites in this ordeal of Egypt and I will be with them in their ordeals of future captivities. To which Moses responded, why should I tell them now of the troubles that will occur in the future? And G-d said, no, the ordeals and suffering of the future I am revealing only to you. To the Israelites, you say only, I will be with you now and do not burden them with the troubles of the future.

For Moses, it was necessary to know that there would be future exiles and captivities. As the first one to transmit the Torah to Israel, Moses had to lay the groundwork so that subsequent generations and their leaders would have that to draw upon during these periods of distress.

However, there was nothing that the Israelites could do to

prepare future generations for their ordeals, hence there was no point in causing them unnecessary worry. Moses was, therefore, told twice, I will be with them, now and in the future. But the Israelites were not told of any subsequent exile.

This then is the guideline which the Torah provides for us. Healthy or constructive worry is not determined either by the magnitude or the nature of a problem, neither by quality or quantity. The question is simple. What will worrying accomplish? If it can lead to some constructive action, then this kind of worry is healthy. If worry will change nothing, then it is not only worthless an-

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AFSI Disappointed With Foxman and ADL

To the Editor:

In a letter to the *New York Times* on Dec. 14, the Anti-Defamation League's director accuses those who oppose stationing U.S. troops on the Golan of having a hidden agenda whose purpose is to destroy the "peace process." For a man who heads an anti-defamation group to defame and impugn the motives of so many distinguished Americans is bizarre. Certainly, he owes an apology to the Center for Security Policy, to the Jewish War Veterans, JINSA, and to the hundreds of respondents who indicated in a recent poll that they are unalterably opposed, by a ratio of 4 to 1, to placing American troops on the Golan.

However, he is right about Americans For a Safe Israel. We certainly have an additional agenda, which we make no effort to disguise. Other organizations may shield their posteriors by not wishing to be seen as "against peace." We have no such inhibition. A hoax is a hoax, and when it becomes an additional weapon for the destruction of Israel, it is our obligation to expose and denounce it. There is no peace process. There is wholesale appeasement followed by increased terrorism against Jews, and this

carnage, in turn, is followed by more concessions. Every paragraph of the PLO's covenant calls for the destruction of Israel. Every fulmination of Arafat calls for a capital in Jerusalem — by Jihad, if necessary. And, yet, Israel's Nobel laureates sidestep every murder, every incitement to violence, and every victim, in order to continue the so-called peace process.

In their haste to implement their hallucination, the Rabin government and its apparatchiks in their diplomatic corps insult the motives of those American friends of Israel who are outraged by the sell-out of Jewish national rights. They squelch skepticism, and paper-over the PLO's barely disguised complicity with all terrorists. They strike deals with barbarians whose own subjects are victims of state-sponsored brutality and terror. They dismiss Syria's continued occupation of Lebanon, King Hussein's fragile control of Jordan, and Egypt's state-sponsored anti-Semitism and its violation of every significant article of the Camp David accords. There is no peace — hot or cold — with dictators. There is only containment and deterrence.

Other friends of Israel may willfully or naively ignore these signs. That is their privilege. However, there was a time, under the leadership of Nathan Perlmutter, when the ADL would be in the forefront of discussion and dissent with any policy that threatened the security of Israel and world Jewry. That, sadly, in spite of Abe Foxman's noble past in Betar, is not the case today.

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FEATURE

Hate Mail Flies Through Cyberspace Jewish Groups Seek Action

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Simon Wiesenthal Center is asking Vice President Al Gore and Prodigy, an on-line computer service, to face up to the swelling volume of hate tirades on electronic bulletin boards in cyberspace.

Right now, the Internet is getting to be like the Wild West.

In a recent letter to the president of Prodigy, Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center, requested that the commercial on-line computer service find a way "to deal with racist subscribers who abuse Prodigy to spread hatred and demean entire groups of people."

In an immediate response, Prodigy spokesman Brian Ek invited Cooper and researcher Rick Eaton to come to White Plains, N.Y. and meet with Prodigy officials in early January.

At the same time, Cooper petitioned Gore, as the highest-ranking advocate of the budding information superhighway, to convene a meeting of human rights groups, educators, regulatory agencies and technological experts "to develop strategies to combat the abuse of the superhighway by hate mongers."

Cooper said that while racist anti-Semitic and white supremacist messages are found on other major commercial on-line services, he had received the most complaints from Prodigy users.

The commercial services have five million subscribers, including two million on Prodigy, but these figures —

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and the potential spread of hate messages — are dwarfed by the 20 million computer users linked to the Internet global computer network.

Prodigy was the focus of controversy involving anti-Semitic postings three years ago and at the time worked with the Anti-Defamation League to craft a policy that forbids "blatant expressions of hatred" on its boards.

Prodigy spokesman Ek said that while this policy is still in place, "we have more than 1.7

million notes on the board at any given time, and we can't read them all."

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According to Jeffrey Sinen-sky, director of ADL's civil rights division, the problem with Prodigy and the other on-line services is getting them to adhere to the standards they have set.

The Wisenthal Center said it has tracked more than 50 separate hate groups on Internet and the on-line services during the past few months.

While Cooper acknowledged that sensitive free speech issues are involved in any attempt to restrict access and expressions of opinion in the booming medium, he believes that reasonable guidelines can be established.

"We're dealing with a new field and we have to come up with new answers," he said.

By way of illustration, he said that Alexander Graham Bell never thought the telephone would be used for obscene calls, but given their existence, technological means have been found to defend against such calls. (Ed. note: not all that well, actually.)

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Right now, Cooper said, Internet is getting to be like the Wild West, with no sheriff around to discourage evil doers.

Internet is also the latest battlefield for Middle East confrontations, according to a recent *Los Angeles Times* article by Sheldon Teitelbaum.

One forum, alled JPOL — for Jewish Politics — is the favorite platform for mostly "ultra-right-wing American Jews willing to fight to the last living Israeli"

against the current peace process, the article says. On P-NET, or Palestine Net, Palestinians and their supporters regularly lambast Yasser Arafat for selling out to Israel.

For both camps, as well as for Holocaust deniers and skin-heads, Internet "is a strategically placed hilltop from which to lob computer equivalents of Katyusha rockets and artillery shells at the enemy," writes Teitelbaum.

(JTA intern Avi Aronsky in New York contributed to this report.)



Sandelowski Speaks

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"On a scale of 1 to 10, my day in prison was a 10." Heinz Sandelowski drove to nearby Massachusetts with a police escort. He'd been asked to tell the inmates at a state penitentiary something about the time when all Germany had been a cruel jail for Jews.

Heinz, slim, wearing dark glasses, with his shock of fine white hair, speaking in a rich, eloquent voice, must have cut a marvelous figure for the young convicts, a profile both fragile and yet also strong, the very personification of resistance and survival.

"They put me through a very thorough and complete search according to practice and system. But once I was checked through the corridors and passageways, I was very warmly received. I've never been accorded such gentle respect and rapt attention. They stayed in line to shake my hand. They asked deep questions."

As the new president of the Holocaust Survivors of Rhode Island, Heinz Sandelowski had

announced at the December meeting, with a wry grin, that he had accepted the invitation of Beth Cohen at the Holocaust Museum, to visit the Norfolk House of Correction. "We are a small group, but we must go on and continue to give testimony wherever and whenever we are asked."

During an interview at his home in the Miriam Hospital neighborhood, Heinz spoke of his nearly half a century among us in Providence. "We experienced the entire rise of Nazi anti-Semitism, including Krystallnacht. This is the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the camps and the start of survivor settlement in Rhode Island. Our organization will keep the public aware of our efforts to reach out and speak forth."

Heinz Sandelowski with remarkable zest and courage brings his message of responsibility and historical awareness from schools to prisons, fulfilling his role with immense dignity.



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Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Sandelowski
Herald photo by Mike Fink

FEATURE

Computers Invade Every Israeli's Privacy

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Police are investigating how computer listings containing personal information about every Israeli citizen ended up in the hands of at least one private company.

Israeli television reported that the company, Makbalit, was selling CD-ROM computer disks containing data on the Israeli population. The information, which is normally used by government agencies, is not for publication or general distribution.

According to the report, at the touch of a button, users of the CD-ROM can call up the

age, telephone number and address of every Israeli citizen — including the head of the General Security Services, whose identity is generally kept secret.

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The head of the police investigations unit, Yosef Levy, said a search is on for the owners of the company, who he said went into hiding after getting word they were suspected of wrongdoing.

Say That Again?

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Good news for bathers at the Kinneret. The vicious-looking fish discovered in the lake recently was not piranha, as feared, but another fish — of the vegetarian persuasion.

Hebrew University scientists who examined specimens of the fish said that while they bear a striking resemblance to the carnivorous piranha, they were, in fact, another South American species known as the "paco."

The fish use their teeth, the scientists explained, to crack nuts.

"I expected to see the graduates involved in training their peers but was pleasantly amazed at the scale. I went less than three months after the seminar ended, and already nearly every participant had held at least one training seminar, some had done several.

"The two weeks in Zikhron Ya'akov are just the beginning. The real work occurs when they go back home."



IN MEMORIAM — a participant in the "Helping the Helper" seminar lays a stone on the monument to children who died in the Holocaust, at Yad Vashem. Photo by Vera Etzion

'Helping The Helper'

Twenty mental health care professionals from former Yugoslavia were invited to participate in a seminar in Israel entitled "Helping the Helper," recently.

The two-week seminar had two main aims to help the helpers by giving them a rest from the two-year armed conflict, a chance to unwind and refresh their minds; and at the same time to provide them with new skills and knowledge for the successful psycho-social treatment of young trauma victims.

The group consisted of psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers and educators from Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Bosnia, all of whom work with children suffering from trauma as a result of the war.

This was the second "Helping the Helper" seminar. The first, in March 1994, was for Bosnian Moslem and Croatian mental health professionals.

The seminars were initiated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, UKJAJD, a British Jewish philanthropic organization, and UNICEF. They are conducted by Israeli experts in stress disorders.

JDC's involvement with the seminars is an outgrowth of its non-sectarian activities in the former Yugoslavia since the beginning of the conflict in April 1992.

In addition to evacuating Jews, Moslems and Christians from the war-torn regions, JDC continues to supply food and medicine to thousands affected by the violence.

The seminars are held in Israel where participants can utilize the country's expertise in the field of war traumas, amassed over four decades of a country living in the shadow of conflict.

"The psychologists in the former Yugoslavia have good training, but it is primarily theoretical," explains Nili Kapur, regional consultant for UNICEF's psycho-social programs. "There is a desperate need for practical work with trauma cases."

The seminars are based on experiential learning rather

than theoretical lectures: the group spent one morning making up stories as part of bibliotherapy and another using homemade instruments to convey their feelings in a session on music therapy.

"I am learning about so many different channels of expression I can use to teach my young patients," said Vesna Petrovic, a university professor in mental health. "The refugee children are usually quite withdrawn, and it is hard to get them to start sharing their experiences. I am excited about trying these new methods when I return to Belgrade."

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Ljiljana Krkejc agrees. A psychologist from Montenegro, she noted that refugee teenagers have all of the typical adolescent development problems in addition to those caused by the war: trauma, sense of hopelessness and loss of identity. "These children are traumatized, and they need to express their feelings and describe the things they have witnessed. The techniques we are learning here will be of great help."

Two of the participants were husband and wife, Dragana and Borche Batic. "What these children have experienced is subtle and long-lasting trauma," explained Dragana. "We see a drastic rise in juvenile violence and delinquency, as well as drug abuse. The seminar is giving me the necessary tools to deal with these issues. It has surpassed all my expectations."

Borche, who is blind, added, "The methods we learn — cri-

sis intervention, video and music therapy — are appropriate for dealing with the problems of children in general. The workshops on families in distress and effects of trauma on children help us adapt these techniques to the specific needs of our population."

But learning new methods of helping children cope with the aftereffects of war is only half the picture. The seminar also provides relief for the caregivers themselves, with workshops like "Stress and Burn-out among Professionals," "Relaxation Techniques" and "Organizations in Disaster."

Just spending two weeks in the tranquil setting of Beit Daniel, a rural guest house in Zikhron Ya'akov, nestled in the Carmel mountain range, helps them relax and recharge their inner batteries.

"I listen to the children talking about their emotions all day," said Andja Backovic, a school psychologist. "It is such a nice change for someone to ask me 'What are you feeling?' Our work is very important but very draining. We don't usually talk about it, but the stress does build up. It is a relief to see that others feel this way and discuss the problem openly."

In addition to helping these 20 professionals, part of the seminar's *modus operandi* is to have the participants spread the skills and knowledge acquired here to peers upon their return home by setting up similar seminars for colleagues who will in turn teach others. In addition, as part of the seminar, the participants prepared a specific project to implement upon their return.

Dr. Reuven Gal, an Israeli trauma expert and former high ranking officer in the Psychological Corps of the Israeli Army, made a study visit to the former Yugoslavia to see the results of the first seminar and was extremely pleased.

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Inquiry Into "Lost Children" Finds No Official Wrongdoing

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A government-appointed committee investigating the fate of hundreds of Yemenite children who disappeared in Israel during the 1950s has concluded that most of the children died of disease.

Some leaders in the Yemenite community have alleged that Israeli authorities at the time abducted the children and sold them for adoption in Israel and abroad.

The committee, which conducted a six-year inquiry headed by retired Judge Moshe Shalgi, was formed amid pressure from the Yemenite community, which was dissatisfied with the outcome of a similar commission in 1967.

In March, about 10 heavily armed members of a Yemenite sect led by Rabbi Uzi Meshulam holed themselves up in a fortified house near Tel Aviv, protesting what they described as the "disappearance and sale of thousands of Yemenite children." They were dispersed following a massive police operation, and several sect members were arrested in May.

In its 250-page report issued Dec. 21, the committee said no evidence was found to substantiate any of the allegations against the government.

Jewish Firm Defies Dutch Law

by Henriette Boas

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — A company founded by Jews that operates department stores and supermarkets throughout Holland is refusing to comply with a government law that calls on all Dutch companies with more than 35 employees to register their foreign workers with the government.

KBB, which owns the De Bijenkorf department store chain and the Hema supermarket chain, says the government regulation is all too reminiscent of German measures enacted during World War II that re-

quired all people of Jewish origin to register with the authorities.

The Dutch government instituted the registration program in an effort to determine how many foreign nationals a firm employs and to find out whether companies are using fair hiring practices.

The government is specifically tracking the employment of people from Turkey, Morocco, Suriname, Vietnam, Somalia and the Caribbean.

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Yes, The PLO Should Receive U.S. Aid

by Seymour D. Reich
President
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Ancient and contemporary history teaches us that when common interests are at stake, even enemies can become partners. Whether we should help the PLO with American aid is not the real question. Whether we should help Israel by encouraging assistance to the fledgling Palestinian Authority is the fundamental issue for the American Jewish community and the American people.

Those who oppose helping the Palestinian Authority because Arafat and the PLO are former terrorists or because there has been an increase in terrorist activity against Israel since the signing of the declaration of principles miss the point. While the recent state department report on PLO compliance with the provisions of the Israel-PLO peace agreement sidestepped some troubling issues, it did conclude that the PLO is making a genuinely good faith effort to fulfill its promises. Israel, similarly, has determined that the PLO is trying to abide by its commitments, while pointing out where it has been less than effective.

Denial of aid to the Palestinian Authority at this time plays right into the hands of Islamic extremists and other enemies of Israel.

Israel has been a leading voice in calling for the United States and the international community to assist the Palestinian Authority with desperately needed funds. More than

any other nation, Israel is aware of the extremists and terrorists among the Arabs who are out to destroy the peace effort.

The extremist plan at this stage is two-fold: to wreak terror on Israel in an effort to weaken its resolve to pursue the peace process, and to undermine the Palestinian Authority by exploiting the economic distress of the Palestinians.

Those who counsel Israel to withdraw from the peace process or press the United States to withhold aid to Gaza and Jericho until the PLO complies to their satisfaction with every detail of the Israel-PLO agreement are giving aid and succor to Islamic extremists and terrorists — the enemies of Israel, the PLO and of the peace process itself.

Is this really what opponents of aid to the PLO want, or what Israel and the United States want? Perhaps if Israel had had the luxury of choosing its neighbors and its partners for peace, it might have picked nations and peoples without the long history of anti-Israel hatred that has marked most of the Arab world for so long. But Israel has not had that luxury. It has had to make peace not with its friends, but with its enemies.

Israel's hope and dream is that through peace, it can realistically expect that in time, ties of mutual self-interest will prevail and relations between Israelis and Arabs can be normalized, thus bringing to a close an era of mutual denigration and

distrust.

But this will never occur if the keystone agreement between Israel and the PLO is allowed to erode because of the Palestinian Authority's financial inability to establish a viable economy to lift the Palestinians out of the fetid swamp of

The PLO is making a genuinely good faith effort to fulfill its promises.

poverty and despair that breeds fundamentalist extremism and terrorism.

Either we have faith in Israel's ability to safeguard its security and determine where its self-interest lies, or we do not.

Israel has managed to protect its people and maintain a thriving democracy for 47 years, regardless of which party has been in power. There is every reason to believe that it will not sacrifice its security needs while engaging in the peace process. Yet those who oppose U.S. and international aid needed to strengthen the Palestinian Authority — aid urged by the Israeli government itself — are attempting to substitute their judgment for that of the government of Israel.

Denial of aid to the Palestinian Authority at this time plays right into the hands of Islamic extremists and other enemies of Israel.

Decisions made by Israel concerning its own future should be the business of Israel itself. It is up to Israel to determine how the specific failings of the PLO impinge on the future of the peace agreements, and whether or not to continue negotiations.

The leaders of Israel have always viewed the peace process as a dynamic, ever-changing one. They are sufficiently experienced and hard-headed enough to understand that there will be successes and failures along the way. But they believe that in the long run, there is no acceptable alternative to peace — either for Israel or for the Arabs. They deserve our patience and our encouragement.

Let us not withhold our support at this critical moment in Israel's history.

Court Rules Against Nigerian Judaism

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — People belonging to the Ibo tribe of Nigeria are not Jewish, according to a ruling handed down by Israel's High Court of Justice recently.

As a result of the ruling, an estimated 2 million members of the tribe do not have the automatic right to immigrate to Israel and receive citizenship under the country's Law of Return, a right reserved under Israeli law for Jews worldwide.

Egyptian President Declines Visit To Israel

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said last week that he would not visit Israel any time soon because such a visit could thwart peace talks between Israel and Syria.

"If I thought my visit to Israel could help the peace process, I would come tomorrow morning," Mubarak said, addressing Israeli reporters who were accompanying Israeli President Ezer Weizman on a trip to the Egyptian capital. But, Mubarak said, such a visit could cause Damascus to feel isolated, which would cause Syrian President Hafez Assad to harden his position in the long-stalled Israeli-Syrian negotiations.

Weizman reportedly tried hard to persuade Mubarak to change his mind, but without success.

While turning down the invitation to visit Israel, Mubarak and his ministers nonetheless took pains to persuade the Israeli reporters — and through them the Israeli public — that Israeli-Egyptian relations are warming.

The Egyptian president also cautioned patience in nego-

tiations with Syria, saying Assad has "problems with his public opinion."

He warned Israel to expect further problems with fundamentalist terrorism among the Palestinians.

"Do not expect [Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser] Arafat to be able to restore security overnight," he said.

"It is not simple. These are crazy people."

Hosni Mubarak

He brought up the fact that years ago, Israel had supported the creation of the Hamas movement in the Gaza Strip to serve as a counterweight to the PLO.

Israel can not expect Arafat to immediately overcome a problem that Israel was originally responsible for, he said.

"It is not simple. These are crazy people," said Mubarak, who has had to contend with Islamic fundamentalists in his own country.

But he added: "If anyone can deal with the problem, Arafat can. He is the most courageous person."

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AIPAC Lobbyist Joins Gingrich's Inner Circle

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a move that startled Jewish Washington, the senior lobbyist at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee has announced he will join the inner circle of Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House.

Gingrich has vowed to push for a school prayer amendment in the 104th Congress, which begins work Jan. 4.

Arne Christenson will end his career with the pre-eminent pro-Israel lobby shortly to become senior policy staffer on budget and spending in Gingrich's office.

Jewish activists predicted that Christenson's return to Capitol Hill will serve the community well.

"It's always good to have friends in high places," said Jason Isaacson, director of the American Jewish Committee's Washington office.

Mark Pelavin, Washington representative for the American Jewish Congress, added that Christenson's move will only strengthen Gingrich's already strong ties to the pro-Israel community.

Pelavin cautioned, however, that Jewish activists will still have some problems with Gingrich's domestic agenda.

Just because a former lobbyist for AIPAC will be working for Gingrich, Pelavin said, "We cannot expect the speaker to change his view on a school prayer amendment, the same way we can't be expected to change ours."

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"The Joint" Could Use Some Help

The Jewish Service Corps, part of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, is recruiting volunteers for a unique service opportunity to the Jewish people in Bombay, Sofia, and Casablanca.

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Self-starters, with creativity

Jewish groups in Washington have begun to prepare for an

"It's always good to have friends in high places."

Jason Isaacson.

all-out battle with Gingrich and the Republican leadership on a wide range of issues including school prayer, welfare reform and a balanced budget amendment.

Christenson refused to address domestic issues of concern to the Jewish community, saying only that his new position is "promoting Gingrich's agenda."

For their part, AIPAC officials stressed that Christenson is departing on good terms and that this is a career decision.

Israel, PLO To Pursue Talks

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have agreed to hold secret, top-level talks in an effort to break the impasse over their negotiations on implementing Palestinian self-rule accord.

"We do not intend, until we reach agreement, to let details of the negotiations become known," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told reporters after meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat in the Gaza Strip.

Peres added that top-level talks involving himself, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Arafat were the best way to overcome differences on the sensitive next phase of the self-rule accord. The next phase calls for an Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank on the eve of Palestinian elections.

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Administration's Plan May Jeopardize Elderly Housing

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In a pre-emptive strike to save the embattled department of Housing and Urban Development, budget cutters in the Clinton administration have proposed a drastic overhaul of the agency.

The proposal would eliminate funding for dozens of programs, including those that finance the construction of low-income housing for the elderly and others that provide support services at such facilities.

The White House estimates that the proposed restructuring would save \$800 million over the next five years.

Activists say that the administration's move could not come at a worse time for America's elderly population — both Jewish and non-Jewish — which continues to grow at a record pace.

Included in the ballooning growth are senior American Jews who increasingly are turning toward low-income housing, according to Joanne Hoffman, director of housing for the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in New York.

An estimated eight people are waiting for each available unit of low income housing, according to recent studies.

Hoffman's group runs nearly 3,000 units, making it one of the largest sponsors of low-income housing for seniors in New York City.

Jewish professionals estimate that through local federations, B'nai B'rith and independent associations, the Jewish community provides housing to thousands of low-income seniors.

Those facilities serve both Jews and non-Jews, in accordance with fair-housing laws.

B'nai B'rith, for instance, runs 27 homes across the country, housing more than 5,000 low-income seniors.

An estimated eight people are waiting for each available unit of low-income housing, according to recent studies.

That Jewish seniors require such housing dispels the myth that most of the elderly in the community do not have such needs.

The problem for poor elderly Jews is "a problem the Jewish community is only beginning to face," said Mark Meridy, B'nai B'rith's senior housing specialist.

"Certainly this is going to gain prominence as people continue to live longer and the need for housing increases," he said.

The proposed HUD budget cut caught Jewish activists across the country off guard.

Since the election in November, those working on the do-

"We will have no place to send the low-income elderly. This is really a crisis."

Joanne Hoffman

mestic front have concentrated their efforts on tracking congressional Republican proposals on welfare, balanced-budget amendments and school prayer.

They did not expect threats to come from the White House. Under the administration proposal, 60 HUD programs would be combined into three mega-block grants for local communities.

Although low-income elderly housing providers could compete for diminished funds, Jewish professionals hold little hope that their programs would receive nearly as much funding as they do now, especially when competing against disabled housing, public housing, and emergency housing.

In addition, under the proposal, beginning in 1998, elderly housing facilities will be competing for the same funds with homeless programs and housing for people with AIDS. Calling the proposal "the final blow" to the "dismantling of public housing," Hoffman said, "We will have no place to send the low-income elderly. This is really a crisis."

Without low-income housing as an option, senior citizens will be forced into nursing homes without the "dignity and independence we provide," she said.

At a news conference, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros argued that the restructuring will actually benefit low-income elderly housing because the grant application process will shift from private organizations such as federations and B'nai and B'rith to local and state authorities.

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The private organizations would then be able to apply to the state and local authorities, which, according to Cisneros, can set aside funds for specific purposes.

When asked whether she was reassured by Cisneros' assessment that funding would still be forthcoming, Ellen Feingold, public policy chairwoman of the North American Association of Jewish Homes and Housing for the Aging, said, "I am confident of nothing."

With all activists clearly concerned, Diana Aviv, director of the Washington office of the Council of Jewish Federations, tried to find the silver lining in an otherwise bleak future for low-income housing programs.

In the meantime, CJF will join B'nai B'rith and Christian non-profit groups in fighting to keep the grant program intact.

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Gabriel Mitchell plays violin at ASDS Art and Music Program.

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Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer (second from the left) spreads good will on Thayer Street on the East Side.

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King Hussein of Jordan, President Clinton of Israel at the White House on July 25 for the



Jihad El San and his family at his graduation from Ben Gurion University of the Negev.



Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson



Purim paraders on Elmgrove Avenue.

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Israeli child and his kitten



Three friends at PHDS during a farm animal event.

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A Providence Rugby Club player plows his way upfield.

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Justin Ward gets a hug from Georgia Maroni.

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Reading and acting out the Megillah at Temple Emanu-El.

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Elyse Berman risks a horrible fate at Roger Williams Park Zoo.

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Russell Golden (left) and Lenny Ch

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Look at 1994 from the Herald's Photo File



President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Rabin of Israel sign the Declaration of Peace.
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Three little mermaids from ASDS at High Ridge Swim Club.
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Kids from Temple Am David sing at Temple Torat Yisrael Zimriyah.
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Children enjoy a catnap together.



Thomas Epstein cooks things up at King Richard's Faire.
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Dorothy Fox
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A new Torah scroll is completed by sofer at PHDS.
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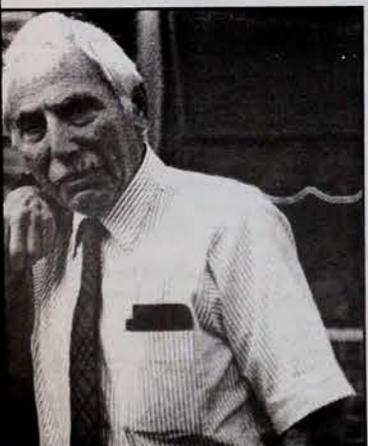
Science fair winner and her winning exhibit.
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Stan Israel and Bernie Bell protesting the decision to sell the Jewish Home for the Aged.
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Moses Brown's Tracy Boriskin returns a hard shot.
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Boxer — old friends, young boxers.
Neil Nachbar



Detail from "Blue Alley" by Rabbi Hershy Worch.
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berlinsky receive Amudin Award at PHDS.
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Music of First Night, '95

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Every year, First Night creates and sells CD samplers of the music that will be featured in the upcoming celebration. This year, there are 21 selections on the disk. It seemed prudent to just pick out the three or four I liked best and tell you about them. Unfortunately, "Big Al" Gomes and A. Michelle — otherwise known jointly as Big Noise — have made that impossible this year.

"There is something here for everyone" probably sounds like something you've heard before — but you haven't heard this music before. Trust me.

I'll begin with Northern Lights playing "Living Without You." These guys play, sing and compose like they should be famous all over the country. There's always a bit of humor in their music and their stage patter — a touch of self-deprecation. Consider this bluegrass from a mountainside — you can practically feel the Blue Ridge wind blowing through.

Bill Harley sings a song of sympathy for the Rhode Islander in winter. Great lyrics.

The Good Friends play "Java live." Are you old enough to



Judith Lynn Stillman

remember this kind of singing? I'm talking World War II. Yes, I am. I said there was something here for everyone! Grandpa will be dancing with his grand-

daughter.

Rose Weaver sings "Baby Doll." Shades of Sophie Tucker. I didn't know anyone could still sing like that. Keep your eye on this Rose.

Young Neal and the Vipers come up next. Neal sounds a little like Elvis with his spring wound too tight. And no wonder ... "She likes to boogie real low!" What a party animal!

The Pink Tuxedos introduce you to "Sixty Minute Man." Do you like Willie Dixon music? You're going to like this. Remember "Back Door Man"?

Dan Moretti and his group drop in next, with "Cru-cre Cororo" (Brand New Samba). It's midnight in the jungle, friends — stay together. And dance a little — make enough noise to scare those tigers out there. Ah, we're getting braver now. I think I see the last tiger heading out. Good-bye, tiger!

Right about here I remembered Kim Trusty singing "Can't Let Love Pass By" ... a good song for that moment when the old year slips away forever and the new one drifts in, and you have a decision to make.

Cecile Grobe plays an original composition, "Trees." Right on the money. Grobe's spent time watching and listening when the wind blows.

Laura Berkson sings "Heartland." Another song of moving on, and change — a beautiful, clear, effortless-sounding voice ... like water flowing from a spring. And a very nice accompaniment.

Midnight Snack plays "Mrs. Madrigal." Haunting flute music — very other-worldly — with just the squeak of the wooden guitar peg now and then to bring you back to this world, as Abbie Long weaves a web under the flute.

Marcia Taylor sings, "I'll Be Loving You," a tuneful, lilting melody, you'll be humming before the song is over for the first time. A Rita McNeil type of singer and song. When it comes to a woman in love you can't do better than that.

Magnolia lets us have it right in the chops with "Allons A Lafayette." Sprinkle a little Tabasco sauce behind your ears and get up and dance. Warning — Cajun is addictive.

Pendragon does a very nice job with "The Palatine." So New England, and so sea-faring you'll smell salt in the air.

Judith Lynn Stillman plays a piano that blends two songs like Annie Laurie and Rocking Horse together into one beautiful whole. You could listen to this lady all day long, and never get tired of her music. When she and David Kim (on the violin) are playing, it's as if two musicians dropped in, one winter afternoon, and are harmonizing in the flickering light from your hearth. Point and counterpoint.

Wire and Wood play "We Could Fly," and if someone young in your family doesn't understand what the '70s were about, this might help explain all that. They make music with an edgy sound, then roll it out with a mellow lady's voice, and the words carry you right back to weddings in the meadows and granny glasses and long, long shining hair.

"Spectrum," composed, sung and played by Kari Tieger, is a new folk song. Lovely vocal blending accented with piping or sonorous chords. The tune twists and turns into new directions. Very interesting.

"Leaves of Grass," by Chris Turner and Rachel Maloney, evokes rural America with its harmonica playing, and Native American camp fires with its beat. The result is memorable. If you could whistle that well, you'd whistle along. Softly.

Big Nazo's "Shine" is part recitation, part song, part solo, part group vocal — and all Shine! Amen, brother!

"Timothy's Foot," by Ray Davey and Mark Cutler, could have been maudlin or soupy. It's not. It's moving, and you want to hear more, and it will remind you a little of "John Henry." Good choice for wrapping things up.

If you go to First Night, you'll want this disk.

If you don't get to First Night,

RISD Exhibits 19th Century Sculpture

The first major exhibition to arrange 19th-century European and American sculpture together by subject matter will open at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design on Feb. 10.

The exhibition, "Carvings, Casts & Replicas: 19th-Century Sculpture from New England Collections," showcases more than 60 works on loan from New England institutions and private collections.

"Carvings, Casts & Replicas," pieces in terra cotta, plaster, marble, and mixed media represent an alternative to the monuments that dominated 19th-century sculpture. The exhibition illustrates European Neoclassicism and its influence on American sculptors who worked in Italy, and traces movements in 19th-century sculpture through the work of sculptors such as Henri Matisse.

On view through April 23, the exhibition provides an array of styles, materials, and techniques of 19th-century sculpture. Works on view range from a life-size bronze Rodin to a wax portrait by Medardo Rosso and a Saint-Gaudens wood relief.

American sculptors featured in the exhibition include Randolph Rogers, Thomas Eakins, Daniel Chester French, and Frederick MacMonnies.

"Carvings, Casts & Replicas" was organized by the Middlebury College Museum of Art and John M. Hunisak, the school's professor of art history. A fully illustrated catalogue accompanies the exhibition and may be purchased for \$30 (plus shipping and handling) by calling the RISD Museum Shop at 454-6540 or visiting the store.

you really ought to get this disk. The last three First Night disks were each named album of the year in the Providence Phoenix's Best Music Poll. They will be available for sale at this year's First Night.

Crossing the Jordan For Kosher Fare?

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Jordanian hotel has reportedly begun serving kosher meals in an effort to attract Israeli tourists who observe Jewish dietary laws.

Jacco Klip, food and beverage manager at the government-owned Intercontinental Hotel in Amman, said he was considering hiring a Jewish cook to prepare kosher food.

At least 3,000 Israeli tourists have visited Jordan since July when King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed the Washington Declaration.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Holocaust Wall Hangings' Shown at DeCordova

"Judith Liberman: The Holocaust Wall Hangings" presents a somber and unsettling vision of this century's most horrific event. The exhibition at the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park runs through Jan. 29.

Liberman's work rewards close inspection. It has impact from a distance, but it is not until you can read the print and see the details on the box cars, the maps, the photographs — Anne Frank's eyes, for instance — that you become fully involved with each piece of work.

Liberman produced more than two dozen paintings concerning the Holocaust before she switched to fabric in 1988. She employed an impressive array of media and techniques to create her haunting images, such as paint, printing, stenciling, calligraphy, applique, embroidery, and beading. Liberman deliberately established a parallel between her loose wall hangings and the omnipresent banners that dominated 1930s newsreel footage of the Third Reich. She also followed a limited palette to underscore the horror — red for blood, grey for despair, and black for death.

"The Holocaust Wall Hangings" fall into two categories. "Scenes of the Holocaust" capture specific moments that emphasize the isolation and human degradation suffered by its victims.

"Maps of the Holocaust" document the places and the events of the period, including Anne Frank's final, fatal journey from Amsterdam to Auschwitz.

DeCordova is exhibiting more than 35 wall hangings, photographs from the artist's studio, and materials she used to create these images.

Liberman's works were originally presented at the Yad Vashem Museum in Israel, which is dedicated to the Holocaust. Visitors can watch a 30-minute videotape documenting that show.

An illustrated catalogue with a statement by Liberman also accompanies the DeCordova exhibition, which was organized by senior curator Rachel Rosenfield Lafo.

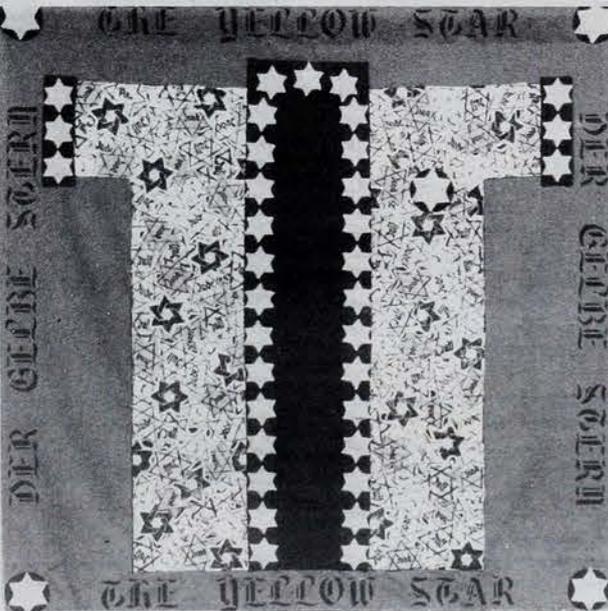
Liberman was born in Haifa, Israel, and resettled in the Boston area after high school.

She has two law degrees, but chose a career in art instead. She has participated in numerous one-person and group shows in Boston, New York, and Israel.

The DeCordova Museum

and Sculpture Park is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on weekends from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, students, and youth.

The Sculpture Park is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is free to the public.



THE YELLOW STAR, a wall hanging by Judith Liberman at the De Cordova Museum in Massachusetts.

Perserving The Almost-Lost Arts

Sometimes it's interesting and satisfying to see where our bucks are going. So that ethnic traditions and skills may not be permanently and forever lost, all of us are paying a little to keep them alive and in young hands.

The Folk/Traditional Arts Program of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts has announced the recipients of its folk arts apprenticeship grants.

These grants, designed to encourage the passing on of traditional skills within community settings, are funded by the Folk and Traditional Program at the National Endowment for the Arts. A total of \$29,260 was awarded. Recipients are listed in alphabetical order:

- David Ayriyan: \$3,000 for the teaching of Armenian "kamancha" playing to two Armenian musicians.
- Phousady Chatharangsy: \$2,500 for teaching Lao dancing to young Lao students.
- Sovan Chhouk: \$2,808 for perfecting his "tro ou" playing with master Cambodian musician Yim Nov.
- Arthur Crippen: \$2,450 for

teaching a Narragansett young man the art of regalia making and dancing.

- Karl Dennis: \$2,500 for teaching the art of fine violin making to an apprentice.

- Conrad Depot: \$960 for the teaching of his French-American fiddle repertoire to a member of his community.

- Jose Fernandes: \$2,751 for teaching an apprentice the skills to build Portuguese (Azorean) string instruments.

- Colette Fournier: \$2,168 to perfect her French-American fiddle techniques with Ben Guillemette.

- Nancy Garcia: \$2,250 to teach regalia making to a Narragansett apprentice.

- Robert Grady: \$2,500 to teach "bodhran" playing to an Irish musician.

- Barlow Healy: \$2,600 to teach fife music to a musician from the Kentish Guards.

- Maral Rachdouni: \$2,773 to teach Armenian traditional dance to four young Armenians.

There's one more reason to be proud of Rhode Island.

Research Institute Establishes Spielberg Film and Video Archive

A major contribution from producer and director Steven Spielberg will underwrite the creation and operation of the Steven Spielberg Film and Video Archive within the United States Holocaust Research Institute.

Miles Lerman, chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, announced the gift recently.

"Steven Spielberg is a ... leader in many ways," said Lerman. "The process of rediscovery he embarked on with the production of 'Schindler's List' has inspired thousands to begin a similar journey. His generosity and philanthropy will perpetuate the gathering of imagery that is so instructive about the terrible time of the Holocaust. The creativity of his gift — reflected in both its aim and in the charitable trust which he has established to fund it — is a model I hope others will emulate."

The United States Holocaust Research Institute is the scholarly division of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Its current film and video department serves as a resource for audiovisual records pertaining to the Holocaust.

The Steven Spielberg Film and Video Archive is designed to become the "foremost repository for Holocaust-related moving images in the United States.

According to Michael Berenbaum, director of the research institute, "The Spielberg Archive gives us the resources not only to maintain our archive but to expand our collection,

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In both the main and the Dodge House galleries, a Providence Art Club members' show will be on exhibit from Jan. 15 to 27.

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The opening reception will take place on Jan. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. The main gallery hours are weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays noon to 3 p.m., and Sundays 3 to 5 p.m.

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Ellen Bensusan, Hadassah Field Consultant

Hadassah Welcomes New Field Consultant

The Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah has announced the appointment of Ellen Bensusan to the position of field consultant. As one of the growing network of field consultants nationwide, Bensusan will work with the chapter to enhance the volunteers' efforts in membership outreach, and to help in-

crease the community's awareness of the many diverse programs which Hadassah offers.

Bensusan comes to Hadassah from the non-profit sector where she served as the executive director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Rhode Island. She brings with her a strong background of volunteer recruitment and training, fundraising and community relations.

A resident of East Greenwich, Bensusan has been a member of the Kent County Chapter of Hadassah for 10

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Marion Kaufman Weds Mark Woolf

Temple Torat Yisrael of Cranston was the setting for the Nov. 5 wedding of Marion Kaufman and Mark Steven Woolf. The bride is the daughter of Pauline Kaufman of Cranston and the late Milton Kaufman. The bridegroom is the son of Jacqueline Woolf of Warwick and the late Allen Woolf.

Rabbi David Rosen officiated at the 6:30 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, William Kaufman and her mother, Pauline Kaufman.

Linda Friedman, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kathleen Eckels, Jan Sylvia, sister of the bridegroom, and Adrienne Woolf, daughter of the bridegroom.

Richard Wagner was best man. Ushers were Edward Friedman, Randall Woolf, brother of the bridegroom, Carl Woolf and ringbearer was Randy Woolf.

years. She has served on the school committee of Temple Sinai and is an active volunteer in the East Greenwich school system.

Rhode Island Hadassah has more than 1,600 members and is an integral part of the national Hadassah organization.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Woolf

The bride is a graduate of Providence College, with a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and is employed by Harvard Health Plan of New England.

The bridegroom attended the

Community College of Rhode Island and is publisher of the *Rhode Island Landlord* and property manager.

The couple took a wedding trip to Washington, D.C., and New Orleans.

Temple Am David Announces Upcoming Programs

The adult education committee of Temple Am David has announced the schedule for the temple's upcoming series of mini courses. There is a wide variety of topics and a varied schedule. Temple Am David hopes something listed here will add excitement and satisfaction to your winter.

On Jan. 22, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., for five weeks, there will be a follow-up to the Hebrew literacy course taught last fall by Rabbi Goldberg. The teacher this time will be Ed Fink. A special book, at a cost of \$8, will be used for the course; please let us know (by calling the temple office) by Jan. 10 if you are taking the course so an appropriate number of books may be ordered.

On Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., Ben Ruekberg will present a mini film festival — a sampler of movies with Jewish themes. On the showbill will be "Yidl Mitn Fidl," "The Frisco Kid," and "The Fixer." Popcorn will be provided.

On Feb. 9, 16 and 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., there will be discussions led by Jack Mossberg, on a variety of topics in Judaism, such as the concept of the Messiah. Group interest

will determine the issues discussed.

On Feb. 16, 23 and March 2 and 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., there will be kosher cooking classes, featuring "master chefs," Paula Goldberg and Alice Goldstein.

There will be a challah baking workshop. The class will tackle specialties of Italian and Chinese cuisine. In order to defray the costs of supplies, a \$5 registration charge is requested. Register in advance by calling the temple office.

On Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12 and 19, from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m., Rabbi Goldberg will hold a class in Haftarah trope for the first 45 minutes of the time slot, followed by a course in synagogue skills, beginning at 10:30. Attendance at one or both courses is welcomed.

On March 5 at 7 p.m. there will be a presentation, with slides, by Sid and Alice Goldstein. The Goldsteins recently returned from a two-week visit to Lithuania where they had the opportunity to hold extensive discussions with members of the Jewish community and to visit many of the Jewish sites in Vilna, Kovna, and other cities.

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Chanie Levy, co-director of the CHAI Center, will lead a woman's discussion group, where the answers to these and other Jewish questions will be provided.

"Ladies Night Out" will take place the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning on Jan. 3, at the CHAI Center, 15 Centerville Road, Warwick.

"Ladies Night Out" is the newest addition to the menu of educational classes that Project Learning Is For Everyone offers to the West Bay Jewish community.

For more information on Project L.I.F.E. call 884-4071.

Sarah Daniello Litwin

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Litwin of Newton, Mass., announce the birth of their first child and daughter, Sarah Daniello Litwin, born on Dec. 9.

Paternal grandparents are Deana Litwin and the late Paul Litwin of Providence.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weiler of Scarsdale, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Selinger of New York City.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weiler of Scarsdale, the late Mr. and Mrs. Sigmond Robinson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Litwin.

AJCongress Dismayed Over NYC's Challenge Of Religious Freedom Restoration Act

The American Jewish Congress recently expressed dismay that the city of New York is challenging the constitutionality of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton in November, 1993.

"It is shocking that a city noted for its religious tolerance should take the lead in challenging the Congress' power to protect religious liberty from unnecessary government interference," said Norman Redlich, chairman of the AJCongress Commission on Law and Social Action.

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act imposes on federal, state and local govern-

ments the obligation to respect the religious practices of their citizens. Government agencies may refuse to honor that obligation only when they have a compelling reason. AJCongress, working together with more than 60 other religious groups, helped to secure the act's enactment.

In several cases brought by prison inmates challenging the restrictions on their religious freedom, New York state earlier this year challenged the constitutional power of Congress to enact RFRA. It withdrew those challenges after Governor Mario Cuomo considered protests filed by AJCongress and other organizations.

Foundation Offers Cirino Art Scholarships

Antonio Cirino, a prominent Rhode Island artist, author, and instructor set up in his will the Antonio Cirino Memorial Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation, to guarantee scholarships for would-be art teachers.

"He cared so much about the arts that he created a gift that can go on forever," reported Ruth Hersh, program officer at the Foundation. Hersh said the Cirino fund, now worth nearly \$1 million, grants approximately \$40,000 annually to Rhode Island residents who are in graduate school to become art teachers.

According to Hersh, applicants must have a past history in the arts and demonstrate a financial need. Preference will be given to visual arts students, but it's not a requirement.

Hersh said applicants can also be degree candidates in art history, criticism, theatre, dance, and music.

According to the wishes of

Cirino's will, graduate students at the Rhode Island School of Design are not eligible for Cirino scholarships.

Hersh noted that grants will range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and may be renewed for successive years.

The application deadline for the scholarships is May 1.

Applications can be obtained from the Rhode Island Foundation, 70 Elm St., Providence, R.I. 02903 or by calling 724-4564.



Inbar Rosenfeld

Mr. and Mrs. Yaron Rosenfeld of Haifa, Israel, wish to announce the arrival of their third child, a daughter named Inbar. Inbar was born at the Carmel Hospital in Haifa and weighed 6 lbs., 10 ozs. She was welcomed home by her two sisters, Liron and Yarden.

Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Yitzhak Rosenfeld of Haifa and her maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Harriet Resnick of Haifa (formerly of Providence). Her paternal great-grandparents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Israel Resnick of Pawtucket and her maternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Rose Becker and the late William Becker of Milwaukee, Wis., and Haifa, Israel.



Temple Habonim, Barrington

In A Time Of Need, Temple Habonim Responds

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

When a family member becomes seriously ill or injured, it can be a tough enough time emotionally, without having to contend with household chores.

With such a scenario in mind, Shirley Shusman, of Temple Habonim in Barrington, suggested to the congregation that a committee be formed to provide supportive services to temple members who find themselves in a medical crisis.

Shusman made her suggestion two and a half years ago. Within a few weeks, 15 to 20 families volunteered to take part in the program and in October of 1992, the Bikkur Cholim (Hebrew for "visiting the sick") Committee was initiated.

A year into the program, Debra Greenspan was asked to take over as the coordinator. So far three or four families have been assisted.

"It's worked out to be a lot of preparing and delivering meals," said Greenspan. "But sometimes it's been babysitting and rides to the doctor's office."

Ironically, the Rosenbergs — as in Temple Habonim's Rabbi James Rosenberg — were the first family to take advantage of the program.

"When my wife (Sandy) had back surgery, members of the temple brought food daily for well over a month," said Rosenberg. "It made a big difference in our lives. It freed us up from having to prepare meals."

According to Greenspan, the program has run smoothly, thanks to the commitment of the volunteers.

"Once its been established that a family needs help, I call and ask what exactly their needs are," said Greenspan. "Then I call the volunteers and they always say 'yes.'"

Rosenberg is proud of the work the committee has done, but at the same time, he's not surprised.

"The congregants deserve 100 percent of the credit. They've accomplished this without any rabbinic input," said Rosenberg.

"As synagogues go, we approach the idea of an extended family. This is typical of our congregation," he continued.

Greenspan has had a tremendous response from the families that have received help.

"People are so appreciative that the community doesn't think twice about doing such a thing," said Greenspan. "They're humbled by it."

Families in need are so grateful for the committee's help, many have in turn joined the group so they can assist others.

"Those who have benefitted from the services have said 'put our name on the list,'" said Greenspan.

The volunteers who have reached out so selflessly deserve much credit, but they certainly don't seek any.

"The helpers prefer to remain anonymous," stated Greenspan. "They help because they want to."

Beth Chayet Weds Art Winkleman

Beth Chayet and Art Winkleman were married on Nov. 25 at the Deer Creek Country Club, Deerfield Beach, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Renee Magee and Emil Chayet of Clearwater, Fla. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Winkleman of Cranston, R.I.

Rabbi Brown officiated at the 11:30 a.m. ceremony and a reception followed at the Deer Creek Country Club.

Debbie Chayet, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Barry Shaw, brother-in-law

of bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Greg Chayet and Abe Strashnik.

The bride has a bachelor of arts from the University of Florida and is a teacher at Coral Springs Elementary School, Coral Springs, Fla.

The bridegroom has a bachelor of science from the University of Rhode Island in computer science and is self-employed.

The couple honeymooned in Hong Kong, China, and reside in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Wanted: Share Your Memories

We will be publishing our bridal issue soon and many of the pictures will be in full, glowing color. If you have a nice, clear black-and-white or color photo of your Jewish wedding, please lend us your picture. If chosen, it will appear in the bridal issue, and will be returned to you safe and sound, after the paper goes to press.

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We must have our pictures ready by January 27, 1995, so get out the photo albums and start picking your favorites.

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| 5 Newport, Study Group, RibCage @ Myrna Higgins', 5:30 p.m. | 7 Newport, New Member Tea, Fran Mendell's home, TBA |
| 8 RI Chapter Board Meeting @ office, 9:30 a.m. | 12 RI Chapter Board Meeting @ office, 9:30 a.m. |
| 11 Pawtucket Board Meeting @ Highland Court, 7:30 p.m. | 15 Newport, Study Group, RibCage, 5:30 p.m. |
| 19 Kent County Board Meeting @ office, 7:30 p.m. | 27 Nurse's Council Board Meeting @ office, 7:30 p.m. |
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School Beat



SUSAN LANDAU, seated closest to the camera, is serenaded by students from Alperin Schechter Day School who brought a little of their Zimriyah program to Susan as she was a patient in Hasbro Children's Hospital in December.

Zimriyah '94: Performing A Mitzvah As Well As Music

Zimriyah, the all-school song festival, has become a welcome tradition at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School. Students, parents, grandparents, siblings and friends look forward to the event with great enthusiasm. Each year brings with it new songs, creative innovations and special effects.

This year brought something special: the chance to do a mitzvah for a special classmate.

Susan Landau, a first-grader at Alperin Schechter, has been hospitalized recently for treatment of an infection of a hip.

Since she couldn't attend Zimriyah, her classmates, other

students, parents, siblings, and teachers brought the Zimriyah to her.

The lobby at the Hasbro Children's Hospital was filled with warmth and love as Susan and her parents listened to the voices joined in song — Hebrew songs about Israel, Shabbat, school and wishes for peace and good health.

Zimriyah '94 was held on Dec. 18 in the Alperin Meeting House of Temple Emanu-El.

Zamir Sings to Children

The Zamir Chorale of Boston is putting on an educational and entertaining program of Jewish music for children ages 7 to 12, on Jan. 15 at the Hebrew College, 43 Hawes Street, Brookline, at 2 p.m.

Admission will be \$2 per person, up to a maximum of \$10 per family.

Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, call (617) 965-6522.

Metcalf Grants Available To College Students

The Rhode Island Foundation is accepting applications for a program that provides grants up to \$5,000 for college sophomores and juniors seeking to broaden themselves through travel, internships or public service.

Ten Rhode Island residents have benefitted from the Michael P. Metcalf Memorial Fund program in its six-year history.

In 1991, for example, Jay Venkatesan of Jamestown studied economic development in Singapore and Thailand; in 1992 Tara Duffy from Provi-

dence interned at the Asian American Resource Workshop in Boston. Last year's winners, Erika Rosa of Narragansett and Alexander Evans of Providence, worked with Habitat for Humanity in Tanzania and studied energy use in Mexico, respectively.

Foundation program officer Ruth Hersh said one or two such grants will be available this year, from the fund set up at The Rhode Island Foundation to honor Michael Metcalf, the late publisher of the *Providence Journal*.

The proposed activity need

not be limited to the academic year, and may include travel and/or a variety of internship and public service programs. (Grants cannot be used for standard semester-abroad programs.)

Awardees will be expected to complete a final project about their experiences.

While applicants can be attending any college or university, she said, they must be legal residents of Rhode Island.

The application deadline is Jan. 31. Applications can be obtained from The Rhode Island Foundation, 70 Elm St., Providence, R.I. 02903, or by calling 274-4564.

Academy Closing

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There's no question that the high school has provided a solid education and developed many high-caliber students. According to Pliskin, in the 10 years he's worked at PHDS, every student has gone on to post-high school education. Brown University, Boston University and Brandeis University are only a few of the institutions the graduates have gone on to.

In fact, the school has done such a good job, some students have graduated early and started college after the 11th grade. Of the 14 girls that were scheduled to be in this year's senior class, four received early admission to college.

'Everyone's Son'

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her third son, and fighting back tears, the American-born Waxman gives the impression that there is something she feels she must say, however difficult that may be for her.

She says she is still being briefed on the military operation that failed to save her son, although she and her husband were not consulted beforehand.

"What purpose would that have served?" she asked. "The IDF is not, as are the terrorists, a suicide army. If they risked the lives of dozens of our finest boys, then I am confident that they thought they would succeed with this mission.

"Tragically, they did not. And, therefore, my family, along with the rest of the country, mourns with Nir Poraz's family as well."

More than 70,000 Jews, from ultra-Orthodox to atheist, prayed at the Western Wall for Nachshon during his kidnapping; another 70,000 attended his funeral, and thousands more visited the Waxman family during their mourning period.

In addition, the family has received more than 13,000 letters from all over the world.

"Nachshon put a face on the anxiety, worry and concern that everyone has been feeling lately," Waxman said, trying to explain the response. "He became everyone's son, everyone's brother, everyone's friend."

In the end, Waxman said, the love she received from strangers across the globe dissipated her anger. "People from all over

"How many schools can say 30 percent of the class has been admitted to college early?" said Pliskin. "What we need to do is get in a position to offer college-level courses so we can keep the students that extra year."

A key issue to many families whose children are recruited to go to a Jewish high school is whether or not the school is co-ed.

Pearlman is one who firmly believes that boys and girls should attend separate schools.

"Modesty and purity are important in a religious education," said Pearlman. "During puberty children are very sensitive to the other sex. But when you pray, you're supposed to

concentrate on the prayer."

Pearlman doesn't buy into the argument for a co-ed school. "Why would a parent object to modesty?" said Pearlman.

According to Pearlman, single-sex schools are becoming more popular. "Ironically, even in ghettos they're talking about single-sex education."

Yavner said he would be supportive of a new school, whether it's co-ed or not. "I would support an Orthodox education," said Yavner.

Whether two Jewish high schools could succeed is uncertain. What is certain is that an Orthodox high school plays an important role in drawing families to the community.

the world gave us strength and, in return, I felt I owed them all strength," she said.

"I never asked why this happened to Nachshon, because why should this happen to anybody," she said. "Of course, I had questions for G-d but, ultimately, it is not for me to understand His ways. I must simply accept Him as my father.

"As a parent, I know that when my children ask for something they want very badly I try to answer them positively, but sometimes I have to say no. And my children don't understand that," she said.

"Well, we prayed to our father to give us back our son, and He said no. We don't understand why, but we believe that He, in his wisdom, knows what He is doing, and we accept that."

"One of the things I believe, as a religious Jew, is that each person has a mission on earth," she said. "Thus, if Nachshon's fate was to bring all these people, from different faiths and different backgrounds, together, then I can think of none greater.

"People say he is dead, but that simply is not true. He has had a tremendous meaning in his life and his death, and that does give me comfort."

Throughout her time in the spotlight, Waxman has struggled to keep her political views out of the press. When asked if she supports Rabin, she answers reluctantly, saying only that he is the democratically elected leader of Israel and, therefore, her leader.

And yet she adamantly

stresses the difference between the peace she prays for and the peace process.

"Of course we want peace, but until our so-called partners make it evident that they are eager for peace, we are more or less talking to ourselves," said Waxman.

Ultimately, Waxman says, it would not surprise her if the Israelis ended up negotiating with Hamas. "No, I wouldn't think it any stranger, and it wouldn't disturb me, either, as long as they talked to us. That is the solution as I see it, to talk and be equal partners in a peace process."

In the meantime, Israelis face a daily struggle against terrorism, and Waxman has more sons fighting it.

"I have been a mother of soldiers for five years," she said with pride and conviction. "It is a constant source of worry.

"Yet this is what they were raised to do. They grew up in a family that values, to translate from the Hebrew, the book and the sword, the love of country and the love of Torah," she said. "We do everything for the Jewish state, and that has not changed. We are very proud of them, and I know they are very proud of their brother."

Waxman says she has no regrets of her decision to make aliyah 25 years ago. "I am completely convinced, as a believing Jew and a parent, that living in our own country is the only way to raise healthy, normal, proud Jews."

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SPORTS FEATURE

'Bodies in Motion' Moves to Israel

For the first time in the 10 years that it has been seen on the ESPN network, the health and fitness program, "Bodies in Motion," the world's most widely viewed program on health and fitness, has been filmed outside the Hawaiian Islands.

During that 10-year period it has been the dream of the program's creator, Israeli-born Gilad Janklowicz, to film the fitness show in his native homeland. The dream became reality in October when Janklowicz filmed five of the half-hour programs in Jerusalem. They will be shown on ESPN, which reaches 62 million American homes, or roughly two-thirds of the U.S. total, in early 1995.

The Israel Government Tourist Office for the Western Region, based in Los Angeles, had

been working with Janklowicz since 1988 to have "Bodies in Motion" film in Israel.

"Filming in Israel meant very much to Gilad, a native Israeli, who grew up on a kibbutz," said Rami Levi, IGTO director for the Western Region. "And it means very much for Israel as the country strives to become a viable alternative as a desirable locale for the shooting of movies and TV shows.

There is no shortage of either natural settings or talent in Israel, for producers or directors seeking either one or both," said Levi. "As a matter of fact, the exercise participants in the five shows from Jerusalem were local Israelis."

Eastern Mediterranean music by an Israeli group called Gibberish was featured in the five shows, which also made

use of a camel and bedouin and the ancient walls of Jerusalem as a backdrop.

"Bodies in Motion," featuring Janklowicz, is aired weekday mornings in the United States and seen by an average of 252,000 households daily. Worldwide it is seen on a daily basis in more than 80 countries throughout Asia, the Pacific region, in Central and South America and the Caribbean. It is universally recognized as the world's foremost health and fitness show and in the United States has consistently been the recipient of the "People's Choice Award."

Janklowicz was a record holder in the decathlon in his native Israel and came to the United States in 1976 to train for the 1980 Olympic Games. When an Achilles tendon injury shattered his Olympic dreams, he



GILAD JANKLOWICZ, center, takes his show on the road — to Israel. The programs will air on ESPN in early 1995.

enrolled in the UCLA film department, at the same time teaching aerobics and personal training at various fitness facilities in Los Angeles. His workout and teaching techniques earned him a following, including Arnold

Schwarzenegger.

Janklowicz moved to Hawaii in 1981 to help set up an aerobic fitness program for the Honolulu Club, a private fitness club. In March 1983 he taped his first "Bodies in Motion" show.

Convention Center to Install Rink for Upcoming U.S. Championships

The Providence Convention Center exhibit hall will be converted into a practice skating rink for the 1995 National Figure Skating Championships, coming to Providence Feb. 6 to 11. With the temporary installation, four rinks will now be available to skaters for practice ice and actual competition.

The convention center rink will be the site for skating practices. The additional rink in Providence, within easy walking distance from the Civic Center and many area hotels, will offer skaters and spectators easy access to events and practices.

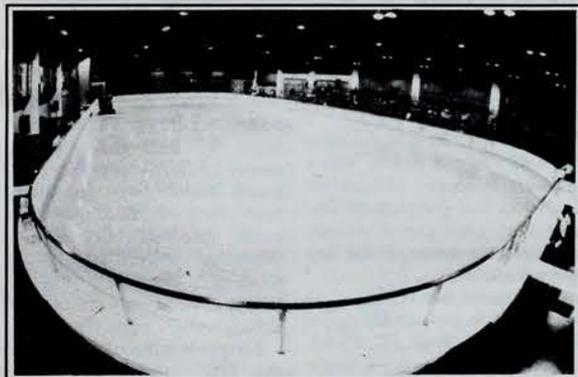
"I think it's wonderful to have the ability to provide such an excellent facility for the skaters. The skaters will be able to warm up on the ice here and walk over to the Civic Center to compete," said Terry Dale, director of the Convention Bureau.

The rink will be assembled in the exhibit hall on the third floor of the Convention Center.

Ice Systems Inc., a refrigerating surface company based in Littleton, Colo., provides the entire portable rink system. The chillers and all the essential hardware are mounted on a semi-trailer which can be set-up at almost any site.

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cates a rolled out ICEMAT grid system to fit the specific requirements of the area prior to delivery. On arrival to the site, the ICEMAT is ready to be rolled out and hooked-up to the refrigeration system. It is only a matter of days before there is skatable ice.



THE ADDITIONAL RINK will offer skaters and fans easy access to events and practices.

Keeping Tabs

Gordon Liss, the Classical High basketball player profiled in the *Jewish Herald* a couple of weeks ago, scored a team-high 14 points in a 76-57 loss to Bishop Hendricken on Dec. 22.

The Name Game

Following a meeting with Maccabi World Union officials, the United States Committee Sports for Israel recently decided that it will hereafter be known as Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel.

Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, is a national, not-for-profit organization based in Philadelphia. As a volunteer organization, they seek to enrich the lives of Jewish youth in the United States, Israel and the Diaspora through athletic, cultural and educational programs. Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel sponsors the American team to the World Maccabiah Games, the Olympic-sanctioned quadrennial international competition for Jewish athletes.

Step Up to the Plate

Baseball Clinic Features Boone and Smith

New Jersey's best known and most highly regarded baseball clinic for coaches shifts to Atlantic City this year following a 21-year stay in Cherry Hill.

The "Be The Best You Are" clinic, which features professionals such as Kansas City Royals manager Bob Boone and Los Angeles Dodgers hitting coach Reggie Smith as well as the nation's most successful college coach in Skip Bertman, will be held Jan. 19 to 21 at the Trump Regency Hotel.

Boone was a coach for the Cincinnati Reds last year before being named the manager of the Royals in the fall of 1994.

Smith has been developing Dodgers' hitters since joining the organization.

Olympic Coach Highlights Softball Clinic

Ralph Raymond, selected to be the head coach of the women's softball squad for the 1996 U.S.A. Olympic team, headlines the speakers list for the 22nd annual "Be The Best You Are" softball clinic scheduled for Jan. 19 to 21 at the Sheraton Inn in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Joining Raymond at the clinic are two of the winningest coaches in college softball, June Walker of Trenton State College and Sheila Lingenfelter of Wittenberg University.

For more information on the "Be The Best You Are" baseball or softball clinics write to: Coaches Clinic, P.O. Box 570, Brielle, N.J. 08730 or call (908) 528-5392.

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OBITUARIES

FRANCINE E. ARON

CRANSTON — Francine E. Aron, 56, of 169 Beechwood Drive died Dec. 19 at home. She was the wife of Edward Aron.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Louis and Lena (Goldberg) Glaser, she lived in Cranston for 34 years.

She attended Pembroke College, now Brown University. She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, Hadassah, the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital, and the Cranston League of Women Voters.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Cheryl Zegans of New York; a son, Scott Aron of Stamford, Conn., and two grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Marilyn Aron.

The funeral was held Dec. 20 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

HARRY ENGLE

CRANSTON — Harry Engle, 81, of 26 Ivanhoe St., a superintendent for construction companies for more than 40 years before retiring 20 years ago, died Dec. 25 at the Cedar Crest Nursing Center. He was the husband of Sally (Geller) Engle.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Chara (Bilgor) Engel, he moved to Cranston 43 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Carl Engle of North Dartmouth, Mass.; a daughter, Brenda Coleman of Derby, Conn.; a brother, Ben Engel of Providence; three sisters, Anna Fink, Ida Engel, both of Cranston, Sarah Perrue of Monticello, N.Y., and four grandchildren.

The graveside service was held Dec. 26 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

IDA F. KANE

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — Ida F. Kane, 91, of 4700 N.

Main St., Fall River, Mass., died Dec. 19 at her winter home in Deerfield Beach. She was the widow of Charles H. Kane.

Born in New Bedford, a daughter of the late Isaac and Elizabeth Alpert, she lived in Fall River for 61 years.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El, its Sisterhood and Hadassah. She was a member of the Brandeis University Women's Association, ORT, and the United Jewish Appeal. She was a former member of the Women's Auxiliary of Charlton Memorial Hospital.

She leaves three sons, Peter Kane of Portsmouth, Joel Kane of Tiverton, Harris Kane of Falls Church, Va., and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Dec. 22 at Temple Beth-El, High Street, Fall River, Mass. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SARAH KAPLAN

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Sarah "Sally" Kaplan, 76, formerly of 9 Courtney St., Fall River, died Dec. 26 at Whitehall North Convalescent Home in Deerfield. She was the widow of Frederick Kaplan.

Born in Taunton, a daughter of the late Louis and Anna (Rudman) Sander, she lived in Fall River most of her life before moving to Deerfield several months ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood. She was past president of the Hebrew Ladies Helping Hand. She was a member of Hadassah, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

She leaves a daughter, Rhoda A. Pierce of Highland Park, Ill.; a sister, Cilla Sobiloff of Fall River, and two grandsons. She was the sister of the late Freeda Rubin, Ida Lakin and Morris Sander.

The funeral service was held Dec. 29 at Temple Beth-El, 385 High St., Fall River. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, North Main Street. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SELMA LEICHT

BRISTOL — Selma Leicht, 92, of Metacom Manor, Dawn Hill, Bristol, died Dec. 20 at the manor. She was the widow of Irving Leicht.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Jacob and Jenny (Ulick) Friedman, she lived in Fairhaven, N.J., for 20 years before moving to Providence in 1979. She moved to Smithfield in 1990, and to East Providence in 1992. Since August she lived in Bristol.

She leaves a son, Raymond Leicht of Barrington, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late Millicent Mandel.

A graveside service was held Dec. 23 at Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge, N.J. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

ROSELLA LOVETT

LAUDERDALE LAKES, Fla. — Rosella Lovett, 86, of 2800 N.W. 47th Terrace, Lauderdale Lakes, died Dec. 19 at home. She was the widow of Milton Lovett.

Born in Brookline, Mass., a daughter of the late Harry and Sadie (Millman) Gilbert, she lived in Lauderdale Lakes for 20 years. She previously lived in Cranston.

She was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael, a member of Hadassah, the B'nai B'rith, the Women's Association of the Jewish War Veterans, the Red Mogan David of Israel, and the Hope Center in Miami, Fla.

She leaves a daughter, Elaine Sims of Virginia Beach, Va.; a brother, George Gilbert of Cranston; two granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Betty Rotman.

The funeral was held Dec. 23 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

PAULINE RIDDELL

PROVIDENCE — Pauline Riddell, 95, of the Summit Medical Center, 1085 N. Main St., Providence, an accountant

for the former S.C. Riddell Realtors, and a secretary for the Riddell-Roffer Realty in Cranston for 45 years before retiring 10 years ago, died Dec. 24 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Samuel C. Riddell.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Harris and Rose (Salk) Bergel.

She was a 1919 graduate of the former Bryant & Stratton Business College, now Bryant College. During World War II, she was a Gray lady, an air raid warden, and a dietician's aide for the American Red Cross. She was president of the PTA at Nathanael Greene Junior High School.

She was a member of Hadassah, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the Miriam Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She was president of the former Sons of Zion Sisterhood, and a member of the Majestic Senior Guild. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Sisterhood and its Leisure Club.

She leaves three daughters, Ruth Riddell Roffer of Cranston, Arline Blank of Providence, and Estelle Resnick of Pawtucket; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Irving Bergel, Katherine Halpern, and Hannah Miller.

The funeral was held Dec. 26 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

MORTON SOLOMON SCHAFER

WOONSOCKET — Morton Solomon Schafer, 71, of 767 S. Main St., Bellingham, Mass., owner of the Schafer Nursery, South Main Street, for many years, died Dec. 20 at the Landmark Medical Center — Woonsocket Unit after being stricken at home. He was the husband of Beverly (Falcofsky) Schafer.

Born in Woonsocket, a son of the late Robert and Lena (Kondy) Schafer, he lived in Millville and moved to Bellingham 65 years ago.

He had been a dairyman, house builder and nurseryman. With his father, he bought and sold dairy and beef cattle throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, while operating the Schafer Dairy Farm. He designed and fabricated much of his own dairy equipment, and he devised his own feed formulas and administered veterinary medicine to his own herd.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, he built houses on speculation in Bellingham. In 1972, he started the Schafer Farm Nursery, which became a retail garden center, feed and supply business, which he operated until 1986.

He was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel, Woonsocket, the Woonsocket Lodge of B'nai B'rith and the Chevra Kaddisha.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, lawyer Steven H. Schafer of Boston; a daughter, Linda Bloch of Bellingham; two sisters, Ethel Whitman of Framingham and Freida Schafer of Bethlehem, Pa., and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Dec. 22 in Congregation B'nai Israel Synagogue, Prospect Street, Woonsocket. Burial was in Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery.

ESTHER SOIFER

PROVIDENCE — Esther Soifer, 90, of the Summit Medical Center, a bookkeeper for Texaco Corp. in Providence for 15 years before retiring in the early 1960s, died Dec. 20 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Harry Soifer.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Abraham and Miriam Berren, she lived in Cranston for 20 years before returning to Providence in June.

She was a member of the former Temple Beth David, Providence, now Temple Am David, Warwick, and had been president of its women's association.

She leaves a daughter, Ann E. Winograd of Providence; a son, Dr. Morton M. Soifer of Bayside, Wis.; two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

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

ROSAMOND HENDEL TONKONOGY

NEWPORT — Rosamond Hendel Tonkonogy, 86, of Gibbs Avenue, owner of the What Not Shop, Franklin Street, for many years, died Dec. 21 at home. She was the former wife of the late Mordecai Tonkonogy.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., a daughter of the late Albert and Esther (Braff) Hendel, she moved to Newport in the 1940s.

She attended Barnard College, New York City. She was a

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Ms. Green Thumb

Su Zucker of Plantiques, Alfred Stone Road, Pawtucket, tends to one of her plants. Zucker recently donated many plants to the raffle at Congregation Ohawe Sholom. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Breakfast

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and breakfast at Bridgewater State College will be held in the Flynn Dining Commons on Jan. 16.

The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. and Wayne Budd, attorney with Goodwin, Proctor & Hoar law firm in Boston, former associate attorney general of the United States, and 1994 recipient of the Mary Hudson Onley Award will give the keynote address.

A performance by Love Divine will follow the breakfast.

Workshops start at 11 a.m. and include an opportunity to

discuss approaches to teaching issues of multiculturalism and justice, and workshops in art, drama and creative writing.

An art exhibit and reception will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. The exhibit reveals the importance of beautiful objects in the daily and ritual life of sub-Saharan Africa.

Many of the objects are on loan from the Hamill Gallery of African Art in Boston.

Tickets for the entire day's festivities are \$6.25 per person, and reservations are requested by Jan. 9. For information and reservations call (508) 697-1201.



Here's To Hadassah!

The South County Hadassah group celebrates the 1994 Beaujolais Nouveau with a wine tasting party at E. G. Photo in East Greenwich, R.I. Toasting to a happy new year are, from the left, Diane Jewett, Joani McCullough and Lori Suprock. All proceeds from the event went to Hadassah Medical Organization.

Aquatic Exercise Workshop Offered at RIC

An aquatic exercise workshop is being offered by Rhode Island College at its recreation center on Jan. 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., for physical education teachers, fitness instructors or anyone interested in this area of aquatics.

The format includes a lecture, video presentation, demonstration and in-water participation. Participants should bring a bathing suit and towel. Workshop presenter will

be Janice Fifer, assistant director of aquatics, who holds a degree in exercise science and is a certified water-fitness instructor.

Mail-in registration fee is \$6. Mail-in deadline is Jan. 6. On-site registration is \$7. Those interested are asked to call to confirm availability of space.

For more information, call Fifer at 456-8238 or Alan Salemi at 456-8227.

Battle Against Bigotry Starts With One Warm Heart

Lynn Silverman of Cranston, mother of Donna, submitted this article to the Herald. The author is Donna's sister-in-law. It is so reassuring to come across a three-way relationship like this, with love flowing from each member to each other member, defying all the in-law stereotypes.

by Claudia Sternbach

The phone rings. It's after 9 p.m. on a Monday night. As I pick up the receiver, I hope this will be short. I have a book to read. I have a cup of tea brewing. I have been working all day to reach this time of peace, of solitude.

My sister-in-law, Donna, is calling from New Jersey. It is after midnight there but she can't sleep. Knowing that all of her East Coast friends turned out their lights long ago, she reaches for her phone to call me. She has had a bad day. A very bad day.

Donna is a therapist. She has her own family practice and also works in a school district not far from her home. She

schools are fortunate to have her. Donna fills her days working with troubled teen-agers, many of whom come from families with multitudes of problems. But Donna is there for them.

In these days of overcrowded classrooms, single-parent households and parents working two jobs, it is often difficult to find a teacher, a mother, a father, who have time to listen. But these kids are lucky. They have Donna.

That morning Donna arrived at school to be greeted with the news that one of the young women in her therapy group wanted out. Her explanation being that she hated Donna. She no longer wanted to spend time in her company.

Stunned at the news, Donna went in search of the girl. What had she done, she wondered? Could she have said something to offend? To hurt? Confident that she could correct this problem, this misunderstanding, Donna sat down with the teen-

ager in her office.

There was no mistake the girl told her. Yes, she replied when asked. She had said that she hated Donna. There was no misunderstanding. She hates Donna because Donna is a Jew.

This is 1994. This is the United States. This is a 14-year-old girl filled with hate. Hate that she has been taught. This is the year of "Schindler's List," a film depicting the horrors of what can happen when hate is left unchallenged. When hate is allowed to grow, like a weed, and take over the garden.

A mother of three, with a husband who works long hours, Donna is stressed out. She is doing the balancing act that so many of us are attempting to do. She is tired. At the end of her day, she doesn't need to feel hatred.

On the phone her voice is weighted with defeat. With sadness. She tells me this story. She says she is ready to quit. What is the point? Is there a point?

Maybe. Maybe if Donna stays she will be able to make a small chip, a crack, in that wall of prejudice that is surrounding that child's heart. Maybe somewhere down the road that young woman will remember Donna as a woman who stood by her when she was at her worst. A woman who was also a Jew. Maybe not.

I hope that Donna stays. Not just for the sake of all of the students who would benefit from her being there, but for Donna's sake, too.

Can you imagine the warmth that could be felt coming through the cracks in that cold wall? The warmth of a radiating, human heart. Can you imagine?



Thanks Ed!

Marianna Engel, president of Congregation Ohawe Sholom, receives a sculpture from Ed Gershman as a gift to the shul.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Black Group Moves Parade Date

by Stewart Ain
New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — There is a silver lining to the controversy over next year's local Salute to Israel parade.

In seeking to move the parade from April 30 to avoid interfering with the annual Holocaust remembrance service, parade organizers selected May 21 as the new date.

But that date was already booked for the 26th annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade, held by the 369th Veterans Association, a predominantly black group. When told of the conflict, the veterans agreed to move their parade to May 7.

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) said there was nothing special about blacks and Jews being sensitive to each other's needs. In fact, he said, such things happen every day.

"We consider our relationship just a part of being New Yorkers and Americans," he said.

Hadassah Supper

The South County Group of Hadassah will hold an open supper meeting on Jan. 4 at Wiley's restaurant in Middlebridge from 6 to 8 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should call 364-0503.

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