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JFS and JERI Recognized with VIA Awards

Volunteers in Action, Inc. has chosen Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island program for Model Volunteer Program Awards.

The awards will be presented at a reception on April 26.

This award is an affirmation of the excellent management of the programs and of the leadership the agencies provide. Bonnie Ryvicker serves as coordinator of Volunteer Services for both Jewish Family Service and JERI.

Jewish Family Service volunteers visit the elderly, install LifelineRI personal emergency response units, perform data entry and clerical tasks, assist with mailings, teach English as a Second Language to Russian emigres, gather furniture and supplies for new Americans and help new Americans with their job search.

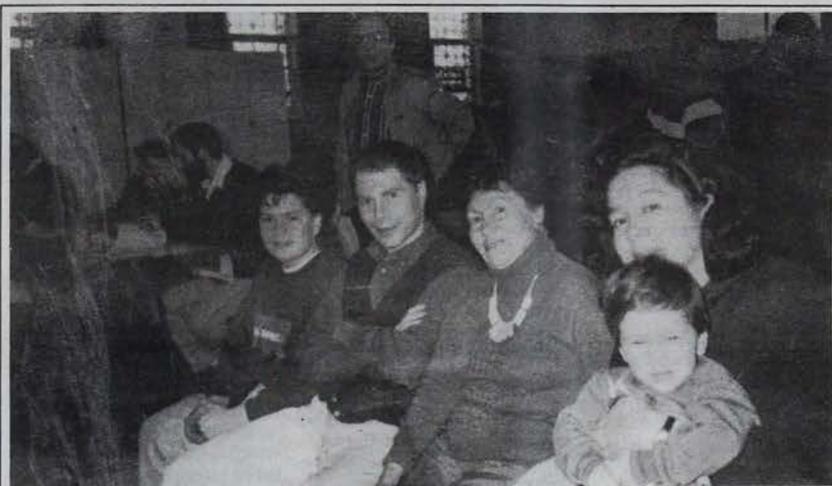
JERI is an outreach program to Jewish residents of nursing homes throughout the state. Administered by Jewish Family Service, the JERI program is funded by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and The Jewish Home Corporation. The program involves more than a hundred volunteers of all ages who visit nursing home resi-

dents, act as advocates and help residents observe Jewish holidays and traditions.

A Jewish Family Service volunteer who serves as a friendly visitor for a "shut-in" has developed a true friendship with the woman, eventually including her whole family in the relationship. Recently, an elderly resident, who had been visited by a JERI volunteer for the past year, died. His family wrote a thank-you note accompanied by a donation thanking JERI for sending this volunteer to their dad. The relationship enhanced the quality of his last year of life.

Irving Zaidman, who volunteers in the LifelineRI program writes, "Volunteering has been good for me. It gives me the opportunity to help others and it helps me keep busy since I am retired. It is a privilege for me to be counted as one of our agency's volunteers. I believe that volunteers are nurtured, supervised and recognized and that our clients' needs are better met as a direct result of our volunteer program."

For more information about the volunteer programs at Jewish Family Service and JERI, call 331-1244.



Meet Some New Americans

From the left, Andrew Sorkin, Eugene Sorkin, Irene Ramm, Anne Klevak and, in her lap, Mitchell Sorkin — three generations of one family — pause for a picture in the midst of naturalization training at Temple Emanu-El on March 26. Mitchell, having been born here, doesn't need to bother with forms. Ramm, his grandmother, has already completed the process and is a naturalized citizen. Story on page 8.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

93 Senators Call for Embassy in Jerusalem

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations hailed the "overwhelming endorsement" by 93 senators of a letter calling for the United States to recognize Israel's sovereignty over a united Jerusalem by moving the American embassy to the Israeli capital, and urged its speedy implementation as formal U.S. policy.

New York Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D) and Alfonse M. D'Amato (R) initiated the letter sent to Secretary of State Christopher. It calls for the relocation of the embassy "no later than the agreements of 'permanent status' take effect... which, according to the Declaration of Principles, is scheduled for May 1999."

Of the 93 senators, 50 were Republicans and 43 were Democrats.

The complete text of the presidents conference statement, issued in behalf of the umbrella group's 50 national Jewish organizations by Lester Pollack, chairman, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman, follows:

"The Conference of Presidents commends and congratulates Senator Moynihan, Senator D'Amato and all of the co-signers of their letter to Secretary of State Christopher endorsing the transfer of the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

"This overwhelming endorsement by 93 senators underscores their conviction that U.S. policy recognizing the status of Jerusalem as the eternal undivided capital of Israel must be clear and unequivocal. Moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem is long overdue and is completely consistent with the Declaration of Principles and the peace process. For too long this issue has festered, allowing false expectations to be raised that can only have a negative impact on the negotiations. A clear stand on United Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty, with freedom of religion and protection of rights for all is the surest way to keep the Holy City from becoming a divisive issue.

"We believe that the U.S. Embassy belongs in Jerusalem. We hope the Administration will take steps to meet this overwhelming expression of the will of the Congress and the American people."

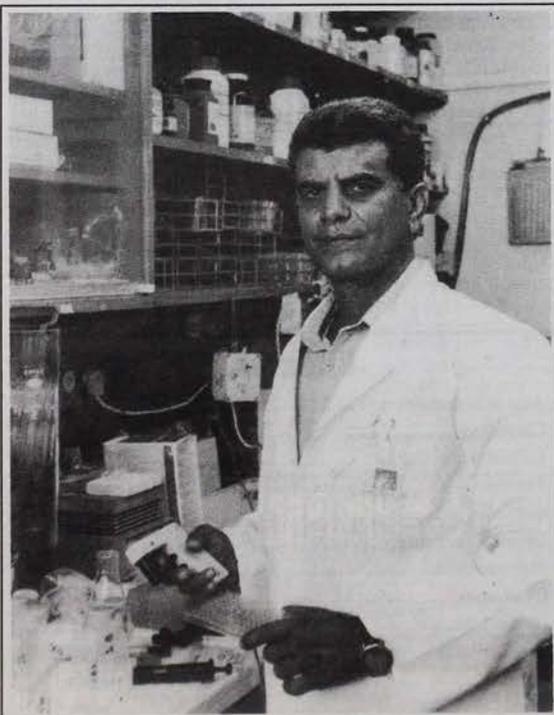
More News for Multiple Sclerosis Patients

A bacterial protein that protects animals against an autoimmune disease similar to multiple sclerosis in humans was identified in a Weizmann Institute study appearing in the March 15 issue of the *Journal of Immunology*.

Although autoimmune diseases are often induced by genetic factors, they can also be brought on by environmental agents such as viruses and bacteria. Three years ago, Professor Avraham Ben-Nun and Dr. Dan Lehmann of the department of cell biology demonstrated an interesting paradox: a bacterium known as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* not only promotes the induction of autoimmune diseases in mice, but also protects against their development. In the current study, Professor Ben-Nun — along with Australian visiting scientist Dr. Nicole Kerlero de Rosbo and doctoral students Itzhak Mendel and Gregor Sappeler — identified a specific protein of this bacterium as the component that provides this protective activity.

The researchers worked with mice suffering from experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis, whose pathology and clinical manifestations closely resemble those of multiple sclerosis. In both diseases the body's immune system attacks scattered areas of the brain and spinal cord, causing inflammation and stripping nerve fibers of their insulating myelin sheaths and their ability to conduct impulses.

The Weizmann team also found that this protein of molecular mass 12-kDa could enhance the production of protective T lymphocytes without stimulating production of "encephalitogenic" T cells; the latter type are highly pathogenic and specifically attack myelin. Thus the researchers write that effective protection against EAE by the 12-kDa protein, in the absence of a stimulatory effect on encephalitogenic T lymphocytes, suggests a potential use for this protein in the therapy of autoimmune diseases.



Professor Avraham Ben-Nun of the Weizmann Institute.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Zoo Announces New Education Center

The Rhode Island Zoological Society has formally announced plans to undertake a \$1 million campaign to build a Center for Science and Conservation Education at Roger Williams Park Zoo. The announcement was made at a zoo ceremony where it was revealed that the campaign had already passed the halfway point to its goal.

At the ceremony, the Fleet Charitable Trust and the Providence Journal Company's Charitable Foundation each pledged commitments of \$50,000, raising the capital campaign total to \$553,500.

"Roger Williams Park Zoo's development into New England's best zoo and one of the best in the country has been a particular source of pride for all Rhode Islanders," commented Stephen Hamblett, CEO of the Providence Journal Company.

In announcing the campaign, it was noted that major gifts have been made by the Champlin Foundations (\$200,000), the Rhode Island Foundation (\$50,000), and the Rhode Island Zoological Society's board of trustees (\$52,500).

Additional leadership pledges have come from Citizens Bank, Dimeo Construction, American Steel and Aluminum,

Quaker Oats Company, and the Roger Williams Park Zoo docent council. In addition, a "Children's Penny Drive," organized and promoted by WHJY/WHJJ and Apex last summer, raised more than \$10,000 from area children.

"We're extremely encouraged by the generosity of businesses and individuals who have made early gifts to the campaign," said Jack Mulvena, executive director of the Rhode Island Zoological Society.

When completed, the 6,000-plus square foot education center will house three classrooms, a teacher's resource room, volunteer workrooms, department offices and a visitor walkway. In addition to providing much needed educational classroom and workroom space, the center will give the zoo and its visitors seven new indoor animal exhibits.

The circular design of the building will allow zoo visitors, as well as children participating in educational programs within the classroom space, to view the exhibits. Each of the exhibits will focus on a different North American habitat, and will feature endangered species when appropriate. For example, alligator snapping turtles have been proposed for one of the major

exhibit spaces.

"The Center for Science and Conservation Education will accomplish two critical goals," commented Tony Vecchio, director of Roger Williams Park Zoo. "First and foremost, it will allow us to expand popular and effective educational programs to serve the needs of children, parents and the teaching community. Secondly, the education center will expand the zoo's indoor exhibit area, an important consideration given the fact that we are open to the public year-round.

"The center will be a welcome addition to any parent who has tried to sign their child up for a ZooCamp, Preschool Adventure or Overnight only to be told that the program had sold out," added Mulvena. "This building will allow us to double and in some cases triple the number of children participating in the zoo's award-winning education programs."

With more than 72,000 visitors, 300,000 of whom are children, Roger Williams Park Zoo has seen its education efforts grow and improve to the point that today more than 30,000 individuals participate in formal zoo education programs.

The fund-raising campaign, which has a goal of \$1 million, is being co-chaired by two members of the Rhode Island Zoological Society's board of trustees: Bradford B. Kopp, chief financial officer of Citizens Bank; and James F. Stack, chief financial officer of the Providence Journal Company.

"Roger Williams Park Zoo has been recognized as a leader in wildlife conservation, research, and education," commented Stack. "This project is about the future, because it is about the education of Rhode Island's children on matters related to science, animals and the environment."

Individuals interested in making a donation to the education center are encouraged to contact Jack Mulvena, executive director of the Rhode Island Zoological Society at 941-3910.

Red Cross Offers Courses OCG Claims Power Grab Threatening Libraries

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety course on April 1 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at chapter headquarters, 150 Waterman St., Providence, 150.

Students will learn how to recognize and care for children or adults who suffer from life-threatening emergencies such as respiratory and cardiac failure, sudden illness or injuries. The course also teaches students what to do in an emergency as well as first-aid techniques that help heart attack victims.

Graduates receive a Red Cross Community CPR certificate which is valid for one year and a Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety certification which is good for three years.

Cost for the course is \$45. Advance registration is required.

A Red Cross Adult CPR course will be held on April 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. at chapter headquarters, 150 Waterman St., Providence.

Students will learn rescue breathing, first aid for choking, and administration of CPR to people 8 years of age and older. This course also teaches students what to do in an emergency as well as first aid techniques that help heart attack victims.

Graduates receive a Red Cross Adult CPR certificate which is valid for one year.

For more information or to register for any course, call the Rhode Island Red Cross at 831-7700.

VA Is On Line

VA-ONLINE, the Department of Veterans Affairs' month-old veterans' information computer bulletin board service, is now available on Internet.

VA-ONLINE's toll-free number is 1-800-US1-VETS. The Internet Telnet/FTP address is VAONLINE.VA.GOV or 192.26.48.131.

VA Secretary Jesse Brown said, "VA just placed the quickest, single source of VA and other veteran-related information at veterans' fingertips. While the initial offerings of VA-ONLINE are fairly modest, our potential for rapid growth and expansion of services is limitless."

(The following is an Operation Clean Government press release.)

A blatant power grab disguised as an improved public service is how Operation Clean Government characterizes a proposal to couple the department of library services and the State House library within the legislature.

The plan, contained in a memo drafted by Speaker Harwood's legal counsel, Richard Kearns, attempts to intercept the Rhode Island Constitution as favoring such legislative control. That being the case the legislature might as well take over the schools also.

OCG deplors the "political climate" in the House of Representatives that would spawn a memo such as Kearns wrote. While Kearns said statewide library systems in other states are operated by the legislature, OCG can identify only two states (Arizona and Michigan) where such a mechanism is in place. In 19 states, as in Rhode Island, library services are an independent agency, and in 14 they are under the department of education. Library services in the remaining 15 are under various departments.

Kearns' memo said that promoting information services would demonstrate that the leadership is committed to reform. The OCG reply is that the public already knows what the legislative leadership is committed to and the continuing well-being of the citizenry is not on the list. Uppermost in the minds of the House leaders, as is clearly outlined in the memo, are the political benefits that might accrue. Those would include more patronage jobs for relatives and supporters as well as control of the type of information that would be disseminated to the public.

The OCG board of directors said the annexation of library functions by the House leadership would undermine the integrity of the two operations and most certainly lead to a diminution of quality in the delivery of library programs.

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FEATURE

The Consul Comes Back

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

He wrote his name 30,000 times in three days. Every time he signed "Aristides de Sousa Mendes" he saved a soul and risked the welfare of his own large family. The ink he dipped his pen into ran like blood, draining him and rescuing somebody else.

His story was better known right here among our local Portuguese than in his native land. New Bedford honored his name a decade ago. This week 22,000 giant red, black and white posters with the consul's face and the bare facts of his incredible action in Bordeaux in 1940 hang or are glued on buildings, fences and walls in every Lisbon street and castletown passageway. Suddenly, Sousa Mendes is a hero of renown.

Two score of us from Providence and Fall River travelled to Portugal to witness these commemorative events. We moved in a royal progress from Lisbon to Cabanas, the site of the Sousa Mendes homestead and tomb, with receptions by the mayors of each village along the route, and strolls through former Jewish quarters below the turreted castles and glittering palaces.

Fifty-five years ago, the consul in Bordeaux and Bayonne looked down from his diplomatic office upon throngs of desperate exiles at the hellish end of the traffic jam from Belgium and Paris. He consulted his conscience and his wife and children and chose to obey his inner voice, to follow the rules of faith, not power. He saved 10,000 Jews with his autograph on a visa, and twice as many non-Jews, political and artistic non-desirables, making no distinction among fellow humans. Like a melancholy melody of memory, the rest is history. He lost his rank, his job and home. His children scattered round the world. In 1954 Sousa Mendes died broke and broken. Since that date his children have fought for the restoration of his name, his pension, and his honor.

During the week of March 16, the present post-Salazar Social-Democrat government awarded to his son John Paul, an American, the highest distinction the country can give. Perhaps ironically, the fancy medal in a red velvet box is called The Order of Christ.

Five hundred years ago, in the name of Jesus, Jews were driven out of Portugal and followed the very same route in reverse, leaving the Iberian Inquisition for refuge in southern France and up to the Low Countries.

I file my own personal log of these sunny days in Lisbon, the city whose name evokes screen images of Hedy Lamarr and Ingrid Bergman in my '40s boyhood.

Lisbon in fact mixed fascists, Nazis, Jews, communists, and spies everywhere, wealth and poverty, fear and luxury.

My first pilgrimage took me alone by electric trolley around the smoothly cobbled lanes and narrow mosaic sidewalks to the cloistered crypt of the kings and queens of Portugal. On this private Portuguese Purim I asked to visit the coffin of a Jewish princess. The guard took down a large key. He opened a creaky oaken door and showed a tall chest covered with a red cloth. With no inscription, this box in a secret chamber holds the remains of King Carol of Rumania and Princess Elena, née Magda



QUOTH THE RAVEN "Never more..." The Mendes Mansion — or what is left of it — in 1995.

Herald photo by Mike Fink

Lupesco, our Jewish Mrs. Simpson, an "adventuress" who lived a chapter of her career here

among the refugees.

Next morning we went to the synagogue. I had prayed here half a dozen years earlier, but this time I was hardly alone among a bare minyan. This time the president and first lady joined me, and the shining aristocracy of great ladies and distinguished ministers. I found the lengthy Orthodox service oddly soothing, majestic, regal, dignified. I murmured a kaddish for my aunt — in Sephardic style, you do not rise for the mourning prayer. I looked across at a person who vaguely resembled my eldest brother. In the patio afterward I saw his cross. He shook my hand. "Father Bernard of Bordeaux, come to rep-

resent the mayor, the daughter of Sousa Mendes, and the Resistance Movement," he told me. There is a bust of Sousa Mendes in Bordeaux, and the priest hands me a comicbook version of his life used in schools. Father Bernard feels like an outsider among the courtly ceremonies. Courtesy always leaves somebody out, accidentally or on purpose.

At the luncheon the rabbi blessed an excellent Portuguese challah, with an exotic accent in his Hebrew. An elderly, rather gaudy but gracious lady seated at my left seemed entranced by my references to Lady Elena, to

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JUST ONE of the thousands of Sousa Mendes posters displayed in Portugal at the time of Mike Fink's trip. Herald photo by Mike Fink

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EDITORIAL

Jewish Groups Deeply Divided On Affirmative Action

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
NEW YORK (JTA)—Several Jewish groups long associated with civil rights causes recently took part in planning a news conference designed to shore up support for affirmative action — a policy increasingly under attack.

But when it came time for the news conference itself, the Jewish groups were nowhere to be found.

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The Jewish groups included the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the American Jewish Congress and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

Their partial involvement in the news conference reflected the deep ambivalence within the Jewish community over one of the most volatile issues in black-Jewish relations.

It has been almost 25 years since members of the Jewish community took the lead in opposing the notion of race-based remedies to discrimination in the workplace and on university campuses.

That opposition deeply disappointed black leaders and contributed to a watershed rift in black-Jewish relations from which the historic coalition has never fully recovered.

"The implications are mind-boggling. In no possible way can any federation in any city replace the long-term public assistance programs."
Joel Carp

Affirmative action policies followed on the heels of the civil rights era, when Jews worked together with blacks to enact laws guaranteeing fair treatment for minorities. To many blacks, the hiring and admissions programs based on racial preferences seemed like the logical conclusion of the earlier work.

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But to Jews, who make up less than 3 percent of the American population, it was clear that they would lose out if professional advancement were based on racial proportions rather than merit.

"My grandparents came to this country with pennies in their pockets, not speaking the language and never turned to the government for help," said Matthew Brooks.

The split over affirmative action coincided with a growing sentiment within some civil rights groups that favored black-only leadership and grew hostile to the white, usually Jewish activists who had been working with them.

"The position of the Jewish community was pretty uniform when this debate over affirmative action started," said Jack Greenberg, a professor at Columbia University Law School who formerly headed the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and was a central player in the civil rights movement.

The affirmative action conflict "really poisoned the black-Jewish relationship and exacerbated the problems" that already existed between the two communities, he said.

A perceived increase in black anti-Semitism and a growing tendency among both groups to turn inward have strained the once-close black-Jewish relationship.

For the past decade or so, most Jewish groups have cau-

tiously favored overcoming discrimination with compensatory training and education programs — but have drawn the line at anything smacking of quotas.

The policy adopted in 1973, and slightly amended in 1975 and 1981 by the constituent agencies of NJCRAC, is an exercise in achingly careful wordiness.

For Jews, university quotas were chillingly reminiscent of the quotas that had been used by Ivy League universities to keep them out as recently as the 1950s.

In 1973, Jewish groups spearheaded support of a Sephardi Jewish law student, Marco De Funis, whose application to the University of Washington law school had been rejected. He claimed that less-qualified blacks were admitted instead.

A year later, a non-Jewish Vietnam War veteran named Allan Bakke made similar charges when he was not admitted to the University of California Medical College at Davis.

Ending the aid would devastate immigrants and refugees alike who have become accustomed to the federal cash-assistance programs.

The Jewish community was divided over the case. The American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League and AJCongress filed briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Bakke.

The National Council of Jewish Women and the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations filed briefs on behalf of the university.

Understanding Settlers' Pain

Israelis in the territories opposed to the present government peace process should be approached with conciliation, and understanding of the pain they feel involving return of land to Palestinian hands, a Hebrew University professor said at the recent opening of an international seminar at the university.

For such people, any relinquishing of territory becomes "a very, very heavy price to pay," both ideologically and physically, said Aviezer Ravitzky, professor of Jewish thought at the university.

Ravitzky was the keynote speaker at an international seminar on "Regional Integration — European Experiences and Middle Eastern Perspectives in Politics and Economics."

For most of the religious settlers in the territories and their supporters, said Ravitzky, the Zionist enterprise — and especially the settling of the historical Jewish heartland in Judea and Samaria since 1967 — represents a step in the divine plan of redemption for the Jewish people and ultimately for all humanity. Any step taken to hinder or reverse that redemption is seen as a betrayal of the process, he pointed out. Therefore, for such people the issue is not just a practical one but one with heavy historical and psychological aspects.

He added that one must also take into consideration that in relinquishing territory, the settlers also have to face a heavy physical burden in having to relinquish their homes and communities.

For all these reasons, said Ravitzky, one should understand the pain of such people even if one does not agree with their political positions.

Expressing himself as generally supportive of Prime Minister Rabin's positions in the peace process, Ravitzky nevertheless criticized the prime minister for the harsh terms he used in relation to the settlers.

... he would be a prisoner held in the kind of captivity which deprives him of his essential entity. And the same is true in the realm of the intellect itself. He who is capable of the highest intellectual advancement, yet is constrained to a life of child-like mentality — surely this is a most painful restraint upon his true self. And if such a restriction be self-imposed... (for example where a person dissipates his years, intellect and capacities in pursuit of his physical needs and the gratification of his lower appetites to the exclusion of all else)... Surely such a self-imposed enchainment is, in many respects, even more dreadful and more tragic in its consequences.

Each and every Jew possesses a Divine soul, a veritable 'part' of G-d above, which (even while it is shrouded in the 'animal' soul and confined in the clay frame of the body) is yet inseparably bound to the Infinite G-d; its impelling quest for true free-

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A Daily Release from Bondage

A profound insight into the concept of Freedom in the light of the festival of Passover

Our sages said: "In every generation, and every day, a Jew must see himself as though he had that day been liberated from Egypt."¹

This injunction and demand has been made upon every generation of Jews, during the time when the royal house of David had been reigning for generations, as also in the darkest times of exile and extermination; it is a demand still made upon every Jew every day. Even though he experienced the "release from bondage" yesterday, he is to relive it today, and again tomorrow. For the meaning of "liberation from Egypt" is the attainment of freedom from obstacles and limitations which the Jew encounters on his way to self-fulfillment, hindering him from reaching his destiny and from accomplishing what he must. That is why the freedom which he experienced yesterday does not hold good for his position and state of today, and his attainment today will prove inadequate tomorrow.

To get a clearer and better understanding of what has been said above, let us consider an analogy from Nature:

On the level of plant life, we

would consider a plant completely "free" from all "anxiety" and hindrance, when it has been fully provided with all the things needed for its growth: soil, water, air, etc. Although it cannot move from its place, being "condemned" to remain rooted to its spot all its life — nevertheless it enjoys the fullest freedom of plant life. So long as it remains a plant, it is truly free.



An animal, however, even when it is fully provided with its needs in the way of food, water, etc., yet is forcibly confined to one place, such confinement would spell the utmost deprivation for it, and a most dreadful imprisonment, inasmuch as it would be denied that which is the essential aspect of its being.

In the case of a human being, since man's distinction is that of the intellect, if he be given also freedom of movement, yet be excluded from intellectual ac-

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Israelis and Syrians Resume Talks

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Far from the public eye, Israel and Syria resumed their peace talks recently.

Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's ambassador to the United States, and his Syrian counterpart, Walid Mualllem, conferred with Dennis Ross, the State Department's special Middle East coordinator.

The face-to-face meetings

were the first since Syria suspended the talks without explanation in December. At the time, talks were progressing with the ambassadors and with Israeli and Syrian military chiefs-of-staff, who were meeting to discuss security arrangements for the Golan Heights in the event of an Israeli-Syrian peace agreement.

Secretary of State Warren

Christopher secured the resumption of the dialogue during his recent shuttle visits between Jerusalem and Damascus.

Although conducted in an atmosphere of secrecy, the sessions reportedly focused on laying the groundwork for the resumption of talks between the military representatives.

Negotiations have stalled as Syria continues to demand Israeli withdrawal from the entire Golan. Israel has said it will not specify the extent of a pull-out until Syria spells out its vision of peace.

According to a Syrian source cited in the report, Syria opposes stationing U.S. troops on the Golan to monitor a presumed peace accord, insists on public negotiations and will not accept a Camp David-type demilitarization agreement, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported.

VA Publishes New Veterans Handbook

The latest edition of one of the federal government's best-selling publications is now available from the United States Government Printing Office.

Published by the Department of Veterans Affairs, *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents* has been revised to include changes in law for 1995.

The 111-page handbook describes federal benefits for veterans and dependents such as medical care, education, disability compensation, pension, life insurance, home loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation and burial assistance. It also explains requirements for eligibility and outlines claims procedures.

The handbook, which sells for \$3.25 a copy, also includes the latest information on dis-

ability compensation for Persian Gulf Veterans who suffer from chronic disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses.

Listed by state are addresses and phone numbers of all VA benefits offices, medical centers, national cemeteries, counseling centers and other facilities.

In addition, a toll-free number, (800) 827-1000, is listed to connect callers to the nearest benefits counselor. For those with computers, a World Wide Net Home Page Server address is listed.

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Israel Fails to Halt Russian Sale of Reactors to Iran

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel failed last week to convince Russia not to sell nuclear reactors to Iran.

A delegation from the Israeli Foreign Ministry held talks about the issue in Moscow with a number of senior Russian officials, including Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Posolyev.

The Israeli delegation, led by Foreign Ministry Deputy Director Eitan Ben Tsur, expressed concern over Iran's growing strength, its support of terror and its efforts to obtain nuclear weapons.

The Russians responded that they intended to follow through with the deal, but stressed that the Iranians could not exploit the purchase to build nuclear weapons.

Russian officials, maintaining that the reactors cannot be used for military purposes, said it would place its trust in the efforts of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which will monitor activities at the reactor sites.

In addition to the observers from the IAEA, Russia plans to send its own experts to monitor the use of the reactors, Russian officials said.

Iran is relatively weak and feels threatened both by the United States and by its neighboring countries, the officials said, adding that Russia did not share Israel's assessment that Iran is a major supporter of Islamic fundamentalist terror groups.

IRS Gives Taxpayers A Break

Taxpayers who made contributions of \$250 or more to charities during 1994 are being relieved from the statutory requirement that before they file their returns they obtain adequate written acknowledgments from the charities.

In a notice released recently, the Internal Revenue Service said that taxpayers can still claim deductions for charitable contributions of \$250 or more on their 1994 returns if they make a

good faith effort on or before Oct. 16, 1995 to obtain the required written acknowledgment.

One example of a good faith effort would be sending a letter to the charity requesting the acknowledgment.

Congress changed the law in 1993 to require taxpayers making charitable contributions of \$250 or more to obtain written acknowledgments from the charities for these contributions.

This law requires that an acknowledgment be obtained by the earlier of the filing of the taxpayer's return or the due date of the return, including extensions. It also requires that the acknowledgment state whether or not the taxpayer received anything in return for the contributions.

The IRS is providing this relief because of difficulties taxpayers are reporting in obtaining these acknowledgments.

Moroccan King Envisions Mid-East Peace

by Jennifer Batog

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As the Middle East peace process continues to move in fits and

starts, a key supporter, King Hassan II of Morocco, brought his vision of Middle East peace to President Clinton recently.

The peace process is stalling because it is not a full-fledged peace yet, Hassan said in his welcoming remarks at the White House.

"Peace hasn't taken place in all areas of interest," Hassan said through an interpreter. "For peace to be achieved, the pace of the negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis needs to be accelerated away from any equivocations liable to cause the peace process to falter."

Jordan Protests Move of Embassy to Jerusalem

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Hashemite Kingdom will ask the Clinton administration to abort a drive in Congress to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Jordanian newspapers reported last week.

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GETAWAY



AJCongress Launches 'Gourmet's Tour of Israel'

Fifteen or 20 years ago the very idea of food tours of Israel would have caused belly-laughs. But in recent years, particularly in the last five, Israel's food scene has been transformed, a direct result of the country's rapidly increasing affluence and sophistication.

In the wake of this transformation, the American Jewish Congress' 1995 International Travel Program is offering two specialized tours designed for the serious food and wine enthusiast. Each "Gourmet's Tour of Israel" will take participants on a comprehensive tour of Israel's cities, sites and shrines.

The two tours will each be led by a specialist in Israeli food who will illustrate how in the 1980s, a new wave of young Israeli chefs began discarding the recipes of the diaspora, and simultaneously began the creation of a whole new — or "nouvelle" — Israeli cuisine, a feat made more complex for many by the requirements of kashrut. By returning to the flavors, ingredients, herbs, oils and

spices indigenous to Israel, and fusing them with new cooking influences from France, Italy and California, not to mention with their own creativity, they have managed to bring Israel in a surprisingly short time to the very forefront of one of the most in-vogue waves of "new" cooking: "Med-Rim Cuisine."

In Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, tour participants will discover a wealth of new restaurants, more often than not airy spaces reminiscent of New York's Soho or Paris' Marais, complete with post-modern accents and Euro-chic trappings, serving truly "world-class," yet, at the same time, distinctly Israeli food.

But participants in AJCongress' gourmet tours will not only tour and eat. They will also meet with scientists, farmers and wine-growers, and they will interview, learn from, and even attend cooking classes with extraordinarily creative chefs.

Travelers will stay at Jerusalem's legendary King David Hotel, at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel as well as in the hills

of northern Israel's farmland and on the Sea of Galilee. Tour dates are June 10 to 25 and Aug. 31 to Sept. 15; tour prices, including hotels, airfare, meals and comprehensive touring and cooking program commence at \$3,750. Each tour may be combined with an optional extension to Jordan.

Leader of the June gourmet tour will be noted food authority Rozanne Gold, first chef for New York City's mayor, Ed Koch, and consulting chef for New York's Rainbow Room and new Windows on the World. She is a regular guest on Lifetime TV's "Our Home"; her recent book *Little Meals*, won the 1994 James Beard Cookbook Award; and she is considered America's leading expert on the development and attributes of the new Israeli cuisine.

AJCongress' September gourmet tour will be led by charismatic Sabra chef Eli Loya, one of Israel's most creative cooks. He trained at San Diego's French Culinary Institute, and has been a chef in New York, Los Angeles and, most recently, at Tel Aviv's Loft restaurant, considered Israel's most inventive.

Full details on the American Jewish Congress Gourmet's Tour of Israel are contained in the organization's newly published 88-page 1995/96 *Worldwide Tour Catalogue*, available by calling (800) 221-4694.



JAWAD MAHMUD'S "Untitled," oil on canvas, from "Building Bridges: Israeli and Palestinian Artists Speak" at the Arthur Ross Gallery.

Israeli, Palestinian Artists Exhibit at University of Pennsylvania

An exhibition by six Israeli and six Palestinian artists will go on display at the University of Pennsylvania in a new Arthur Ross Gallery exhibition, "Building Bridges." The show includes more than 30 oils, acrylics, drawings and collages.

The group, whose members come from Israel and the West Bank, first showed together in an exhibition in Jerusalem in 1982.

The exhibition will run through April 23.

"The artists' cooperation and work are a powerful example of how art and culture can forward the cause of peace," said Dilys Winegrad, director of the Arthur Ross Gallery.

The Arthur Ross Gallery is located at 220 South 34th St. in Philadelphia. Admission is free, and gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For further information, call (215) 898-4401.

Hadassah Offers Two 'Israel at Leisure' Tours

Hadassah is offering two 22-day "Israel at Leisure" tours departing New York on April 25 and May 16.

The tours, which are being offered to both Hadassah members and non-members, men and women, share the same itinerary. Highlights include 11 days of sightseeing, a boat cruise on the Galilee, Jeep trip to Mt. Arbel, bathing in the Tiberias Mineral Hot Springs and the Dead Sea, traditional Shabbat dinners, archaeological seminars and more.

"Israel at Leisure" includes

round-trip airfare, accommodations, a minimum of two meals per day; ground transportation and tours; arrival and departure transfers, all entrance fees, portage and hotel taxes.

Price per person, double occupancy is \$2,959 for Hadassah members and associates. There is a \$25 supplemental fee for non-Hadassah members. Single supplement is \$649.

For information, contact Hadassah National Travel Department, 50 West 58 St., New York, N.Y. 10019; (212) 303-8033.

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MILESTONES

Spertner to Wed Halpern

Mrs. Vivien Spertner of Newton, Mass., announces the engagement of her daughter, Kimberly Ann Spertner, of Newton, Mass., to Neal Halpern, son of Annette Halpern of Cranston. The bride-to-be is also the daughter of the late James Spertner. Her fiancé is also the

son of the late Theodore Halpern. She is the granddaughter of Fay Miller and the late Raymond Miller. The bridegroom-to-be is the grandson of the late Nathan and Sadie Landy

and the late Louis and Rose Halpern.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Hartford. Her fiancé is a graduate of Rhode Island College.

The date of the wedding has been set for November 12.



Judith and Michael Ferry of Warwick announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Sarah Michelle, on March 7. Sarah was greeted by her 4 1/2-year-old brother, Jacob Alexander Ferry.

Her maternal grandparents are Norma and Reuben Alexander of Cranston and her paternal grandparents are Annette and Alfred Ferry of Tiverton. Sarah is named for her great-grandmother, the late Molly Alexander Paul.



And The Winner Is...

Israel Minister of Tourism, Uzi Baram (right) receives "Person of the Year" award for the Middle East from Carl Ruderman (left), chairman, Universal Media, Inc., publishers of Travel Agent Magazine.



Mr. and Mrs. Breslau

Gadon-Breslau Wedding

Temple Sinai in Cranston was the setting for the recent marriage of Jane Leslie Gadon of Brookline, Mass., to Howard Louis Breslau of West Newton, Mass.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rabbi Samuel Chiel of Newton and Rabbi George Astrachan of Cranston.

The bride, daughter of Janice and Harold Gadon of Cranston, is a graduate of Dean College and holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from Boston University. She is a production artist for Cipriani Kremer Design, a graphic design firm, in Boston.

The groom, son of Marilyn and Maxwell Breslau of West Newton and Delray Beach, Fla., holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is a graduate of the Prozdor of Hebrew College. He is the president of HLB Productions, a comedy and entertainment production firm, in Newton. He is the grandson of the late Anne Bornstein of Brighton, Mass.

The couple was attended by Brenda Lewis, sister of the bride, as matron-of-honor and Robert Breslau, brother of the groom, as best man. Bridesmaids were Laurie Teri and Ellen Breslau, sister of the groom. Serving as groomsmen were Howard Magier and William Gordon. Ushers were Charles Gadon and Michael Lewis, the bride's

brother and brother-in-law. David Breslau, the groom's nephew, served as ringbearer.

Following a honeymoon in Paris, the couple will reside in Brookline.

Hadassah Takes Stand on School Prayer

The following policy statement was adopted at Hadassah's 80th National Convention.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, firmly believes that the First Amendment clearly prohibits any government entity, including public schools, from fostering religious practices and/or beliefs.

Weiss to Wed Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Weiss of Providence and Palm Beach, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margery Beth Weiss of Brookline, Mass., to Stephen J. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Seymour Morris of Rochester, N.Y., and Boca Raton, Fla. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Spitz of Providence and the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Weiss of Providence.

The bride-to-be graduated from the Wheeler School and Boston University. She is an account representative for Great West Life Insurance Co.

Her fiancé graduated from Brighton High School and Ithaca College. He is president of Com Tel Group Inc. in Waltham, Mass.

The wedding date has been set for November 18.

Moreover, we believe that prayer is a private religious matter for each individual.

Accordingly, Hadassah opposes any attempt to promote prayer in the public schools, including "moments of silence," whether required or voluntary.

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"HOLD IT!" Logan Jordan, of HIAS, from New York, takes a naturalization picture of Elina Goman at Temple Emanu-El, March 26.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

We Are Still Growing

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island, Temple Emanu-El, and Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society organized to provide a day of encouragement and assistance to immigrants from the former Soviet Union on Mar. 26.

There were morning training sessions for "trainers" who would help others through the complexities of the naturalization process in the afternoon. The trainers all spoke Russian, which meant that explanations and instructions could pass from teacher to pupil with a minimum of effort and confusion.

The absence of a language barrier helped tremendously, Ellen Steingold of Jewish Family Service said. HIAS organizers commented on the difference it made.

There was an attorney from HIAS at the temple, Sunday, two HIAS staff members who helped wherever they were needed, and Logan Jordan, who fingerprinted and photographed naturalization candidates for HIAS.

Jordan went about his work as if it were a craft — gently, smoothly, with a reassuring word now and then. His atti-

tude showed in small ways — like the fact that he had changed brands of hand cleaner when he found one with a refreshing citrusy scent that made the clean-up process after fingerprinting much more pleasant.

There were multi-generational families everywhere — small children who had been born in the states, and achieved citizenship at that moment, grandmothers and grandfathers who had spent most of their adult lives in Russia, and middle generational moms and dads who were starting all over again, bringing their children with them.

Elina Goman came to this country when she was 14, "almost 15." She did not know a word of English, having learned German as a second language in school in Russia. She is now a pre-med student at Brandeis University. When you look at her, as she is fingerprinted and photographed, you know that Russia's loss is America's gain, a feeling I had over and over Sunday afternoon.

United Brothers Hold Special Shabbat

On April 7 at 8 p.m., at the United Brothers Synagogue in Bristol, there will be a special Shabbat service. Members of the Bristol Congregational Church will be guests of the synagogue for the service and the Oneg Shabbat which will follow.

Synagogue members are urged to come and enjoy this evening of brotherhood.

Volunteers Are Needed

The Miriam Hospital is recruiting volunteers for its Family Advocate Program in the ICU/CCU waiting room due to extended visiting hours in the Intensive Care Unit.

At the moment, positions are available every day from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact the volunteer office for more information and an appointment.

Temple Am David Sponsoring Blood Drive

On April 9, Temple Am David Men's Club is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the temple social hall, 40 Gardiner St., Warwick.

Orange juice, coffee, and bagels will be served to all those who donate blood. All are welcome to help in this important cause.

For information, call Joyce at 463-7944.



Bible Talk

Rabbi William E. Kaufman, of Temple Beth-El in Fall River, speaks with a class member after a recent session of the course "Great Jewish Personalities and Movements." For more information about the course, call (508) 674-3529.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Get Your Eyes Checked

On April 4, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Rhode Island Society to Prevent Blindness will conduct glaucoma screenings at the Senior Adult Center of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

In addition, the video "Small Surprises," about how to prevent eye disease, will be shown. A local eye care professional will answer questions after the film. This event is free, and open to the public.

AMIT Convention Coming In May

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NO INK BLOTS HERE! Logan Jordan carefully fingerprints Elina Goman on her naturalization blank at Temple Emanu-El, March 26.

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Family Workshop A Success at Temple Sinai, Cranston

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Studying Torah can be fun for the whole family — that was the underlying theme of the Temple Sinai (Cranston) family workshop on March 26.

Grades pre-kindergarten through third grade split into groups with their families and teacher and completed a

ghost — one of her hosts' children dressed in a sheet.

Next, a boy told the congregation about the time he was at a friend's house for a seder, and while trying to find the afikomen, he got lost.

After a couple more stories, Astrachan arrived and talked briefly about the significance of Passover. Then Sones announced that on April 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a workshop on how to conduct a seder.

It was then time to break into groups. The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes, led by teachers Ruth Imber and Lisa Tobias, fabricated scrolls for Passover by pasting pictures from the story of Moses

onto paper. When it is time for the seder, the children will be able to unroll their scrolls and tell the story to their family.

The first grade made masks of figures from the story of Passover and then, using their masks, acted out the story for the class. Teachers Laurie Roles and Ana Brown split the story into small sections so that each person had a different part to play.

Meanwhile, the second grade worked on a project which was an extension of what has been a very successful program at Temple Sinai. Since December, classes and individual students have taken turns with a teddy bear named Dov, teaching the bear the many traditions and customs of Judaism. By taking a Dov home to do mitzvot, Jewish practices have been reinforced.

At the workshop, the students each made their own Dov, with the guidance of their parents and teachers Donna Gropper and JoAnne Silver.

"The bear seems to give the children something they can relate to," said parent Jim Webber. "Plus, it's great to have the parents involved with the children. It creates a sense of family and it makes it fun."

One of the second-graders recently had her turn to take Dov home.

"He wanted me to read him a book and draw him some pictures," said Julia Surdut, 8. "I (also) made him a Purim carnival and changed him into his Purim clothes."

Students in the third grade worked on listing their family version of the Ten Commandments. Here's a sample of what they came up with: "Be a good sport," "Brush your teeth every night and morning," "No mean teasing," "Honor your chil-



MASK MAKER — Nathan Kerbel hides behind one of the two masks that he made. Kerbel read the part of Miriam. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*



REBECCA WEBBER and her father, Jim, made their own version of Dov the bear. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

number of fun and educational tasks which taught them about the Torah and/or Passover.

With everyone gathered in the sanctuary, Educational Director Leonore Sones started the program by leading the group in two songs, "Hello friends" and "Dyanu."

While waiting for Rabbi George Astrachan to arrive, members of the congregation took turns telling stories of memorable Passover seders.

One woman recalled attending a seder at a friend's house, at which 40 to 50 were present. She had the honor of opening the door for Elijah. To her amazement, and to the amusement of the other guests, when she opened the door, there stood a



WORDS TO LIVE BY — Mark Morse and daughter Amanda proudly display their "family commandments." *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*



IN DEEP THOUGHT — Jacob Kashuk concentrates as he writes down his "family commandments." *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

dren," and "Don't fuss when it's time to get up."

The third grade was led by teachers Ellen Kaplan and Robin Greenberg.

The day's events were a great success, in terms of turnout and the response from the families.

"The workshop helped bring us closer together," said parent Mark Morse. "It's nice to get involved in the children's activities."

"We were pleased to see so many parents and children studying Torah together and creating projects they can use during Passover," said Sones. "It was a very exciting day."

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SPORTS FEATURE

Two Israelis Get A Taste of Madness

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

The National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball tournament has truly become a global event. Each year, more countries tune in, making it one of the most popular sporting events around.

Israel has been no exception to basketball's widespread appeal. This season, two Israelis, Doron Sheffer and Uri Cohen-Mintz of the University of Connecticut, participated in the post-season—referred to as March Madness.

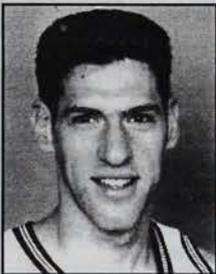
Cohen-Mintz, a 6'10" inch freshman, received little playing time this year, but Sheffer started every

game and was an integral factor in UConn reaching the quarterfinals of the tournament, known as the "elite eight."

UConn was eliminated last weekend by UCLA, 102-96. Sheffer scored 24 points, hitting nine of 20 shots and all four free-throw attempts.



Doron Sheffer (above) and Uri Cohen-Mintz (right) of the Huskies.



In the opening round of the tournament, Sheffer scored six points against Tennessee-Chatanooga. The 6'5" sophomore scored 16 points against Cincinnati in the second round and 12 points versus Maryland in the "Sweet Sixteen."

During the regular season, Sheffer's fine all-around play helped UConn win the Big East title with a 16-2 record. At one point, UConn was the top-ranked team in the country. Sheffer was second on the team in assists (5.8 per game). The business major also averaged more than 10 points per game and close to five rebounds per game.

When Sheffer came to UConn in 1993, he became the third Israeli to play for the Huskies. Preceding him were Nadav Henefeld (1989-90) and Gilad Katz (1990-92).

After leading Galil Elyon to the 1992-93 Israeli Club League championship, Sheffer was con-

sidered one of the top point guards in the world. Following recruiting visits to the University of Miami, Seton Hall, Kentucky and Temple, the 22-year-old Sheffer chose UConn.

"Kentucky was my first choice but it just didn't work out, and now that I'm here, I know it was for the best," Sheffer told Brian Schiff of the (Philadelphia) Jewish Times. "Nadav (Henefeld) told me about UConn, and I, too, would recommend it to any Israeli player with the ability to play at this level."

As a freshman, Sheffer made an immediate impact in the league. He was named third-team All-Big East and Big East "Rookie of the year." He averaged 11.9 points per game, led the team in steals (79) and was second in assists (164).

"The toughest adjustment I've had to make is playing against great athletes every day," Sheffer related to Schiff.

"Here, the pace is much quicker, and the game is played with a lot more emotion."

With all of UConn's games televised in Israel, Sheffer has become one of the country's most recognized athletes. However, he tries to ignore the pressure that accompanies his new found fame.

"Since I'm here, I don't get to see and hear what's going on (in Israel), so I don't have to deal with it on a daily basis," Sheffer said to Schiff.

Sheffer has one year of athletic eligibility remaining. With every bounce pass and jump shot, Big East opponents will take notice, as will Sheffer's countrymen in Israel.

Beth-El Bowler Scores a 688 Without One Spare

by Howie Wasser

You would think that no spares in three games would mean a nightmare in bowling. Barry "The Rap is Back" Rappoport proved this to be wrong.

He had one game with eight strikes in a row and another with nine strikes in a row, on his way to an astounding 688 series which included no spares. In the latter game he actually beat his two teammates combined. Overshadowed by Rappoport's 253 and 256 games was "Easy" Ed McKiernan's fine 202 game.

The Karnes brothers continued their brotherly competition as Rick crashed out a big 255 on his way to a 603 series and Mark countered with a strong 203 game on his way to a 556 series.

Larry Steingold led his team to a four-game sweep with a 581/222. "Sly" Sy Brooks continued his quest for a 180 average with a 214 game. The Rick Dressler drive toward a 200 average slowed a bit, but he still managed a strong 227.

Walter "Big M" Mikolazyk tried to keep his team in contention but his 220 game came up just short. Tom Bovis led his to an easy victory with a 215 and "Gentleman" Jim Manning powered his team to its only victory of the night with a 200. "Mr. Consistency" Mel Fleischer had his strong game, too, coming in with 212.

So far this year, only five bowlers out of 38 have failed to bowl a 200 game.

Celebrity Wheelchair Classic to Tip Off at CCRI

The Alliance for Better Nursing Home Care is pleased to present Rhode Island's only wheelchair basketball team in a game with local TV and radio personalities on April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island's Knight Campus in Warwick.

The Rhode Island Rhode Runners wheelchair basketball team is challenging a team that includes Warwick Mayor Lin-

coln Chaffee, celebrity personalities from B101, WWRX, WHJY, WPRI, WLNE, and University of Rhode Island basketball coach Al Skinner.

All proceeds will benefit the Alliance for Better Nursing Home Care and the Rhode Island Rhode Runners.

Tickets are \$5 per adult and \$2 for children under the age of 12. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 785-3340.

Phone Company, Bruins Give Fans Emergency Service

Bell Atlantic Mobile and the Providence Bruins have teamed up to ensure season ticket holders are quickly informed of personal emergencies at home while attending Bruins' games at the Providence Civic Center.

Season ticket holders are contacted at their seat location by Bruins' staff members who receive messages from ticket holders' homes through cellular phones provided by Bell Atlantic Mobile.

Callers from home are able to give the Bruins staff information on the precise seat location of their family members because they have that information on a refrigerator magnet — shaped like a hockey puck. Bell Atlantic Mobile produced more than 4,000 "puck emergency magnets" which were mailed to every season ticket holder.

The "emergency magnet" program is designed for season ticket holders to provide their children, relatives or baby sitters with a mobile phone number to reach them at the Civic Center. The magnets have the special phone number as well as a space where the ticket holder can write in the section, row and seat number.

In the event of an emergency, a call can be placed to the emergency number, allowing a Bruins' representative to contact the ticket holder immediately.

"It's the security of knowing that our ticket holders can be reached at any time which makes the system so invaluable," said Michel Gilbert, marketing director of the Providence Bruins. "We have had several instances and comments regarding this promotion."

"One was from the parents of a newborn child, who felt so confident with this system in place, they were able to attend games and still know that their baby sitter could contact them," continued Gilbert. "Another call came to the staff during one game from a distraught wife who needed to contact her husband immediately regarding an emergency in the family. She was put right in touch with him."

So far, the Providence Bruins have received tremendous praise, said Gilbert, from spectators who say this service should be provided everywhere because most of the region's arenas do not permit private announcements during games.



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Bowling Night Set For Young Adults

Join the B'nai B'rith Impact Unit for Young Adults (ages 22 to 40) for a night of bowling at Lanes and Games, Route 2, Cambridge, Mass. (located near the Alewife T stop on the Red Line) on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for Impact members; \$10 for non-members.

For further information about the Impact Unit, or to make a reservation, contact Linda Cohen, associate New England regional director, (617) 731-5290.

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Rocking The Center

Shlock-Rock entertained a large crowd at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on March 26. Led by 30-year-old Lenny Solomon, Shlock-Rock inserts its own words and message into well-known rock hits from the 1950s through the present. The audience enjoyed such songs as "I Can't Get No Homentashen" and "I've Got That Old Time Torah Scroll."

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Trip to Ellis Island Scheduled

Congregation Agudas Achim of Attleboro is sponsoring a day trip to Ellis Island National Historic Park during April vacation. The bus trip for adults and children will take place on April 19.

Families will meet at the synagogue at 7 a.m. and travel by bus to Battery Park, New York City. There they will board a ferry which will pass the Statue of Liberty on the way to Ellis Island. The self-guided museum at Ellis Island features exhibits

about the immigration experiences of many of our ancestors and includes exhibits of heirlooms carried by new immigrants, photographs and recreations of the period. The museum features films and other multi-media presentations.

All are invited to take part in this learning experience. The cost of the trip is \$30. Pre-paid reservations must be received by April 3. For further information, contact Congregation Agudas Achimat (508) 222-2243.

Committee Plans Auction at Alperin Schechter

A committee of volunteers is hard at work on the Goods and Services auction sponsored by the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School.

This gala event will be held on May 11 at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Festivities will begin with a silent auction, featuring items valued from \$25 to \$250. A live auction, conducted by auctioneer extraordinaire Ted Loebenberg, will begin at 8:15 p.m. offering items valued at more than \$250.

Among the goods and services available to bidders are: an evening's use of the Roger Williams Park Casino, art work and antiques, a weekend in a vacation home, haute couture designer handbags, autographed books and sports memorabilia, gift certificates, theater tickets and much, much more.

Admission to the Goods and Services Auction is \$25 per person, and includes an elegant dessert buffet.

Merchandise will be available for preview (and for silent auction bidding) on May 11 at 1 p.m.

Committee members Robyn Furman, Bonnie Gold, Maybeth Lichaa, Mindy Wachtenheim, and Janice Weissburg are stilling look for a wide variety of goods and services for the auction. They would greatly appreciate donations of gift certificates, merchandise or time from people with particular talents or areas of expertise, as well as artwork, antiques, theater tick-

ets, etc.

If you have an item to donate, contact the Schechter School at 751-2470.

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AUCTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS (from left) Mindy Wachtenheim, Maybeth Lichaa, Janice Weissburg, Bonnie Gold, and Robyn Furman.

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BCC Student Senate Produces Diversity

Things are not always what they seem and the modern day push for institutional diversity is no exception. On April 5, the Bristol Community College Student Senate will host the Diversity Players of Boston, who will perform "A Day At The Office."

The play is a serious comedy that challenges the stereotypical belief that all one has to do to appreciate diversity is to put on a tolerant face in public while

privately maintaining old prejudices.

"A Day At The Office" will start at 8 p.m. in the BCC Arts Center Theater and will immediately follow a discussion with cast and crew.

Admission is free for BCC students. Others will pay \$5. Group rates are available upon request. For more information call (508) 678-2811, ext. 2222.

Dinner Dance Will Benefit Bradley Kids

The Cape Verdean Progressive Club is sponsoring a dinner dance on April 8, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. to benefit the creative arts program at Bradley Hospital.

A buffet dinner featuring soup, salads, chicken, meatballs and pasta, coffee and dessert will precede the dance music provided by Larry Silvestry of Double DJ Productions.

Bradley Hospital's Creative Arts Program provides enrichment activities for the children and adolescents at Bradley. Past events have included bringing children to the Nutcracker Ballet, memberships at the Boys' Club of East Providence, and the popular May Fest, where the children make musical instruments, plant flowers, have their faces painted, and participate in special outdoor activities.

Tickets for the dinner dance are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or in advance at the reception desk at Bradley Hospital, located at the corner of Pawtucket Avenue and Veterans Memorial Parkway.

For more information, contact Matilda Perrigo at 434-3400, ext. 201.

The Cape Verdean Progressive Club, at 329 Grosvenor Street, East Providence, is located near the White Neck School.

Museum Offers Astronomy Program

On April 9, "The Life and Death of a Star" astronomy program will be presented at the Museum of Natural History, Roger William Park.

The program offers children's activities from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., sun observation 2 to 3 p.m. (weather permitting), and a slide presentation at 3:30 p.m. The event is free. The museum is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ExPAN Available to Help College Applicants

The College Board ExPAN Explorer, a postsecondary guidance, admission application, and financial aid information computer software program, is now available at the Rhode Island Educational Opportunity Center. The ExPAN software program searches for colleges that match individual needs, and can electronically send two- and four-year college applications over the ExPAN Network to the chosen college.

ExPAN will also calculate what a family might contribute toward college costs, and find scholarships, grants, and loans that match background and interests. The use of the College Board ExPAN computer software program is free of charge and available to all.

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For more information, contact the Rhode Island Educational Opportunity Center, CCRI Providence Campus, One Hilton St., Providence, or call 455-6028.

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THE JOE PARILLO ENSEMBLE will be part of the URI Jazz and World Music Festival. Wendy Klein, second from left, is a flautist with the group.

Jazz and World Music Festival Coming to URI

"Music enthusiasts will have a choice — from Turkish folk music to mainstream American jazz to everything in between. We're one-stop shopping," said Joe Parillo, lecturer in URI's Music Department and coordinator of the festival.

A noted jazz pianist and composer, Parillo performs with the Joe Parillo Ensemble the last night of the festival.

Wendy Klein, flautist, is a member of the ensemble.

All performances will take place in the recital hall of URI's Fine Arts Center, and begin at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$5, \$2 for seniors, and no charge to students with an I.D.

Schedule

Monday, April 3, The Gary Burton Quartet, offers mainstream jazz and features vibraphonist Gary Burton, head of curriculum at Berklee School of Music. Opening act — URI Big Band.

Tuesday, April 4, Intercolle-

giate Night, offers jazz bands from URI and other area colleges and universities; special jazz to everything in between. We're one-stop shopping, said Joe Parillo, lecturer in URI's Music Department and coordinator of the festival.

Wednesday, April 5, The Eurasia Ensemble, offers classical music of Turkey, and related forms.

Thursday, April 6, will feature the Joanne Brackeen Duo, playing jazz standards and compositions by Joanne Brackeen, from New York City, and the URI Traditional Jazz Band as an opening act.

Friday, April 7, will spotlight the Art of Black Dance and Music, with the dance, music and folklore of Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas.

Saturday, April 8, will feature the Joe Parillo Ensemble, offering original compositions of folk jazz with Latin flavor, and an opening act by vocalist Kim Trusty from Providence.

For ticket information, call 792-2431.

Check Out the Conductors

Each of the Rhode Island Philharmonic's five candidates for music director will conduct the orchestra in a Saturday evening classical series concert during the upcoming season.

The opening and closing concerts will be conducted by director Zuohuang Chen. Highlights of the series are as follows.

Opening night, Oct. 21, Zuohuang Chen, conductor. Music director Chen will open the Philharmonic's 51st season with a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 in F major, "Pastoral." The program will also include two works by Respighi, "The Fountains of Rome" and "The Pines of Rome."

Nov. 18, Dorian Wilson, conductor, guest soloist to be announced. The first candidate to conduct the Philharmonic will be Dorian Wilson. The guest soloist and the concert program will be announced.

Dec. 2, Susan Haig, conductor, Elmar Oliveira, violin. Candidate Susan Haig will conduct the third concert. The guest soloist will be master violinist Elma Oliveira performing the Concerto No. 3 in B minor for violin and orchestra by Camille Saint-Saëns.

Jan. 20, Larry Rachleff, conductor, Leon Fleisher, piano. The first concert of 1996 will be conducted by candidate Larry Rachleff. The guest soloist will be pianist Leon Fleisher in a performance of Ravel's Concerto in D major for Piano (left hand alone) and orchestra.

March 9, F. John Adams, conductor, David Kim, violin. Candidate F. John Adams will conduct the Philharmonic in a performance featuring noted local violinist David Kim. The concert program will be announced.

April 13, George Hanson, conductor, Matt Haimovitz, cello. The sixth concert will be conducted by candidate George Hanson. The guest artist, young Israeli cellist Matt Haimovitz, will perform Lalo's Concerto in D minor for cello and orchestra.

Season finale, Zuohuang Chen, conductor. The seven-concert series will conclude with a performance of Mahler's masterpiece, the Symphony No. 2 in C minor, "Resurrection."

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Warwick Arts Foundation Announces Competition

The Warwick Arts Foundation in conjunction with the Gaspee Days Committee will hold the first Gaspee Days Art Competition and Exhibit on the weekend of June 3 and 4.

This juried art exhibit will take place at the renovated Asprey Boathouse in Pawtuxet Village, Warwick, R.I.

A reception and awards ceremony will take place on June 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Jurors are Al Albrekton, artist and educator, Dawn Edmondson, director of the Warwick Museum, and Susan Holland, professor at Harford Art School, artist and partner at Holland's Gallery in Warwick.

There will be cash awards, including a \$750 first prize. The exhibit is also a fund-raising event for the Warwick Arts Foundation scholarship and grant fund, a non-profit organi-

zation founded to promote arts and cultural activities and projects in the community.

Artists throughout New England are invited to submit their two-dimensional work. Entries must be delivered to the Asprey boat house, Pawtuxet Village in Warwick, on May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entries will be limited to two per artist, with an entry fee of \$10 per piece. Work should have been completed within the past two years, and the size of the work should not exceed 3 feet by 3 feet. Unaccepted work must be picked up on May 21 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

To request forms and information, please write to: The Warwick Arts Foundation, 975 Sandy Lane, Warwick, R.I. 02886. The phone number is 461-7579.

URI Holding "Best" Ball

The URI Foundation's 16th annual ball will be held on April 22 at the Westin Hotel in Providence. The ball, whose theme is "The Best and the Brightest," will raise money for Centennial Scholarships at the University of Rhode Island, which will be awarded to students with top academic records.

The ball is black tie optional, and will begin at 7 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner and dancing until midnight, to the music of the Duke Belaire Orchestra.

The door prize is two round-trip airline tickets to any destination in the United States, donated by USAir.

The co-chairs of the ball are Bob Russell, president of Rusco Steel, and his wife, Shari, of East Greenwich, and Tom Ryan, president and CEO of CVS, and his wife, Cathy, of Providence.

"The Best and the Brightest Ball is not only one of the high-

lights of the social season, but also a demonstration of support for the university," says Tom Ryan.

Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information, contact the URI Foundation, 21 Davis Hall, Kingston, R.I. 02881, 401-792-5836.

Art Auction At Temple Habonim

An art auction to benefit Temple Habonim will be held at the temple, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington, on April 8.

A preview of the art exhibit will begin at 7 p.m., with bidding starting at 8 p.m. The admission price includes: hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, cake and coffee, and a door prize.

For tickets and information, call the temple office at 245-6536.

Logee's Greenhouses Stand Alone

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Logee's Greenhouses were built a long time ago, and through the decades, the people responsible for them have kept the faith, preserving the type of greenhouse that you don't see very often these days...the type that no one would dream of building now.

The roofs are high-pitched, with wooden rafters separating the clouded glass panels, which is a good thing because the trees and vines that have been growing in the greenhouses for all those decades press up against

the glass as it is. Bouganvillea flowers, sheer concoctions of wild Caribbean colors, float over your head as you head down the aisles, and oranges, large and small, hang temptingly within arm's reach. These trees and vines provide filtered shade where it is needed, help keep the air underneath them moist, and create an atmosphere of luxuriant growth. Moss grows like a soft green film on many of the trunks and branches. Roots erupt and subside under your feet as you walk past.

Greenhouse leads to greenhouse. You turn a corner, go down a step, and suddenly you are face to face with camellia bushes taller than you are, laden with luscious, plump, pink and red blossoms. You come to the end of an aisle flanked with rows of tiny new plants and find yourself in the middle of an orchid display, most of the plants already in bloom, and prices ranging from \$15 to \$38 for exotic beauties.

Logee's is known far and wide among collectors for its selection of begonias and camellias. It also has one of the most comprehensive herb selections I've seen, a small house entirely devoted to ferns, and plants that I've never seen blooming before—some I've never even seen pictures of before.

The aisles are too narrow—you will find yourself sliding carefully past other customers with a murmured "excuse me," again and again—so do not wear a white linen skirt to tour the greenhouses. But, to help alleviate that, every so often there is a break in the plant life crowding the center strip of the greenhouse, so you can step up, walk across to the next aisle, and climb down.

The horticulturist for the

greenhouses, Tovah Martin, has written several very well-received books on plants. Everyone you talk to at Logee's is knowledgeable.

When I started out by saying that Logee's is one of a kind, I was referring to its unchangeable character. The buildings are old, and because of that, the older plants growing in them have survived and thrived, and become part of the structure themselves. It is not cost-efficient to have so many different kinds of each plant, but it is like finding the mother lode to the enthusiast who walks into this place. Logee's is labor-intensive, but the plant prices are reasonable.

In these days of red, white or blue petunias, red geraniums and yellow marigolds—bring 'em in, water 'em every other day, move 'em out or dump 'em and bring in the next lot, Logee's, and Meadowbrook Gardens, and places like these two, are magnificent hold-outs.

To make finding Logee's easy, I will start you out at the intersection of Routes 6 and 102 in western Rhode Island. Head west on Route 6, and stay on Route 6 till it intersects with Route 12 in Danielson. Turn right onto Route 12, heading north, and go about one mile to North Street, on your left. Turn down North Street, staying to the right when the road forks, and in .3 of a mile, you'll see Logee's on your left. There is extra parking on the right side of the road.

All in all, it is 13.1 miles from the intersections of Routes 6 and 102 to Logee's. It takes about 17 minutes to drive that distance.

Depending on where you live in the state, you will be able to figure out the most efficient way



A LUXURIANT TANGLE OF VINES crisscross the roof of the greenhouses at Logee's.

to get to the intersection of Routes 6 and 102.

If you are looking for an unusual plant, a special ivy, perhaps, a magnificent fuschia or a really rare geranium, try Logee's. If you don't find what

you are looking for—which would amaze and astound me—you are sure to find something else you didn't even know you wanted till you entered the greenhouse.



ROSY PENTAS flourishes against dark green leaves at the Greenhouses.



CAMELLIAS weigh down the branches of a shrub at Logee's Greenhouses.



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OBITUARIES

NATHAN BATES

WARWICK — Nathan Bates, 91, of 1401 Warwick Ave., a jewelry polisher for the former Foster Jewelry Manufacturing Co. in Providence for many years before retiring, died March 21 at home. He was the husband of the late Rebecca (Freedman) Bates.

Born in Norway, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Bates, he lived in Providence since early childhood. He moved to Warwick 35 years ago.

He was a founding member of Temple Am David. He was a Mason. He leaves cousins.

A graveside service was held March 23 at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

MEYER DEUTSCH

TAUNTON, Mass. — Meyer Deutsch, 87, a former associate sexton at Congregation Agudath Achim, died March 24 at Morton Hospital and Medical Center in Taunton, Mass.

He was born in Baltimore to the late Morris and Ida (Gold) Deutsch. He moved to Taunton when he was 15 and lived here the rest of his life. At the time of his death, he was a resident of Taunton Nursing Home in Taunton.

He was the associate sexton for Congregation Agudath Achim for 25 years.

He is survived by two brothers, Louis Deutsch and Harry Deutsch, both of Baltimore; three sisters, Shirley Weinstein of Hartford, Conn., and Frances Deutsch and Louise Gold, both of Baltimore; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held March 26 at Congregation Agudath Achim in Taunton. Burial was at Mt. Nebo Cemetery, Taunton. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

NATALIE DIAMOND

CRANSTON — Natalie Diamond, 71, of 825-B Pontiac Ave., Cranston, died March 27 at home. Born in Providence, she

was the daughter of the late Charles and Hannah (Grodzanofsky) Diamond. She had lived in Providence most of her life before moving to Cranston 14 years ago. She was a clerk for the Emblem & Badge Company in Providence for 53 years until retiring six months ago. She is survived by three sisters, Ruby Glass of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sylvia and Jeanette Diamond, both of Cranston, and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Molly Diamond.

Graveside funeral services were held March 29 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

JEANETTE DUNN

WOONSOCKET — Jeanette (Matzner) Dunn, 78, of Diamond Hill Road, died March 13 in the Coolidge House, Brookline, Mass. She was the wife of the late Robert N. Dunn, who died in 1974.

Born March 1, 1917, in Providence, a daughter of the late Henry and Rosa (Donath) Matzner, she lived more than 50 years in Woonsocket.

She was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel, its Sisterhood and Hadassah.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Silverstein and Debora Rottenberg, both of Newton, Mass., and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held March 15 at Congregation B'nai Israel, Prospect Street. Burial was in B'nai Israel Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Chevra Kaddisha and the Holt Funeral Home, 510 South Main St.

PAUL H. GOLLIS

NEW BEDFORD — Paul H. Gollis, 72, died March 23, after a long illness. He was the husband of Gertrude (Davis) Gollis and son of the late Samuel and Fannie (Lipschitz) Gollis.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital.

Born in Fall River, he lived in the New Bedford area for the last 30 years, and was a member

of the Tifereth Israel Congregation. He was the former manager and co-owner of Gollis's, and the manager of Cove Discount Center until his retirement two years ago.

He was a graduate of Northeastern University and a member of the 32nd Mason of Wamsutta Lodge, the Northeastern Alumni Association, the Jewish Convalescent Home, and the Jewish Federation. He was also a World War II Navy veteran serving in the North Atlantic.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Samuel Gollis of Tuba City, Ariz., a daughter, Hilary Gollis of Allston; two brothers, Alan and Milton Gollis, both of New Bedford.

He was also the brother of the late Lillian Woltman.

The funeral service was held March 24 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, New Bedford. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BERTHA LOPEZ

DARTMOUTH — Bertha "Betty" Lopez, formerly of Chestnut Hill in Newton and North Dartmouth, died March 24 after a brief illness. She was the widow of Simon Lopez and daughter of the late Besse and Louis Maltz.

She died at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford.

Born in Boston, she lived in Newton until moving to North Dartmouth in 1964.

She was a past member of Germania Chapter of the Eastern Star. She was a past president of the sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.

She was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation in New Bedford, as well as many other organizations.

Survivors include a daughter, Enid Weinshel, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held March 26 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford.

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

DORIS L. ROTENBERG

FALL RIVER — Doris L. Rotenberg, 84, of 27 Courtney

St., Fall River, Mass., died March 27 at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River. She was the wife of the late Samuel Rotenberg.

Born in Fall River, a lifelong resident, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Mamie (Schwab) Lidman. She graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School, Class of 1928. She also graduated from the former Thibodeau Business School in Fall River. She was a member of the Daughters of the Eastern Star, Hadassah, Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood and was on the board of volunteers at the former Truesdale Hospital. She leaves a son, Dr. Donald A. Rotenberg, of West Hartford, Conn.; a daughter, Lisa R. Shapiro of Framingham, Mass.; a sister, Jessie Herstoff of Newport, R.I., and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Theodore Lidman, Milton Lidman and Frances Hillman.

Funeral services were held March 30 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery, Fall River.

HERBERT W. SAVIT

NEW BEDFORD — Herbert W. Savit, 69, of New Bedford, died March 18. He was the husband of Syvil (Krivoff) Savit and son of the late Jacob and Mollie (Shapiro) Savit.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital.

Born in Chelsea, he was the owner and president of the former Dartmouth Finishing Corporation for over 25 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of Congregation Ahavath Achim, B'nai B'rith, and the Jewish War Veterans.

He was a World War II Navy veteran who served in Hawaii and the Aleutian Islands. He was a 1949 graduate of Brown University, and was captain of the Chelsea High School basketball team. He was a past president of the former Temple Sinai, and was a lead benefactor of the Jewish Federation of New Bedford, a major donor of the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home and a past chairman of many Israel bond affairs.

Survivors include his widow, two sons, Jeffrey K. Savit of Sharon and Michael K. Savit of Sudbury; three sisters, Nettie Black of Chelsea, Sarah Barden of Winthrop and Helen Groner of North Hollywood, Calif., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 20 at Congregation Ahavath Achim, New Bedford. Arrangements were by the Max

Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

HELEN JANIS SHUMAN

PROVIDENCE — Helen Janis Shuman, 59, of 26 N. Clarendon St., an administrator in the Bio-Med School at Brown University for 25 years before retiring four months ago, died March 22 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Melvin Shuman.

Born in Everett, Mass., a daughter of the late Charles and Edith (Sindel) Nitishin, she lived in Cranston for 31 years. She previously lived in Providence.

She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, its Sisterhood, the Knights Pythias Auxiliary, the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary, and the former Jewish Home for the Aged. She attended the Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing in Boston.

Besides her husband she leaves three sons, Alan Shuman of Pascoag, Bruce and Eric Shuman, both of Cranston; two sisters, Dorothy Mirman of Newport, Anita Freeman of Braintree, Mass., and four granddaughters. She was the sister of the late Irving Nitishin.

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

EZRA SILVERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Ezra Silverman, 88, of 947 Charles St., owner of the former Eddy Street Public Market for 31 years before retiring, died March 21 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Leola (Lieberman) Silverman.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Samuel and Pauline (Silverman) Silverman. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

He leaves a granddaughter, and two great-grandsons, he was the father of the late Judith Johnson.

A graveside service was held March 22 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BENJAMIN STECKEL

PROVIDENCE — Benjamin P. Steckel, 68, 20 Newman Ave., Pawtucket, died March 27 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of Beatrice (Feinberg) Steckel.

Born in Scranton, Pa., he was the son of the late Samuel and Clara (Kruger) Steckel. He had

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lived in Pawtucket for three years, previously residing in Lincoln Park, N.J.

He was an assembler for the former Varityper Company in New Jersey for many years, retiring six years ago. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and a member of the New Jersey Association of the Deaf. He was treasurer of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Mark Steckel of Lake Parsippany, N.J.; two daughters, Sandra Mahoney of Pawtucket and Clara Smit of New Egypt, N.J.; two brothers, Sidney Steckel of Philadelphia, Pa. and Dr. David Steckel of Massapequa, N.Y., and five grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Morris and Louis Steckel.

Funeral services were held March 28 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BEATRICE WASSERMAN

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Beatrice Wasserman, 71, of 5186 Golfview Court, Delray, Fla., died March 21 at Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton, Fla. She was the wife of Melvin Wasserman. She was the widow of Irving Schechtman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Max and Sarah (Resnick) Resnick, she had lived in Delray for 14 years. She had also lived in Warwick.

She was a member of the

Boca-Del Ray Women's Club, a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael, and a member of Hadassah.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons, Stephen Shechtman of Barrington, Gary Shechtman of Brookline, Mass., and Richard Shechtman of Centerville, Mass.; two brothers, Sydney Resnick of Cranston, Robert Resnick of Warwick, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held March 24 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

Torah Today

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dom and release from bondage is ceaseless and infinite. It cannot rest in one place. With each day, as the soul progressively rises higher by means of the Torah and Mitzvos which bring it closer to G-d, it experiences a deep and innermost feeling that whatever state it had attained the day before, has today become like confining chains from which it must break loose in order to rise higher still.

Reference: Pastoral letter dated 11th Nissan 5718.

¹Pesachim, Chap. 10 Mishna 5; Tanya Chap. 47. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

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My wife with her lace collars, beads and pins, dresses for each formal affair from an enormous black valise on wheels. My own minimal mini-kit takes me through the week with a teacher's tweed jacket carrying on from breakfast through dinner.

I meet the Israeli ambassador and speak my piece. "Don't let them juggle a regard for the refugees and their rescuer with an anti-Zionist Socialist bias!" He whispers, "We deal with this all the time."

Each day a surprise was planned to please us. We dined aboard a river barge, like the one that takes us among the milltown canals here at home, but this one features fabulous foods, green soups and fresh salads, red, white and green wines, ports and madeiras, tiny cups with sips of espresso, waiters moving about with desserts or clearing your clutter. At a tiny pottery studio factory I found a white ceramic lifesize figurine of my Italian greyhound. It now stands guard shyly by my own hearth, my singlesouvenir of the lovely and lyrical landscape of haunted Portugal.

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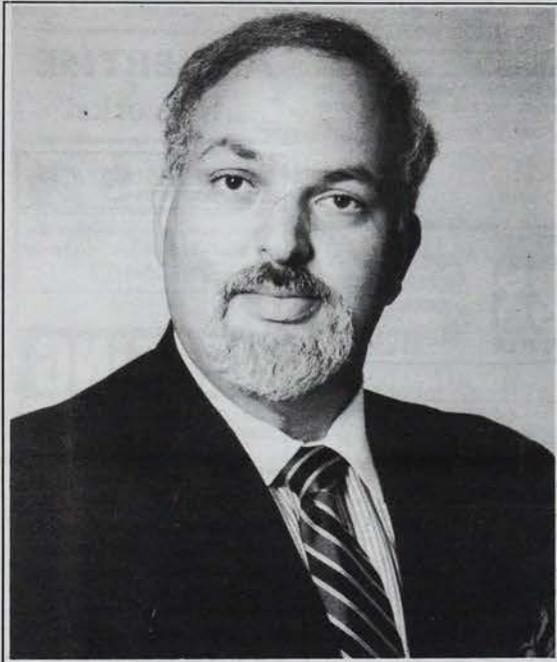
He was the #3 top producer in the country for 1994 through his investment brokerage firm Hornor, Townsend, and Kent, Inc. of Philadelphia, Pa. He is a member of the International Association of Financial Planners, the National Association of Life Underwriters, recipient of the

National Quality Award, National Sales Achievement Award, and Health Insurance Quality Award.

Lax is president of the Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El and is active in many other religious, civic and community activities.

He and his wife, Rhonda, have one son, Ryan, who is a sophomore in Lynchburg College, in Lynchburg, Va. Lax is a partner in Halperin & Lax, Ltd., of Warwick, a complete financial service company.

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The programming was intense. The new members were instructed in the history of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, songs were learned, and the induction of new members took place. Swimming and the basketball court added interest to the night of little sleep.

The next morning started with a walk to Temple Emanuel for a service and an invitation

to join the Bar Mitzvah Brotherhood Breakfast.

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization has chapters in Providence, Cranston, Woonsocket, Attleboro, Newport, South County, and (soon) in Taunton.

All Jewish youth between the ages of 13 to 18 are welcome to join by calling the regional office at (617) 969-8455, or David Hochman, Rhode Island coordinator, at 467-BBYO.

The group wishes to thank all parents and other members of the Jewish community who helped with the program, especially Howard Bromberg.



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