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PLO Condemns Israel as Negotiations Conclude

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization recently condemned Israel for delaying the implementation of the Palestinian self-rule accord.

"The trouble that is facing the negotiations is the result of a deliberate and planned policy by the Israeli government to use different excuses since the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian accord to stall carrying it out," the PLO's Executive Committee said in a statement issued in Cairo recently.

"The peace process is starting to go 'round in an empty circle and is losing its credibility and ability to continue," the statement continued.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat convened the committee for a two-day session in Cairo to address what he termed the "impasse" in negotiations.

The meeting followed talks in Paris between Arafat and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and coincided with ongoing Israeli-Palestinian negotiations in Cairo.

In the statement issued at the conclusion of the PLO session, the committee condemned Israel for failing to withdraw troops from Arab population centers in the West Bank.

The step was called for under the terms of the Declaration of Principles signed in Washington in September 1993, but Israel has delayed the move, citing security concerns in the wake of repeated terrorist attacks against Israelis by Palestinian rejectionists.

The PLO leadership also called the expansion of Israeli settlements in the territories a violation of the self-rule accord. It also called upon Israel to release all Palestinians still held in Israeli jails.

The meeting in Cairo took place following an earlier decision by the committee not to suspend talks with Israel. The committee said it would seek international help to pressure Israel to fulfill its part of the agreement.

Only nine of the committee's 18 members attended the meeting. Some members refused to take part because of their opposition to the direction taken in the Israeli-PLO negotiations. Their absence leaves open the possibility that those members of the committee opposing the peace process can declare the committee's decisions null and void, since Arafat failed to gather the two-thirds quorum required under PLO rules.

During its session, the committee also called upon leaders of the Arab world to convene to discuss the state of the peace process.



Youth Helping Youth

Mrs. Rosen's fourth grade class at Providence Hebrew Day School recently visited the school's kindergarten, where they read stories to the children.

After Decades of Silence, Nuclear Issue Bursts Forth

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — After decades in which Israel's alleged possession of a nuclear capacity was widely reported and universally believed — despite Israel's unwillingness to confirm or deny the reports — that capacity is now, for the first time, under challenge.

The degree to which the issue is preoccupying local and international diplomacy was evident in a German newspaper report recently about alleged talks between Israel and Iran over the fate of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad.

The report in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* — though largely denied by Israel and Iran — claimed that among the issues under negotiation was Iran's demand that Israel sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty when it comes up for renewal in April.

In political terms, however, it is not Iran's efforts to constrain and embarrass Israel in this field that worries Jerusalem. Rather, Israeli policymakers are growing increasingly concerned, even alarmed, at the vehemence with which Egypt — Israel's first partner in peace — is pursuing the same goal.

Egypt's declared and unwavering position, less than three months before the NPT comes up for renewal, is that it will not renew its own signature to this important international document unless Israel does so as well.

Israel has always declined to sign, making do with the deliberately vague statement, re-

peated by generations of its leaders, that it will "not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the region."

The dispute has already led to harsh words in private between Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa.

It has also led to harsh public exchanges between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Peres was scheduled to fly to Cairo in yet another attempt to ease the dangerous Israeli-Egyptian tensions over the nuclear issue. The fact that he was invited to meet with Mubarak at all is being viewed as one ray of light in ominously darkening skies.

As for the nuclear issue itself, Israeli sources say that while there can be a certain flexibility in the rhetorical sphere — in the form of solemn pronouncements that the ultimate goal is a Middle East free of all weapons of mass destruction — there will be no veering from Israel's longstanding position.

That position includes Israel's determination not to sign the NPT and not to admit international or other foreign inspection of all of its nuclear facilities. Israel has allowed limited access to some of its sites.

This position is as close to a national consensus as any political stance in Israel could conceivably be. It unites not only Labor and Likud, but also key figures in Meretz, the dovish party on Labor's left flank in the governing coalition.



CHASING THE AMERICAN DREAM — Appearing in the Community College of Rhode Island Players' production of "Shmulnik's Waltz" by Allan Knee are, from left, Tammy Marie Boatwright as Feyla, Amy Squillace as Rachel, Nick Albanese as Father and Maciej J. Pawlowski as Shmulnik.

Photo by Bert Silverberg

Join Shmulnik In His Pursuit of Happiness

Falling in love with the wrong person, something that many have done, is the basis for a great deal of tragedy and comedy.

That fate constitutes the core plot of "Shmulnik's Waltz," a comedy by Allan Knee, being given its Rhode Island premiere by the Community College of Rhode Island Players.

Performances will be pre-

sented at the Knight Campus in Warwick on March 2, 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and on March 5 at 3 p.m.

A graduate of the Yale School of Drama and a member of the Dramatists Guild, Knee has had his works produced off-Broadway and at regional theatres throughout the United States.

"Shmulnik's Waltz," which includes original music com-

posed by David Shire and musical adaptation by William Schimmel, was initially presented in New York by the Jewish Repertory Theatre in November, 1991.

Bearing earmarks of a Sholom Aleichem folk tale, "Shmulnik's Waltz" is set at the turn of the century. The plot unfolds as Shmulnik, a letter-writer by pro-

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INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Weygand Urges Seniors to Participate in Conference

Lt. Gov. Bob Weygand recently urged Rhode Island's senior citizens to attend an upcoming conference that will bring senior citizen consumers together with health care providers to discuss quality in Rhode Island's long-term care facilities.

The "White House Mini-Conference on Aging: Defining Quality in Long-Term Care" will

be held on March 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Providence Marriott and will feature Catherine Hawes of the Social and Health Policy Research Center, Research Triangle Institute of North Carolina and William Benson, of the U.S. Administration on Aging in Washington, D.C.

The conference ticket price is \$10 for consumers and \$20 for providers which includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Weygand, one of the sponsors of the conference and chairman of the state's Long Term Care Coordinating Council said, "The many organizers of this conference have created a format that will allow senior citizens from around the state to participate in workshops and to hear speakers who are knowledgeable about the many aspects of long-term care."

In addition to presentations and panel discussions, three concurrent work group sessions will be held to address quality issues at nursing homes and long-term care hospitals; residential care and assisted living facilities; and home care, adult day care and housing for the elderly.

Space for the conference is limited. Call Aging 2000 at 521-7930 for additional registration information.

R.I.'s First Hospital-Based Subacute Care Unit Opens

Roger Williams Medical Center has opened the state's first hospital-based (and soon-to-be Medicare certified) Subacute Care Unit.

The unit, which serves primarily older patients, provides an appropriate setting for patients who no longer need acute care but who are not ready to return to their homes or to a traditional long-term nursing facility.

In addition to its 14 semi-

private and two private rooms, all with private bath, the unit features a multipurpose dining and activities area with a section designed to resemble a typical home kitchen and dinette, so residents can relearn everyday skills they may have lost.

The new subacute care unit bolsters the hospital's ongoing efforts to provide cost-effective care by helping to lower acute care length of stay. It accom-

plishes this by serving as a new, secure discharge option that allows more acute care patients to be discharged at the appropriate time.

Because it is located within Roger Williams Hospital, the 16-bed unit offers residents and their physicians a number of important advantages. Residents have immediate access to the full capabilities of the hospital, including extensive diagnostic services, the intensive and coronary care units and the 24-hour availability of physicians and life support technology.

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Iron Men Take Bridal Shower

In a grueling contest of power, Rowenta Inc., Europe's leading manufacturer of irons, will pit men of steel in vicious, head-to-head ironing competitions at the 1995 Bridal Fair sponsored by Jordan Marsh.

The future grooms will blast through piles of wrinkles, showing off raw strength and blinding speed in a steaming contest at Jordan Marsh in the Warwick Mall, on March 4 between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

A Rowenta official will referee and supply bandages, just in case the game gets too hot to handle. The men will prove their mettle while their fiancées sip champagne and learn about crystal.



A HELPFUL HAND — Front row, from left: Evelyn Leach, president of VMAPA; Paul Kappel, director of Providence Merrill Lynch office. Second row, from left: Ken Filarski, lead architectural consultant; Arnold Robinson, director of Providence Preservation Society. Photo courtesy of Al Weems Photography

Grant Given for Masonic Temple Renovation

The Veterans Memorial Auditorium Preservation Association, whose mission is the preservation and renovation of the Veterans Memorial Auditorium/Masonic Temple Complex, recently received a grant of \$5,000 from Merrill Lynch Providence office.

The grant will be used to create an architectural model by Ken Filarski, lead consultant for

the proposal being developed by VMAPA — "The Stabilization, Renovation, and Re-use of the Masonic Temple."

The VMAPA proposal has thus far received support from sources such as the Providence Preservation Society which has chosen the Masonic Temple as its lead building in its current project that brings attention to the 10 most endangered historic buildings in Providence.

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FEATURE



Ty at Bat Hits Hard

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing
Reporter

He beat up a kid with no hands for booing him, cussed the Jews and the blacks, polished his cleats like weapons of war, and turned baseball from a clown's happy game into a demilitarized zone. Ty Cobb was the greatest, and also the lowest. The film "Cobb" currently at the Warwick Showcase gives Tommy Lee Jones the chance to strut his stuff as the dying drunken millionaire hero telling his life to a sportswriter. I saw the movie all alone in an empty cool cinema at a late show. There's a snowy car chase on screen. Outdoors the snow was swirling on route 95.

This is a flick not made in the mold of the honorable Lou Gehrig classic bio, or the good-humored Babe Ruth portrait, and Gary Cooper, William Bendix, or even John Goodman could not have projected the fierce energy of Jones' Cobb. Ty was tortured by his past. His father was murdered, either by his mother, or by his mother's lover. Ty had to lie in court to protect his mother's honor. Meanwhile the ghostwriter types two versions of Ty's life, the coverup conventional account Ty dictates, and his own secret sketch of a haunted madman. Americans like to confuse moral stature with physical prowess. We prefer to invest our sports figures with an aura of nobility.

The power of the movie "Cobb" lies in its vigorous attack on fake "truths" that soothe us. It has an intellectual edge, an irony, a complexity. The weakness that also plagues "Cobb" comes from its taste for unrelenting action. As usual,

you need a chase scene, a drinking scene, a fight scene, a sex scene, and some sidekick fools to set off the tough he-man talk of buddies. So formula kicks in to keep us going.

At this season of Purim spiel rehearsals, we keep Haman in place through laughter and through liquor. We lighten up on our enemies. Was Cobb a true villain, a bigot and a brute, or was he tough but oh so gentle? The movie closes with the usual American notion that a strong man must be a good man. Where once we went in for smooth idealized portraits in our entertainment, we now indulge in a taste for dysfunction. We want our stars to be smeared with mud. They strike as more real, closer to us, more "accessible," to use a word I look down upon.

So I give "Cobb" a mixed review. It's a terrific piece of movie-making, flawed by the absence of quiet. Oddly, my favorite scenes are the distant shots of a hired limousine holding the hero and his secretary and moving smoothly across a lonely, lyrical landscape. The central argument, that you can justify an insult to Jews, to women, to the maimed, so long as you have a big ego, a gun, a personal sorrow, and a fancy name, is a common and trite proposal, a part of today's culture encouraged by Hollywood.

When I look back on Paddy Chayevsky's scripts, (like "Marty") that asked us to visit the souls of ordinary people, I miss the humble humanity and grace of the studio years.

Even so, you must go and see "Cobb." Despite a few misses, it's a hit and a homerun.

Ponder Pardes in Providence

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter
Outdoors, chill winds and sudden blasts of snow made you huddle into your collar. The crowds passing by the old train station made their way into the Convention Center, to form rings around the entrance to the Secret Garden.

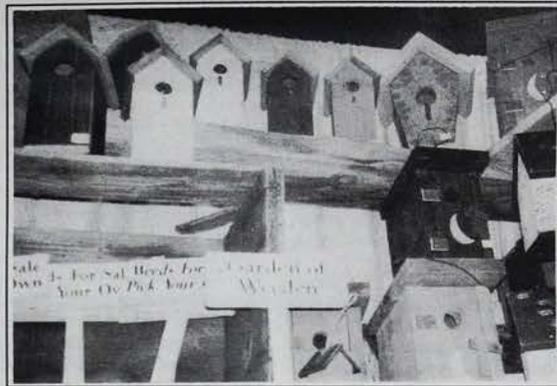
The Flower Show looked ahead not only to spring, but if you feel like entertaining the thought, further fast forward to the passage from the body to the soul, the escalator stairway to heaven.

Lots of pagan Pan-like gods of granite guard the bulbs, blossoming fruit trees, and groundcovers of the charming exhibits. But the notion of a landscape of the mind pokes down its roots into Jewish folklore and letters. "Pardes" means "orchard," and of course shapes the word "Paradise." "Gan Eden" stays back in your mind as the primeval nature from which we live in exile. But it also moves onward to the con-

cept of an afterlife in which we live with angels and our dear departed. You can muse on these connections while you stand in line.

This year our downtown put on a terrific show, spread out to make room for wheelchairs, arranged for comfortable access

to families, and mixing perfumes, birdcalls, and brilliant displays of branch, stem, and petal. Even so, you're in a hall of steel and fluorescent light, a consumer and commercial concern. You have to dwell in the realms of spirit and mansions of metaphor to get the most from the annual February event.



Birds for your Gan Eden. Herald photo by Mike Fink

Museum of Modern Art Presents 'Bruce Nauman'

A comprehensive retrospective devoted to the work of Bruce Nauman, one of the most rigorously experimental and influential American artists of his generation, opens at The Museum of Modern Art in New York City on March 5.

"Bruce Nauman" comprises more than 60 works — including walk-in environments, video installations, neons, sculptural objects, and sound pieces — exploring all aspects of Nauman's 30-year career. Widely recognized as one of the most innovative contemporary artists, Nauman probes complex emotional and psychological states while examining the very premises of art making.

The exhibition will remain on view through May 23.

"Bruce Nauman" is installed in two roughly chronological

parts. Occupying the René d'Harnoncourt galleries on the museum's lower level, part I presents Nauman's works from 1965 to the early 1970s. Part II, in the museum's third floor contemporary painting and sculpture galleries, continues with works from the mid-1970s to 1994.

"Bruce Nauman" is the artist's first museum retrospective in the United States in more than two decades. Nauman's work is also represented in numerous museum and private collections internationally.

For further information, contact Alexandra Partow at (212) 708-9750.

'Our Town' Plays in Cranston

Cranston Community Players will present "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder, on March 11 at 8 p.m. and March 12 at 3 p.m.

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Marsha Norman Play Explores Mysteries of Life

Alias Stage is proud to present "Traveler in the Dark" by Marsha Norman, directed by Pat Hegnauer. It will be performed from March 2 through April 2 at 31 Elbow St. in Providence's jewelry district.

Previews (\$7) run from March 2 through 5. Shows are performed Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students/seniors.

For reservations, call 831-2919.

Elbow Street is between Chestnut and Hospital streets behind the Imperial Knife building.

"Traveler in the Dark" explores the relationship between Sam, a successful surgeon, and his father, Everett, a fundamentalist preacher. A play about love and forgiveness, "Traveler in the Dark" deals with the mysteries of life, death and faith.

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EDITORIAL

U.S. Investigating Nazi Ties of Former L'Oreal Executive

by Alissa Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — A prominent French businessman with strong ties to cosmetics giant L'Oreal has been placed under investigation by the United States over charges that he collaborated with the Nazis during World War II.

Andre Bettencourt, 75, wrote numerous articles for two pro-Nazi publications during the war, one of which was financed by the Nazi government in Germany.

The accusations against Bettencourt first surfaced in the French media a couple of weeks ago. Bettencourt, a French senator and former Cabinet minister, resigned late last year as deputy chairman of L'Oreal. French Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld echoed the charges in a news conference recently, calling Bettencourt's wartime writings "an appeal to genocide."

Klarsfeld urged the United States to place Bettencourt on its "Watch List," which would bar the industrialist from entering the country. He emphasized that he was pressing for the U.S. ban because it was one of the few tools available to use against Bettencourt, who has traveled to the United States many times for political and business purposes.

Bettencourt cannot be prosecuted in France for writing propaganda.

"Always I try to fight against not only the Nazis but their accomplices in France," Klarsfeld said.

Eli Rosenbaum, director of the Office of Special Investigations, the U.S. Nazi-hunting arm

of the Justice Department, confirmed recently that an inquiry into Bettencourt's wartime activities was under way.

The results of Klarsfeld's own investigation "are being reviewed as a part of an inquiry by the Office of Special Investigations into whether Bettencourt is eligible to enter the United States," Rosenbaum said in a Feb. 14 facsimile to Klarsfeld.

Klarsfeld said at the news conference that during World War II, Bettencourt was a journalist for a publication that was connected to the Nazi Ministry of Propaganda and the Gestapo.

In an Easter 1941 issue of *La Terre Francaise*, Bettencourt wrote: "Jews, hypocritical Pharisees... do not carry in themselves the possibility of redemption. Forever, their race has been forever sullied by the blood of the righteous. They will be cursed by all."

He wrote in the 1941 Christmas issue of that publication, "The Jews of today... will be and are already loathed. Jews thought they had won the game. They succeeded to lay hands on Jesus and to crucify him. Rubbing their hands, they cried out, 'Let his blood fall upon us and upon our children.'"

Bettencourt has apologized in the past for his writings. He also served in the Resistance during World War II and received military honors. But Klarsfeld said Bettencourt's service began 10 days before the liberation of Paris and consisted of raising U.S. funds for French prisoners-of-war.

"What he wrote against Jews is more important than being in the resistance," Klarsfeld said.

Bettencourt's articles were first discovered last fall by Jean Frydman, a French-Israeli businessman who has a lawsuit pending against the L'Oreal American subsidiary in New York.

In his \$100 million lawsuit, Frydman and his brother, David, charge that they were ousted from a joint venture with a L'Oreal executive in order to appease Arab officials. The company was trying to win business with Arab countries by complying with the Arab economic boycott of Israel. The Frydmans brought a similar case against the company in France, which they lost.

The Frydmans have stirred up publicity against L'Oreal as part of their ongoing suit. Last year, Jean Frydman took out a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times* detailing L'Oreal's compliance with the boycott. The case has been the subject of major news articles in *Business Week*, the *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*.

In the midst of this controversy, L'Oreal took actions last year that were seen as efforts to remedy relations with Israel and the Jewish community. The company pledged \$1 million to help finance a campaign in Israel to lower the high rate of traffic accidents.

In the fall, L'Oreal announced a wide range of investments in Israel, including opening a manufacturing plant there.

In December, Bettencourt resigned as L'Oreal vice chairman following protests about his World War II activities. Earlier, the head of L'Oreal's Helena Rubenstein unit, Jacques Corze, resigned after French media publicized his 1948 conviction for war crimes.

However, Bettencourt remains chairman of Gesparal, the holding company that controls 53.7 percent of L'Oreal.

New Booklet Focuses on 'Now'

Asserting that "the Jewish Continuity endeavor has... deflected us from our real task," Rabbi Jerome Epstein, executive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, has taken issue with the idea that we can create a Judaism "for the future."

Epstein's positions are contained in a new booklet, *Jewish Living Now*, recently published by The United Synagogue.

The booklet — and the study material being prepared for the Tikun — highlight six areas: study, prayer, synagogue attendance, tzedakah, Jewish behaviors (i.e., Shabbat, kashrut, etc.), and outreach to less knowledgeable or committed Jews.

Copies of the booklet may be obtained from Rabbi David Kunin, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010.

Bettencourt Responds to Charges

The following is an excerpt from a press release by Andre Bettencourt:

"My activities in the French Resistance, together with my political career, are a clear demonstration that I was aware of the errors I had made in writing the several articles that are the subject of criticism today. I have repeatedly expressed my regret concerning them in public and will always beg the Jewish community to forgive me for them.

"At the same time, I am totally incensed at the content of stories which have appeared in

the French press over the past few days concerning articles which I wrote over 50 years ago as well as my activities in the Resistance. They are inspired by a disgruntled former investor in a business venture with L'Oreal who is engaged in multi-million dollar litigation against L'Oreal.

"I have never denied writing these articles. It has long been known that they existed and I have often publicly expressed my sincere regret at having written them."

L'Oreal Tells Their Side of the Story

"L'Oreal and Cosmair abhor anti-Semitism and any other form of discrimination. Such attitudes are totally contrary to the policy, practices and spirit of our companies.

"All of us at L'Oreal and Cosmair — not only staff and executives who are members of the Jewish community — reject the false suggestion that there is any bigotry in our companies.

"In regard to recent attacks on Andre Bettencourt: Bettencourt has publicly stated that he 'will always beg the Jew-

ish community to forgive' him for articles written in 1941 and 1942.

"Nothing Bettencourt wrote more than 50 years ago has any relevance to L'Oreal.

"L'Oreal is today the largest cosmetics company in Israel. Our relationship with Israel has been expanding without interruption for more than a decade. Our investments and other activities have been publicly praised by Israeli government officials."

TORAH TODAY

Building An Inner Sanctuary

This week's Torah portion, P'kudel, contains within it the verses, "...and the children of Israel did according to everything that G-d had commanded Moses, so they did. And they brought the Sanctuary to Moses..." (Exodus 39:32-33).

The famous commentator, Rashi, notes that the Children of Israel brought the unconstructed sanctuary to Moses because they were not able to set it up. The sanctuary materials required superhuman strength for its construction.

Moses, however, by merely placing his hand on the myriad collection of boards, pillars, etc., raised it.

The verses quoted above teach valuable lessons about how each person can build his own inner spiritual sanctuary.

When the Children of Israel built the actual physical sanctuary, they constructed it with all of the numerous details that G-d had commanded to Moses.

Though they had not yet been commanded to erect the sanctuary, and in the end, did not erect it themselves, they still made sure not to skip even one small

item or part about which they were instructed.

This is similar to a Jew's relationship toward his Creator and mitzvot. From the start, it is incumbent upon each of us to be involved with Judaism in an all-encompassing capacity. This includes the many numerous details of the mitzvot that G-d has commanded us.

It is possible, even probable, that despite all of this work on our part, we will not reach a level whereby we can "erect" our own personal sanctuary. For in order for the sanctuary to be established and endure, Moses must somehow play a part in it.

Therefore, once we have done all we can in the way of building our own sanctuary, we must connect with the "Moses" or (spiritual leader) of our generation.

The ultimate crowning of all of our work and achievements, the uplifting of our spiritual service to its highest possible level, comes through him.

Based upon a talk by the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

Bar Foundation Awards Grants

The Rhode Island Bar Foundation recently awarded its 1995 Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts grants to seven public service groups.

This year's recipients are: Rhode Island Legal Services, Legal Aid Society of Rhode Island, International Institute of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, URI's Ocean State Center for Law and Citizen Education, The Rhode Island Legal/Educational Partnership Program, and RIBA Legal Information and

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Germany's Relations with Iran Broached by Visiting U.S. Jews

by Edward Serotta

BERLIN (JTA) — The subject of Germany's relations with Iran was high on the agenda of discussions when a delegation of American Jewish Committee officials paid a two-day visit to Germany earlier this month.

The delegation, representing AJCommittee's Board of Governors, was led by Los Angeles attorney Bruce Ramer.

Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, along with representatives of Jewish communities from the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Russia and Great Britain, joined in the series of discussions with Germany's top government officials.

In a two-hour meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, President Roman Herzog and Rita Suessmuth, president of the Lower House of Parliament, the AJC delegation emphasized its concern about Germany's rela-

tions with Iran.

Kinkel said Germany's decision to maintain open channels to Iran was meant to encourage moderation from the government in Teheran and to champion peace in the Middle East.

But the delegation differed sharply, saying Iran is a major exporter of international terrorism and is implacably hostile to the peace process.

Ramer said he believes that the official U.S. position calling for diplomatic isolation of the Teheran government is the proper way to deal with Iran.

The AJCommittee delegation also met with representatives from all four major political parties during their visit. During each briefing, they brought up their concerns about Iran.

The delegation also used the series of meetings to discuss the matter of restitution payments to Holocaust survivors in the former East Germany.

Before the fall of communism and the reunification of Germany in 1990, Jewish Holocaust survivors received no financial compensation from the former East German government.

With many of these survivors elderly and now living on meager pensions, the delegation requested that the German cut through bureaucratic red tape and provide restitution payments.

According to AJCommittee's European director, Rabbi Andrew Baker, Kohl told the group that he was sympathetic toward the survivors' plight and was willing to help on a case-by-case basis.

Kinkel invited the delegation to provide him with a list of names so that his office could investigate each of their cases.



Welcome to Washington

Leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations meet for the first time with the leadership of the new Senate Republican majority. From left, Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman, Conference of Presidents; Sen. John Ashcroft; Sen. Bob Packwood; Sen. Robert Dole; Lester Pollack, chairman, Conference of Presidents; Jack Stein, past chairman, Conference of Presidents.

Go 'Inside G-d's Bunker'

There will be a one-hour program on Channel 36, on March 20 at 10 p.m., about life among militant Jewish residents in Hebron.

"Inside G-d's Bunker" is a penetrating look at the volatile conditions present today in the Middle East.

Legislators Urge EU Nations to Resume Syrian Boycott

by Jennifer Batog

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Members of Congress are preparing a letter to European leaders urging them to resume their arms embargo against Syria. The letter comes two months after the European Union abolished its 8-year-old arms embargo against Syria.

"We hope that your government will not choose to sell weaponry to Syria," the letter, co-signed by about 60 representatives, says. The letter's sponsors expect to continue collecting more signatures from other House members.

The letter cites Syria's continued blind eye to terrorist acts and its ongoing state of war with Israel as reasons for countries to continue denying Syria weapons and other military materials. It also warns that sending arms there would only enhance the country's "belligerent military posture."

The letter recognized the economic gain from selling arms overseas, but stressed that the goals of international stability and encouraging Syria's peaceful behavior should outweigh

financial gain.

Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), and Jim Saxton (R-N.J.) spearheaded the bipartisan effort. Other co-signers include: Reps. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), Jon Fox (R-Pa.), Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), Peter King (R-N.Y.) and Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.)

Israel Denies Negotiating With Iran

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has categorically denied a German newspaper report that it is secretly negotiating with Iran, through German mediation, for the release of missing Israeli navigator Ron Arad.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin rejected the claims, which were made in an article published recently in the German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine*.

But Rabin did confirm that Germany had been negotiating with Iran for Arad's release.

"There were talks between the Germans and the Iranians, but there were no concrete results concerning the whereabouts of Ron Arad and [concerning] the question of verification of whether he is alive or dead," Rabin told Army Radio recently.

"We consider him alive, and we hold the Iranians responsible for his fate," Rabin added, restating Israel's long-held position.

In Bonn, government spokesman Dieter Vogel said he would not deny the report.

"Of course there were talks," he said, "but these are talks of the secret service, and on those talks I cannot speak, neither am I empowered to do so."

Arad, who was shot down over Lebanon in 1982, is one of six Israeli soldiers listed as missing in Lebanon. Of the six, he is believed to have the greatest chance of still being alive.

According to the German newspaper report, Israeli and Iranian representatives have been meeting at the Bonn office of German Chancellor Helmut

Kohl, with the Iranians in one room, the Israelis in another and a German official shuttling between them.

The report asserted that the meetings have reached a decisive phase and that a breakthrough was imminent.

The newspaper also claimed that the Iranians had handed over a letter and videotape proving that Arad is still alive. It further said that Arad's wife, Tami, had taken part in some of the meetings.

Oded Ben Ami, Rabin's media adviser, said Israel did not have any details of the report, adding that Israeli officials knew nothing about the video or letter. He also said that the author of the report had never contacted the Prime Minister's Office to confirm his claims.

Jordan to Use Israel Air Space

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and Jordan have reached an aviation agreement, in which Jordanian jets flying to and from Europe may begin using Israeli air space as of March 10.

The talks cement another part of the Oct. 26 peace treaty between the two countries.

"It's a step that builds the peace," Israel Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar said in a statement.

The agreement applies only to Royal Jordanian Airlines. Kessar said other airlines could fly over Israel en route to Jordan if they first sought Israeli approval.

During the Eilat talks, the Israel-Jordan follow-up committee discussed establishing border markers along the international boundaries. Committees on trade, economics and transportation also met.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

First Non-Orthodox Member Elected to Religious Council

by Uriel Masad
TEL AVIV (JTA) — Bruria Barish, a leading member of the Movement for Progressive Judaism — the Israeli arm of Reform Judaism — was elected to the Tel Aviv Religious Council recently.

This is the first time a representative of the Reform movement has been elected to a municipal religious council in Israel.

Barish's election was made possible by last year's High Court decision that said religious councils could not bar Reform and Conservative candidates from serving on the grounds of their religious affiliation.

Since the decision was made, however, no municipal council had approved any such candidate.

Barish was elected after lengthy negotiations between Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo and representatives of the religious front on the city's municipal council, and is seen as a compromise.

Initially, Reform Rabbi Meir Ezri, executive director of Beit Daniel, Tel Aviv's Reform syna-

gogue, was to be elected to the post.

But Ezri drew strong objection from the religious front because he is a Reform rabbi. Barish was then put up as a compromise candidate.

Barish served as chairwoman of the Reform movement in Israel for several years, and is currently president of Beit Daniel. She is very active in the movement, but is not a rabbi, which made her more acceptable to some of the religious members on the city council. Three other women were elected to the religious council together with Barish.

In reaction to Barish's election, Milo said, "The more-or-less general consensus that has been achieved is an indication of the excellent relations between the secular and the Orthodox in Tel Aviv."

But several fervently Orthodox leaders vehemently opposed the election. Knesset member Moshe Gafni of Degel HaTorah called for the religious factions in the Tel Aviv municipality to form a separate religious council.

"The position of all the religious parties, as we told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at a meeting, is that if a Reform representative joins a religious council, we shall leave it," Gafni said.

European Nations Establish New Forum to Combat Racism

by Joseph Kopel
BRUSSELS (JTA) — The European parliament has decided to establish a branch of the London-based Inter-Parliamentary Council against Anti-Semitism.

This action stems from a call for a common struggle against anti-Semitism, a move made earlier this month by Klaus Hansch, European Parliament president. Hansch was speak-

ing at the opening session of Consultative Committee on Racism and Xenophobia.

The goals of the new branch will be to exchange information about incidents of racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism; to raise public awareness about these phenomena and to act concertedly against them, officials said.

Hadassah Works On Male Infertility

The Hadassah In Vitro Fertilization Unit of the gynecology and obstetrics department of the Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus, headed by Dr. Neri Laufer, has introduced to Israel two new

methods to counter male sterility.

In the last half year, Laufer's unit has treated 55 male patients using ICSI or MESA. Ten pregnancies have resulted, and 15 couples are pending results. According to Laufer, the results are a breakthrough in Israel.



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE — Dr. Neri Laufer, head of the In Vitro Fertilization Unit of Hadassah's gynecology and obstetrics department, has introduced to Israel two methods to counter male sterility.

JNF Water Projects Help Sustain Peace

by David Landau
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Jewish National Fund projects of water collection and storage are providing Israel with much of the water resources it has pledged to give to Jordan each year as part of the two countries' peace treaty.

Some 39.3 million cubic yards of water will be saved annually in the Beit She'an Valley due to a system of dams and reservoirs built in the area in recent years to help facilitate the supply of water to Jordan.

Witnesses Sought Against Nazi Officer

Persons who can bear witness against former SS Obersturmfuehrer Gerhard Maywald, commandant of the Mali Trostinez death camp in Russia from spring to fall of 1942, are being sought by the Anti-Defamation League.

Maywald, who was tried and convicted for his criminal actions in the Riga Ghetto, has denied all participation in the destruction of Jews at Mali Trostinez.

Survivors with any information regarding Maywald's activities at Mali Trostinez are asked to contact Elliot Welles, director, ADL Task Force on Nazi War Criminals, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Hello, Dolly! Hello, Carol!

by Dorothea Snyder

Playing Dolly Levi again is "Wonderful," said Carol Channing.

Actually, the English actor John Gielgud had a bit to do with why she steps into the role of the affable matchmaker every 15 years or so.

Breaking into a Gielgud vocal impression, Miss Channing said, "When I was in London, he told me 'You Americans forget your classy characters. I do Hamlet every 15 years or so.'"

"And I thought, yes! Dolly is classic. She's our contribution to the art world. The creative arts is American musical theater, so we do it every 15 years or so.

"But this time," she said with a rise in her voice, "it was demand. We were so proud of it."

It takes all but a brief interview to feel Miss Channing's youthful energy and vibrance. Her warmth embraces her audience whether on stage or over the phone.

For those of us who have grown up with her, speaking to Carol Channing was like talk-

ing to an old friend.

Providence will be the lucky recipient of this enchanting musical superstar when Carol Channing brings Dolly Levi to town from March 7 to 12 at the Providence Performing Arts Center for eight performances.

She won the Best Actress Tony Award for *Hello, Dolly!* when the musical set a record for earning 10 Tony Awards in 1964. Carol Channing played 1,273 consecutive performances both on Broadway and National Tour without missing a single performance. She has since played the role more than 4,000 times.

Based on Thornton Wilder's comedy, *The Matchmaker*, Jerry Herman wrote the Grammy and Tony Award-winning score for *Hello, Dolly!* and is supervising this 30th anniversary production, which opens on Broadway later this year.

The production features new sets depicting New York City in 1890 with direction by Roy Reams, who recreates the choreography and staging of Gower Champion.



Tony Award-winning actress Carol Channing portrays her memorable Dolly Levi role in *Hello, Dolly!* coming to the Providence Performing Arts Center March 7-12.

Celebration of African-American Tradition Coming to RIC

Dayton Contemporary Dance Company will bring its repertoire of works by choreographers in African-American traditions to Roberts Hall Auditorium on March 7, at 8 p.m.

Choreographers who have set pieces for the company include Lester Horton, Talley Beatty, Donald Byrd, Ulysses Dove, Eleo Pomare and Alvin Ailey.

The troupe has been associated with the American Dance Festival and received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship of \$320,000 to be spent over the next five years by its artistic director Jeraldine Blunden.

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String Quartet to Perform at Cranston Public Library

The Charleston String Quartet, the quartet-in-residence at Brown University, will present a concert at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road on March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The quartet musicians, Charles Sherba and Lois Finkel, violins; Consuelo Sherba, viola; and Daniel Harp, cello, moved

to Providence as Brown's quartet-in-residence in 1986. Since then, they have performed throughout the United States and Europe.

The quartet will be performing works of Mozart and the Viennese contemporary of Mahler, Zemlinsky. For more information, call 943-9080.

R.I. Poet Laureate to Read Poetry at Library

C.D. Wright, Rhode Island poet laureate and associate professor of English at Brown University, will be the guest poet at the William L. Bergeron Memorial Poetry Program on March 5 at 2 p.m. at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road.

Wright was born and raised in the Ozark Mountain region and began composing poetry on a regular basis in the early 1970s. She has had a number of volumes of poetry published, including *Just Whistle*, *String Light*, *Further Adventures With You* and

Translations of the Gospel Back into Tongues.

In addition to teaching at Brown, she is co-editor at Lost Roads Publishers, a firm founded by her poetic mentor, Frank Stanford. She received a B.A. degree from Memphis State University and a M.F.A. from the University of Arkansas.

For more information, call John Fox Cory at 943-9080.

Mozart's Music Plays at Brown March 5

The Longwood Opera Company, J. Scott Brumit, director, will present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte" on March 5, at 2:30 p.m., in Alumnae Hall, Pembroke Campus, on Meeting Street in Providence. This performance will be in English.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students. Tickets for all performances are available at the door. Call (617) 455-0960 for more information.

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The Arts Council, Pawtucket, R.I., will sponsor trips to Boston Symphony Orchestra open rehearsals this spring.

Tickets for each event are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Included in the cost of each trip, is round-trip transportation, admission to the rehearsal, and gratuity for the bus driver. A bus will leave Slater Mill at 7:45 a.m. to arrive in Boston in time for the rehearsal.

Following the rehearsal on March 30, attendees may choose to go to the Fine Arts Museum or to Copley Place. Those who choose to go to the museum will be responsible for the \$8 (senior \$6) admission fee.

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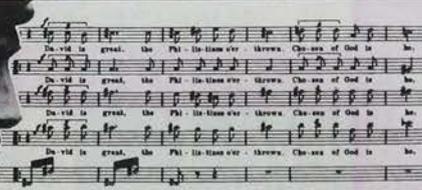
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Brandeis to Honor Woman who Saved Jews

Brandeis University's Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service has named humanitarian and human rights activist Michael Schneider its 1995 Milender Fellow.

Executive vice president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Schneider has worked to ensure the safety and well-being of people around the world; from his early involvement in the South African anti-apartheid underground to a Sarajevo Passover seder under sniper and shell fire.

As the Milender Fellow, he will spend March 6 to 8 at Brandeis' Waltham, Mass., campus. He will meet with Hornstein Program students, faculty, and alumni to examine the international agenda of the Jewish community and the American Jewish community's role and responsibility.

Each year, the Milender Seminar selects an outstanding Jewish communal professional to serve as a visiting lecturer with the Hornstein graduate students. Schneider is the 20th Milender Fellow.

One of the highlights of the three-day seminar will be the presentation of an award to Boston resident Laura Margolis, 90, for her efforts to rescue Jews in almost every corner of the world.

In 1939, the JDC called on Margolis, a social worker in Buffalo, N.Y., to go to Havana to train staff to work with thousands of European refugees. The six-month stint extended into 30 years with the New York-based rescue and relief organization.

Margolis went onto work with Jewish refugees in Shanghai and was classified as an enemy alien under the Japanese occupation. In February 1943,

she was interned and went to a POW camp.

Later that year, Margolis was repatriated and went to Europe to organize rescue operations for Holocaust survivors in Lisbon, Barcelona, and Stockholm. In 1946, as JDC's first woman director of programs, she moved to Paris to organize relief and rehabilitation operations.

Like Margolis, Schneider has traveled the world helping others. Born in South Africa, he was operations head of the African Resistance Movement and ran an escape ring for political refugees.

Vegetarian Essay Contest for Students

The Vegetarian Resource Group is sponsoring an essay contest for students 18 and under. First prize in each category is a \$50 savings bond.

Entrants should write a two- to three-page essay on any aspect of vegetarianism.

Contest categories are ages 8 and under, 9 to 13, and 14 to 18. Entrants should base their page on interviewing, research, and/or personal opinion. You need not be a vegetarian to enter.

All essays become property of The Vegetarian Resource Group. Submissions should be postmarked by May 1 for the current year of judging.

Send entries to The Vegetarian Resource Group, P.O. Box 1463, Baltimore, MD 21203. Include your name, age, address, grade, school and teacher's name.

The Vegetarian Resource Group is a non-profit organization which educates the public about vegetarianism. To receive more information about the essay contest and a lesson plan on vegetarianism, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to The Vegetarian Resource.

Also available for a self-addressed stamped envelope with two first-class stamps are the pamphlet *Vegetarian Nutrition For Teenagers* and the eight-page *I Love Animals and Broccoli Coloring Book*. Please indicate which you are requesting.



BIRTHDAY GIRL — Ida Shushansky will celebrate her 100th birthday at the Jewish Family Services kosher mealsite in Cranston on March 16. Shushansky's birthday is March 20.

Ida Shushansky Celebrates 100th Birthday at JFS Mealsite

The seniors at the Jewish Family Services kosher mealsite in Cranston are planning a special celebration on March 16 to honor Ida Shushansky whose 100th birthday is March 20.

Lillian Lewis, Shushansky's

daughter, will attend the party along with several other family members and friends at the mealsite. Entertainment will be provided by Eli and Margo who plan to sing "My Yiddishe Mama" among other selections.

Shushansky, who lives at home in Warwick with her daughter Lillian attends the JFS mealsite four days each week, and rarely misses the opportunity to socialize with all of her good friends there. She is an integral part of a family that includes five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, for whom she will be making hamentaschen, as she does each Purim.

More than 100 family members and friends plan to celebrate with Shushansky at a private brunch later in March.

Remaining active in the community is what keeps Shushansky feeling so young. She reads the newspapers, loves to attend the JFS mealsite, and spends the remainder of her day knitting and reading large print books from the library.

Although she has vision in only one eye, she has managed to knit more than 100 pairs of booties for Hasbro Children's Hospital, and was applauded for her efforts at this year's hospital volunteer luncheon.

Shushansky first flew on an airplane at the age of 85 to visit her daughter in Florida. Since then, she flies there once each year to visit. Last year, there was a winter snowstorm and her airplane was to Pittsburgh, Pa., on the return trip home. When her frantic daughter finally reached her at the airport in Pittsburgh, Shushansky answered the call saying, "Lillian, are you all right? Why are you calling me?"

When asked how it feels to be 100, Shushansky said, "It feels wonderful to be healthy and have lived so long to see all my grandchildren and great-grandchildren growing up. I have been very, very lucky."

Shushansky's two daughters and the rest of her family and friends feel lucky, too.



JNF Bestows Highest Honor

Peter C. Goldmark, Jr. (left) accepts the Tree of Life Award, JNF's highest honor, from Jewish National Fund President Milton S. Shapiro, at a recent dinner in Goldmark's honor in New York City.



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Simon-Wiesenthal Center Unveils Anti-Hate Advertisement

The Simon Wiesenthal Center recently unveiled the advertisement for the human rights organization's multi-city awareness campaign to combat hate. The advertisement will appear beginning on buses and at commuter rail stations in 14 cities across the United States. Space for the advertisements is donated by TDI, the nation's largest provider of transit system advertising space.

The multi-city campaign is intended to build awareness of hate, racism and anti-Semitism and also serves to promote the Los Angeles-based Museum of Tolerance.

The museum, opened in 1993, was founded to challenge visitors to confront bigotry and racism, and to understand the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary contexts.

Through technologically advanced exhibits, hands-on computer stations, interactive dis-

plays, and video monitors, the museum focuses on two central themes: the history of racism and prejudice in America and the story of the Holocaust.

The advertisement reads, "Hate, Racism, Antisemitism" on the background bearing the Simon Wiesenthal Center's logo of a Star of David engulfed in flames. Underscoring the bold lettering is the caption "They Survive When Good People Look The Other Way."

The bottom of the advertisement in small print reads "Experience the Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, CA. Call (800) 900-9036 for more information."

The advertisement will appear in New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Ft. Lauderdale, Los Angeles, Oakland, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Providence, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Washington, D.C.

Logging On To Your Roots

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston in cooperation with the Boston Computer Society presents the third Computers in Genealogy fair titled, "Genealogy on the Information Superhighway."

Bruce E. Kahn, Ph.D., president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Rochester, N.Y., will give an introduction to the world of genealogy via the Internet.

Learn how a computer and a modem can enable you to participate in international conferences for exchange of ideas, information and resources; ex-

plore searchable databases, automatic genealogical matching services and text files; and access libraries throughout the world — all from the comfort of your own home.

Kahn works as a research scientist in the imaging research laboratories of the Eastman Kodak Company.

In addition to the main lecture topic, discussions will address the latest in genealogical software, programs for research data acquisition, GEDCOM uses, photo-processing, data on CDs, etc. Several application programs will be demonstrated.

The event will be held on March 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. (shmooz and resource time 1 to 2 p.m.) at the Boston Computer Society, 101A First Avenue, Suite 2, Waltham.

The cost is \$3 for non-members. There is no fee for members. For more information, call (617) 784-0387.

Purim Party Presented by JCCRI

Celebrate one of the most festive of all Jewish holidays at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, where a number of Purim events will be held from March 12 to 17.

The highlight of the festivities will be the All-Center Purim Party on March 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dress in costume and enjoy a skit performed by BBYO, a costume parade, song performances and dancing. Certificates will be awarded for participation in the parade.

A dinner of ziti casserole, salad, bread, and hamentaschen will be served. Please bring a canned good to donate to needy children.

The cost for JCCRI members is \$3 per person or \$12 per family; non-members are \$4 per person or \$6 per family. Children ages 2 and younger are admitted free of charge.

Individuals requesting financial assistance should contact Marvin Stark. RSVP to Marvin Stark or Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800 by March 7.



UNVEILED — The Simon Wiesenthal Center recently unveiled its anti-hate advertisement. From left, Rhonda Barad, eastern director of the Center; Don Allman, executive vice president and general manager, TDI and Clara Feldman, volunteer educational outreach speaker.

Photo by Ronald L. Glassman

ADL Rabbi to Provide Commentary for UPI Radio

A new voice will be heard on Christian radio and family values stations across the country — Rabbi Leon Klenicki, director of the Anti-Defamation League's interfaith affairs department. He has become a regular commentator for the United Press International Radio Network religion service.

Klenicki will discuss a wide array of issues on his weekly commentary that impact on Jewish-Christian relations.

On his first program he focused on the value of interfaith exchange, stating, "The great challenge of interfaith dialogue is to see the believer of another religion as a person of God rather than an object of pity or contempt... When Jews, Christians

and Muslims talk to each other, they must do so rooted in their own faith, but respectful of the other's."

He continued, "Interfaith dialogue has accomplished much in the United States, particularly in the area of education. Within the Christian and Jewish communities, there are almost no textbooks that contain negative portrayals of the other person of faith."

On another program, Klenicki will discuss an anti-Israel booklet that is being distributed by the Episcopal Church.

Themes of future programs will include an interfaith meeting with Egyptian clergy, Pope John Paul II's book, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* and the meaning of the Jewish holiday, Purim.

Jewish Family Service Offers Workshop for Interfaith Couples

Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman St. in Providence, is offering a workshop for interfaith couples entitled "One Marriage, Two Religions."

This workshop led by Executive Director Paul Segal, provides an opportunity for couples to discuss the impact of two different religious backgrounds upon the relationship and interactions with in-laws and other relatives. How does this affect raising children, celebrating holidays, belonging to a community?

There will be four sessions held on Tuesdays, March 21, 28, April 4 and 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$50 per couple.

This workshop is open to all who wish to attend. Pre-registration is required. For information about other services and programs available at Jewish Family Service, call 331-1244.

Senior Adult Center Hosts Plant Sale

The Golden Age Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, welcomes the public to its "Green Thumbs" plant sale March 6 through March 10, at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A beautiful variety of spring plants will be available for moderate prices.

The senior adult center invites seniors to join in a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal catered by Izzy's Kosher Catering at the kosher meal site weekly, Sunday through Friday at noon.

People arrive at 10 a.m. for casual conversation in the lobby. Unless noted otherwise, a donation of \$1.35 is appreciated.

For more information, call Sue Robbio or Lori Broomfield at 861-8800.

Cranston A.Z.A. Holding Annual Membership Drive

The Cranston chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will hold its annual membership drive from March 4 to 20. Many events have been planned.

Any young males between the ages of 13 to 17 are welcome to join.

Call Eric Hochman, chapter president, at 467-BBYO (2296).



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Film About Mendes at R.I. Holocaust Museum

During the Holocaust, Portugal represented a ray of hope to those who were trapped by the Nazi atrocities.

Thousands of European Jews were saved through the efforts of Aristides deSousa Mendes, the former Portuguese consul to Bordeaux, France. He granted entrance visas allowing Jews to enter Portugal, in direct defiance of the government of Portugal.

When government officials discovered what he had been doing, he was recalled, fined, forbidden to practice law and ostracized. He died a pauper in 1954.

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum will show a documentary on Mendes produced by Diana Andringa, a Portuguese journalist. The film, in Portuguese with English subtitles, will be presented on

March 11 at 8 p.m. at the museum, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

Following the film, there will be a reception and discussion with Andringa. The program will be repeated at the Touro Synagogue in Newport on March 14.

A tree in Mendes' honor stands in the Garden of the Righteous on the Hill of Remembrance in Jerusalem. In 1987, Portugal honored him posthumously with the order of Liberty Medal and reinstated him to the rank of Consul General.

Mendes has a place on the Wall of Honor alongside Schindler, Wallenberg and Sugihara at the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

For further information, contact curator Beth Cohen at 861-8800.



An Interfaith Gathering

From left, B. Jae Clanton, executive director of the Urban League; the Reverend Kate Penfield; the Reverend James C. Miller; Rabbi James B. Rosenberg; Deborah A. Smith, past president of the Urban League and the Reverend Dr. Robert Carter, Jr. Rosenberg, of Temple Habonim in Barrington, gave a stirring speech at the Feb. 12 Urban League event.

Photo courtesy of Roberta Segal and Associates

Touro Sponsors Pre-Purim Family Event

Congregation Jeshuat Israel of Touro Synagogue of Newport is sponsoring a special pre-Purim event for children and their families, to be held on the evening of March 10.

This program will include some traditional as well as novel activities, aimed at presenting the Jewish children of their community with significant Shabbat and Purim experiences.

Purim will be celebrated on the evening of March 15 and 16.

The event will commence with the Sabbath candle-lighting ceremony at 4:55 p.m. in the Touro community center, followed by the traditional synagogue services in the Touro sanctuary. After the services, a gala traditional family Shabbat meal will be held in the social hall.

Reservations are required for this portion of the program (families \$15, single adult \$8).

At 7 p.m. a program will be held in the synagogue. The community is invited. This children's Oneg will include a presentation of Purim songs by the younger religious school students, a "3-Clues" game, and a unique dramatic presentation by the parents. The play, authored by Rabbi Shapiro, is entitled, "The Beauty Contest." The entire program is being conducted by the rabbi under the auspices of the Touro Synagogue program committee.

With the exception of the Shabbat meal, the program is free.

For additional information or reservations, contact the Touro Synagogue office at 847-4794, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Study Group to Explore Methods of Introducing Holocaust

The Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum will hold an after-school study group on March 7 at 4 p.m. for teachers to explore ways to introduce Holocaust materials to upper elementary grades. Phyllis Keenan of the St. Luke School will share a unit she developed

for fifth-through seventh-graders.

The group will meet at the museum, located at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence. Call curator Beth Cohen at 861-8800 for more information.

Jewish Singles Invited to 'Hamen's Hoedown'

The Society of Young Jewish Professionals, sponsor of the Matzo Ball, and the nation's largest and most successful organization for Jewish professionals, ages 21 to 49, announces its March event, "Hamen's Hoedown," on March 4 at Paradise, located at 967 Commonwealth

Ave. in Boston.

The party starts at 8 p.m. This annual event is for Jewish singles, 21 to 49 years old. More than 500 people attended last year. For directions, call (617) 351-2530.

Admission is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members in advance and \$20 for non-members at the door. A \$55 one-year membership gets you free admission to the party, as well as many other membership benefits.

SYJP's Boston area 24-hour event line number is (617) 576-9775. Advance tickets and memberships may be purchased by calling (800) 829-0404. Advance tickets will be available until 4 p.m. on the day of the event. Proper dress and valid ID are required.

There will be a DJ, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, dancing, and much more. The first 20 men and 20 women through the door will receive FREE, a limited membership in the Visual Profile network, the nation's newest and most exciting way to meet interesting and fun people from around the nation.

SYJP offers the unique opportunity for men and women to meet in an uninhibited environment that is conducive to developing relationships and long-lasting friendships.

JCCRI Hosts Russian Festival

Ever tried authentic Russian food or participated in Russian festivities? The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, will be holding its fourth annual Russian Festival on March 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the JCCRI social hall and lobby.

The festival features Russian food, authentic Russian arts and crafts, a clown appearance and festivities for all ages. This event is free of charge.

Contact Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800 for details.

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A Great School Moves in a Great City

by Mick Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"I go to Johnson and Wales," Israeli students tell me on the bus, at cafes, about town. "I came for J & W," bartenders and servers say while I sip my espresso. From every principality on the planet, young people make their way to Providence to learn the skills of hospitality, Abraham's prime virtue.

I made a small odyssey under a pale grey sky in search of the campus of this elusive bark, this school like an invasion of the body snatchers.

The Minden Hotel on the corner of Waterman and Brook holds a dormitory that mixes several Israeli students with Syrians and Caribbean nationals from Antigua, Curacao, and Jamaica. "I used to serve tea to the elderly ladies who lived here many years ago," I mumble to Ian McPhee, in charge of residential life at Minden Hall. "I worked at Lloyd's, it was my first job," I reminisce. "Our college has absorbed many buildings in this city, from Channel 10 on Dorrance to Gladding's on Westminster and the Outlet at Weybosset," Ian adds with a handshake.

I motor downtown and stop at the police substation across from the Performing Arts Center, the onetime restroom and bus stop. "We do security for Johnson and Wales," the staff declares as I look out from their lighthouse at a downtown richly redolent in memory. "There is no one central campus, J & W is everywhere, from the former Colony Motel in Edgewood to Abbott Place," the guards inform, or remind, me.

Once upon a time, the Outlet with its gold Gothic O against an onyx oblong set in granite marked the very core, the heart of our glittering metropolis. I move along its gravel paths and try to recall the aisles where I shopped as a child, a youth, a grown man. Lawn hasn't had a chance to sink roots. This dorm only got going this past September, and the brown mud is cluttered with frozen but melting footprints. An architect would find its design tame. Nevertheless there's an exciting new event taking place upon the sites of our common past.

Sure, only yesterday we took the trolley with our moms in white gloves and hats with veils to greet salesladies at the department stores. But today, the fancy facades like raised eyebrows look upon an international scene. Hopeful, hospitable souls fly to us and fly away from us with skills and styles of gracious greeting. They will always remember Providence. Providence incorporates their presence among the spaces that keep like an album the souls of our local families as well.

"I once washed dishes at the Narragansett Hotel, that stood where your library stores its books," I claim to a host behind a desk. I also sold clothes, painted signs, and wrote copy in rooms that now belong to Johnson and Wales.

"We used to be a secretarial school, but we've grown and spread and we're still on the move," said Ian McPhee. "Please, send me your notes," he requests eagerly.

Brown University stakes its claim on Thayer Street. Rhode

Island School of Design reaches the length of Benefit Street with its bed and breakfasts and its elegantly restored museums. But Johnson and Wales has redeemed a city nearly abandoned. From the windows and doorway entrances of its classroom structures you look out at a great capital and you feel as though the silk road started out right here in our hometown. What better port to wave a flag of welcome to travelers, storytellers, innkeepers and tosspots?



Take hope, ye who enter here. Herald photo by Mike Fink

Final Auditions Announced for Teen Pageant Title

Final selections are now underway for the state preliminary to the national "America's Perfect Teen" title.

"America's Perfect Teen" is one of the oldest and most prestigious teen pageants. It is open to ladies ages 13 to 19, and features pageant competition in sportswear, evening gown and personal interview. The national

pageant has traditionally been judged by leading celebrities in the modeling, fashion and other glamour industries.

The state pageant will be held in April, and the final deadline for inquiries is March 10. Auditions for the few remaining spaces in the state pageant will be conducted the following week. All girls interested in competing for the title should call (800) 223-4613.

There is no performing talent requirement for the state pageant. All judging is based on poise, personality and beauty of face and figure. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, never married and at least a six-month resident of her home state, thus making college dorm students eligible.



Sharing A Story

Two Providence Hebrew Day School students share a book.

Twins Club Hosts Bingo

The Rhode Island Mother of Twins Club will hold its annual grocery bingo on March 8, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It will be at the Shawmut Baptist Church on 1642 West Shore Rd.

New members are welcome. For more information, call Lisa at 781-9525.

Visitors Welcome at CCRI Observatory

Visitors nights at the Community College of Rhode Island's observatory, located on the Warwick campus, are scheduled for March 8 and 22, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., clear skies permitting.

For those who do not know where the observatory is located, an escort will leave from the main lobby of the college (near the bookstore, second floor) at 7:30, 8 and 8:30 p.m.

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ISIDORE GIBBS

NEW BEDFORD — Isidore Gibbs of 800 Pleasant St., New Bedford, died on Feb. 23. He was the husband of the late Roslyn (Levy) Gibbs.

He is survived by a daughter, Sharon Kaufman of New Bedford and a son, Bruce Gibbs of Warrenville, Ill.; a brother, Phillip Gibbs of Levittown, Pa.; grandchildren, Scott and Tammy Kaufman, Michael Gibbs and Michelle Pretzer; and a great-grandchild, Jarred Pretzer.

The funeral service was held Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. at Tifereth Israel Congregation, New Bedford.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Tifereth Israel Congregation General Fund.

Arrangements were made by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

IRVING GREENBERG

FALL RIVER — Irving Greenberg, 92, of 4700 N. Main St., founder of the former Bristol Knitting Co. in 1940, and retiring in 1974, died Feb. 22 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Rose (Slotkofsky) Greenberg.

Born in New York, a son of the late Morris and Pauline (Goldstein) Greenberg, he lived in Fall River for 58 years.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, the Watuppa Lodge of Masons, United Jewish Appeal, and a supporter of the Fall River Rehabilitation Center. He was a member of the Fall River Symphony, and former member of Ledgemont Country Club.

He leaves a son, Marvin Greenberg of Barrington; a daughter, Marilyn Sussman of Framingham; a brother, Harry Greenberg of Boca Raton, Fla.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Feb. 24 at Beth-El Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SARAH L. LIBBY

PROVIDENCE — Sarah L. Libby of 6 Angell Court died Feb. 23 at the Hallworth House. She was the widow of Dr. Harold Libby.

Born in New Haven, Conn., a daughter of the late Harris and Rosa (Rubin) Levey, she lived in Omaha, Neb., before moving to Providence more than 50 years ago.

She attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. She was a member of the Chopin and Chaminade Clubs. She was the president of the Chopin Club from 1947 to 1950, and from 1960 to 1962.

She leaves four daughters, Paula Feldman of Providence, Elinor Bennett, Rosamond "Arbee" Beck, both of Boston, and Patricia Libby of Philadelphia; a sister, Bess Kattelman of Los Angeles, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Feb. 26. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park in Sharon, Mass. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ABRAHAM J. "ABE" MARCOWITZ

PROVIDENCE — Abraham J. "Abe" Marcowitz, 83, of 234 Sixth St., a *Journal-Bulletin* compositor for more than 28 years before retiring in 1976, died Feb. 23 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Dorothy (Podersky) Marcowitz.

Born in Philadelphia, he was a son of the late Samuel and Sonia Marcowitz. He had been a resident of Providence for more than 70 years.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club and was a volunteer at the temple for its Sunday breakfast, its magazine subscription committee and its mailing committee for the *Temple Bulletin*.

He had been a volunteer for many years at the Jewish Home for the Aged and also volunteered at RSVP. He was a member of the Loyal Family Circle Inc., AARP, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and the Providence Typographical Union, Local 33.

Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter, Sandra Marcowitz of Pawtucket; and two sisters, Ann Wisdom of Cranston and Tillie Genter of Pawtucket.

The funeral service was held Feb. 24 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

MEYER ROSEMAN

NEW BEDFORD — Meyer Roseman, 82, of 69 Oesting St., died at home on Feb. 22 after a brief illness. He was the husband of Libby (Salusky) Roseman and son of the late Charles and Anna Roseman.

Born in New York City, he lived in New Bedford since 1940 and was employed by Universal Industries in New Bedford until his retirement. He was foreman at Grinnell Pajama for 10 years and owner of the former Shir-B-Lane Stitching for 40 years.

He was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and the Jewish Convalescent Home.

He is survived by his widow, and a daughter, Elaine Roseman of New Bedford.

He was the brother of the late Samuel Roseman and the late Jean Berg.

Graveside funeral services were held Feb. 23 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Funeral Home, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MAX SARENSEN

PASCOAG — Max Sarsenson, 71, of Zambarano Memorial Hospital, Wallum Lake Road, died Feb. 21 at the hospital. Born in Providence, a son of the late Julius and Minnie (Weinstein) Sarsenson, he lived at the Ladd School in Exeter for many years before moving to Burrillville nine years ago.

He leaves two brothers, Bernard and Nathan Sarsenson, both of Cranston. He was the brother of the late John and Esther Sarsenson, and Frances Carrazzo.

A graveside service was held on Feb. 23 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SALLY SOLINGER

PROVIDENCE — Sally Solinger, 82, of 369 Montgom-

ery Ave., died Feb. 23 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Joseph B. Solinger.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Jacob and Sadie Haft, she was a lifelong resident of Providence.

She was a member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Home for Aged, and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Stephen Solinger of Lincoln and Jeffrey Solinger in Chicago.

The funeral service was held on Feb. 26 in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

EVELYN "NAN" TESLER

WARWICK — Evelyn "Nan" Tesler, 91, of the Kent Nursing Home, Commonwealth Avenue, died Feb. 24 at the home. She was the widow of Harry Isaac Tesler.

Born in Russia, a daughter of

the late Israel and Esther Halpern, she moved to Attleboro many years ago, and to Warwick four years ago.

She was a member of Temple Agudas Achim, Attleboro, and was a past president of its Sisterhood.

During World War II, she was a Gray Lady at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro. She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence, and a member of Hadassah and B'nai B'rith. She was a volunteer for Miriam Hospital in Providence.

She leaves a son, Marvin G. Tesler of Pawtucket; a daughter, Eleanor L. Rand of Narragansett; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Feb. 27 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Auerbach, Renowned Authority on Jewish Law, Dies At Age 84

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Some 300,000 Orthodox Jews recently mourned Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, one of the world's leading authorities on Jewish law.

Auerbach, who for nearly half a century headed the Kol Torah Yeshiva in the Bayit Vegan section of Jerusalem, died at 84 of pneumonia in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital on Feb. 19.

The funeral procession made its way from Auerbach's home in the Shaare Chesed neighborhood to the Har Hamenuhot cemetery, causing traffic jams throughout the capital.

Auerbach was born in Jerusalem in 1911 to a prestigious family. His father headed a yeshiva.

Auerbach never stepped foot outside Israel. He was a prodigy who studied at Yeshivat Etz Chaim under the tutelage of Rabbi Usser Zalman Meltzer.

While in his 20s, Auerbach authored a book on the halachic ramifications of electricity, which was well-received by leading experts on Jewish law.

Auerbach soon became a renowned arbiter of Jewish law. His opinions on issues including divorce, the Jewish definition of brain death and shmittah (the seventh year, in which the land of Israel is supposed to lie fallow) were regarded as authoritative by Jews around the world.

He was described by Rabbi Avi Shafran, spokesman for Agudath Israel of America and a former student, as "insightful, incisive and a very caring person."

(JTA staff writer Debra Nussbaum Cohen in New York contributed to this report.)

Goldstein Hailed at Memorial

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Hundreds of people attended a service at the grave of Baruch Goldstein, the Kiryat Arba settler who opened fire on Muslim worshippers one year ago at the Cave of the Patriarchs, killing 29.

Violence erupted in Hebron after the memorial service.

The controversial gathering had been denounced by members of the Israeli government,

which called for prosecution of any people who sympathized with Goldstein or praised his actions.

The participants in the service, defying an Israel Defense Force effort to close off the area, gathered at the site to recite Psalms. Some called for more attacks and for the deportation of Arabs. They also praised the Brooklyn-born Goldstein.

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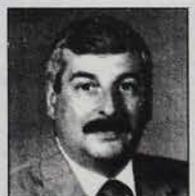
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The Truth About Immigration

Last week's front page of the Herald began a story on the truth about immigration. Here is the rest of the story...

Becoming Citizens

"Naturalization" is the process by which eligible legal immigrants become U.S. citizens. In most cases, to naturalize, an immigrant must live in the United States as a legal permanent resident for at least five years. Immigrants who have been married to a U.S. citizen for three years and immigrants who have been active in the armed forces can generally naturalize after just three years.

Eligibility: In order to naturalize, an individual must be at least 18 years of age, be of "good moral character," and must not be ineligible for citizenship for other reasons. A person must also demonstrate an ability to speak, read, and write basic English and have a general understanding of U.S. government and history.

Interview and Citizenship Test: After submitting an application and fee to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an applicant is interviewed to determine if he or she meets the requirements for U.S. citizenship, including knowledge of English as well as U.S. history and government. To demonstrate English and civics proficiency, the applicant must pass either a standardized test or a test given by an INS examiner.

Oath and Swearing In: All applicants must sign an "Oath of Renunciation and Allegiance," giving up foreign allegiances and titles and swearing to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States. The final step in the naturalization process is the swearing-in ceremony, which can take place before a judge, or in an INS administrative ceremony.

When an immigrant becomes a citizen, he or she acquires the right to: vote, sit on a jury, hold elective office; apply for and hold certain federal government positions and private industry jobs requiring a security clearance, bring immediate relatives to the United States without the waiting period imposed by the immigration preference system, and travel abroad for unrestricted periods of time.

Many immigrants seeking to naturalize must wait a year or more until they are sworn in as citizens. The INS is chronically behind in processing naturalization applications. The backlog often discourages eligible residents from even beginning the process.

Facts on Refugees and Asylees

How does someone gain refugee status here? To qualify for refugee resettlement in the United States, a person must come from a "refugee sending" country designated by the Department of State. The person must meet the definition of a "refugee" by proving that she has a "well-founded fear of persecution." The refugee applicant must prove this fear is based on the possibility of persecution because of her: race, religion, membership in a social group, politi-

cal opinion, or national origin.

The United States only accepts a certain number of refugees each year. This number is determined by the president in consultation with Congress. In fiscal year 1995 for example, 110,000 refugees will be permitted to come to the United States. The total number of "refugee slots" is divided among different regions of the world. In 1995, the regions and the numbers of slots will be:

- Africa — 7,000
- East Asia — 40,000
- Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union — 48,000
- Latin America and the Caribbean — 8,000
- The Near East (southwestern Asia and the Middle East) — 5,000
- Unallocated reserve — 2,000 (these may be allocated to refugees fleeing unforeseen trouble which may arise during the course of the year).

How does someone become an asylee? A person who has already entered the United States, and who fears persecution if sent back to his country, may apply for asylum here.

Costs and Contributions of Immigrants

Immigrants pay more in taxes than they receive in benefits. According to the Urban Institute, legal and undocumented immigrants combined pay approximately \$70.3 billion per year in taxes and receive \$42.9 billion in services such as education and public assistance. Undocumented immigrants alone pay \$7.0 billion per year in taxes. Two-thirds of the taxes paid by all immigrants go to the federal government in the form of Social Security deductions and income taxes.

Legal immigrants' Social Security deductions help keep the Social Security system solvent. Because immigrants tend to be young and have years of work ahead of them, they are significant contributors to the Social Security system.

Rules regarding public benefits make it very difficult for immigrants to receive assistance. When applying for public assistance, most legal immigrants who have been in the United States for less than three years must combine their income with the income of the family that sponsored them. But immigrants may not have access to all of their sponsors' income. This "deeming" of income may make the immigrant family's income appear to be higher than it is, and generally disqualifies them from assistance.

Immigrants and Welfare

Even if they come to join family members or to work, don't many immigrants end up on welfare?

No. U.S. families who reunite with close relatives from abroad provide strong support networks to help newcomers get started in the United States without relying on outside services. Immigrants who come to join family members or to work use welfare less than natives: only 3.9 percent on cash assistance, compared with 4.2 percent of native-born Americans.

Fewer immigrants receive welfare than native-born Americans. Among working-age immigrants (excluding refugees) who entered the United States during the 1980s, 2 percent receive welfare, compared with 3.7 percent working-age native-born Americans. Only 3.2 percent of earlier-arriving, working-age immigrants receive welfare.

Why are some immigrants on welfare? Immigrants cannot enter the United States without proving that they are self-sufficient and unlikely to need public assistance. However, sometimes after they enter the United States, immigrants face unforeseen situations that leave them with no alternative but to seek help.

Why can't the families of immigrants take care of their relatives? Most U.S. citizens who sponsor immigrant relatives do support them. Overall, more than 95 percent of immigrants (including refugees and the elderly) support themselves or are supported by family members.

How poor do you have to be to receive welfare? Very. All Americans, whether citizens or immigrants, can qualify for federal benefits only if their incomes fall below a certain percentage of the government's official poverty line. In 1994, most states calculated the poverty level at \$14,800 a year for a family of four and \$22,240 for a family of seven.

Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation, we began by declaring that "all men are created equal." We now practically read it "all men are created equal, except negroes." When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read "all men are created equal, except negroes, and foreigners, and Catholics." When it comes to this I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretence of loving liberty — to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy.

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Zeiterion Presents 'Curious George' in Afternoon, Vienna Choir Boys at Night

The Zeiterion Theatre's Happily Ever After Saturday youth series presents "Curious George," the loveable children's storybook character in a Theatreworks/USA musical on March 11 at 2 p.m.

Curious George, the little monkey brought to life from the pages of H.A. and Margret E. Rey's delightful books, is endearing and well-meaning, but his curiosity leads him to wreak havoc wherever he goes.

The Happily Ever After series concludes on April 8 with E.B. White's classic, *Charlotte's Web*.

Tickets for "Curious George" are \$5 each, general admission. Group rates are available.

The 1994-95 Greater New Bedford Concert Series also presents the Vienna Choir Boys, the most popular choir ever to tour North America, at 8 p.m.

"Shmulnik"

(Continued from Page 1)

fession, guides the audience through the story of his pursuit of happiness.

A young Jewish man from Voronko, a small town in Russia, Shmulnik is poor and without prospects. So when he happens to see the beautiful and rich Rachel and falls in love with her, his chance of marrying her seems slim indeed.

He composes a waltz for her, which he sings at her window every night, much to the distress of her family. Rachel thinks that he is funny, her father thinks that he is a bum, and her sister, Feyla, thinks that he is odd.

The CCRI Players' production of "Shmulnik's Waltz" is directed by Bert Silverberg.

Reserved-seat tickets for all performances are \$5 general, \$4 for students and senior citizens. For reservations by telephone, call 825-2219 at any time.

on March 11. Their performance at the Zeiterion will include the works of Britten, Da Palestrina, Elgar, Haydn, Schubert and Strauss.

For nearly five centuries, the Vienna Choir Boys have enchanted millions with their unique charm and beautiful singing.

The Greater New Bedford Concert Series will also present in March the Bronze Medalist of the ninth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Christopher Taylor on March 31; and conclude with the extraordinary violinist, Midori, on May 4.

Tickets for the Vienna Choir Boys are \$16, \$20 and \$24. Senior/student discount is \$3. Group rates are available.

Tickets are available for the choir or "Curious George" at the Zeiterion box office which is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To charge tickets over the phone, call Ticketmaster in Massachusetts at (500)/(617) 931-2000 and in Rhode Island at 331-2211. For more information, call the Zeiterion box office at (508) 994-2900.

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