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Debacle Over House Historian Reaffirms Holocaust Education

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The rise and fall of the House of Representatives historian who opposed funding a Holocaust education program for not reflecting "the Nazi point of view" may well strengthen the hand of Holocaust education, advocates say.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) has garnered widespread support for his quick decision to dismiss Christina Jeffrey, who had opposed the curriculum, "Facing History and Ourselves," while serving as an education department consultant in 1986.

Gingrich fired Jeffrey, his hand-picked choice for the post,

on Jan. 9, just hours after learning she had labeled the middle school and high school Holocaust curriculum biased.

"The program gives no evidence of balance or objectivity," Jeffrey wrote at the time.

"The Nazi point of view, however unpopular, is still a point of view and is not presented, nor is that of the Ku Klux Klan," she wrote.

In a letter to the speaker, the Anti-Defamation League was among the first of many Jewish groups to praise Gingrich for his "swift and decisive action."

Despite his praise for Gingrich, however, ADL national director Abraham Foxman sounded

alarms that Jeffrey could have reached such an important position in Washington in the first place.

"That there are people who reach posts of such importance and influence underlines the need for Holocaust education, Foxman said.

Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, agreed.

"More and more, this signals the need for proper Holocaust education," Meed said, noting that the Holocaust survivors' group currently has 435 teachers certified in its own Holocaust education program.

Although only a handful of states currently mandate Holocaust education, students currently learn about the Holocaust to varying degrees in every state, according to Holocaust education advocates.

Meed also praised Gingrich for firing Jeffrey. "We are very appreciative that the speaker acted so fast and understood that there is no place for giving ample time to the devil. And that's what she is," Meed said.

"This sends an important message that there's no place for this type of view in the country," he added.



ZUBIN MEHTA IS COMING to Boston and Florida in February, with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Efrat Expansion Controversy Raises New Questions

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The recent storm over the building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank is threatening both the peace process and the Israeli government's stability.

The dispute over settlement construction is also deepening doubts about the wisdom of the original Israeli-Palestinian self-rule accord.

That agreement prescribes an "interim agreement" on Palestinian autonomy for a period of five years, while purporting to leave such thorny issues as the settlements to later negotiations on the "permanent status" of the territories.

The dramatic events on a hill between Efrat — one of several Jewish settlements in the area

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Maestro Zubin Mehta Is Coming to Boston

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by its music director, Zubin Mehta, returns to the United States Feb. 7 through 20, for a seven-city tour that will bring them to Boston on Feb. 8.

Mehta, who has been closely associated with the Israel Philharmonic for more than three decades, and has collaborated with them in more than 1,600 performances, will conduct a broad repertoire on this tour, including music of Mozart, Brahms, Richard Strauss and Webern.

The orchestra will also give the American premiere performances — in Boston, Washington and New York — of "Sinfonia Chromatica" by the Israeli composer Ari Ben-Shabetai, a work that won first prize in a 1994 competition sponsored by the Israel Philharmonic and the Israel Music Institute.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, which will soon celebrate its 60th anniversary, has played a central role in Israel's cultural life since its founding in 1936 by noted Polish violinist Bronislaw Huberman. Its concerts have served as focal points

of national unity during times of crisis and celebration.

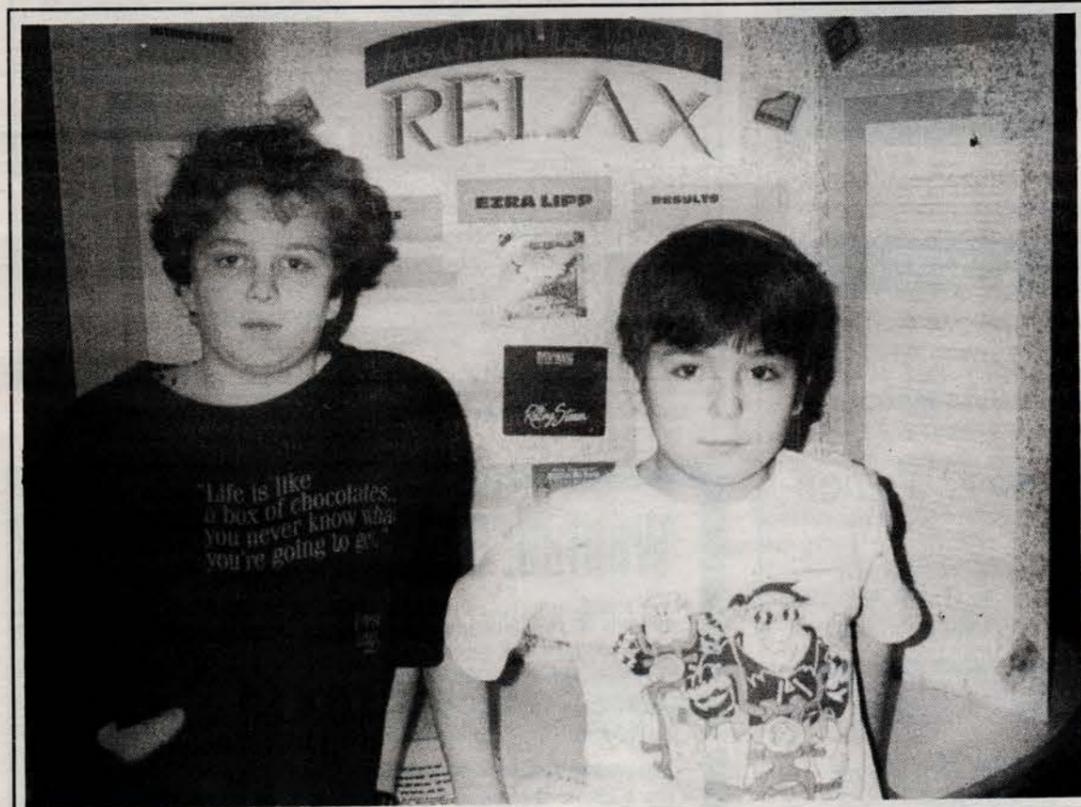
True to its historical mission of welcoming musicians from all over the world, the orchestra's roster includes many immigrants from Russia, the United States and eastern Europe, although more than half the current members are native Israelis.

The Israel Philharmonic's February 1995 U.S. tour is being underwritten by the American Friends of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. This national organization, established in 1980, is committed to building an endowment that enables the orchestra to maintain its high musical standards, undertake foreign tours, and expand its educational activities and opportunities for young musicians.

Zubin Mehta was one of the organization's founders and serves as co-chairman with Itzhak Perlman.

The Boston performance will take place in Symphony Hall in Boston.

There will be concerts in Clearwater, Fla. (Feb. 15), Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Feb. 16), and West Palm Beach, Fla. (Feb. 19 and 20).



Music Hath Charms To Soothe The Savage Nerves

Ezra Lipp, on the left, stands beside his exhibit on how music makes you relax, and Dov Neimond, his friend, whose exhibit on gerbils and their food preferences backs up to Ezra's display, helps him pass the time at the Alperin Schechter Middle School Science Fair. More pictures and story on Schoolbeat page.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Workshops For Professional Women Planned

The Rhode Island Association for Women in Education will offer two workshops for women educators and working professionals during a daylong session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 20, at Bryant College in Smithfield.

The day's events, which are open to the public, will be led by Agnes Doody, professor of communication studies at the University of Rhode Island and an expert on the subject of interpersonal communication.

From 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Doody will present a workshop titled, "Why the confusion?" which will focus on the causes of miscommunication in the workplace and the classroom.

Following the first work-

shop, from noon to 3 p.m., will be a workshop on "Dining Etiquette." Doody will guide participants through a four-course luncheon provided by RIAWE, teaching the proper procedures for "business dining."

The public is invited to attend both workshops at a cost of \$45, which includes the four-course luncheon. Advance registration is strongly suggested. Those interested should telephone RIAWE representative Maria Santos, at 792-5546 by Jan. 17.

Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps the singing bird will come.
Chinese proverb

RISBDC Presents Business Plan Seminar

The Rhode Island Small Business Development Center at Bryant College is offering a four-part program titled "The Business Plan Seminar."

Beginning Feb. 7, participants will meet every Tuesday in February from 6 to 8 p.m. at the new Citizens Bank branch, 611 Taunton Ave., East Providence.

The low-cost business planning seminar will cover the following topics:

- The business plan format
- Developing marketing

strategy

- Financial projections
- Completing the plan/loan requests

Presenters will be Barry Port of Strategy Planning Associates and Yvette Harpootian of Harpootian Associates.

The cost of the four-part seminar is \$75 and includes a copy of *The Business Plan Guide Book* (a \$25 value).

To register or obtain more information, call Dorothy Butmarc at 831-1330.

Sundlun To Be Governor In Residence at URI

Former Gov. Bruce Sundlun has accepted an invitation from the University of Rhode Island to serve as governor in residence at the university and to be the inaugural chair of a new URI Forum for Emerging Issues and Public Affairs, a non-partisan conference and think tank focusing on emerging critical issues facing the nation and the state.

The governor will officially come to the Kingston campus

sometime in January.

The university will provide the arena for the forum, which will feature guest speakers of national and international reputation in the areas of government, business and education, including major corporate leaders, and individuals who set national and international policy. Through his contacts, Sundlun will invite world and national leaders to URI to participate with Rhode Island policymakers

ers to align state thinking with national and international initiatives, particularly in areas of economic and social issues.

According to Sundlun, the forum will be initially funded with \$25,000 from the governor's contingency fund, none of which will go to Sundlun as compensation, and the intention is to repay those monies from outside funds raised to support the forum. Sundlun will be the lead figure in acquiring support to establish and endow the forum with private monies from foundations, corporations and individuals.

The governor's papers will be housed with U.R.I.'s special collections.

Grants Available to High School and College Students

All Rhode Island high school and college students who participate in approved American Youth Foundation Study Programs in Israel are eligible for grants from the Leonard I. Salmanson Endowment Fund of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. In addition students may apply for the BJE's Lillian and Sidney Ross Scholarship, a need-based grant, and JFRI's Graubert Irving Scholarship, also a need-based grant.

Deadline for the Ross and Irving scholarships is March 15 and for the Salmanson grants is April 14.

A community service project is required of all grant recipients upon their return from Israel. High school students who receive grants must participate in two orientation sessions, May 7 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and May 16 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Call the BJE at 331-0956 for grant applications or for further information.

Blood Drives Scheduled

Blood drives will be held at Knights of Columbus Aquidneck Councils on Jan. 17 (Lower Hall), Valley Road, Middletown, R.I., from 3 to 7 p.m.; Butler Hospital on Jan. 19 (Center House — Blumer Room), 345 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, R.I., from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and on Jan. 19 at RIBC Aquidneck Island Donor Center, 700 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, R.I., from 4 to 8 p.m.

set Cross Road, on Jan. 12, from 7 to 8:45 p.m.

Reiki, a holistic method of healing, utilizes energy centers located in the body to help heal a person's physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual being. The discussion will focus on the historical origin of Reiki and its uses as a powerful tool for personal growth and health.

The program is free and open to the public. The library is accessible to people with physical handicaps.

**The moment his hands
Begin to play across the strings,
It is like hearing the wind
In the pines of ten thousand valleys.**



Reiki Program at Cranston Library

Susan Allen and Karen-Lynn Siperstein will present a program on Reiki at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanos-

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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.

Your name and address should be printed lightly but legibly on the back of the picture so it can be returned to you. Please identify the people in your photo.

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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FEATURE



An Aunt Who Haunts

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Lillian left Rumania and grew up and married in Montreal. I only knew my aunt as a Manhattanite, who came to Providence on state visits to her sister. But you could never quite trust her word. She claimed she married her second husband in the garden of our house. Her U.S. passport was faked and forged, based on affidavits she contrived.

Lillian made her own way in her own world. She was born with a twisted body, a curvature of the spine, a hunch or a hump like one of the images of the Jews of Europe. She made her own clothes and left the dressmaker's odd dummy in her vestibule. She bore one child, a daughter she named for her own mother, but the baby died. Afterward, she turned her nephews and nieces, and sometimes the children of neighbors in her Gramercy Park apartment building, into substitutes. Always she showed me total hospitality, putting me up, even with my friends, feeding me chicken dinners, serving me cans of beer, taking me about the town, keeping me amused as well as nourished. She never forgot a birthday or a graduation. She and my dad did not get along. She never failed to put in a bad word about him to me. Sometimes we quarreled and I would think, on the elevator down to Lexington Avenue, "I better stay away for a while." We had a major feud when she wrote my mother a letter saying my overcoat was shabby and I was ill-treated at home.

Lillian paid me a visit in Paris. She rented a Vespa, a motor-scooter, and cruised around my student streets. One very hot August 25 years ago, in the hippie days, she came to U.R.I. for a summer course. I was living with my dad and spending the dog days among the red wool carpets and curtains of our East Side household. I got on my 50 cc Harley, a miniature motorcycle, and made my slow and stressful trek down 95 to the

university on route 138. I took some stories I had written to show off to my aunt. We had lunch in the refectory behind the statue of the ram. "I like your writing. You have a future," she said kindly.

A year later I got married. My wife and I spent a weekend in New York and had dinner at Lillian's. She served roast beef.

My wife was then a vegetarian. We attended a family wedding in Montreal. Lillian and my dad were seated at tables far apart. I danced with my beloved aunt, but we didn't belong to each other as we had felt when I was a lonely freshman at Yale.

Then, one more year went by and our first baby was born. I called the familiar Manhattan number. I said to Lillian, "You were always so welcoming to me. Will you come to us for our seder and meet our little girl?" "Too late," she said feebly but in blessing.

Lillian died that spring. I am told she had a hallucination — that our Emily was her own child Charna come back. Her husband Lenny came to see us that summer, dressed in a handsome white suit and carrying a pink wrapped gift for Em. "I married her for her beauty," he said to me. "I planted a cherry tree in her honor and memory. But I am getting married again. I invite you, all three."

Lenny developed Parkinson's disease. He, too, had a hallucination. He imagined he was getting phone calls from a mysterious woman with the exact background and story of Lillian, the same mix-up of names, dates and countries of origin. After Lenny's death, I tried to get Lillian's effects, the cameo she had inherited from her mother, whose name was also Charna. I opened a package sent from Lenny's heirs. It contained photos of Lillian, with no message. They sit in a drawer in my office. Lillian is in that drawer. She has come to Providence, to haunt me.

It's Time for Equality

by Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch
Executive Director, Association of Reform Zionists of America

There is a shadow over Israel's otherwise vibrant democracy that affects all Jews, wherever they may reside. Israel is the only democratic state in the world where non-Orthodox Jews, who comprise 80 percent of world Jewry, are religiously disenfranchised. The Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements are robbed of equality, respect and dignity. Their institutions receive little state funding, while the Orthodox receive hundreds of millions of dollars annually, legally and illegally. Non-Orthodox congregations are often denied permits to build synagogues. Their rabbis are denigrated and their values ridiculed.

The ultra-Orthodox religious establishment does not even reflect the sensibilities of many Orthodox Jews. Secret "sin" lists maintained by the rabbinic disqualify thousands of Jews from marrying other Jews. The rabbinate recently invalidated a marriage because the wife's ancestors allegedly committed a sin in 580 BCE!

The problem, of course, is not in alleged transgressions committed 2,500 years ago, but that the ultra-Orthodox establishment is 2,500 years behind the times.

These rabbis, who wield immense political power in Israel, are intolerant, anti-democratic, anti-modern, and in many cases not even Zionists. They zealously preserve their control by selling their support in the Knesset to the highest bidder — whoever offers them more power and money.

The progressive movements of Judaism can no longer tolerate second-class treatment. The soul of the Jewish state is at stake. Now that Israel appears to be on the road to greater peace and security, it is time to ensure the authenticity of her character. Love of Israel obligates American Jews to join Israelis in seeking reform.

The Association of Reform Zionists of America is launching "Operation Equality," a two-year campaign to bring religious equality to Israel in the realm of marriage. Fed up with ultra-Orthodox abuse and officially sanctioned discrimination, we want to seize the initiative for the first time in Israel's history. Working through a worldwide partnership of Reform Jews, we plan to introduce a bill in the Knesset giving non-Orthodox rabbis the right to officiate at marriages. The Israeli Conservative movement and various Israeli civil rights organizations have

already pledged their support. We invite their American counterparts to join us, including Orthodox Jews who are pained and embarrassed by the damage being done to Judaism in the name of Orthodoxy.

In Israel, we will mount an aggressive public information campaign. Israeli citizens are increasingly dismayed by ultra-Orthodox militancy and can be expected to respond to a grassroots push for change, which will reduce religious coercion and increase religious options for Israeli Jews. In schools, synagogues, community centers, and through newspapers, radio and television, Operation Equality will seek to generate public support for this legislative initiative.

In the United States, we will mount a major campaign to mobilize American Jews. We shall circulate petitions demanding recognition. We will ask American Jewry to help us raise \$2 million dollars to support our efforts in Israel.

Some in America do not yet understand that religious discrimination in Israel directly affects them as American Jews. Recently, I participated in a meeting of one of the largest Jewish umbrella organizations, where Orthodox colleagues argued that pluralism was an internal Israeli affair that need not concern American Jews.

But American Jews are directly affected by their disenfranchisement in Israel. As we saw in the "Who is a Jew" controversy several years ago, there is a continuing effort to write out of Judaism tens of thousands of American Jews.

Our children, too, are at risk. In their most recent outrage, the Israeli rabbinate refused to recognize as Jewish 4,000 children who were adopted and converted abroad by Reform and Conservative rabbis.

The Shas party's recent attempts to blackmail the Rabin government demonstrates the ferocity of their opposition to non-Orthodox Judaism and the lengths to which they will go in order to preserve their monopoly.

As the price for its political support, Shas is demanding that the Israeli Supreme Court, the nation's final authority, be

circumvented if it renders decisions favorable to non-Orthodox Judaism. Thus, even the crucial safeguard and symbol of Israeli democracy, the Supreme Court, is expendable as far as the ultra-Orthodox are concerned.

Demographers assure us that within 20 years Israel will be home to the majority of world Jews. Movements that seek to have their values perpetuated well into the next century must strike root in the soil of Israel, lest they become increasingly marginalized and lose impact in Jewish life. There is a critical need for non-Orthodox movements to flourish in Israel so that their progressive Jewish values will endure.

Religious discrimination in Israel directly affects American Jews. The ultra-Orthodox monopoly over religious affairs in Israel must be broken so that all the movements can compete in the free marketplace of religious ideas.

Only then, when Israel officially embraces the sensibilities of most of world Jewry, not just a small minority, will it truly be the center of Jewish life.

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EDITORIAL

One Picture Worth A Thousand Replies

To the Editor:

It is incredible the number of readers who were interested in the "Can You Help Us?" photograph of the 13 distinguished-looking gentlemen featured in the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* of Dec. 22, 1994.

From Florida came a letter about the photograph, part of which is quoted:

"I saw a picture of several gentlemen sitting with the late Rabbi Israel Goldman and Judge Philip Joslin ... I recognized my father in the picture! He is Samuel Rosen of School House Candy Company. He is standing on the right end side, the last man with glasses ... Also, my uncle, Joseph E. Adelson, an attorney is standing on the left end side."

Natalie Rosen Siegle commented that Judge Joslin and

Samuel Rosen insisted that the board members who sat on the bima on Friday nights where they were Temple Emanu-El's presidents (consecutively) wear tuxedos! Also, she noted that fundraisers for the temple were in the form of a Thanksgiving dinner dance at the Biltmore Hotel.

Siegle, who was so pleased to have the *Herald* copy, planned to show the picture to her memoir writing classes at her Florida temple and the Jewish Community Center.

The Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association is pleased that once again the tremendous value of its archives to the community has been demonstrated.

Eleanor F. Horvitz
Librarian/Archivist
Rhode Island Jewish
Historical Association

Reader Addresses NEAT 'Misconceptions'

To the Editor:

The recent *Herald* article about the closing of the boys' division of the New England Academy of Torah contained a number of misconceptions that I would like to address.

The fact that NEAT produces superior graduates is not only measured by whether or not they have gone on to college, or by which colleges they attend. Many NEAT graduates chose not to attend college at all, preferring seminary or full-time Yeshiva — although they possess letters of acceptance to top universities. These students

are nevertheless leading fulfilled, intellectually active lives, preparing in this way to become leaders of the Jewish people.

Besides offering academic excellence, a major component of the success of NEAT graduates is the warmth, care, and dedication of the faculty. With many years of experience teaching in different institutions, I can attest that this ingredient of education is unparalleled in other high schools.

Regarding the issue of the educational experience versus

The Handshake of Shalom

by Cindy Halpern

I had an unexpected conversation with a woman about the meaning of a handshake. She was upset that a man offered her his hand. She felt insulted by his would-be gesture, and wanted my opinion about the incident. Since I am a woman, she assumed that I would agree with her interpretation of the incident.

However, since I have always valued the spoken truth, I had to admit to her that I disagreed with her perspective.

To me, a handshake represents what words sometimes fail to say: It is symbolic of many meanings including friendship, respect, gratitude, recognition, a pleasant hello or a friendly farewell. It has always been an honorable exchange in Western civilization that has been beyond misinterpretation even between and among people who were enemies.

separate classes, the *New York Times* reported about a year ago that two California public schools have successfully experimented with separate classes. The results were that members of each sex benefited and excelled.

Until fairly recently, the "best" private schools, on the high school and college level, were single-sex institutions. Academically, there is no question that girls thrive in the company of girls, and boys in the company of boys.

Finally, concerning the widely publicized "internal strife" among the administrators, those administrators that for over a decade have watched students come and go, growing into mature Torah-committed Jews, were determined that the quality of education in NEAT that was so successful in the past should not be compromised or diluted in any way.

The fact that the boys' school closed is because it was decided that finances would no longer be made available to fund this institution. Our administrators merely attempted to preserve the high moral and academic standards that define NEAT.

Carol Fried

Mortality and Me

by Cary Eichenbaum

Since my father's death last December, my life and the way I think have turned around dramatically. No longer do I fantasize that great things will happen to me automatically. I realize now that I'm going to have to work hard for anything that I accomplish in life. Therefore, regardless of what I do, I try to give my best effort because if I don't I'll only be cheating myself.

The recent loss of my father, uncle and several others close to me has affected me deeply. The spectre of death no longer seems like some far-away thing that will have to be dealt with eventually. It has taught me that you've got to hold on to and cherish the loved ones you have left in life.

Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin are best remembered for their historic handshake in 1977 on the White House lawn. It wasn't just simply two men exchanging greetings, but in fact two countries, Egypt and Israel, agreeing to end bloody conflict.

Now the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel, and

Jordan and Israel, are embarked on a new, strange mission called Peace or Shalom handshake.

The handshake remains a sacred symbol of hope that perhaps we humans can co-exist with one another. Let us pray that this tradition continues to endure the test of time amidst our different languages, religions, and cultures.

Shalom!

G-d's Will

by Natasha Ushomirsky
Grade 7, Alperin Schechter Day School

Over the fish in the sea
Over the birds in the sky,
Our kind shall rule.
But somewhere above
There's G-d
That shall rule over us,
Letting us see His will.
His will for creating,
His will for us to live,
The love that He gave us
And gave us to keep.
His mercy upon us
When we do something wrong
Shall ring in our minds
Like a bell in a dorm.
We shall look for the one that our love
We will give to
And seek for the truth in order to find
The secret treasure that
G-d placed deep inside our hearts.
To look and to see,
To seek and to find,
He gave us His blessing
To be the man kind.

TORAH TODAY

Spiritual and Physical Manna

This week's Torah portion, Beshalech, speaks about the manna eaten by the children of Israel during their 40-year sojourn in the wilderness. The Torah describes at great length the way it fell from heaven, the manner in which it was gathered, its taste, and how G-d commanded the Jews to collect only one omer (a dry measurement) per person. "The children of Israel ate the manna 40 years, until they came to an inhabited land," the Torah states. Then, almost as an afterthought, the Torah concludes, "Now, the omer is a tenth part of an epha (a larger ancient dry measurement)."

Biblical commentators ask why this definition of the omer is left for the very end of the chapter. Why wasn't the omer defined the first time it was mentioned? The explanation that it would have interrupted the narrative of events is insufficient.

In order to answer this question, let us first pose a more fundamental one. Why did G-d decree the same portion of manna for every single person? How is it possible for everyone, young children and adults alike, to be sustained by the exact same amount of food? Aren't a person's nutritional needs directly related to the

size of his body?

A similar principle involving a uniform amount of food was applied by our sages in the prohibition against eating on Yom Kippur. While it is forbidden to eat or drink anything on that day, a person becomes subject to the greatest punishment when he has eaten an amount equal to "a dried date." This quantity was fixed as the minimum amount of food necessary to sustain life. Again, the size of the person is of no regard.

We see then that there are two distinct types of sustenance; one that is necessary to maintain bodily functions, directly related to the size of the individual and the organ itself, and another, more fundamental type of sustenance, that is required to sustain the person's life-force. This amount does not change from person to person or from organ to organ — it is exactly the same for every human being.

This phenomenon stems from the two distinct levels of vitality that emanate from the soul to the physical body. One type of energy is individualized according to the needs of the particular organism it sustains, and the other is a more generalized life-force that keeps the person alive on the most funda-

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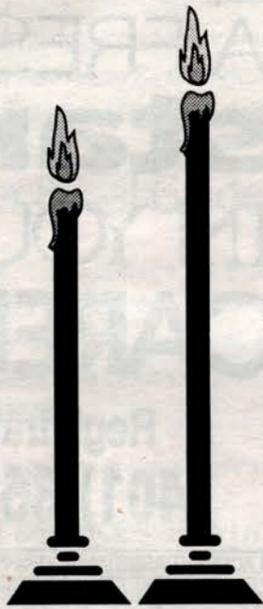
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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Israeli Tour Offered Through B'nai B'rith

WASHINGTON — B'nai B'rith has organized a family tour to Israel from July 27 through Aug. 11.

The trip is designed for parents and children ages 8 to 18. Kids will come back from Israel telling their friends about spending a night in a Bedouin camp, digging at an archaeological site and touring the Golan Heights by jeep.

Other special trip highlights include meetings with a member of Knesset and an Israeli author, 10 days of sightseeing via deluxe motorcoach with a licensed guide, six dinners (one at a Bedouin camp) and daily Israeli breakfast, and all

entrance fees, hotels, taxes and transfers.

Airfare is via El Al Airlines from New York to Tel Aviv. Price per adult is \$2,888 based on double occupancy. The price per child (sharing a room with two adults) is \$2,080 for children ages 8 to 11 and \$2,180 for children ages 11 to 16.

An optional pre-tour trip to Poland is also available for \$673.

For more information, write the B'nai B'rith Center for Jewish Family Life, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-3278, or call 1-800-500-6533.

Clinton Names Glickman To Cabinet

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Clinton has nominated former Democratic Congressman Dan Glickman to serve as Secretary of Agriculture, making the Kansas native the fourth Jew in the Cabinet.

If confirmed, Glickman will join Labor Secretary Robert Reich, U.S. Trade Representa-

tive Mickey Kantor and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin as the Jewish members of the Cabinet.

Glickman, 50, a key player in agriculture policy on Capitol Hill during 18 years in Congress, would succeed Mike Espy, who resigned last year in the face of an investigation into alleged ethical violations.

Jackie Mason and Ray Charles Fly to Israel

Comedian Jackie Mason took his one man show, "Politically Incorrect," to Israel recently where he performed for audiences of all ages. The popular stand-up comedian flew to Israel on El Al Israel Airlines and kept passengers and flight crew entertained during the 11-hour flight.

Mason is currently performing "Politically Incorrect" in New York.



Jackie Mason

first class and returned to New York on the midnight flight following his performance.



Ray Charles

On a separate flight, Ray Charles recently flew to Israel for a single concert. The singer/pianist and his entourage flew

IDF Investigates Pizza Cravings

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Late night hankerings for pizza have gotten a number of Israeli soldiers into hot water.

The army is reportedly investigating soldiers operating in the security zone in southern Lebanon for allegedly using cellular telephones to order pizzas.

A waitress in northern Israel told Israel Radio how she would meet the soldiers, who drove to the border in a command car around midnight to pick up the pizzas.

Jewish Freshman Takes Office

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Vowing to serve whenever possible as a "conduit" between the Jewish community and the Republican leadership, Jon Fox (R-Pa.) recently became the only new Jewish member of the 104th Congress.

"It's a real thrill to be the only Jewish freshman," Fox said as he took the first of what is certain to be hundreds of walks across Independence

Avenue to the Capitol building. "But with that comes tremendous responsibility," said the 47-year-old congressman from the suburbs of Philadelphia.

One of 86 freshmen in the new Congress, Fox took the oath of office in front of an overflowing crowd of more than 300 supporters in the House Banking Committee hearing room.

Flanked by a nun, two rab-

bis, a judge and his mother, Elaine, Fox told the crowd of well-wishers: "I have a vision for this country that includes all people and leaves no one out."

Jewish activists across the political spectrum say they are encouraged by having another Jew in the Republican Party.

At the same time, Fox silenced some critics who privately worried that he will support all Republican initiatives, including a school prayer amendment.

"When I believe that the Republican leadership is correct, I'll be with them, but when I differ, I'll stand opposed," Fox said, referring to a promise by Republican leaders to vote on a school prayer amendment by July 4.

Fox said he supports a moment of silence for America's schools, but stands opposed to prayer and amending the constitution.

Most Jewish organizations oppose both a constitutional amendment on prayer and a moment of silence.



This Year In Israel

Chernobyl children prepare to board the 13th rescue flight of the Chabad Children of Chernobyl Project. Twenty-three children left the former Soviet Union from Kiev, on Dec. 26, and landed in Israel. They were taken to Kfar Chabad, southeast of Tel Aviv, where a special facility has been set up to provide them with housing, schooling and appropriate medical care.

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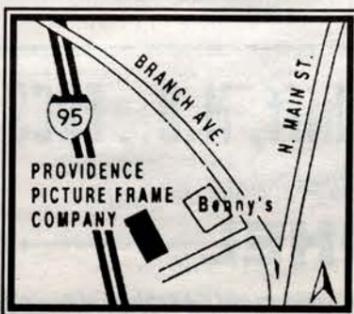
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Cohen Named American ORT Executive VP

Howard A. Cohen of Bala Cynwyd, Penn., has recently been named executive vice president of American ORT, announced President Murray Koppelman. "We are delighted to have Howard Cohen on board," said Koppelman. "He brings with him a diverse background and a wealth of experience, both in government and in the private sector, and will set American ORT onto a course of increased growth, visibility and productivity."

Prior to his appointment, Cohen was president and chief executive officer of Operation Independence, an organization of international business leaders working to promote Israel's economic independence.

Cohen, an attorney, is licensed to practice law in New York, New Jersey, the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania. He received his BA and JD degrees from Rutgers University and his MBA in international business from George Washington University. He has taught at Boston College Law School, Georgetown University Law Center and the Dickinson School of Law, and currently



Howard A. Cohen

teaches public management and business policy at the Fels Institute of Government of the University of Pennsylvania.

Active in the Philadelphia community, Cohen has served on the board of the Urban League and is a past president of Har Zion Synagogue's Men's Club. He currently serves on the boards of the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce and the National Jewish Coalition.

Leader of Reform Judaism Receives 'Keeper of the Flame' Award

Charles J. Rothschild, Jr., a past chairman of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has received the organization's prestigious "Keeper of the Flame" award for his services to Reform Judaism.

The presentation was made at a trustees' meeting in Florida by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the UAHC, central body of Reform Judaism in North America.

Rothschild, a resident of Teaneck, N.J., was honored as a "steadfast steward of Reform Judaism and the Jewish people" and "a chairman for all seasons."

In accepting the award, Rothschild described the movement of Reform Judaism as "a beacon of light, of optimism and of pride for all of world Jewry throughout our 120-year history."

Hoelenin To Receive Quittman Award

Rabbi Reuben M. Katz, national president of Bnai Zion, has announced that in honor of the 90th birthday of Bnai Zion's executive vice president emeritus, Herman Z. Quittman, the organization has established the Quittman Award to be presented annually to an organizational professional in the Jewish community who best exemplifies the dedication and devotion to Jewish causes evidenced by Quittman in his long and distinguished career.

Quittman set new standards of professionalism through his vision, creativity and selfless endeavors on behalf of Bnai Zion and its work both in the United States and Israel.

The first recipient chosen by the selection committee is Malcolm Hoelenin, the executive

vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. He is universally acknowledged as a major factor in the present position of eminence in the national and international arena occupied by the conference.

The first presentation will be made at a luncheon sponsored by Bnai Zion on Jan. 17, at the Bnai Zion House, 136 East 39th Street, New York City.

Bnai Zion is the oldest existing fraternal Zionist organization, having been founded in 1908. Its major projects are support of the Bnai Zion Medical Center, a 400-bed hospital in Haifa, and two homes for the retarded, one in Rosh Ha'Ayin and one in Jerusalem.

NCSJ Calls For Shabbat Dedicated To FSU Jews

NEW YORK — The National Conference on Soviet Jewry called upon synagogues, temples, havurot and hillels throughout the United States to dedicate a Shabbat in April to renewal and reconnection with the 1.5 million Jews remaining in the former Soviet Union.

The special Shabbat program has been endorsed by a broad range of Jewish religious movements, as well as the NCSJ's constituent organizations and other bodies which assist the Jewish minority of the former Soviet Union. NCSJ Community Services Committee co-chairs Sandra Goldberg (Palm Beach, Fla.) and Dr. Judith Wolf (Boston) stated: "The Passover season is a most appropriate

time to undertake a major campaign to raise awareness within the American Jewish community about the Jewish communities of the 15 nations comprising the former Soviet Union."

The NCSJ will provide synagogues, organizations and agencies with special kits, which will include background materials, a suggested speakers list and program suggestions.

The kits will be available in February and may be ordered by contacting Nate Geller, director of community services and cultural affairs, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003. Telephone (212) 780-9500; fax (212) 780-0888.

A Reminder About Registration

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm-grove Ave. in Providence, has opened registration for its 1995 to 1996 preschool and kindergarten.

Priority is given to children presently attending the school, their siblings, Infant/Toddler Childcare (ITC) children and siblings of children who no longer attend the school but whose membership has continued in good standing.

The JCCRI's fully accredited preschool offers classes for children ages 28 months through 5 years. Its well-equipped classrooms, activity rooms and playground are supplemented by the center's physical education facilities.

Children in the preschool must be toilet trained. Early arrival and all day programs are available.

Kindergarten at the center incorporates a whole-language approach, with gym and swim programs, science classes, and computer programs. Children who were at least 5 years old by December 31, 1994 are eligible to participate.

On Feb. 1, registration is open to center members and on March 1 the community may register.

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

Honorary Medal Nominations Requested

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society has announced that nominations of outstanding individuals or organizations in the field of horticulture for the 1995 Honorary Medals are being accepted through March 1.



Jessica Anne Stein

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stein of Framingham, Mass., announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jessica Anne, born Dec. 21, 1994.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nat Safferson of Warwick and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Stein of Newton, Mass.

Jessica Anne is named after her late great-grandmothers.

Mary Eikel Weds Stephen Fleisig

Mary Eikel and Stephen Fleisig were married Dec. 10, 1994. The bride is the daughter of Dorothy Baisden of Land O'Lakes, Fla., and the late Walter Pearl. Stephen Fleisig is the son of Evelyn Fleisig of Cranston, R.I., and the late Arthur Fleisig.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother.

The ceremony and reception took place at the home of the bride's mother in Land O'Lakes, Fla.

The couple will reside in Tampa, Fla.

Black Achievement Celebrated At BSC

The seventh Annual Heritage Celebration of the Hall of Black Achievement will be held on Jan. 28 in the ballroom of the Rondileau Campus Center at Bridgewater State College, beginning at 6 p.m.

At the ceremony, two black historic figures are posthumously inducted into the hall in recognition of their significant achievements and contributions. This year's inductees are: Jan Ernst Matzeliger, who invented the lasting mashing which revolutionized the manufacture of shoes and helped make Lynn the shoe capital of the world; and Roland Hayes, the first black male to win acclaim in America and Europe as a concert artist.

Since early this century, the society has recognized men, women and organizations through its honorary medals program for outstanding contributions in any one of the many disciplines comprising the field of horticulture. The medals are given annually by the trustees and are awarded at a special dinner each fall.

Nomination forms are available by calling or writing to: The Massachusetts Horticultural Society — Honorary Medals, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA 02115, (617) 536-9280, ext. 229.

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Temple Shalom Sponsors Winter Classes

The winter session of the adult education program of Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County, located at 223 Valley Road in Middletown, will commence on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. with a course in intermediate Hebrew for those students who have mastered the alphabet and desire to learn vocabulary words and grammar through stories and exercises.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will be the instructor for the class, which will continue for the next four consecutive Tuesday evenings.

At 7:50 p.m. the following roundtable discussions will take place:

Jan. 17 — "How to Live Between Office Visits." A presentation and discussion about taking care of one's health outside of the medical office. Speaker's Bureau Representative — Newport Hospital

Jan. 24 — "Jewish Bubbe Meisiss." We have all heard them. Now find out where they come from and what makes

them true Meisiss. Facilitator — Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer

Jan. 31 — "Family Violence Today ... Why Is It Happening More and More?" A recent and rapid rise in domestic violence has left us stunned and wondering. During this session we will strive to learn some of the causes and signs of this unfortunate behavior. Facilitator — Chris Reidy, MSW, administrator, Out Patient Services, Newport County Community Mental Health Center

Feb. 7 — "The Imported Bridegroom," a film about a turn of the century romance between a brilliant yeshiva student and a modern American daughter, and

Feb. 14 — "The Sunset Gang," a film depicting life in a Florida retirement community, with humor.

Registrations will be accepted on the first evening of classes.

Registration fees are \$10 for temple members and \$15 for non-temple members.

The community is cordially invited to participate.

Computers Help Pull Yiddish Together

Sophisticated computer technology is being applied to remedy a half-century policy of Soviet corruption of the Yiddish language — an enforced program of non-standard spelling of Yiddish words.

"After 70 years of division caused by Soviet policy, the historic reunification of the Yiddish language is now technologically possible and will soon take place," stated Mrs. Isaac Bashevis Signer, honorary chairperson of Operation to Reunify Yiddish, a project sponsored by the World Jewish Congress.

Shortly after the Russian Revolution, Soviet authorities required all Yiddish publications printed in the Soviet Union to deviate from standard Hebrew spelling and instead to spell phonetically the Hebrew words used in the Yiddish language.

Over time, this created a spelling gap whereby a majority of Russian readers of Yiddish today are unable to read publications printed outside their country.

The editors of Yiddish publications in Russia have agreed to revert to the standard spelling of the Hebrew used in Yiddish.

To accommodate their readers, the standard spelling of Hebrew will be followed by the phonetic in parentheses. By pairing the two spellings, Russian readers of Yiddish will eventually become familiar with the standard spelling of Hebrew.

However, many writers and typesetters are unfamiliar with the standard spelling of Hebrew. Consequently, the editors of Yiddish publications in Russia are still unable to revert to the standard spelling.

Fortunately, an ingenious high-tech solution was found that can bridge the spelling gap. A Yiddish computer typesetting program similar to 'spell check' is being designed and commissioned. It contains an internal conversion dictionary

with search and replace capability.

The program will have several functions. As soon as a typesetter enters the text, the computer will compare every word with each word in the conversion dictionary. Words spelled in phonetic Hebrew will automatically be placed in parentheses and preceded by the standard spelling.

Operation to Reunify Yiddish plans to send to Yiddish publications in Russia, computers, laser printers, and the specially designed Yiddish typesetting program.

For the past thousand years, Yiddish was the vernacular spoken by central and eastern European Jews. It is also a martyred language, being the mother tongue of the vast majority of the six million Jews who perished during World War II.

Edgar M. Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, invited Mrs. Isaac Bashevis Signer, widow of the great Yiddish writer and Nobel laureate, to become the honorary chairperson of Operation to Reunify Yiddish.

Joining Signer is Professor Elie Wiesel and Itzhak Perlman as chairperson and co-chair of the advisory board, respectively. Joseph Mlotek, managing editor of the *Forward*, the renowned Yiddish newspaper, was asked to serve as chairperson of the executive committee. Dr. Michael Ben-Levi, who negotiated the arrangement with the editors of Yiddish publications in Russia, has been named project director.

The Singers moved to Surfside, Florida in 1973 where Mrs. Singer continues to reside since the death of her husband in 1991.

NCJW Scholarships

The National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section, will be awarding scholarships to Rhode Island students who will be attending college in the fall of 1995.

Grants will be awarded based on evidence of involvement in community service, academic worthiness, and financial need.

Students desiring applications should write to: Seena Dittelman, 93 Crestwood Road, Cranston, R.I. 02920, or phone 942-5735.

Deadline for requesting applications is March 25.

Rabbi Goldberg Speaks at Brown Bag Club

On Jan. 31 at noon, the Brown Bag Club will hear Rabbi Nechama Goldberg, of Temple Am David, discuss her professional experiences and the route she traveled to become a rabbi. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions.

The Brown Bag Club meets at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, at noon on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. A \$1 donation is appreciated. Yiddish Vinkel follows at 2 p.m.

We first knew you as a feeble plant which wanted a little earth whereon to grow. We gave it to you, and afterward, when we could have trod you under our foot, we watered and protected you, and now you have grown to be a mighty tree, whose top reaches the clouds, and whose branches overspread the whole land, whilst we, who were the tall pine of the forest, have become a feeble plant, and need your protection.

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Seniors To Tour Superior Court

On Jan. 18, the senior adult center is taking a trip to the Superior Court to observe an actual trial and meet with a judge who will explain the court systems.

This event is free.

The bus will leave the center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence, at 12:30 p.m. and return

by 4 p.m.

Enjoy a hot, kosher lunch beforehand at the center at 11:30 a.m.; \$1.25 donation for lunch is appreciated.

Call Lori Broomfield, at 861-8800, to make reservations as soon as possible as the courthouse tour is limited to the first 25 people.

Touro Delegation to Attend Gaon Tribute

Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro of Touro Synagogue will lead a delegation of congregants, and other interested people from the area, to the Memorial Tribute program in memory of the late Sephardic leader, Rabbi Dr. Solomon Gaon.

This event will be held in the Lamport Auditorium on the main campus of Yeshiva University of New York on Feb. 5. The program is open to the community.

Gaon passed away on Dec. 21 and was buried in Israel.

He was the chief rabbi of congregations affiliated with the World Sephardi Federation. He was the founder and had been director of the Jacob E. Sofra Institute of Sephardic Studies at Yeshiva University since 1976, the oldest and largest school of Sephardic studies in the United States. He served as president of the Union of Sephardic Congregations of the United States and

Canada, and the chief rabbi of Sephardic Congregations of the British Commonwealth, from 1949 to 1982.

He wrote extensively, including a commentary on the *Book of Prayer of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews*.

Those who would like to participate in this event or would like further information are asked to contact the synagogue office at 847-4794.

Calling All Children

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island is open on Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for fun and learning. Children can explore hands-on educational exhibits and pursue activities like Creative Drawing in the Presto Change-Oh! exhibit from 10 a.m. to noon. Kids can have history and geography adventures during Mapping My Way in the State Room from 1 to 3 p.m.

Attitude Counts

On Jan. 19, the senior adult center will present guest speaker Rene Lipson, who will discuss how our attitudes and perceptions affect our health and well-being. This Wellness Program, held between 11 a.m. and noon, facilitates personal growth and strengthens self-esteem, leading to a more productive, healthy and enjoyable way of life. There is no fee.

The willows slumber along its shore piled in light but low masses, even like the cumuli above.

H.D. Thoreau

CORRECTION

The first sentence of the fifth paragraph of Rabbi Nechama Goldberg's article on Judaism and Feminism should have read: "Women are counted in a minyan (required quorum for communal prayer) not just because we are women and we choose not to discriminate, but because women are obligated to pray." The editor regrets the error.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Local Actress Learned Perseverance Pays Off

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Perhaps more than any other industry, the theatrical world can be a roller coaster of successes and disappointments. One week an actor/actress may have the leading role in a play and the next week he/she may be rejected for a part, even a small one, without explanation. Months may go by before the next opportunity.

Jane Fierstein, who will be appearing in "The Sunshine Boys" at City Nights Dinner Theatre in Pawtucket from Jan. 13 to Feb. 5, has experienced the ups and downs in her 30 years of being involved in theater. Fierstein was pre-casted for her upcoming role as a nurse in the Neil Simon comedy, but not all parts have come that smoothly.

"Unfortunately, there are times when it doesn't matter how well you audition," said Fierstein, who lives in Cranston with husband Bill. "A director may just have a certain image in mind."

Fierstein grew up in a family that had a rich entertainment background. Although she had a passion for the theater, her dream was put on hold when she had to single-handedly raise three children from a previous marriage.

"I realized then that if you're not happy in your work, it's

Having worked hard to find her niche, Fierstein passes on some useful advice for aspiring actors.

"Young people have to real-



Jane Fierstein

time to make a change," said Fierstein.

Now Fierstein is not only happy, but also successful. She's appeared in many plays including: "Nunsense," "Deathtrap," "The Foreigner," and "The Music Man." Her favorite role, which she would love to play again, has been Amanda in "The Glass Menagerie."

Fierstein has also taped some commercials for the Rhode Island lottery, appeared in a film for the University of Rhode Island and has done voice-overs and public service announcements. In 1987 she received her bachelor of arts degree in theater from Rhode Island College, as she graduated magna cum laude.

ize that there is a lot of great talent out there that never gets discovered," said Fierstein. "You have to be able to take criticism."

"It's also important for people to take care of themselves mentally and physically and stay up with your craft," Fierstein continued.

According to Fierstein, the audience's approval is a tremendous payoff to all the hard work.

"It's a wonderful experience when the audience is with you," she said. "It's like magic."

Although it wasn't easy getting to where she is now, Fierstein has no regrets about her career path.

"I'm not sad about the turns along the way," said Fierstein. "It's made me appreciate what I have even more. I've never been happier."

Increasing Awareness Through Ballet

The JASPER Ballet (Just for Aids Support, Perpetual Care, Education and Research), a new non-profit regional ballet company, has been formed and will concentrate its efforts within Southern New England Communities to increase AIDS awareness. The company will help raise funds to support various AIDS organizations, education, and research.

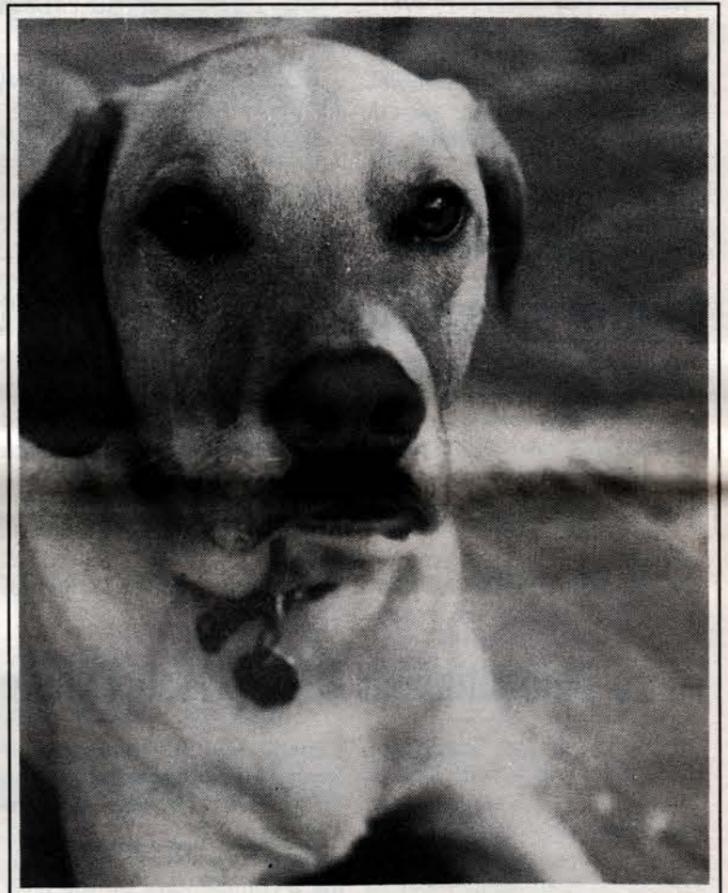
The new ballet company derives its name from a 6-year-old part golden retriever, whose master, Alan Golden, lost his young life to the AIDS virus in May of 1993. Golden's sister, Arlene Gilbert, of Cumberland, has been appointed

executive director and artistic advisor of the company.

Gilbert, a 30-year veteran of the professional dance world, began her career as director of the Classical Ballet Studio in 1966, now the Dance Center of Woonsocket, in Woonsocket.

The JASPER Ballet is seeking talented young ballet dancers with a minimum of three years of classical ballet training and must be at least 11 years of age. Auditions will be held Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. and Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Dance Center of Woonsocket, 70 North Main St., Woonsocket.

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JASPER, a 6-year-old golden retriever, was the inspiration for the name of the new ballet company.

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Tickets to the performance, which is at the Providence Performing Arts Center, are \$35, \$22.50 and \$18.50 and are available at the Providence Performing Arts box office by calling 421-ARTS.

PHDS Choir Sings On MLK Day

As part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. activities at the Statehouse on Jan. 16, the Providence Hebrew Day School choir will perform. Rabbi M. Fried will also be on hand for the day's events.

Reading at RISD

The Rhode Island School of Design library will present a series entitled, "Readings in the Reading Room." The readings, presented by RISD faculty and staff, are free and open to the public. Sessions will be held on Jan. 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. The RISD library is located at 236 Benefit St., in Providence.

RISD Calendar of Events

Jan. 15 — **Children's Program. "People and Places."** Participants discuss the subjects and cultural contexts of portraits by Nancy Elizabeth Prophet and photographer James Van Der Zee in the exhibition "Four Generations of African-American Art from the Permanent Collection" (best suited for children ages 5 and up). Free for children; however, nonmember accompanying adult must pay regular museum admission. 3 p.m.

Poetry Reading. "Every Shut Eye Ain't Asleep." Join Brown University Professor Michael Harper, also author of several volumes of poetry and promise and editor of an anthology of African-American poems, for a reading held in conjunction with "The Studio Museum in Harlem: Twenty-Five Years of African-American Art." Cosponsored by Langston Hughes Center for the Arts and Education. Free. 3 p.m.

Jan. 16 — **Martin Luther King Day Celebration.** Visit the museum for a special community day celebration which features tours of "The Studio Museum in Harlem: Twenty-Five Years of African-American Art;" video screenings by and about African-Americans; storytelling by nationally known Len Cabral; and refreshments. Sponsored by the Museum Associates. Free. 2 to 5 p.m.

The previously listed events will take place at the Museum of Art at 224 Benefit St. in Providence.

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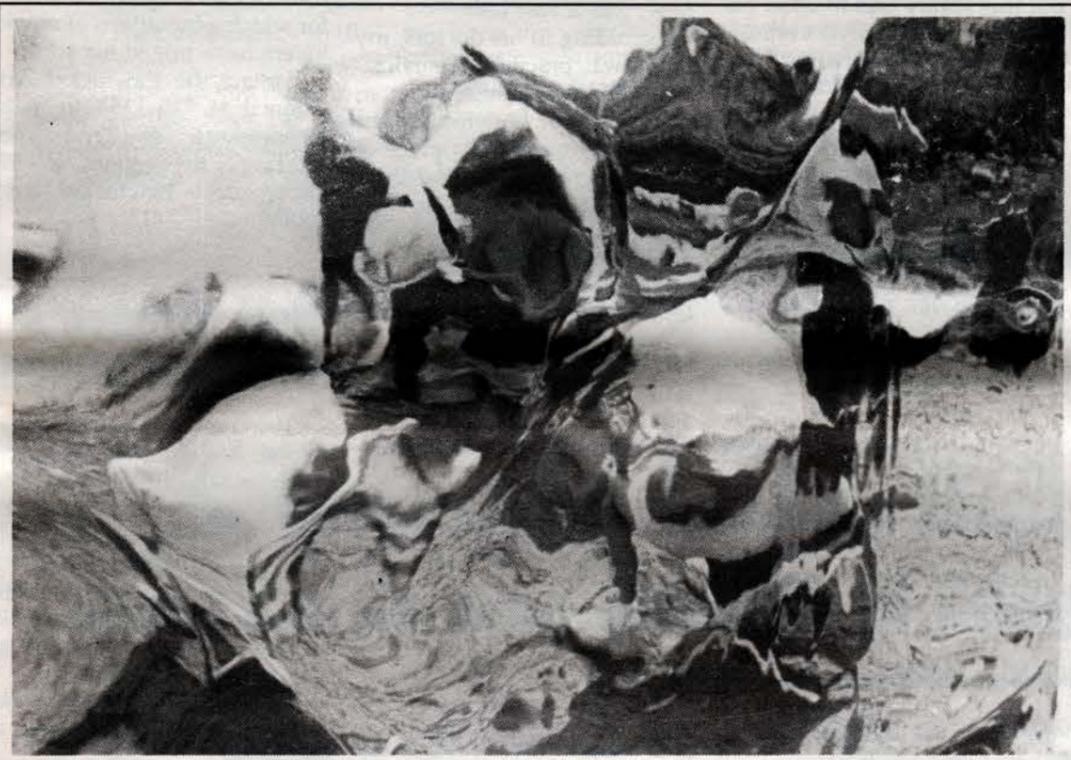
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



THE ARTIST AND HIS WORK — Arthur Swoger pauses beside two of his works at Gallery 401 at the JCCRI. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*



OLNEY POND, by Arthur Swoger, is currently on display at Gallery 401 at the JCCRI. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*



BREAKING THE BARRIER, by Arthur Swoger, at Gallery 401 at the JCCRI. The show will continue until Feb. 20. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

Hadassah Students Win Photo Contest

Debbie Zimelman, a third-year photography major at Jerusalem-based Hadassah College of Technology, is the grand prize winner of the "Great 1994 Picture Contest" sponsored by *Popular Photography* magazine.

Yori Costa, also a third-year photography student at HCT, won honorable mention.

The contest attracted 10,000 contestants worldwide who submitted a total of 60,000 photographs.

According to *Popular Photography* contest coordinators Bob Lazaroff and Terri Myers, "choosing Zimelman's photo from the 60,000 entries was easy compared to contacting her. Zimelman included only a

P.O. address with her entry. We obtained a phone number from a Jerusalem operator, but messages left on Zimelman's answering machine were not returned. An Express Mail letter produced no results, nor did a letter sent Federal Express.

Popular Magazine's managing editor Paul Siudzinski had an idea: Since many Israelis are transplanted New Yorkers, why not contact local Zimelmans for leads. After many local and transcontinental calls, Zimelman was located in Oregon. She and her husband, Eliot, were flown back to New York to embark on a six-day photo cruise to the Bahamas

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Swoger's Work — Through the Looking-Glass

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

There's a new exhibit at Gallery 401, at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island — "New Visions" by Arthur Swoger.

Swoger's works start with a colored photographic image. The image is then replicated over and over — or seamlessly coupled with other images — or deliberately distorted.

The effect may be a little disorienting but it is never frightening or unpleasant. It is as if Swoger invited his mind to play with his images.

Some of his pictures are nudes, some are abstractions, many are like looking at a scene you've often seen before, through a fun-house mirror.

My favorite, a small picture, is one of the last category. You see trees in motion — and the picture reminds you that sci-

ence now knows that Swoger's vision is the truth. Everything — no matter how solid or motionless it appears to us — is really energy in motion.

Swoger's exhibit will be at the gallery through Feb. 20.

My mother once said to me, "When one sees the tree in leaf, one thinks the beauty of the tree is in its leaves, and then one sees the bare tree."

Samuel Menashe

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Tu B'Shevav

by Ozzie Nogg

When my father died, I inherited his books as part of the tangible legacy a rabbi leaves his child. Worn volumes of the Talmud with carefully mended spines. Dog-eared siddurim. A Russian chumash. Yiddish novels, collections of Hebrew poetry. Scholarly works on Jewish ritual and law.

But Yentl, I am not.

And so it was in the more accessible English texts that I found what has now become one of my favorite books — *Worlds That Passed*. In it, the author, A.S. Sachs, describes with gentle fondness the vanished life of the shtetl. The hard work. The simple pleasures. The cycle of holiday celebrations that often were the only bright spots in an otherwise bleak existence.

It might be argued that shtetl Jews — my father included — survived from one dreary day to the next because they instinctively blocked out the reality of their cramped, poor villages and could, in Sachs' words, "soar on wings of fancy" to vast, beautiful worlds that existed only in their minds. Never were these flights more therapeutic than during Tu B'Shevav.

Tu B'Shevav — the New Year of the Trees — the holiday that celebrates spring and the renewal of nature and life itself, always found the shtetl frozen

and covered with snow. But no matter. On Tu B'Shevav the people transported themselves to a golden place where cedar fields, olive trees and lemon groves were heavy with buds. The shtetl Jews could feel the spring sun on their backs. Winter was gone and for a day, at least, the villagers were in Eretz Yisroel — awash in milk and honey and fragrant citron. They ate precious bits of date and almond and fig brought straight from the Holy Land. They thanked G-d for the fruit of the trees and prayed to some day stand inside the gates of Jerusalem and behold with their own eyes the Cedars of Lebanon.

Actually, I don't need books to take me to this world. My father regularly "guided" me through the village where he was born and into the cheder where he studied from sunup to moonrise. The cheder where on Tu B'Shevav, lessons stopped while the rebbe carefully doled out raisins and nuts and bokser — that most exotic of fruits.

According to Poppa, one Tu B'Shevav in the cheder was particularly memorable because of the aforementioned bokser. It seems my father's study partner — a lad named Shleimkeh — side-armed several pieces at another student and hit (aftzuloches) the rebbe. Now, a hunk of bokser is a mean weapon, and for Shleimkeh's infraction the entire class was forced to memorize an additional (and gargantuan) tractate of Talmud. Deep in my bones I'm sure that Shleimkeh, if he truly existed, was innocent and that the real

culprit behind that long-ago Tu B'Shevav Bokser Rebellion was my Poppa. . .

My father adored trees. He told me, often and lovingly, of the trees that grew near his village. Apple! Pear! Peach! And oh, how that fruit tasted! Much sweeter, tochter, than any fruit here in America! He also spoke of the weeping willow that stood by the side of his house. Its branches hung down into a pond and it was under these branches — deep in the water — that his mother once hid some silver spoons wrapped in a cloth. She hid them from the holligans that periodically ransacked the village and she wound up leaving them there, in the water, when the family left for America.

As my father grew older, he lost his sight and walked with difficulty and his last years were like a shtetl winter — dark and frightening and dimly boring. But he blocked out this reality and lived in his memory, fancifully embroidered with imagination. He soared on wings back to the shtetl. It was now a thriving town! The few trees that once grew near his village were now large and profitable orchards that his family had owned for generations. (We spoke of this only in private, lest the knowledge that he came from the Lithuanian landed-gentry bring shame to his less fortunate contemporaries.)

The treasure buried in the pond at the foot of the weeping willow grew as well. The few silver spoons multiplied into many dozens. The cache eventually included brass samovars and sterling kiddush cups and antique spice boxes encrusted with jewels. Poppa vowed to

Arts Council Sponsoring BSO Trip

The Pawtucket Arts Council is sponsoring a trip to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra on Jan. 20.

Included in the cost of the trip is round-trip transportation, admission to the concert, and gratuity for the bus driver. Tickets are \$48 for members and \$55 for nonmembers.

A bus will leave Slater Mill at 11 a.m. to arrive in Boston in time for the 1:30 p.m. concert. The group will return to Pawtucket immediately following the concert.

Conductor is Mariss Jansons and John Oliver with the Men of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus; piano, Radu Lupu;

speaker, Malcolm Sinclair; program, Schoenberg "A Survivor from Warsaw"; Beethoven, "Piano Concerto #1"; Rachmaninoff, "Symphonic Dances."

The program includes two wartime pieces and a classical concerto, Beethoven's "First Piano Concerto" is one of his most delightful early works, with a bright humorous finale that brings a smile to the face. It provides a sunny contrast to two far more serious works. Arnold Schoenberg's "A Survivor from Warsaw" is a powerfully imagined account of the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto, featuring a narrator and chorus. Sergei Rachmaninoff's last completed work, the "Symphonic Dances," is tinged with the darkness of the war years, but it also speaks of memory and reconciliation. The work is filled with the rich romantic melody and harmony for which generations of music-lovers have prized his work.

Contact the Pawtucket Arts Council at 725-1151 to make reservations, or send your check to the council at 474 Broadway, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860.

New Women's Chorus Formed

The newly formed Mount Hope Bay Chorus is seeking women who like to sing. This new women's chorus meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Warren Baptist Church in Warren. Its members sing four-part harmony, and urge any interested woman to visit and enjoy a night of singing.

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Seven and 10-day packages from Saturday night to Saturday night, Sunday to Sunday, Monday to Monday are available starting at \$1,199 per person in most locations. A special charter leaves New York from January 19 to 29. Flights are also available in other cities in the United States. Call R&R Kosher Vacations for further information at (212) 807-1171.

TU B'SHEVAT

Two Trees on Tu B'Shevav

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Tu B'Shevav hands me the chance to pick out one or two of my favorite trees and salute them. A gorgeous copper beech stands guard at the corner of Doyle Avenue and Hope Street, in front of Sugarman's Funeral Home. Somebody with patience planted it long ago, when you set in place a stately, slow-growing living sculpture in the community.

Purple petals, black leaves, glimmer gold and ruby. You watch with wonder the foliage in each season. Death itself takes on a majesty in the shadow of this magnificent mahogany tree. My favorite autograph in grammar

school went like this: Roses are red, Violets are blue. When I die I'll go to Sugarman's, And so will you. A critic could read as many meanings in this poem as there are leaves on the copper beech.

There's another tree that hovers at a hiatus. A crooked pine tree brought down from the Maine woods as a tiny seedling straddles the border between our summer cabin and that of an elderly neighbor now in a nursing home. She used to sit beside its trunk and put seed in a feeder on a low branch.

Gale winds have snapped off many limbs, and this hemlock leans awkwardly, unkempt, ungainly. I tried to disguise its flaws with birdhouses, sculp-

tures, gewgaws. I make believe it holds some zigzag zen pizzazz, but it just looms primitively above our garden, hardly even offering shade. Evergreens choke our neighbor's place the way Norway maples will crush your place in town.

I think some deep thoughts about trees, their aristocratic dignity, the arrogant way they take over, their final vulnerability. I tip my yarmulke to their roots among us.

Our menorah rose like a traveling tree, and in Israel we plant again in prayer. I look up at the topmost crest of my copper beech or my pitiful pine the way I stare at the highest flame on my diningroom candelabrum.

A Tu B'Shevav Message

By Milton S. Shapiro

President, Jewish National Fund

Though Tu B'Shevav, the new year of the trees, arrives in the dark of winter, it brings a message of renewal and hope. For centuries, that hope has symbolized the connection between our ancestors and the land of Israel.

The observance of Tu B'Shevav, which falls on Jan. 16, reminds us that trees have always occupied a special place in Jewish law and tradition. The Torah attaches great importance to the planting of trees in Israel.

Since its founding by the World Zionist Congress in 1901, the Jewish National Fund has been the vehicle through which afforestation and land reclamation in Israel have been realized.

JNF has planted over 200 million trees in Israel, and this year expects to plant over three million more. Israel is the only country in the world in which there will be more trees at the end of the century than there were at the beginning.

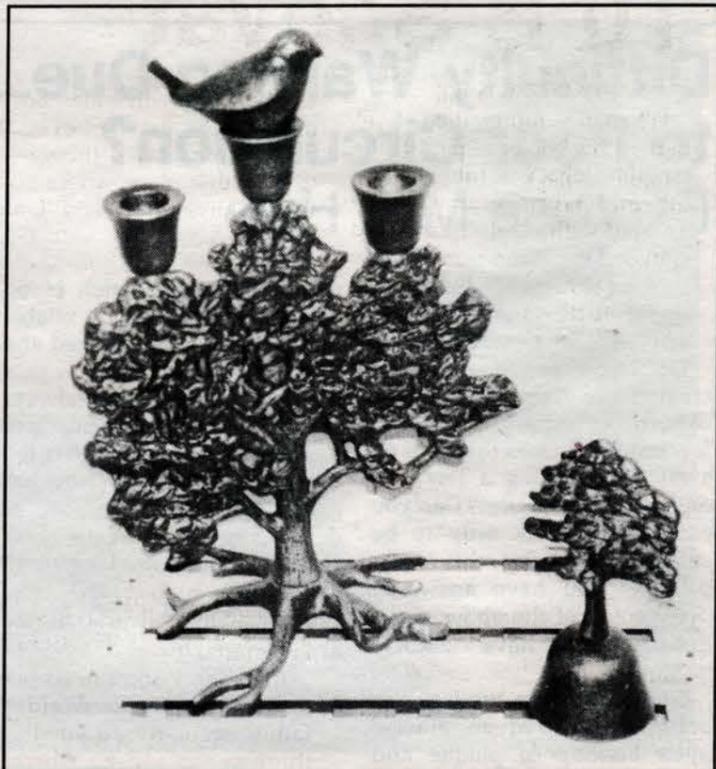
As Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said at the World Confer-

ence of JNF Leaders (in July 1994), "...planting trees in the land of Israel means that we are determined to root ourselves here, never to be uprooted. If there is a change in the life of the Jewish people from the Wandering Jew to the one who is planted here forever, this is the symbol of the JNF."

Wise Words

"Even if I were certain that the world would end tomorrow, I would plant a tree this very day."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.



Bird's Eye View

Scott Nelles has worked the tree shape into a Sabbath candelabra. We stuck one of his brass birds onto a nest for Tu B'Shevav. "...Poems are made by fools by me, but only G-d can make a tree."

Photo by fool, Mike Fink

Trees For AIDS

The Jewish National Fund has dedicated a forest in Lahav near Beersheva to victims of AIDS, among them Ryan White, the teenager whose courageous battle against the disease raised the world's consciousness. The forest will employ several water conservation techniques, because the area's rainfall averages just three inches a year.

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SHABBAT & SHIRA

Choir Celebrates Sabbath of Song

by Neil Nachbar

Herald Associate Editor

This week's Torah portion, Be-shallah (Exodus 13:17 to 17:16), describes the Israelis' crossing of the Red Sea after having left Egypt. Upon reaching the other side, Moses' sister Miriam took her timbrel and began singing and dancing with the other women.

Therefore, the song at the sea has become associated with thanksgiving and praise. To

mark the miraculous event, a special Shabbat, called Shabbat Shira — the Sabbath of Song, is observed.

To highlight the Sabbath at Temple Beth-El, in Providence, the temple's new adult volunteer choir, led by Cantor Nancy Ginsberg, will sing the liturgy of the service and a sermon on redemption.

The choir has been practicing every Wednesday night since early October. While some mem-

bers of the group have an extensive musical background, others are beginners. Ginsberg is proud of the progress they've made in a relatively short period of time. "It's amazing what they've accomplished," she said.

The songs of redemption that Ginsberg chose were written within the last 10 to 15 years and are mostly in English — making it easy for the congregation to follow along.

The proximity of the choir should strengthen the bond between the group and the congregation even further. "It's one thing to have the choir up in a loft, but to have them stand on stage in front of the congregation, everyone feels so much more connected," Ginsberg said.

By joining the choir, the congregants not only learn a great deal about the music, but more importantly, they become active participants in the service.

"It's a chance to become involved within the congregation," said Joel Gluck. "By learning the music of the liturgy, I've become spiritually in tune with the service."

"It's very meaningful to have the congregation participate in such a central way," stated Lauren Zurier.

Gluck and Zurier have both had experience singing in choirs. For other members, such as Jocelyn Feldman, the Jan. 13 service will be their singing debut.

"It's been very rewarding," said Feldman. "Nancy is not



CANTOR NANCY GINSBERG leads the volunteer choir in a song of redemption. Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

only an outstanding musician, but she's a superb teacher. Aside from teaching us the music of the service, she's taught us a lot about music in general."

Instead of concentrating exclusively on how the choir sounds, Ginsberg has stressed the importance of "feeling" the words.

"I'm not so much concerned with how they sound, as long as they say it with conviction," explained Ginsberg. "If you think about what you're saying, that will come across in the music."

While Ginsberg makes sure each practice session is productive, she doesn't let things get too serious.

"It's got to be fun," said Ginsberg. "If it's not fun, there's no reason for them to do it."

Aside from Gluck, Zurier and Feldman, the other choir members include: Diane Chain,

Wayne Cochran, Maxine Goldin, Deborah Johnson, Nan Levine, Ida Millman, Bill Padoll, Nancy Rifle, Albert Salzberg, Evelyn Saltzman, Lois Schwartz, Joanne Summer and Stan Zimmering.

Ginsberg is expecting the choir to be a big success on Shabbat Shira. "I know the congregation is going to be so supportive of the choir," said Ginsberg. "And the choir is going to feel the outpouring of affection."

On Jan. 5 the cantor had surgery on her throat. Prior to, and now following the operation, she's had to rest her vocal chords. Stan Freedman has helped head the choir while Ginsberg has been on the mend.

The Shabbat Shira service is scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m. Temple Beth-El is located at 70 Orchard Ave.



Song Birds

Tradition tells us to feed the birds on Shabbat Shira — so they can sing the praises of creation. If you do, keep on till spring. These charming items come from "Flourishes." We look to the trees and the L-rd's tiny poultry, think of thaw, and wait for warmth and warbles.

Herald photo by Mike Fink

HEALTHWISE

Difficulty Walking Due to Poor Circulation? Exercise May Help

by Tina Braun, R.N.
Vascular Nurse Clinician
Miriam Hospital

Do you experience pain or cramping in your calves, thighs or buttocks after walking only a few minutes? Does this pain go away after resting a few seconds to a few minutes? Can you continue to walk only to be stopped again by this same pain? If you have answered "yes" to all of the above questions you may have claudication.

Blood vessels in the legs can become narrowed or blocked by a buildup of plaque and cholesterol causing a decrease in blood flow to the legs.

Signs and symptoms of decreased blood flow to the legs depend upon the location of the arteries involved and the extent of the narrowing. You may notice pain or cramps in the hips, thighs or calves when walking a specific distance. The pain is relieved by rest. This is called intermittent claudication.

Symptoms occur when you walk because the leg muscles

need more oxygen-rich blood during exercise, but are unable to get it due to the blocked and narrowed blood vessels.

Although we cannot always predict who will develop this problem, we do know that the more risk factors a person has the higher the probability of developing the disease. Risk factors include smoking, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and overweight.

A research study, sponsored by The American Heart Association ... is free for eligible participants.

Some people with claudication may be helped by surgery or balloon angioplasty. An alternative treatment may be a graded exercise program specifically designed to train the muscles of the legs to do more work with less oxygen.

The Vascular Exercise Program at Miriam Hospital has been successful in training people with claudication to walk longer distances without pain.

The program is staffed by a physician, nurses and exercise physiologists specially trained in dealing with patients with vascular disease.

At this time we have graduated 48 patients from Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts and here is what they are saying:

"When I began the program I couldn't walk half a block before I'd get pain in my legs. Since graduation I've been playing golf twice a week without a cart!" (C.M.) "Before the exercise program my husband who is 6'4" had to take baby steps to walk with me. Now we are able to walk everywhere together."

A research study, sponsored by The American Heart Association is being conducted at Miriam Hospital and is free for eligible participants.

If you think you have claudication and would be interested in participating in the study, ask your family doctor or contact Andrea Colucci, R.N., or Tina Braun, R.N., at 331-8500, ext. 4384.

Scleroderma Support Group To Meet

The next meeting of the Scleroderma Support Group will be on Jan. 25, at 7 p.m., at Roger Williams Hospital, Chalkstone Ave., Providence, in the Prior I Medical Conference room.

For more information, call Gail at (508) 695-1058.

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"The addition of this highly-regarded group of clinicians to Roger Williams' Radiation Treatment Facilities enlarges the center's resources, enhancing our institution's commitment to provide quality cancer treatment to southeastern New Englanders," said President and Chief Executive Officer Robert A. Urciuoli in announcing the affiliation.

The Providence-based group practice is comprised of Banice M. Webber, MD; Roger L. Brotman, MD; Anthony Yu, MD; Gabriela B. Masko, MD; and Scott A. Triedman, MD. All of

them hold academic affiliations with the Brown University School of Medicine.

Says Webber, chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology, about their association with Roger Williams, "We are very excited about this new venture. Roger Williams has a long history of quality care and compassion in their treatment of cancer patients, and we are proud to become a new part of this tradition."

Roger Williams' Radiation Treatment Facilities are located at 50 Maude Street in Providence on the medical center's Elmhurst campus. Radiation Oncology Associates, Inc. also maintains offices at 825 North Main Street in Providence.

'Dressing For Success'

On Jan. 25, more than 15,000 Rhode Islanders will be giving new meaning to the phrase "Dressed For Success." They will be dressing down or in theme to help the Leukemia Society reach their goal of a cure for leukemia and its related cancers by the year 2000.

WPRI Television Channel 12, 93.3 WSNE FM Radio and the Rhode Island Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America are inviting employees of Rhode Island businesses and schools to participate in "Dress to Cure Leukemia."

The event is very simple. Employees are invited to "dress down" (casual) on Jan. 25, for a \$3 donation to the Leukemia Society. If this date is inconvenient, an alternate date may be chosen by the company.

If the employees of your organization already dress casually, you may consider holding a theme day, i.e. T-shirt day,

Hawaiian day, hat day, tie breaker (men do not have to wear a tie), etc.

All contributions will receive an official "I'm Dressed to Cure Leukemia" sticker supplied by the Leukemia Society. The stickers will explain the absence of the usual dress, suit, or uniform to your customers or clients, while showing your company or school's support for a most worthwhile cause.

Last year, over 250 Rhode Island businesses and schools participated in the society's "Dressed to Cure Leukemia" program. The event was an overwhelming success, raising more than \$25,000 for the society's local patient-aid and research programs.

If you are interested in participating, or for more information about "Dress to Cure Leukemia," call Joseph Liptak at the Leukemia Society office at 943-8888.

'Take Care of Yourself ...'

Start your new year off right — register to attend Bradley Hospital's free program, "Taking Care of Ourselves in a Stressful World" on Jan. 19. Beginning at 7 p.m., Elizabeth Brenner, will share stress management techniques with parents and the community in Bradley's Ruggles Gym.

According to Brenner, "parenting and childcare are important jobs which require us to give fully of ourselves. Life's demands on us are far reaching

— yet, we must create a way to care for ourselves so that we can give to our children."

The discussion about stress and stress management will be combined with experiential techniques. Brenner, a clinical social worker in private practice locally, is also clinical director of the Family and Home Consultation Service in Lexington.

The program is free and the community is invited. Register in advance by calling 434-3400, ext. 161.

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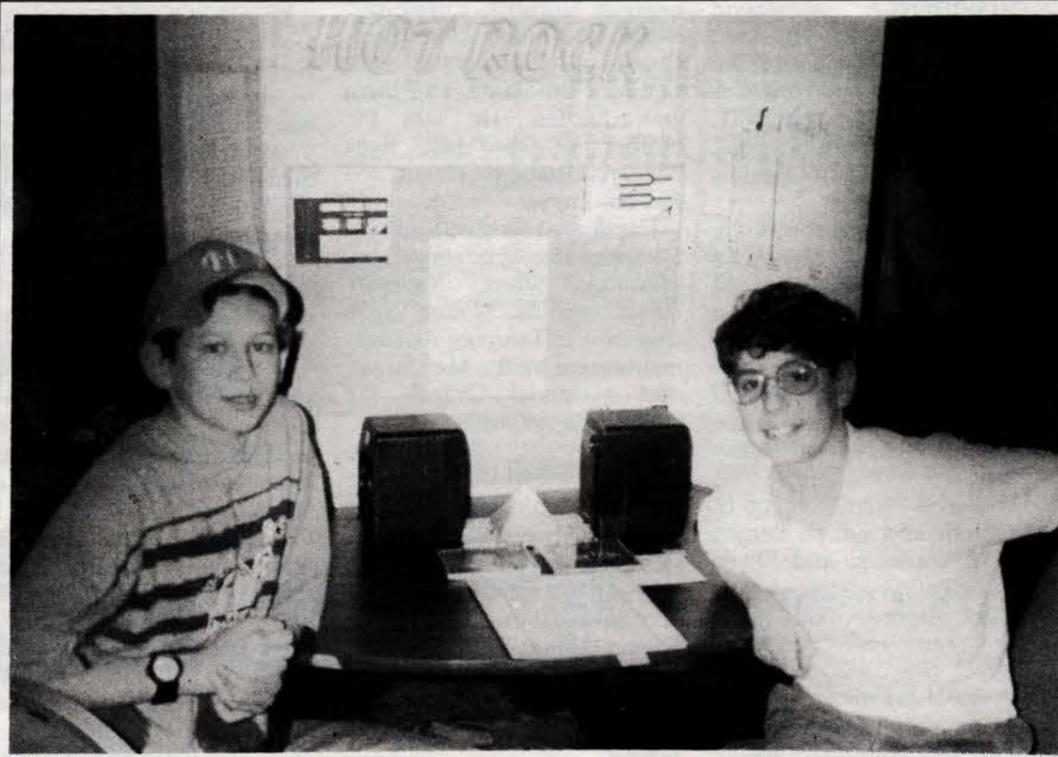


School Beat



NATHANIEL FRIEDMAN explains to his visitors how his science fair experiments with the effects of music on the rate of growth of plants were set up. Nathaniel's conclusion was that, "further investigation is needed."

Herald photo by Alison Smith



LUDWIG STILL RULES! Jesse Goldberg, on the left, and Michael Radparvar flank their exhibit on sound waves at the Alperin Schechter Middle School Science Fair. Beethoven's music had more effect on the candle flame between the speakers than did Hot Rock music. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

The Future is in Good Hands 'The Secret Garden'

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The projects at the Alperin Schechter Middle School Science Fair were imaginatively conceived, painstakingly created, easy to follow, and visually attractive.

Picking one over another must have been very difficult for the judges.

But what impressed me most was the attitude of the students toward their work. Every single one I spoke to, as I wandered through the crowd, was enthusiastic about his or her project. They believed in what they were doing, and took it seriously — and they expected me to take it seriously, too.

The exhibitors themselves were the most impressive and interesting part of the science fair.

On Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. the Zeiterion Theatre's Happily Ever After, Saturday youth series, sponsored by Citizens Bank, presents this childhood classic of the orphan, Mary Lenox, and how she discovers friendship and the wonders of life in her "secret garden."

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Psalm 1: 1-4

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BEWARE EL NIÑO! Ari Heckman, left, and Jessica Fain created this display on the effects of El Niño, complete with globe, charts, plants and small fans, at the Alperin Schechter Middle School Science Fair.

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'Jekyll and Hyde'

On Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. Theatreworks/USA transforms the classic tale, "Jekyll and Hyde" into a modern musical about a teenage chemistry whiz who creates a substance which changes him into the coolest kid in school.

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DAVID BERGER

PROVIDENCE — David Berger, 86, of 100 Atwells Ave., a driver in the Providence Department of Public Works for 25 years before retiring in 1971, died Jan. 3 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Martha (Berk) Berger.

Born in Poland, a son of the late Issac and Eva Berger, he lived in Providence for 54 years. He previously lived in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

He leaves three daughters, Rita Nash and Lillian Berger, both of Warwick, and Sheila Del Pico of Cranston; a son, William Berger of Warwick; a sister, Yetta Silverstein in Hawaii; five grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

The funeral was held Jan. 4 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park in Warwick.

MAX CHUDNOVSKY

TAUNTON — Max Chudnovsky, 81, of 1 Bennett St., Taunton, general manager of the former New York Lace Store in Pawtucket for 16 years before retiring 20 years ago, died Jan. 7 at Morton Hospital in Taunton. He was the husband of Lillian (Alpert) Chudnovsky.

Born in Taunton, he was a son of the late Israel and Bessie (Wiesenthal) Chudnovsky.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served as a captain on New Guinea in the South Pacific Theater. He also served in the Korean War. He was a member of Congregation Agudath Achim, and served on the board of directors.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Sara Chudnovsky-Weintraub of Norwell,

and Elizabeth Chudnovsky-Leary of Norwalk, Conn.; two sisters, Matilda Zwetckebaum of Providence, Sara Cetlin of Brookline, and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Rose Blieden, Elizabeth Lisman, and Frances Zunser.

The funeral was held Jan. 9 at Congregation Agudath Achim, Winthrop Street, Taunton. Burial was in Mount Nebo Cemetery in Taunton. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ROSE ELLISON

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rose Ellison, 89, a resident of the Home for Jewish Parents, Oakland, for the past two years, a bookkeeper for the former Tom Ellison Men's Clothing Store for 30 years before retiring in 1972, died Dec. 16 at the home. She was the widow of Thomas Ellison.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., a daughter of the late Harry and Sarah Dubitsky, she lived in Fall River from 1924 to 1988, and in Providence for four years before moving to California in 1992.

She was a founder of Temple Beth-El in Fall River, its Sisterhood, and Congregation Adas Israel, and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Hadasah and the United Jewish Appeal. For many years she was active in the Israel bond drives.

She leaves a son, Seymour Ellison of San Francisco, Calif., and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Jan. 4 at Temple Beth-El, High Street, Fall River. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

JAMES GOLDEN

WOONSOCKET — James Golden, 81, of 4 Seasons North, 530 Grandview Drive, an employee of Gilbert Pontiac/Cadillac Co., for three years before retiring in 1985, died Jan. 4 at home. He was the husband of the late Juliette (Houde) Golden.

A lifelong resident of Woonsocket, he was a son of the late Samuel and Sarah (Yarus) Golden.

He previously had been employed in the properties division of the State of Rhode Island for several years. He was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel. He was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel. He was a member of Chevra Kadisha, B'nai Brith and the Hebrew Free Loan Association.

He leaves a brother, Harold Golden of Cumberland, and four sisters, Gertrude Caslowitz and Esther Smalley, both of Warwick. Charlotte Sugarman of Miami, Fla., and Dorothy Katz of Lincoln, Mass. He was the brother of the late Edward Golden.

The funeral was held Jan. 6 at Congregation B'nai Israel, Prospect Street. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery.

BEATRICE HORVITZ

PROVIDENCE — Beatrice Horvitz, 79, of Blenheim Newport, Valley Road, formerly of Sherri Lane, owner of the former Wilby's on Broadway in Newport for more than 25 years before retiring in 1980, died Jan. 8 at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence. She was the widow of William Horvitz.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harry and Fannie (Blazar) Gurwitz, she lived in the Newport area for many years.

She was a member of Congregation Jeshuat Israel, Touro Synagogue. She was a member of Hadassah.

She leaves two sisters, Evelyn Felder of Natick, Mass., and Minnie Gertz of Cranston. She was the sister of the late Abraham, William, David, Irving, Barnett, and Ruth Gurwitz.

The funeral was held Jan. 11 at the Hoffman Jewish Memo-

rial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport. Burial was in Beth Olam Cemetery.

CHARLES C. RUTMAN

CONCORD, N.H. — Charles C. Rutman, 85, of Andrew Street, Manchester, N.H., died Jan. 4 at the Hospice House in Concord. He was the husband of Frances (Lipson) Rutman.

Born in New London, Conn., he was a son of the late Hyman and Elizabeth Rutman.

He and his wife were co-owners of the former Richards Jewelry Co. in Manchester for 26 years. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Merrill Rutman of Waldwick, N.J., and Richard Rutman of Olympia, Wash.; a sister, Betty Handler of Overland Park, Kan.; a brother, Robert Rutman of New London, and two granddaughters. He was the brother of the late Harold Rutman.

The funeral was held Jan. 6 at the Lincoln Park Cemetery Chapel in Warwick. Burial followed.

New Questions

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known as Gush Etzion — and a neighboring Arab village of Al-Khader, seemed to show that settlements cannot be postponed. They are living — and growing — entities that force themselves onto the political agenda.

At the heart of the dispute were plans for Efrat to build 500 new housing units on a plot of land, Givat Hatamar, near Bethlehem, that residents of Al-Khader contend belongs to them.

When the Cabinet decided to

suspend construction at the disputed site in the interest of the peace process, both the settlers and the Palestinians protested.

The Cabinet instead offered the settlers an alternative site, Givat Hazayit, closer to Efrat.

A ministerial committee, chaired by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, was set up to oversee the new project and to closely monitor all subsequent proposals for settlement expansion projects in the territories.

In explaining the Cabinet decision, Rabin said that it was still the government's policy to allow private construction at existing settlements. But he also said he would prevent construction of new settlements, in adherence with the settlement freeze he put into effect upon taking office in 1992.

Though they initially rejected the Cabinet decision, leaders of the Efrat community later met with government officials to discuss the alternate proposal, which involves the building of 268 housing units on Givat Hazayit.

But one prominent Palestinian, Saeb Erekat, said that the Israeli government was only transferring construction from one hilltop to another.

"Rabin cannot solve the problem by diverting bulldozers from one hilltop to another," he said. "Negotiations will become meaningless, because negotiations, after all, are about 'and.'"

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin is not the only member of the governing coalition to have suggested in recent weeks that Rabin and Arafat set aside their efforts to create an interim arrangement and instead immediately begin the permanent status talks.

Sephardic Jewry's Chief Rabbi Dies At 82

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Solomon Gaon, the chief rabbi of congregations affiliated with the World Sephardi Federation, international spokesman for Sephardic Jews and world-renowned scholar on Sephardic Jewish history, died in New York on Dec. 21 at the age of 82.

The cause of death was pneumonia.

Gaon was born in Travnik, Yugoslavia, now part of Bosnia, on Dec. 15, 1912, and began his studies at the yeshiva of Sarajevo.

In 1962 he began a long affiliation with Yeshiva University

in New York, establishing there a host of academic programs and community activities related to the Sephardim. Since 1976, he was university professor of Sephardic studies at Yeshiva.

He served for a time as president of the Union of Sephardic Congregations of the United States and Canada.

In 1990, Gaon was honored by the Spanish Royal Family on behalf of the world's Sephardic Jews. The next year, he made a triumphant and emotional return to his ancestral homeland in Aragon, five centuries after Jews were expelled from the Spanish region.

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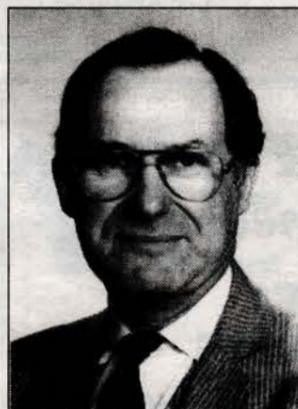
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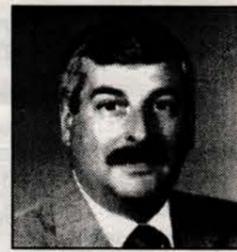
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The Roger Williams•Edgehill Substance Abuse Treatment Center at Roger Williams Medical Center is sponsoring a new Wednesday evening series of Alcohol and Drug Awareness Hours beginning on Jan. 18 and going through March 1.

Focusing on the "Nature of Dependence," these free educational lectures and presentations are open to the public, including friends and family members affected by alcoholism and drug abuse.

Programs will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at either the hospital or the Roger Williams•Edgehill outpatient clinic in Warwick.

Dr. John Femino, medical director of outpatient services for the Roger Williams•Edgehill substance abuse program in Warwick, will present the first in this four-part series on Jan. 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Roger Williams•Edgehill outpatient clinic, 535 Centerville Road, Warwick. This program

is entitled "The Nature of Addiction" and includes a videotape presentation.

For more information, call 456-2363.

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Ryokan

Women & Infants Establishes New Woonsocket Outreach Site

The women of northern Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts have a new resource to turn to: Women & Infants' Medical Office Building and Center for Health Education, opening in Woonsocket on Jan. 21.

The new facility, located at 2168 Diamond Hill Road, is the second Women & Infants' outreach site dedicated to improving the health status of women and their families.

The Medical Office Building extends the office practices of several of the hospital's private obstetricians/gynecologists for the convenience of patients in the northern region of the state.

The facility is equipped with examination rooms, ultrasonography, mammography and the full gamut of medical instrumentation needed for the contemporary care of women and children.

Three ob/gyn practices — OB-GYN Associates, Dr. Roger Ferland and Drs. Bernard J. Berstein and Jason A. Berstein — will begin office hours at the Woonsocket site in early February. Additional practices will phase in throughout the year.

The center will offer regular health information seminars,

childbirth and parenting classes, women's support groups, a lending library and a computerized health reference system.

In combination with the resources available at the hospital's main campus in Providence and satellite facility in East Greenwich, this comprehensive array of information and programming makes the centers the most comprehensive health education resource in southern New England.

The Center for Health Education's lending library offers books and videos on the topics of pregnancy, childbirth, parenting, women's, and family health.

There is a computerized health reference library that allows access to medical reference books, periodicals and articles from professional journals for information pertinent to the entire family.

The center is also the site for ongoing Women & Infants' childbirth and parenting programs such as infant massage workshop, Babysitting Academy, accident prevention and CPR, and prenatal/postpartum exercise classes.

Programs on Caring for Frail Elderly to begin January 31

Central Adult Daycare Services will sponsor a 10-week support group beginning Jan. 31. Sessions will be held on 10 consecutive Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at the agency's Alzheimer's Care Center, 140 Warwick Neck Avenue, Warwick.

Topics to be discussed include dealing with confused, forgetful people, understanding the aging process, approaching financial and legal matters, safety tips and getting

To obtain more information about Women & Infants' physician referral services, please call the hospital's Health Line at (800) 921-9299. To make an appointment directly with the ob/gyn practices, please call 231-9360 for Drs. Berstein; 273-4222 for Dr. Ferland; and 765-5225 for OB-GYN Associates.

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mental level. This latter type is always the same for everyone.

The manna — "bread from Heaven" — embodied both of these qualities: On the one hand, a uniform amount was sufficient for every human being, yet at the same time, it was able to supply the person's individual needs as well. This unique distinction is alluded to in the words "the omer is a tenth part of an epha" — the omer of manna is part of a larger, fuller entity.

The manna was not only food in the physical sense, but provided spiritual sustenance, too. When the Jews 40 years in the desert came to an end, it entailed "weaning" them from their G-dly subsistence and their relearning how to live in a wholly physical world once again — the reason this point is made at the end of the manna narrative.

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The yearlong celebrations, known as "Jerusalem 3,000," are expected to attract many visitors, both performers and spectators, who will participate in the cultural events in the capital.

The multi-cultural city, holy to the three monotheistic religions, will also be host to several major conventions from all over the world.

The following listings are a sample of the myriad events that are planned:

Special Events

Sept. 1995 — *Fidelio*, performed by The Deutsche Staatsoper, Berlin.

Oct. 11, 1995 — *Jerusalem, Above My Joy* — a massive pageant with dancers, musicians and groups clad in historic costumes, and floats constructed by the town of Viareggio, Italy.

March 18, 1996 — *King David's Feast* — a gastronomic 12-course banquet prepared by some 30 of the world's chefs in a sumptuous setting fit for a king.

June 2 to 14, 1996 — *King David Chess Tournament* — a chess competition complemented by a series of grand spectacles, including actors on foot and on horse battling on a giant outdoor chess board.

June 19, 1996 — *Life of King David* — a multimedia spectacle inspired by hymns of praise from the three monotheistic religions.

July 31, 1996 — *Gala Concert of Psalms* — by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta, and a huge choir.

July 29 to Aug. 3, 1996 — *Sing, O Jerusalem* — when gospel choirs from all over the world will perform together.

Aug. 5 to 22 — *Sight and Sound Spectacular* — a spectacle of live music, theater, fireworks, lasers and special effects, directed by Franco Zeffirelli.

Aug. 20 to Sept. 5, 1996 — *David & Absalom* — a play by Shmuel Hasfari, staged in the courtyard of the Tower of David, with simultaneous translation into a number of languages.

Sept. 10 to 18, 1996 — *Nabucco* — Verdi's opera, presented outdoors by Arena di Verona (Italy) under the direction of Nello Santi.

Oct. 7 to 24, 1996 — *The Dissidents* — drama by Jehoshua Sobol about the Great Revolt of the Jews against the Romans.

Festivals Will Include

Dec. 17, 1995 to Jan. 13, 1996 — a *Liturgica Festival of Sacred Music*.

March 5 to 12, 1996 — *Cantorial Tribute* — great cantors and choirs performing Jewish Liturgical works.

May 12 to June, 1996 — *Israel Festival, Jerusalem* — music, dance and theater programs with participants from around the world.

July 1 to 11, 1996 — *Jerusalem Film Festival* — sec-

ond decade of this festival with films from around the globe.

July 26 to 31, 1996 — *Children in the Arts* — children from around the world will perform a multi-cultural performing arts festival.

Aug. 13 and 14, 1996 — *International Festival of Puppet Theatre* — a premiere of 10 new international productions dedicated to King David and his son, Solomon.

Oct. 6 to 13, 1996 — *International Festival of Early Music* — internationally acclaimed ensembles, choral and instrumental in a rich program of ancient and early music.

Nov. 1 to 10, 1996 — *International Festival of Poets* — from the best of contemporary poets come tributes to King David.

Nov. 1 to 10, 1996 — *Testimonium* — international celebration of contemporary music.

Dec. 8, 1996 to Jan. 7, 1997 — *Liturgica Festival of Sacred Music* — part II of the festival. This part will include performances of Handel's "Saul," Mozart's "Requiem," Berlioz's "Te Deum" and other works.

Exhibitions and Conventions

Jan. to Dec. 1996 — *Jerusalem, A Capital For All Times* — an exhibit comparing King David's capital with seven other capitals of the ancient world: Memphis, Ur, Hattusas, Avaris/Pi-Ramesses, Gordion, Ninveh and Babylon.

May 1 to 14, 1996 — *Children of The World Draw Jerusalem* — An international drawing competition for children between the ages of 7 and 14. Approximately 400 of these drawings will be displayed in Jerusalem.

May 5 to 9, 1996 — *Judaica 3,000* — the largest fair of Judaica art from all over the world.

May 12 to Dec. 31, 1996 — *Jerusalem & Her People Through The Ages* — an exhibit focusing on the profound impact the city had on the West and Near East.

Aug. 1 to 15, 1996 — *International Arts & Crafts Fair* — an annual event expanded to include dozens of artisans from around the world.

Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1996 — *Art Treasures from Florence in Jerusalem* — paintings from the Uffizi Galleries and the City of Florence focusing on King David.

All information concerning reservations, prices, regarding these events can be obtained from Avi Melamed or Yifat Regev, 8 Shamai Street, Jerusalem 94631. Phone 011-972-2-240296 or fax 011-972-2-244535.

Fulfilling Those New Year Resolutions

Ever notice that you can't get a seat on an exercise bicycle in January, but you can pedal to your heart's content in February? That's because most people's New Year's resolutions to lead a healthier lifestyle quickly go up in smoke.

"The average American makes the same New Year's resolution three years in a row before taking effective action," said University of Rhode Island Professor James Prochaska, an internationally known behavioral psychologist. "The best resolution we can make this year is to change the way we change."

Prochaska's latest book, *Changing for Good*, describes his revolutionary model for behavioral change that will help you make resolutions that work. The book explains the six stages — precontemplation, contemplation, preparation, action, maintenance, and termination — you need to go through in order to change and teaches you how to free yourself from any bad habits.

"Our studies show that while 80 percent of people want to change their behavior only 20 percent are actually ready to change," said Prochaska. "Expecting to change without being ready is like going into an exam without studying and wanting to get an 'A.' Or like expecting to win the Boston Marathon without preparing for the race. You're doomed to fail."

"We're a very action-oriented culture. If you quit smoking, you're successful. If you haven't quit, you've failed. In our new stage paradigm, change is progress," said the psychologist whose model has been roadtested on a variety of people and behaviors — from couch potatoes, to sun worshippers, to drug addicts.

The results have been so impressive, Prochaska's approach has been adapted for campaigns by the National Cancer Institute (to help smokers quit) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (for HIV-AIDS prevention).

Executive's Work is Never Done

LEXINGTON, Mass. — The American work ethic is alive and well in the office of the nation's corporate leaders, but executives may need some schooling when it comes to leaving business concerns at the office.

In a recent survey, 91 percent of senior managers said they believe the average executive takes work home at least several times a week.

In fact, more than one-third of respondents said executives take work home daily.

The survey was conducted by an independent research firm, which polled 150 executives from the nation's 1,000 largest companies.

However, Max Messmer, chairman and chief executive officer of Robert Half International, points out that while a solid work ethic is an admirable quality, it is also important for top management to encourage an appropriate balance between career and personal life, or they risk losing key people.

"It behooves senior managers to look for red flags that may signal job burnout," said Tony Manfredi, Robert Half's area manager for Central New England. "There comes a point when 60-hour work weeks become counterproductive for both the executive and the company."

Manfredi added that management-level temporaries, or "interim executives," are becoming more pervasive as companies attempt to keep the workload manageable for core employees.

Always it happens when we are not there
The tree leaps up alive into the air,
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The latch sprung, the bud about to burst?
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May Sarton

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Applications are now being accepted by the Gourse Family Fund for financial assistance to travel and study in Israel this summer.

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Written requests must include description of a structured study program in Israel in addition to a short autobiography of the applicant and must be received by March 15. Notification of grant(s) will be announced by April 15.

Address all requests to: Gourse Family Fund, Temple Beth El, 385 High St., Fall River, Mass. 02720.

Photo Contest

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courtesy of *Popular Photography*. The *Popular Photography* staff did not have as much difficulty tracking Yori Kosta, a kibbutznik from Mishmar Ha'Emek. For her winning entry, Kosta combined several photos including two chipmunks, a great dane dressed in overalls, a motorcycle, and a London street to produce a humorous computer-generated composite of the animals inspecting the motorcycle.

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