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## Aaron Acquitted in Golden Calf Case

Two Charges Dismissed; One Guilty Verdict  
(no sentence imposed); Three Not Guilty Decisions

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

We'd been hearing about it for weeks — it was happening at Temple Sinai, and opinion was sharply divided in the temple community — The People of Israel versus Aaron, alias John Doe, in the Superior Court for the People of Israel, Mount Sinai County.

"The People of Israel hereby give notice to Aaron, that upon conviction, the Peoples shall seek the death penalty."

The charges: That Aaron did violate the Second Commandment; That Aaron did conspire with others to violate the Second Commandment; That Aaron did encourage others to violate the Second Commandment; That Aaron did take golden household and jewelry items from the People of Israel and the mixed multitude; That Aaron did conspire with others to take golden household and jewelry items from the People of Israel and the mixed multi-

tude; That Aaron did encourage others to take golden household and jewelry items from the People of Israel and the mixed multitude.

In the course of the trial, it was also charged that Aaron did "fashion" an idol — to wit, a golden calf — in direct violation of the First and Second Commandments, which he himself had heard G-d deliver, said commandments stating that the People should have no other gods before G-d, and should not bow down to or worship any idols.

The judge gavelled the court to order shortly after 11 a.m. on the 30th of April and read the indictment, instructing the jury of eight what they should expect in the following proceedings.

Attorney Jodi Gladstone made the opening statement for the prosecution with her daughter in her arms. Her daughter, apparently sympathetic to the defense, got down and left the

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AARON TALKS WITH COUNSEL, while waiting for his trial begin. From the left, attorney Richard Berstein, attorney Jeff Goldstone, the defendant Aaron (Ian Nagle) and Deborah Miller, discuss the case for the defense.  
Herald photo by Alison Smith

## Jews of Oklahoma City Volunteer in Relief Effort, Help Raise Funds

by Alexandra J. Wall

NEW YORK (JTA) — The small Jewish community of Oklahoma City, although physically intact, was left devastated by the recent bombing of a federal building that killed at least 86 people.

"We're a community of only 2,500 in a metropolitan area of just under 1 million, but we are very tightly connected and we are all feeling the pain from this," said Edie Roodman, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City.

The federation has organized a national relief effort to help the victims of the bombing. Roodman called the response to his appeal "just overwhelming."

By the time she reached her office at 11 a.m. the day of the bombing, Roodman said, she had received 50 messages from Jewish federations across the country offering assistance. The bomb went off shortly after 9 a.m. local time.

"Federations have called with the warmest support. It's been a real outpouring of well wishes and concern," Roodman said.

No Jews were killed in the explosion or have been counted among the missing.

Rabbi David Packman of Oklahoma City's Temple B'nai Israel reported that one member of his Reform congregation who worked in a neighboring building suffered an injury from falling debris. She was released from a hospital.

Packman, whose synagogue is one of two in the area, spoke at the memorial service for the victims, along with President Clinton, the Rev. Billy Graham and other dignitaries.

In his address, Packman invoked a metaphor of Jerusalem in saying that Oklahoma City would rebuild itself to its former glory. He also read some passages from the book of Lamentations that express ways of finding hope after despair.

In Oklahoma City, Jews have been among those volunteering to feed the relief workers, police

and others who are working at the building site. Roodman organized the volunteer effort herself, but said that she has a list of 20 more people who are willing to coordinate the more than 75 volunteers.

Both Jews and non-Jews have called the Jewish federation, wanting to volunteer, Roodman said.

"The needs are still very fluid," Roodman said, adding that the volunteers will continue to help in whatever capacity will be necessary in the upcoming weeks.

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## Militias Prepare to Fight Government

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The paramilitary movement, whose loyalists are prime suspects in the Oklahoma City bombing, is widely believed to have links to neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups.

With more than 10,000 members believed to be active in 13 to 20 states, many of these militias borrow their anti-government ideology from anti-Semitic conspiracy theories.

"Their view of government is really a rewrite of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion," said Kenneth Stern, referring to the notorious anti-Semitic tract.

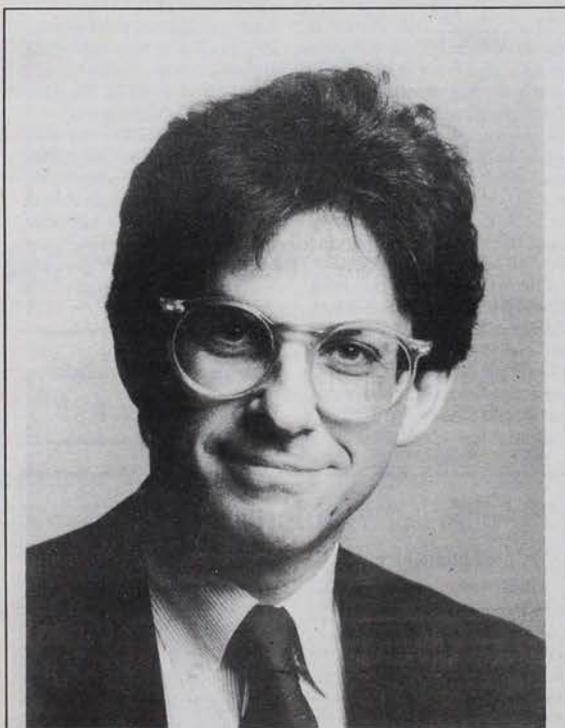
"Anti-Semitism is recast as anti-governmentalism," said Stern, an American Jewish Committee program specialist who recently wrote a report on the militia movement.

The loosely connected militia movement breeds heavily armed foot soldiers prepared to fight against the federal government, according to those who have studied the phenomenon.

The groups believe that the government has violated their liberties through laws on taxation, gun control and home schooling. They also think that U.S. cooperation with international bodies such as the United Nations threatens American sovereignty.

"The aims of these militias, often bellicosely stated, involve laying the groundwork for massive resistance to the federal government and its law enforcement agencies as well as opposition to gun control laws," according to a report issued last

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### Soon To Be President

Carl I. Freedman, Esq., will be installed as Temple Emanu-El's new president on June 3. Freedman's father and grandfather also served as the synagogue's president. See story on page 6.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Walk to Fight Heart Disease

The American Heart Association, Rhode Island affiliate, will hold its sixth annual Harvard Health American Heart Walk on May 6, at Colt State Park in Bristol.

The walk is a five-mile non-competitive walking event to raise money for the association's fight against heart disease and stroke. A special two-mile heart stroll will be available for cardiac rehab patients and others who prefer a shorter route.

With 3,500 walkers expected to participate in the walk, more than 150 walk day volunteers are being recruited to help with the many arrangements for the

event.

Volunteer assignments include: registration filers, greeters/helpers, accounting, walk day set-up and clean-up, walk route bike and traffic patrol, walk route water stations, food and beverage tent set-up, serve and clean-up, finish line greeters, parking, and walk totals displays.

The time commitment varies with assignment, most requiring a 3- to 4-hour commitment. All walk day volunteers receive an event T-shirt and lunch.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Lezlee Shaffer at 728-5300.

## For Those in Grief

The next meeting of The Compassionate Friends (a self-help group for parents who have suffered the death of a child) will be held on May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan's Church Hall, 33 Turner Ave., East Providence, R.I.

"Mother's Day/Father's Day" will be the topic of discussion at this meeting.

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

## Do You Know Any Great Trees?

Every community has at least one great tree... Perhaps a tree that has sat in the middle of town green for as long as anyone can remember, or an immense tree that people on woodland walks stop and admire.

The Rhode Island Urban & Community Forest Council wants to hear about these champion and culturally or historically significant trees in an effort to build a data base about significant trees in Rhode Island. All residents are invited to send in their nominations for this statewide search.

Twelve winning nominations will be photographed and featured in the first annual 1996 Notable Tree Calendar that will be distributed throughout Rhode Island. Nominators will also be recognized.

Notable trees will fall into three categories:

- Champions — Trees that

are particularly tall or wide. A national register, maintained since 1941, exists for champion trees. Rhode Island has one tree on the National Champion Tree Register—a pussy willow (*Salix discolor*) in Jamestown.

- Culturally Significant — Trees that are particularly beautiful, or are used for certain celebrations.

- Historically Significant — Trees planted by well-known people or associated with important historical events.

The Rhode Island Urban & Community Forest Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and improving Rhode Island's tree resources.

To receive more information and a ballot, call Norma Willis at 647-3367. Ballots will be accepted until June 2, 3:34 p.m. to the end of spring and the beginning of summer!

## Langevin Hosts PROPAC Reception

Providence Professionals Against Cancer will hold their monthly reception on May 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Fish Company, 515 South Water St. in Providence. Secretary of State James R. Langevin will be the host. He will speak on the importance of community service.

PROPAC is an arm of the American Cancer Society dedicated to the elimination of cancer through the fund-raising, public education and public awareness. Committee members plan and host monthly receptions in the Providence area. Attendees are asked to make a \$15 tax deductible donation. Members can win door prizes, make friends, and establish business contacts in a comfortable non-smoking environment, while supporting the fight against cancer.

## Cancellation

The Cranston Historical Society's Antique Quilt Show, scheduled for May 13, has been cancelled.

## Twins Club to Meet

The Attleboro/Taunton Mothers of Twins Club meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Saint Mary's Parish Center located at the corner of Power Street and Route 123 in Norton, Mass.

At this month's meeting (May 8), the club will nominate officers for the 1995-96 year. A cope session will follow.

All mothers, expectant mothers, grandmothers and godmothers of twins and multiples are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Bette Cataldo at (508) 222-5975 or Dawn Sukeforth at (508) 699-6761.

## Red Cross Offers CPR Course

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Red Cross Community CPR course on May 11 and 18 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Church, 50 Orchard Ave., Providence.

Students learn rescue breathing, first aid for choking, and CPR for adults, children and infants. The course also teaches students what to do in an emergency, first aid for a heart attack, and ways to prevent childhood injuries.

Students successfully completing this course will receive a Red Cross Community CPR certificate which is valid for one year.

The cost for the course is \$35. Advance registration is required.

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

## Wilcox Park Schedules Expanded Garden Market Fair

Wilcox Park will host its annual Garden Market Fair on May 21 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Broad Street in Westerly, R.I.

With the assistance of park superintendent Jeffrey Steele, and fair chairman, Beverly Boucher, this year's event has been expanded to include more features and vendors.

A children's corner, cottage garden selections, a green elephant table, plants propagated from the park collections including daylilies from the Rathbun Collection, perennials, ground covers, shrubs, trees and dwarf conifers, will be available.

University of Rhode Island master gardeners will be on hand to provide answers to horticultural problems, and vendors from Connecticut and Rhode Island will offer garden sculpture, pots and butterfly houses, as well as the usual and unusual in plant specimens.

There will also be some plants propagated from seeds from Thomas Jefferson's gardens at Monticello, and from as far away as Holland and Spain.

Wilcox Park is located in downtown Westerly, adjacent to the Westerly Public Library on Broad Street.

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## Find Out What's In the Water

Mark Gould, a professor at Roger Williams University in Bristol, and renown for his macroinvertebrate expertise, will be leading a workshop on macroinvertebrate identification. Macroinvertebrates are small creatures that inhabit rivers and streams whose presence (or lack of) speaks volumes about the health of a particular body of water.

The workshop, to be held May 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Roger Williams University, science and math building, Room 124, will be geared specifically towards those macroinvertebrates that should inhabit the Runnins

River, whose headwaters are in Rehoboth and travels through Seekonk crosses Route 6 and finally empties into Hundred Acre Cove in Barrington.

A follow-up field session will be held the following Saturday at the Grist Mill in Seekonk from 9:30 a.m. to noon, to give workshop participants some actual field identification experience.

For more information, call Ann Pelletier Strong at 253-1330.

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# FEATURE



Florine Mark

## Setting an Example for Millions

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

The world of weight loss is filled with triumph and disappointment. Each year millions of Americans attempt, with varied success, to shed weight. Many who do slim down eventually regain the weight.

If there is a single person dieters can look to for inspiration, it's Florine Mark. Not only did Mark lose 50 pounds and keep the weight off for the last 27 years, but as president and chief executive officer of the Weight Watchers Group, Inc., she has helped countless people in their struggle to lose weight.

Mark's association with Weight Watchers began in the '60s. At the time, the program was only available in New York, so Mark commuted from her home in Michigan once a month until she lost 50 pounds.

In July of 1966, Mark established her first Weight Watch-

ers franchise, in Michigan. Today her company has 2,500 employees and the mother of five and grandmother of 16 spreads her message throughout Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania as well as in Canada and Mexico.

When Mark isn't helping people lead healthier lives, she has plenty to keep her busy. Mark sits on the board of more than two dozen organizations, including the March of Dimes, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, the Jewish Welfare Federation, the Weizmann Institute of Science and United Jewish Appeal.

At an early age, Mark learned the importance of giving to those who may be less fortunate. "I grew up in a poor Orthodox household," said Mark. "My

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## Did You Know This Doughboy?

Eleanor Horvitz of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association has sent us another con-



Who Is He?

tribution to "Can You Help Us?"

Horvitz says, "Here are some clues. The photograph of this unidentified World War II serviceman was included in memorabilia donated to the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association by the Rubinstein family.

"Rabbi Israel S. Rubinstein assumed the duties of rabbi of Sons of Zion in 1904 and served until his death in 1926. The rabbi was a descendant of 15 generations of rabbis.

"Rabbi Israel Rubinstein and his wife, Fanny, had three children, Louis B. Rubinstein, a practicing lawyer in Rhode Island for 50 years (he died in October 1988); Ida Rubinstein, a senior personnel technician in the examining division of civil service in the Rhode Island area (she died in May, 1987); and Bella Rubinstein, a biology teacher at Mount Pleasant and Classical High Schools for more than 40 years (she died in May 1990).

"Nothing on the photograph indicates where it was taken."



## A Pair of Golems

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Kids have always found a cranny in the Fifth Street block where fun and fantasy hide out on shelves — from the trick stores of the '40s to the card and comics shops of today. Grown-ups enter the portals of these places at their own risk. You are greeted with shelves of serials with disturbing names and logos or drawings of crude superheroes like "Concrete Man," invulnerable and insensate.

the poetic passage beneath reading cryptically. "Three such creatures stood burning at the crest of the hill." This golem makes me think of The Torch and Toro from the war years. The Golem of Prague, one of the great myths of Jewish folklore, gave birth to much of romantic science fiction like Frankenstein. Visitors to the Czech Republic can't miss its presence as a living legend used by dramatists and painters. Every comicstrip hero has roots in the Golem of Rabbi Loew. Several films have been made about our golem, silent and talking, German and French. Now it's cards.



Evenso, the "Maus" series also lives on these racks, and the spirit of Kafka haunts the dark nooks where my son and his cohorts buy, sell, trade, swap, and just hang out. Art and junk stand side by side.

My all-time favorite spook is The Golem, and my boy brings home various versions of our original Jewish Superman among his Magic Cards. I have an "Obsidian Golem," shadowy, stolid, with the biblical misquote, "The foot stone is connected to the ankle stone, the ankle stone is connected to the leg stone," inscribed underneath, bone fossilized or alchemized into stone.

I also keep upon my windowsill "The Coal Golem," with

I write these words about cards and the upstairs and downstairs rooms about town, along Thayer and Hope, where they are stashed and sorted, to reach some young readers. And also, to dwell on the destiny of "cards." Whatever deck you deal, for Tarot or bridge, for poker or pitching, or sports, or "magic," you are in a twilight zone of imagination and fatalism.

"Tell the story of the golem," my youngest orders me. "The rabbi murmurs some Hebrew incantations and gives life to a statue. This creature does his will and protects the community. But then it turns into a spoiled monster like a mad or foolish dog. The rabbi takes the scroll of his words out of the forehead and the golem crumbles to dust."

Now the golem lives in the little frame of a clever drawing on a card. Of course if you say the right word, he will slip off

the card, in your room at night, and help you fight off your own dusty demons under your bed. I lower my voice and say these dire things to my boy. "Yeah, right," says my 9-year-old with a smirk. I can't scare him. He's far beyond the grasp of my ability to weave strange yarns. But he likes me to try.

Cards keep their ancient element of poetry and mystery, a proud beauty that kids respond to. "Golems are Jewish," brags my boy to his friends on the block. My mom used the Yiddish word "golem" as a mild rebuke if you were inattentive and idle. But the magic card craze has enchanted today's generation of youngsters. And if you look among their loot, you may be caught off guard by the excellent designs, the fancy language, and the social game that connects everybody under 30, like a miniature stock market.

I take his hand and we go up the narrow black stairways tucked beside the shops on Thayer Street to the little galleries in quest of the cabala of cards. I wind my fingers round his as we cross Hope Street to while away a quarter of an hour in the carrels of Atomic Comics. My mom was right. Maybe the golems are us.

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# EDITORIAL

## Living with HIV

by Mark Paige

On Sunday, April 9, 140 people joined together at The Jewish Community Center for the Seder of Hope, an interfaith Passover gathering of people touched by AIDS. Sponsored by the AIDS Task Force of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the seder was the first of its kind in the state, modeled after other seders held in Jewish congregations and organizations throughout the country.

Before the seder began, Beth Milham of the Rhode Island chapter of the Names Project brought our attention to the quilt panels adorning the walls, each panel lovingly created to honor someone who died from AIDS. One panel, which was particularly poignant for our gathering, was also the panel which began the Names Project. This panel was made for Marvin Feldman, a Jewish man from Rhode Island. Since Marvin's panel was created, the quilt now includes 30,000 panels of men, women, and children dead from AIDS. For more information on the Names Project, call 847-7367.

The Haggadah was used as the basic outline to follow as we incorporated the story of the liberation of the Jewish people with the story of the plague of our times. The four questions were altered to fit the occasion, asking "Why is AIDS different from any other illness?" In answer to the question "Why on this night are we gathering with friends and strangers alike?" we heard that "AIDS and Passover have brought us together to celebrate G-d and the liberation of our people and to support each other as we fight this illness. Some of us are living with HIV or AIDS. Some of us love people with HIV or AIDS. And some of us have lost loved ones to AIDS. What better way to glorify G-d than for strangers to come together to love, support and offer hope to one another?"

There were many people who worked very hard to make this evening such an important and moving event, but special thanks should go to Rabbi James Rosenberg of Temple Habonim, Cantor Nancy Ginsberg of Temple Beth-El, Reverend Thomas Ahlburn of the Unitarian

Universalist Church, Roberta Lisker-Goldsmith and Julie Gutterman for creating the beautiful Seder of Hope Haggadah, Carrie Jacobson and Debbie Blitz for organizing the delicious seder meal, Phyllis Potash, Eileen Gray, Sen. David Cicilline, the student volunteers of Brown-RISD, Roger Williams, and Johnson and Wales University Hillels, the Kol B'Yachad A Cappella Choir of Brown-RISD Hillel, Dr. Ed Mehlman, chairman, CRC AIDS Task, Rose Mossberg, head of the CRC at the federation, and of course, the many businesses that donated food and drink. As an outgrowth of this seder, the Jewish Federation is looking to start a support group for those touched by AIDS. If interested, call Rose Mossberg at 421-4111.

This Seder of Hope was especially meaningful to those in our community living with HIV/AIDS or mourning the loss of loved ones, who until now may not have had the opportunity to grieve for their losses in a supportive Jewish gathering. Those in attendance will not soon forget the deep feelings shared which unites all our communities as we offer strength and hope to one another in the face of this tragic disease.

## In Appreciation for Job Well Done at Brown

To the Editor:

Recently a group of students from Brown University's Project Chased Club worked with the Rhode Island Blood Center's Marrow Donor Program to organize and sponsor a bone marrow drive on campus. Using money raised from generous donations from the Jewish Federation and Hillel as well as from bake sales and private donations, this group was able to pay for marrow tissue typing for 61

donors from the Providence/Brown community.

Each volunteer donor added to the National Marrow Donor Registry increases the hope of patients and families in need. On behalf of the National Marrow Donor Program and the many patients and families we serve, thank you, Project Chased, for a job well done!

Laura A. McDonald  
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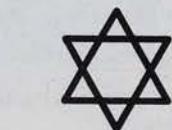
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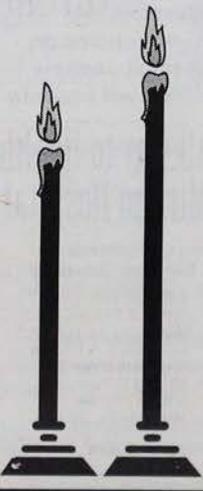
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## Candlelighting

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## Wedding Day

by Cindy Halpern

Although the wedding bells are ringing,

Listen closely to the voices of Angels singing:

We are the L-rd's messenger,  
These words of wisdom we deliver:

I am the L-rd  
to whom all praise is due.  
Today,  
Let there be wine and song  
But these are not the gifts I bestow on thee.

The years shall pass very fast  
And thy beauty and youth shall not last.

But,  
I am the L-rd  
Who joins you in holy matrimony

On this day,  
There shall flow tears  
And you will face many fears.  
But do not be afraid,  
I shall take away the darkness of night

With all my might  
And bring the light  
Into your life.

By thy helpmate,  
Share your burdens,  
Honor one another.  
If you remain true to these words,

I pledge to thee:  
Your love will never end  
No wind, no force of time  
Can make it bend.

## PARI To Celebrate 9th Anniversary

The support group sponsored by PARI (People Actively Reaching Independence) for people with epilepsy will celebrate their ninth anniversary with a pot-luck luncheon on May 9. The meeting will be held in the main conference room at Independence Square, 500 Prospect St., Pawtucket, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Defamation and Incitement Erupts Again on WLIB

A new chapter in radio station WLIB's long history of hate-filled broadcasting and incitement to violence has prompted the Jewish Action Alliance to commence plans for de-licensing proceedings before the Federal Communications Commission.

Beth Gilinsky, president of the Jewish Action Alliance stated on April 26, "The Jewish Action Alliance has a tape recording and verbatim transcript of extremely anti-Semitic, defamatory and inciteful broadcasting by WLIB talk show host Gary Byrd on April 13, 1995. Mr. Byrd maliciously, falsely and irresponsibly spread the ancient blood libel accusing Chasidic Jews of 'terrorizing' non-Jewish black children; and Mr. Byrd explicitly threatened these Jews with death. His unmistakable intent was to stoke the flames of violence and unrest which have been systematically stirred up for years by WLIB broadcasts, as we can also document."

The attorneys of the Legal Committee of the Jewish Action Alliance have begun work on several fronts, including steps to

bring the abusive and illegal conduct of WLIB to the attention of the FCC, and all appropriate law enforcement authorities.

The alliance also intends to bring WLIB's conduct to the attention of the station's corporate sponsors. In the past, advertisers who have learned about WLIB's anti-Semitic hate-mongering have often chosen to withdraw their advertising. Moreover, the Jewish Action Alliance will contact the station's owners, investors and board of directors to demand that they take action to put an end to the abusive conduct on WLIB.

Gilinsky stated: "It is shocking to note that former Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton, New York State Comptroller Carl McCall, Jesse Jackson, former Mayor David Dinkins (and/or their families) and other prominent political figures have maintained investments or ownership interests in WLIB; yet, they have failed to rein in the violent and inflammatory demagoguery which has for so long spewed forth from WLIB."

## 'You Shall Love...'

One of commandments contained in this week's Torah portion, Kedoshim, is the mitzva of ahavat Yisrael — loving one's fellow Jew. "You shall love your fellow as yourself," the Torah enjoins us. This mitzva is so important that Rabbi Akiva termed it "a great principle of Torah" — the key to observe all Torah and mitzvot.

Rabbi Yisrael Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chasidism, sought out the unlearned Jew, whose simplicity and sincerity placed him on a higher spiritual level than many sophisticated scholars. Commenting on the Talmud's statement that the Jewish people are the two pairs of G-d's "tefilin," the Baal Shem Tov likened the simple Jew to the tefilin bound around the arm (symbolic of the deed), whereas the learned Jew is likened to the tefilin worn on the head (symbolic of the intellect). Just as tefilin are placed on the arm before the head, so too, practical deeds take precedence over intellectual knowledge.



Loving one's fellow Jew, therefore, involves respecting both the ignorant and the learned. In both these cases, however, the Jews in question are undeniably good. But what about those who are not? The Magid of Mezeritch, successor of the Baal Shem Tov, demanded that we love the absolutely wicked and the righteous in equal measure! The underlying reason is that when one concentrates solely on the Jew's inner essence, all Jews are equal and

worthy of being loved.

Yet even this kind of love is somewhat limited, for when we say that one type of Jew should be loved like another, it implies that certain differences between them do exist, no matter how minute. Rabbi Shneur Zalman, founder of Chabad Chasidism, taught that the love one Jew feels for another cannot be measured, much like the love between two brothers that stems from their very souls. The commandment to "love your fellow as yourself" must therefore be taken literally: "as yourself." Just as self-love covers up a multitude of defects, so too must we love our fellow Jew with the same intensity.

Isn't this just a high ideal for which we strive but never hope to actually attain? Jews are different. Is it really possible to love a total stranger to the same degree one loves himself?

Yes! Although much has been written on the subject, suffice it to say that our love for each other is only a reflection of G-d's love for His children, the Jewish people. Consequently, it is only natural that not only do we love G-d in return, but we extend that love to those whom he loves as well, without distinction.

In a deeper sense, however, the entire Jewish people may be said to comprise one collective whole, for the essence of every Jew is his soul, "a veritable portion of G-d Above." On this level, ahavat Yisrael is really loving ourselves, not some outside entity! May we witness the greatest revelation of G-d's love for His children with the immediate redemption by Moshiach.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

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# FEATURE



THE BAILIFF, WITNESS AND JUDGE seek to solve the riddle of the microphone.



DEFENSE COUNSEL, Attorney Jeff Goldstone, and the defendant Aaron wait for a judicial ruling on an objection.



ENOUGH, ALREADY. The daughter of counsels for the defense and prosecution takes a hike.

## Acquitted

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stand before her mother was through.

Attorney Richard Berstein opened for the defense, inviting the defendant Aaron to the stand and introducing him to the jury. Berstein raised the question of the defendant's age (83) which might be the basis for an incapacity appeal later, and pointed out that if G-d himself had been wroth with Aaron for what he did, He would have killed Aaron, instead of making him High Priest for the people of Israel for 40 years after the calf incident.

The state called Moses as its first witness. Moses was seen to glance at counsel for guidance, from time to time, but seemed otherwise undisturbed by cross-examination. When asked about the state of mind of the People while he was on the Mount past the expected time of his return, he said sternly, "They knew where I was."

A gold collector, the next witness for the state, testified that he was directed to collect gold, and did so, that he remonstrated with Aaron that these actions might be in conflict with the First and Second Commandments, that Hur, ordered earlier by the mob to collect gold and make a golden calf, had refused and been murdered immediately as a result. The collector made it clear that he was not a goldsmith, himself, and had no part in the actual creation of the calf.

The goldsmith, who admitted having created gold calves in Egypt, also admitted hearing Aaron say, "I'm going to build the calf, no matter what." He described the process of idol-making as very complicated, requiring much experience. He testified that Aaron merely threw the collected gold into the fire.

"And all of a sudden, the calf appeared — right?" the prosecuting attorney asked.

The smith reluctantly admitted helping Aaron with the calf, but kept referring to the creation as "fashioning" the calf.

The prosecution said, "It was fashioned...a perfect golden calf? You were the sculptor?"

"Yes. Correct."

"You made the calf, correct?"  
"No! He (Aaron) made the calf."

"What little instruction you gave him — it was very little, wasn't it?"

A sidebar conference was hastily called at the judge's bench, the results of which were not made known to the jury.

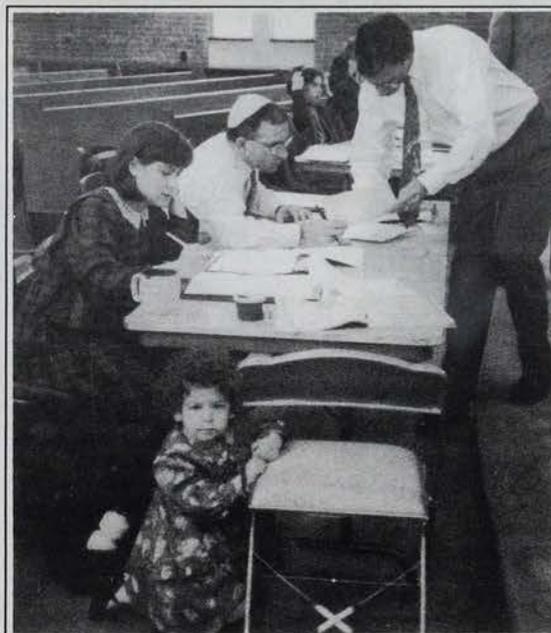
Several members of the tribe were called to the stand to testify as to general conditions at the time of the calf-making. Two women said that when asked for their gold, they refused, and were not punished or coerced as a result. One admitted, under examination, that Aaron had been a very strong leader "at

first" — until the calf incident. Under further examination she stated that he was a very good leader for 40 years after that, as High Priest.

At this point, a deposition taped with Lubavitcher Rabbi Eliezer Levy was played for the benefit of the jury. Levy testified that he had examined the texts involved 25 times during his lifetime, and that in his opinion, Aaron, although held responsible in a way for the event, was not guilty of actual sin — of creating the golden calf. Levy quoted three sages, and pointed out that while thousands were killed for demanding, and then worshipping, the idol, Aaron

was not killed. He pointed out that the tribe, due to miscalculation, had expected Moses back a day or two early — the first day of his ascent should never have been considered a full day of the 40 days involved. And Levy admitted that Aaron, being a lover of peace, may have de-

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THE PROSECUTION PREPARES its case. From the left, attorney Jodi Goldstone, attorney Carl Levin and Judge Gerstenblatt confer on the Calf Case, while Goldstone's daughter takes notes under the table.



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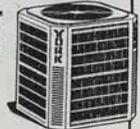
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# MILESTONES



Heidi Malman and Craig Albert

## Malman and Albert Engaged

Hope and Joe Albert of Newton, Mass., announce the engagement of their son, Craig, to Heidi E. Malman, daughter of Laurie and Arthur Malman of New York City. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Laurie and Arthur Malman of New York, N.Y. She is the granddaughter of Jack Levine and the late Martha Levine of Swan Lake, N.Y., and Lottie and Benjamin Malman of Long Island, N.Y. Her fiancé is the grandson of

Harry and Eva Feldstein of Wayland Ave., Providence, and the late Hyman and Sonia Albert of Randolph, Mass.

The bride-to-be is a student at New York University law school. Her fiancé is a graduate of Lehigh University and New York University. He is an associate at Dewey Ballantine law firm of New York City.

The date of the wedding has been set for December 31, 1995.

## Sollosy Named Chairman of Workers' Comp Company

Sheldon S. Sollosy, president of Manpower Inc. of Providence, has been elected chairman of the nine-member board of directors of the Beacon Mutual Insurance Company — Rhode Island's primary workers' com-

pensation insurance carrier.

"Our mission, going forward, is to remain competitive in a business environment that is now reacting very favorably to the workers' comp reforms of 1990 and 1992," said Sollosy, who was an instrumental player in the reform movement.

Sollosy, who is a resident of Cranston, also serves as chairman of the Providence Public Library, chairman of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, chairman of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, and chairman of the Human Resource Investment Council.

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## Freedman to be Installed as Emanu-El's 17th President

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, who both served as synagogue presidents, Carl I. Freedman will be installed as the 17th president of Temple Emanu-El during Shabbat morning worship on June 3.

Freedman and his family have been members of the temple since they moved to Rhode Island from Philadelphia in 1978.

Freedman, an attorney, is a partner in the firm of Licht & Semonoff. He is a 1972 graduate of Haverford College, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy where he earned a master's degree in international relations, and Villanova University School of Law, class of 1977.

The new president who is known by many as "Corky," lives in Pawtucket with his wife, Beverly Ehrich and their three children, Jesse, Adam and Benjamin.

Freedman has served on the temple board for many years. He was a member of the cantorial search committee, he has been financial secretary, and most recently vice president.

He is the long-standing chair of the membership committee, where he has worked hard to encourage the temple to reach out to people from diverse backgrounds and experiences. His most intensive involvement in temple life has been in the area of family programming. He and his wife were leaders in the ini-

tiative to revamp High Holiday programming for families.

The Freedmans were among the founding members of the Young Families Committee, and the Early Kabbalat Shabbat program.

From 1990 to 1992, Freedman was a board member, vice president and president of the Brown/RISD Hillel Foundation. He has also served as president of The Workplace, a non-profit organization which provides transitional employment opportunities for mental health consumers.

A special kiddush luncheon in honor of the installation of the new officers will follow the services.

## Cohen to Wed Molloy

Rachelle Cohen, daughter of Carolyn Cohen of Warwick and Joel Cohen, and stepdaughter of Barbara Wakefield of Natick, Mass., announces her engagement to Peter J. Molloy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Molloy of Franklin, Mass.

The bride-to-be graduated from Toll Gate High and Johnson & Wales University and

is employed as catering manager for Aramark Services located at Milton Academy, Milton, Mass. Her fiancé is a graduate of Franklin High School and Johnson & Wales University. He is employed as restaurant manager at the Sheraton Towers in Boston.

The wedding date has been set for October 14.

## Krasnow Honored by B'nai B'rith

Jordan P. Krasnow, Esq., a co-managing partner and a member of the real estate group at the Boston law firm Goulston & Storrs, has been selected to receive the B'nai B'rith New England Realty Unit's prestigious Distinguished Achievement Award. The presentation will be made at a gala dinner dance scheduled for June 7 at the Westin Hotel in Boston.

Krasnow is being honored for his contribution to the real estate community and for carrying on his firm's deep commitment to pro bono activities through his service to community groups involved with affordable housing.

The B'nai B'rith New England Realty Unit is an organization of Jewish real estate professionals dedicated to providing philanthropic real estate services to the community. Proceeds from this function will be used to support B'nai B'rith International's Youth Service Agencies — the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and Hillel.

For further information about the dinner or the Realty Unit, or to make a reservation, call (617) 731-5290.



Peter J. Molloy, Jr. and Rachel Cohen

## Harvard Law Dedicates Hauser

On April 29, Harvard Law School will dedicate its newest building, named for Gustave M. Hauser, Class of '53, and Rita E. Hauser, Class of '58, who met and married while at the school in the 1950s. Their \$13 million

gift — the largest cash gift ever donated to a law school — has supported construction of Hauser Hall, which contains classrooms and faculty offices.

Hauser Hall was designed by the Boston architectural firm

Kallmann, McKinnell & Wood, whose other works include Boston City Hall, the Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, and Hynes Convention Center. The city of Boston and the Metropolitan District Commission awarded the 1994 Harleston Parker medal to Hauser Hall, calling it "the most beautiful building" in the metropolitan area. The building contains two seminar rooms, three conference rooms, and 35 faculty offices.

Gustave Hauser is chairman and CEO of Hauser Communications, Inc., a private investment and operating company in cable television, international satellite, and other electronic communications.

Rita Hauser has practiced law as a partner with Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, specializing in international legal matters, and she is engaged in philanthropic activities as president of the Hauser Foundation.

The Hauser gift is the largest to the Campaign for Harvard Law School, a five-year fund-raising effort that is unprecedented in scope in legal education.

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## FEATURE

## Free Seminar for Pregnant Women Scheduled

An upcoming seminar will try to answer all the common questions about choosing a doctor or midwife, breastfeeding, eating health foods, and comfort measures for pregnancy and birth.

Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island and the Coalition for Family Centered Maternity Care are co-sponsoring a morning seminar, "Pregnancy, Birth and Beyond: Making Educated Choices," on May 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

The schedule for the morning is as follows:

- Registration: 8:30 to 9 a.m.
  - Session 1: 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. "Breakfast: Healthy Foods for Pregnancy" — A tasty way to sample and learn about healthy foods for you and your baby.
  - Session 2: 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. "What About a Midwife" — An obstetrician/midwife team will provide information on how they collaboratively provide care for patients.
  - Session 3: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. "Planning a Positive Pregnancy & Birth" — A panel discussion addressing comfort measures useful for pregnancy and birth.
  - Session 4: 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. "Breastfeeding: Making the Choice" — A discussion of its healthy benefits for your child.
- Session space is limited, so early registration is advised.

## Less is More Positive Omission

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

"I look around the hall, but I can't tell who is fasting," said Professor David Gitlitz in Temple Beth-El. "That's how the Iberian crypto-Jews kept their religion — not by what they did, but by what they did not do."

During and after the Inquisition, you might fear your neighbors, even your family members. They might turn you in for Judaizing. But you could always refrain from eating, as a sacrifice. You might search for the doable fast among the forbidden, undoable festivities, to atone and to connect. Yom Kippur ranked higher than Rosh Hashanah. Purim featured the Fast of Esther. During Passover, the bit of matzah, or unleavened cracker, served as magic and holy amulet, tucked under a hat to cure headache or under a bed to ease childbirth.

If a secret Jew left, came out of hiding, and asked to rejoin his co-religionists, the rabbis would greet them with caution. You have adopted Catholic customs, you know nothing of Judaism. But this descendant of survivors, clinging to the memory of a memory, had kept alive a flickering flame for hundreds of years. Our own Touro synagogue was founded by just such families, who had lived underground as cryptos for a century before leaving the peninsula for the Caribbean archipelago.

Please call Women & Infants Hospital's health education department, 274-7410, to register or for more information.

## Setting an Example

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entire family, including six aunts and uncles lived in a small house, but I remember that my bubi left her life belongings to UJA."

When asked if Weight Watchers would be suitable for someone who keeps kosher, Mark gave an example of an Orthodox cantor who lost 100 pounds on the Weight Watchers plan.

Mark insists that one doesn't have to starve or undergo a rigorous exercise program to get in shape.

"It's a matter of exercising in a way that you don't make yourself miserable," said Mark. "Even if that means twice a day for 15 minutes."

According to Mark, it's not a catastrophe to gain some weight back. I still go to Weight Watchers meetings once a month. If I start to get in trouble, I go weekly," said Mark. Sometimes I need to be reminded how to handle myself."

Aside from the tremendous amount of charity work Mark does, she also has been known to pop in on Weight Watchers classes and give a motivational speech.

"I know how lucky I am," said Mark. "I try to give back to the community what G-d has given me."

## "Jews Were Never Burned"

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

Professor David Gitlitz teaches a course at the University of Rhode Island dealing with the effect of the Inquisition on Spanish Jews, and the development of Crypto-Jews.

Most of us, I learned in an interview with him, have accepted some myths about the Inquisition as facts.

The Inquisition ran its course from 1478 to 1834, much longer, and later, than many think. It was certainly a major force in the history of Western Europe.

Early on, in Spain, the majority of the Jews, facing an ultimatum to convert or get out, converted. They were successfully assimilated — by which I mean they settled into the population, and disappeared forever from sight as Jews. If the first generation held out, the children made the transition. On the whole, the process was relatively non-violent, physically.

Many of the more Orthodox left Iberia permanently. Others went to Portugal, which remained a safe haven for Jews for quite a while. But, when the Inquisition finally did arrive in Portugal, it was in a virulent form. Between 1496 and 1497 many Jews in Portugal were forcibly converted. It was sudden, it was devastating to the Jewish community, but it lasted only a short time.

The Jews were by no means the only group targeted by the Inquisitors. Crypto-Muslims, gays, Protestants, witches, and erring priests were hit harder and in greater numbers.

After about 200 years of this, or by 1700, the Crypto-Jews were, to all intents and purposes, gone. Very few were left wherever the Inquisition thrived, in Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Peru and Mexico.

There are still, and always have been, folk legends about Crypto-Jews still surviving in secret little cells. Professor Gitlitz believes these are more lore than fact. There was one group, living on the Portuguese/Spanish border, discovered in 1917 — perhaps 200 or 300 families living in three or four towns. These survivors had developed idiosyncratic customs which not only set them apart from their neighbors, but also from most Jews. For instance, they observe Passover by not eating pork for 40 days before the holy days start.

In East Providence and Fall River, here in the United States, there are a few families from the Azores — Madeira, particularly — who retain vestigial customs that are not Sephardic in origin.

The Inquisition was perhaps a more civilized program than is commonly realized. It was a very bad time for its victims, but it did have some redeeming features compared to persecution at other times and in other places. For instance, people accused of a violation were always provided with a defense attorney. The grand jury system was used. Torture was not nearly as common as is customarily believed. The goal seemed to be to destroy unrepentant heretics, and several thousand may have been burned at the

stake, all told. (Anglos burned many more than that in their witch hunts.) But about 50,000 people were "penanced" — punished by house arrest, being forced to wear a penitential robe, putting in time in a galley, etc. — and then restored to normal life. Recidivists — sinning again after having been warned and punished — were dealt with very harshly.

One unappealing feature of the Inquisition was the use of "familars" — people whose duty it was to keep an eye on everybody else, and report error to the authorities... a system of spies. When the Inquisition first hit town, an "edict of grace" would be proclaimed (leading to our phrase, "a grace period") during which you could turn yourself in, admit your mistakes, and get off fairly lightly. The grace period was usually two weeks. Then, the crackdown started. If you knew of someone who had acted heretically, and had not turned himself or herself in, and you did nothing about it, you would be considered as guilty as the original sinner, and punished accordingly. If you knew of someone who knew of someone, etc... and did nothing about it, you would be as guilty as the original miscreant. This led, of course, to neighbor turning in neighbor, family member turning in fam-

ily member. Very unpleasant.

The Inquisition conducted real hearings, and interviewed, in major cases, as many as 200 or 300 people, to get to the truth of the matter.

They never burned Jews. Jews, by virtue of being Jews, could not be considered heretics. They burned Christians who were doing Jewish things — Gitlitz says, "Baptismal waters were considered irrevocable." So once you converted, it was hazardous to your health to change your mind.

In 1992, 500 years after the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, Spain celebrated, if that is the right word, the anniversary, and tried to atone in some small way. It had not escaped anyone's notice that many Jews are tourists, and so a campaign was launched, with the opening of a Sephardic Museum and a Sephardic Research Institute. Hundreds of books were published on Crypto-Jews and Sephardics.

In this country, Sephardic studies are offered at schools in Binghamton, N.Y., University of Rhode Island, U.C.L.A. in California, and several other New York schools.

Gitlitz has a book coming out in the spring of 1996, published by the Jewish Publishing Society, called, *The Religion of the Crypto-Jews*.

He is a very interesting speaker. The book should be absorbing, and well-written. Certainly the subject matter is absorbing.

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David Gitlitz

Members of the Sousa Mendes Society scheduled their meeting around the Gitlitz lecture. In their attempts to bring the Jewish and the Portuguese communities into closer bonds, they have been eager to explore household rituals that show a possible marrano or Hebraic tie among our Portuguese New England neighbors. "Mezuzahs and menorahs don't count as evidence, because they would not have been used by the cryptos," counters Gitlitz.

The Sousa Mendes group met afterwards, like a crypto club, in a chamber underneath the lecture gallery. It is often small groups like these that bring Jewish issues to the attention of larger organizations. Gitlitz is a member of the society, and went downstairs to join them.

# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## 'No Nation Was Helped as Much...'

Excerpts from a message from Shimon Peres.

"Dear Jewish people all over the world,

I would like to send to you the greetings of the State of Israel, from our capital, Jerusalem.

"We are celebrating now the 47th anniversary of the State of Israel. While we still are facing a great deal of problems, a great deal of sorrow because of terror, fighting, threats and problems, it is a real celebration for us — remembering 47 years ago when, all told, we were not more than 600,000 Jewish people in Israel. Today we are seven times as many — 4,400,000 Jewish people. Never in our history were there as many Jewish people in the land of Israel as there are today — the largest number.

"For us, peace is not a political expediency. For us, peace is a moral choice. Because, in spite of our strength and in spite of the fact that we are recognized the way we are, we do not want to dominate the lives of another people — Palestinians, or any other nation. We would like to see in them neighbors, not subjects....

"... The growth of the Israeli economy over the last year was more than 7 percent, the highest growth in the Western hemisphere.

"We have a highly developed industry, basically high-tech. What we lack in land, we have in brains. What we lack in water, we have in science.

"We have an excellent educational system, totally computerized... a computer for every 11 children, from the age of 4....

"We have an independent court, we have a totally free democracy — vibrant, argumentative, alive.

"...Over the last four years, we have had 600,000 Jewish people who came from the former Soviet Union; 50,000 people who came from Ethiopia; another several tens of thou-

sands of people coming from all over the world....

"All these achievements are co-venture between the Jewish world and ourselves; between the Jewish communities all over the world and the State of Israel. No nation was helped as much, we feel, by our brothers and sisters. So we feel that this is a celebration for all of us. Our achievements are yours. Your contribution is our achievement as well.

"...My generation, that had the great luck to participate in the creation of the state 47 years ago, we feel that we shouldn't leave our responsibilities before we shall make the tough decisions and let the younger generation enter the 21st century as free as any youngsters in the world, as educated as any other youngsters, as Jewish as their fathers and mothers, as their forefathers, in accordance with our heritage and the hopes of the prophets....

"May I wish all of you and all of us a year of peace and happiness, of independence, of togetherness and enlightenment."

Shimon Peres

## 'We Are One Step Closer'

Excerpts from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Independence Day message to communities abroad in 5755-1995.

Dear Friends,

"From our very first Independence Day, when the joy of the reestablishment of the Jewish state was mingled with the sound of enemy fire and the cries of dying comrades, we have dreamed of peace. This Independence Day we are one step closer to fulfilling that dream.

"This year, too, we have lost precious lives through terrorism.... I have no words of consolation for you, because I know well that no words can ever heal the pain, and that all words lose their meaning when they meet your faces and your eyes. The pictures of those dear to you,

## Amending the Law of Return: Proposals Ignite Controversy

by Uriel Masad

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Reigniting a heated controversy that has raged in Israel and in diaspora communities throughout the world, two Orthodox members of the Knesset have proposed amendments to the Law of Return.

The proposed amendments to the law, which was passed in July 1950 granting all Jews the right to immigrate to Israel, was also the subject of a heated exchange recently among members of the Jewish Agency for Israel's Executive.

The latest proposals were made amid an ongoing debate about the large number of immigrants from the former Soviet Union who are not Jewish according to halachah, or traditional Jewish law.

According to a recently released Interior Ministry report, more than 110,000 non-Jews have come to Israel since 1989, representing some 20 percent of all olim from the former Soviet Union in that period.

The Absorption Ministry estimates that the number will continue to increase slightly in

the coming years.

The amendments were introduced recently by Yitzhak Levy of the National Religious Party and Avraham Ravitz of the Degel HaTorah Party.

The first amendment seeks to abolish the "grandparent clause," which in 1970 was added to the Law of Return to allow the non-Jewish grandchildren of Jewish grandparents to immigrate to Israel.

The second amendment would bar those who convert to Judaism in Israel from bringing the rest of their non-Jewish family to the country.

Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban, who is strongly opposed to abolishing the grandparent clause amendment, pointed out in a recent newspaper interview that no more than 2 percent of all olim would be

## Ambassador: Jordanians Oppose Ties with Israel

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Most Jordanians are opposed to normalized relations with Israel until it also concludes peace accords with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon, Jordan's newly appointed ambassador to Israel said recently.

Speaking to reporters in Tel Aviv, Marwan Muasher said "most Jordanians' support is lukewarm and guarded at best" for the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty signed in October.

Muasher, who took up his post as Jordan's first ambassador to Israel earlier this month, said most Jordanians want to see how the issues of Palestinian refugees and the future of Jerusalem and Jewish settlements is resolved before they would back the treaty.

A large proportion of the Jordanian population is of Palestinian origin and many have relatives living in the West Bank.

"Without successful conclusion of agreements on the Palestinian track in particular, but also on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks, we cannot hope to create the proper environment under which peace between peoples will prosper," Muasher said.

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affected by such amendments.

He added that although converts would not have an automatic right to bring over the rest of their families, he would prefer that the issue be dealt with by the supreme Court, rather than by an amendment to the Law of Return.

## Le Pen's Strong Showing Worries Jews

by Michel Di Paz

PARIS (JTA) — Leaders of French Jewry were dismayed by the strong showing of extremist-right National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen in recent French elections.

Le Pen, who has been known to make anti-Semitic statements and campaigned on an anti-immigrant platform, received 15 percent of the vote.

To everyone's surprise, including his own, Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate for the French presidency, won the elections with 23.3 percent of the vote.

As a result of his victory, Jospin will face Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac in the May 7 runoff elections to replace outgoing President Francois Mitterrand.

Although Le Pen has claimed that he is not anti-Semitic, he has made frequent statements in the past denying that the Holocaust took place.

In 1991, an appeals court in Versailles ordered him to pay about \$18,000 for slurring Holocaust victims.

As far back as 1968, a Paris criminal court found Le Pen guilty of having issued a recording of Nazi war songs and marches. The record also contained a commentary by Le Pen, who voiced his approval for Nazis accused of having committed war crimes.

Although he expressed dismay at Le Pen's strong showing, Jean Kahn, president of CRIF, the umbrella body representing France's secular Jewish organizations, said he did not believe that all those who voted for Le Pen were racists and anti-Semites.

"It was a vote of protest and of despair, protest against the bad economic situation, against the financial scandals in which many political leaders are involved," Kahn said.

"After having protested, most of Le Pen's voters will go back to more traditional parties," he added.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Militia

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year by the Anti-Defamation League.

Although the groups' stated target is the U.S. government, many of the leaders have allied themselves with neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups, including the Aryan Nation and the Ku Klux Klan, according to both ADL and AJCommittee.

In their literature, the militias talk about an international conspiracy to take over America using code words such as "international bankers," which is still used in anti-Semitic quarters to describe a plot by Jews to take over the world.

Jews are seen by many of the leaders of this movement "as the evil force behind government," Stern wrote in the AJCommittee report, issued just nine days before the Oklahoma attack.

"It is not unreasonable to surmise that this blend of anti-Semitic and anti-government paranoia and guns will result in tragedy," Stern wrote with a certain prescience.

## The militia movement breeds heavily armed foot soldiers prepared to fight against the federal government.

Thomas Halpern of the ADL called the militias a "new generation of extremism."

Nonetheless, Halpern, the co-author of the ADL report, "Armed and Dangerous: Militias Take Aim at the Federal Government," said it is hostility to the government that drives the movement, not anti-Semitism.

Some militias have gone out of their way to distance themselves from anti-Semitism and racism, Halpern said, "partly because they regard anti-Semitism and racism as a loser."

Some of these groups believe anti-Semitism and racism "will drive more people away than it will attract."

In the wake of the Oklahoma bombing, President Clinton and members of Congress have pledged to give law enforcement agencies more power to monitor militia groups operating in the United States.

The bombing has highlighted concerns that law enforcement agencies at times have to wait too long to investigate groups suspected of terrorist activity.

Arab Americans, however, have cautioned against using the bombing in Oklahoma to rush any legislation through Congress.

Even prior to the Oklahoma bombing, some Arab Americans and others had expressed concern that such legislation would violate civil liberties.

In any case, Congress has now put counterterrorism on the fast track.

Activists on both sides of the issue expect committee votes to begin in the coming weeks.

## Israelis May Find It Harder to Find a Dentist in Jordan

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The National Union of Dentists in Jordan has warned its members that they could face possible expulsion for treating Israelis.

The group's president, Saeed Abu Maizer, issued the warning recently in response to news reports that Israeli visitors to Jordan were taking advantage of relatively cheaper costs for dental services in the Hashemite Kingdom.

The *Jerusalem Post* reported that hundreds of Israelis have gone in search of cheap dental care in the Jordanian capital of Amman, where a filling costs about \$14, compared to \$40 in Israel.

The Israeli Health Ministry said it could not prevent people from seeking treatment in Jordan. Treatment cannot be recommended, either.

Ministry representatives said it is impossible to know how careful Jordanian dentists are in sterilizing equipment to prevent the spread of diseases such as hepatitis and AIDS.

The Jordanians had no figures on how many Israelis have sought treatment there.

Similar directives against having dealings with Israelis have already been issued by other Jordanian professional associations, including those serving writers, doctors, lawyers and engineers.

In each case, the directives reflected opposition to normalizing ties with Israel by establishing contacts through their professional fields.

King Hussein has warned the associations in the past to stay out of politics and to stick to issues directly affecting their members.

## Senator Cancels Briefing Amid Controversy Over 'Judenrat' Remarks

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A key Senate opponent of stationing U.S. troops on the Golan

Heights has abruptly canceled a briefing scheduled for this week because he believed that one of the speakers was too extreme in his language.

Sen. Slade Gorton (R-Wash.) called off the breakfast session after learning that Mark Langfan, a staunch opponent of the Israeli government's peace overtures, equated Rabin's quest for peace with the actions of those Jews who cooperated with the Nazis.

"A valid discussion on this important issue would require a broader panel," Gorton's spokeswoman said.

Gaffney has led the charge on Capitol Hill to convince members of Congress to oppose a U.S. military presence on the Golan in the event of an Israeli-Syrian peace deal.

Langfan said in an interview that Gorton's explanation for canceling the session is "nothing more than a fig leaf."

According to Gorton's aide, the senator changed his mind after "hearing from constituents and from members of Congress who had dealt with Mark Langfan."

In his original invitation to fellow senators, Gorton had praised Langfan's record and his maps.

Langfan and Gaffney have briefed members of Congress together on numerous occasions.

When asked about his relationship with Gaffney, Langfan said he donated \$1,000 to Gaffney's group last year and expects to contribute about the same this year.

## Tourism Ministry Consolidates Holyland Marketing Base

In an effort to concentrate promotional efforts directed at potential Christian visitors to the Holy Land, the Israel Ministry of Tourism will consolidate its two Southern promotional offices in Atlanta and Dallas into an expanded new office based in Dallas.

The ministry has embarked on a multi-faceted marketing campaign to create increased demand among Evangelical Christians. With over 70,000 churches in the region and more than 42 percent of the population considering itself born-again Christian, the southern

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## Association of Jewish Libraries to Meet in Chicago in June

The 30th annual convention of the Association of Jewish Libraries will take place in Chicago, June 18 to 21, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown.

The convention program, organized around the theme, "Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future," will include presentations on Jewish literature, art, music, bibliography, and genealogy; workshops on cataloging and Internet navigation; and demonstrations of the latest library software.

The convention will feature an exhibition of Judaica publications, software, and arts and crafts; a storytelling festival; and an introductory course on collection development for the small Judaica library.

A joint session of the American Library Association and the Association of Jewish Libraries entitled "Connecting Libraries: Exploring the Relationships Between 'Secular' and Jewish Resources and Services" is planned for June 22.

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the convention, contact Cheryl Banks at (708) 432-8900, Nancy Sack at (708) 491-7583,

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## Oklahoma City

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Roodman said the Jewish community has discussed helping to rebuild the YMCA Day Care Center that was directly across the street from the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

No children were killed there, but "many were hurt. They lost everything, and we'd like to help them rebuild," Roodman said.

Packman said the community hopes to contribute \$50,000 to help rebuild the downtown area in the name of the Jewish community, and has started the Explosion Relief Fund for that purpose.

But the Jews in Oklahoma City have not been the only ones to offer help.

In Tulsa, Oklahoma City's sister city, the Jewish community has offered direct assistance.

Contributions to help rebuild in Oklahoma City can be sent to the Explosion Relief Fund, c/o the Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City, 710 West Wilshire, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Okla. 733116.

B'nai B'rith International has also set up a fund for the victims. The group has so far collected \$64,000. Donations can be sent to the B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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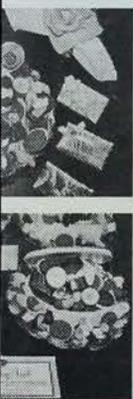
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Several hundred leaders of Conservative congregations, cantorial students and lovers of hazzanut from throughout the United States and Canada are expected to join with members of the world's largest body of

hazzanim in the five-day gathering, which will offer the ambiance and on-site programming that highlighted previous Catskill conventions.

Unlike other professional organizations within the Conservative movement, the Cantors Assembly welcomes and encourages the participation of lay leaders and lovers of hazzanut. The assembly address is: 3080 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10027. The phone number is (212) 678-8834.

## Miriam to Honor Patricia G. Cohen

The Miriam Hospital Women's Association will honor Patricia G. Cohen at a luncheon to be held on May 16 at the Ledgemont Country Club. This year marks the 98th annual meeting of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the association's 12th annual Recognition Award.

Cohen, a past president of the association for two terms, is the unanimous choice for this honor. Always available to answer a question on protocol or solve the mysteries of a computer system, Cohen addresses the need at hand and with great generosity.

Aside from being a computer buff, Cohen is a master jazz dance teacher at Brown University and Rhode Island College, speech pathologist and editor.

The association also recognizes the contributions of outgoing co-presidents Terry

Lieberman and Suzanne Gilstein. Past co-president Joanne Summer will be inducted to serve another term with Morrisa Zwetckhenbaum and Harriet Samors. Vice presidents will be Nancy Schottland, serving for a second term, with Cheryl Blazar and Harriet Granoff. The recording secretary will be Roberta Loebenberg and corresponding secretary will be Lillian Zarum. Samors will continue in a second office as treasurer.

For more information about the luncheon, call 331-8500, ext. 2520.



Patricia G. Cohen

Delegates to the convention will elect new officers and take part in a varied series of workshops and practicums designed to enhance their skills as hazzanim and synagogue leaders.

Round-the-clock music will fill the air — from 8 a.m. morning prayer services to impromptu midnight promenade concerts; from a workshop on Yiddish songs (Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.) to the presentation of the Off-Broadway play "That's Life" (Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.); from a hazzanic concert by the assembly's most accomplished artists (Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.) to one featuring rising young stars in the organization's firmament (Sunday, 8:30 p.m.).

## 'Hazzan-Net' — Cantors in Cyberspace

Workshops will include a seminar on "The Hazzan as a Composer," and "Hazzan-Net: The Hazzan Enters the Computer Age."

An important highlight of the convention will be the continuation of the popular Ba'al Tefila Institute for lay persons who wish to improve their skills as prayer readers.

Founded in 1947, the Cantors Assembly is composed of some 450 cantors serving congregations in the United States, Canada, Israel, Australia, Belgium, England, France and Turkey. It publishes the *Journal of Synagogue Music*, the world's only forum devoted exclusively to music and synagogue liturgy, and operates a placement service for bringing hazzanim and congregations together.

## Seniors to See "Loman Family Picnic"

The Senior Adult Center of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, will be traveling to see "Loman Family Picnic" at the Jewish Theatre of New England in Newton, Mass., on May 11. This play is about a middle-class Jewish family living in Brooklyn in 1965. The bus will leave JCC at 12:30 p.m. and will return by 5:30 p.m. The cost for this event is \$17 for Golden Age Club members and \$19 for non-members.

Seniors can enjoy a hot kosher lunch at 11:30 a.m., before the trip. A donation of \$1.35 for lunch is appreciated. RSVP to Lori Broomfield at 861-8800 by May 5.

## Say Farewell to the Rabbi

Soon Rabbi Sidney Helbraun will be leaving Temple Beth-El in Providence for a position as senior rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Northbrook, Ill.

The Temple Beth-El Brotherhood will be holding a catered deli dinner in the rabbi's honor on May 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults, children will be admitted free.

Checks should be made out to Brotherhood of Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, R.I. 02906 and must be received by May 8.

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5. Relatives of the Family of the Year Committee are not eligible.

6. The deadline for entries is midnight, June 30, 1995.

Awards will be announced at the Jewish Family Service annual meeting in October. For a nomination form or for additional information, call 331-1244. Forms are also available at the JFS office at 229 Waterman St. in Providence.

## Debate On Capital Punishment Scheduled

The B'nai B'rith IMPACT group will sponsor a panel on "Capital Punishment: Pro and Con" on May 17 at 7 p.m., at the B'nai B'rith New England Regional Office, 34 Washington St., Brighton, Mass. Guest panelists will be David Lowy, Gov. Weld's deputy legal counsel, and Martin Rosenthal, vice president, Massachusetts

Citizen's Against the Death Penalty.

Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$5 for non-members; B'nai B'rith IMPACT members are free. Reservations required by May 15.

For further information, or to make a reservation, call (617) 731-5290.

## Discussion of Republican Congress at Brown Bag Club, May 9

The 104th Congress has been in session for more than 100 days. Many bills have been introduced; some have passed and others have not. On May 9, at noon, the Brown Bag Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, will have as its guest Nancy Langrall, policy director for Congressman Jack Reed (D-R.I.). She will explain

what has been going on in Washington, D.C., and discuss issues currently under consideration in Congress.

Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. A \$1 donation is appreciated. Yiddish Vinkel will follow at 2 p.m. Call Evy Rappoport at 861-8800 for more information.

## Social Seniors Meeting May 10

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting on May 10 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David on Gardiner St. in Warwick. Entertainment will follow the meeting and refreshments will be served.

On May 17, a club river cruise is planned. Lunch will be served at the Peppermill. For reservations call Sally Goldman.

## Horseback Riding with the Outdoor Club

The Outdoor Club of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, will be going horseback riding at Roseland Acres in Tiverton on May 7. The group will meet at the JCC at 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members. RSVP to Dana Zucker at 861-8800 by May 5.

## JFS and JERI Volunteers Invited to Reception

Anyone who has volunteered with the Jewish Family Service or the Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island program during the past year is invited to attend a volunteer recognition reception as an honored guest. The reception will be held on May 17 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Senior Adult Lounge of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

Featured in this celebration will be entertainment provided by Bernice Bronson, a noted Rhode Island storyteller and actress, in addition to musical offerings and light refreshments. Jewish Family Service and JERI will express appreciation to the volunteers, who play an integral role in vital support and outreach programs. Those wishing to attend are asked to respond by May 12. Call 621-5374.

## Looking For Miss Ocean State

Miss Ocean State-USA Pageant is now accepting entries for the 1995 competition to be held at the Omni Biltmore Hotel in downtown Providence, Sept. 9 and 10. Applicants must be single women ages 17 to 27 (as of Sept. 10, 1995) and Rhode Island residents to be eligible.

The winner will be awarded \$5,000 cash and many other prizes. In addition, trophies and prizes will be awarded to runners-up, amity and photogenic winners. Performing talent is not a requirement.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Rabin Rejects Accord Between Arafat, Fundamentalists

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has rejected an agreement reportedly reached between the Palestinian Authority and its fundamentalist opposition.

Under the terms of the agreement, the self-rule government would release fundamentalist activists in exchange for an end to terror attacks against Israelis inside the autonomous areas.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that under any such agreement, the Hamas and Islamic Jihad fundamentalist groups would have to declare an end to all terror attacks against Israelis — not only in the self-rule zones, but throughout the East Bank and within Israel as well.

"We will not accept any agreements between the Palestinian Authority and extremist terrorists — the Islamic Jihad and Hamas — if they do not [stop] all activities inside the autonomy and outside of it," he said.

Rabin met with settler leaders last week, who said plans to withdraw the Israeli army from Palestinian population centers

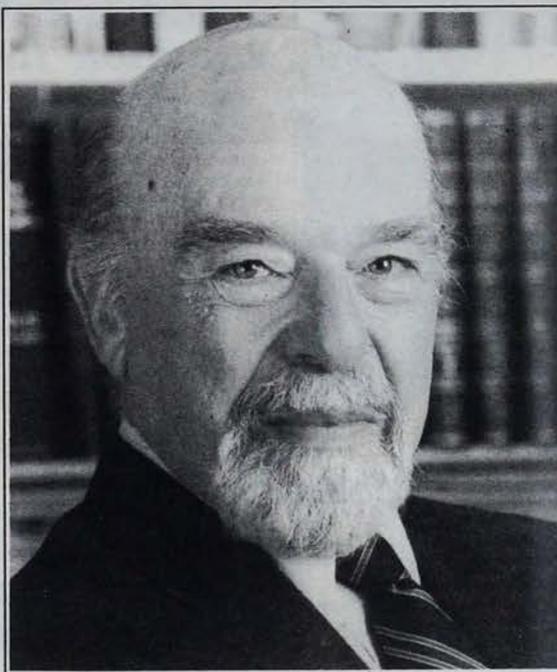
in the West Bank could endanger Jewish residents in the area. The withdrawal would not take place because of continuing terror attacks by fundamentalist groups.

Meanwhile, Israel Television reported that the Islamic Jihad denied having pledged to stop terror attacks against Israelis.

An Islamic Jihad spokesman, attributing the announcement of an agreement to the Palestinian Authority, said contacts are continuing between members of the self-rule government and the fundamentalist opposition in an effort to calm tensions in the Gaza Strip.

Recent Hamas and Jihad attacks have brought renewed pressure by Israel on its self-rule government to crack down on fundamentalist terror.

The subsequent crackdown by Arafat resulted in the detention of hundreds of militants, jail sentences for several fundamentalist activists, and warnings of weapons confiscations. The crackdown led some militants to warn of a violent confrontation with the Palestinian Authority.



Dr. Leon Jick

## Beth-El Features Leon Jick

Temple Beth-El, in Providence is pleased to welcome Dr. Leon A. Jick, professor emeritus of American Jewish studies at Brandeis University on May 5. Jick is a highly accomplished scholar and will be the guest of the temple's Association of Reform Zionists of America Committee.

Jick will speak during Shabbat worship services on "What a Difference a State Makes!" Following worship services, an oneg shabbat in honor

## Benefactors Present Classical Ensemble

The Temple Beth-El (Providence) Benefactors Fund will present the New American Chamber Orchestra conducted by Alexander Paley on May 9 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the temple sanctuary.

Notickets will be distributed for this event. The doors open at 7 p.m.

The orchestra is the only classical ensemble in the United States composed entirely of refugees. All of its members are recent arrivals from the Soviet Union and were among their country's most highly regarded orchestra musicians.

The program will include works by Mozart, Hindemith, and Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings" in C Major, Opus 48.

## Beth Israel to Present 'Godsongs'

"Godsongs: The Jewish God in Prayer" will be presented at Congregation Beth Israel, 15 Jamesbury Drive, Worcester, on May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Through narration and song, Cantor Stephen Freedman will illustrate how G-d is portrayed in the traditional liturgy. G-d as creator, as king, as teacher, as guardian, are but a few of the characterizations which will be interpreted by Freedman.

For further information, call (508) 756-6204.

of Jick and ARZA will be held in the temple's Silverstein Meeting Hall. The evening begins at 7:45 p.m. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

For more information, call the temple at 331-6070.

## Eden Installing Officers

The Eden Garden Club's annual luncheon will be held at noon on May 18 at the Ledgemont Country Club. Bertha Goldberg is chairman of the day. Guest speaker is Florence Markoff. Her subject is "There's A Word for It."

Goldberg will install the following officers for 1995: Corinne Lamchick, president; Phoebe Nulman, vice president; Dorothy Kramer, recording secretary; Frances Sadler, corresponding secretary; Shirley Schreiber, treasurer; Martha Finger, program chairman.

Reserve seating by May 11. Call Bertha Goldberg, 942-4488.

## B'nai B'rith Collects \$64,000 in 6 Days

In an enormous outpouring of support, the B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund collected more than \$64,000 in just six days for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing.

B'nai B'rith President Tommy Baer announced the creation of the fund for the Oklahoma City bombing victims just hours after the bombing. B'nai B'rith is currently working with government officials and relief organizations in Oklahoma City to determine how to best help those affected.

In the last five years, B'nai B'rith has raised more than \$700,000 for man-made and natural disaster relief. B'nai B'rith's first disaster relief campaign was organized to help victims of a Baltimore fire in 1868.

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## The Clash of Symbols

The good news is that none of the following is intended to dissuade you from shopping at Bloomingdale's.

At the beginning of this week's portion Acharei, G-d tells Moses to instruct his brother Aaron to wear linen vestments when going into the tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, on Yom Kippur. Normally the high priest would wear vestments woven with gold.

The reason was that on the holiest day of the year the high priest should not wear something reminiscent of the golden calf that the children of Israel worshiped at Mt. Sinai when Moses was receiving the law. This moment — the entrance of Aaron into the holiest place on the holiest day to ask forgiveness for the sins of all the Jewish people — was a powerful symbol. As such, it required that every aspect of Aaron's manner, including his attire, be sufficiently humble.

Does G-d object to finery? No. The priests had gold woven into the robes they wore the rest of the year. The children of Israel weren't chastised for having gold jewelry at Mt. Sinai — only for fashioning it into an object of worship.

Today we all have the opportunity to enter the Holy of Holies in our linen vestments. Whenever we seek humility, look into the depths of our souls, we are shedding the garments of self-importance and arrogance, and opening up to atonement and purification.

Every mitzvah you observe does have a meaning. It's a symbol, a reminder, of your identification with certain beliefs and practices. It reminds G-d of your devotion, and it reminds you of what He requires of us.

We all have our ways of symbolizing belief: in fact, our society thrives on the detail of sym-

bology. Hairstyles, clothing, cars, even brands of cola today seem to suggest who we are. It's disingenuous to complain that strangers shouldn't judge you by your appearance. What other clues do they have?

Similarly, we have to season our lives with clues about the power of simplicity and virtue, in order to remember regularly that we are subject to His commandments. Those symbols might be traditional Jewish rituals, or they might be very personal habits and items that keep us on track.

It's not only the mitzvah observance itself, but the meaning in your heart also matters. No one says you can't reach G-d on the phone in your Lexus. But you do have to achieve a state of humility before you call.

Submitted by Rabbi Eliezer Levy of the Chai Center in Warwick.

## Celebrate Independence Day in New Bedford

In honor of Yom Ha-Atzmaut — Israel Independence Day, Tifereth Israel Synagogue in New Bedford will present "Images Through the Artist's Eye," May 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. The program will be held in the temple's small social hall.

Through the eyes of three local artists, this year's event will celebrate the moving and lasting impression that Israel makes on the hearts and souls of all who experience its history and beauty firsthand.

There will be a wine and cheese reception from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by the keynote address. Art work will be available for purchase with a portion of sales to be donated to the UJA/Federation Campaign.

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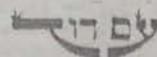
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Marian and Irving Wiseman

## Wisemans' Contributions to be Recognized

Irving and Marian Wiseman will be honored by State of Israel Bonds at a tribute dinner at the Ledgemont Country Club on June 14 at 6 p.m.

Chairing the event will be Richard Kaplan, who serves as chairman of the Rhode Island State of Israel Bonds Campaign. Guest speaker will be Michael Bar Zohar, Israeli writer and former chairman of the Knesset Committee for Education and Cultural Arts.

Irving Wiseman is active in all areas of the footwear industry and holds executive positions in many trade and philanthropic organizations. He has served as chairman of the Continuing Exodus Campaign for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and is a federation vice president and a member of the board of directors. He is a trustee of Salve Regina University in Newport and serves on the executive committee of Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

He is also a trustee of the Miriam Hospital and has funded the Marian and Irving A. Wiseman Chest Pain Center at Miriam. The Wisemans' Endowment Fund at Women's & Infants' Hospital supports a division of neonatology and state of

the art neonatal intensive care unit. Irving and Marian Wiseman are similarly committed to the new Children's Hospital at the Rhode Island Hospital.

Marian has served as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Martin Luther King Center in Newport, and she is a member emeritus of the board of trustees of the Newport Art Museum. She is also a member of the board of the Women's Division of Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and a Saphire Lion member of the UJA Women's Division. She is a life member of Hadassah. Following her special interest in the arts, together with her husband, the Wisemans have provided funding for the Newport Museum's Art School and for the children's art room at Striar Jewish Community Center in Stoughton.

For exemplary service to their synagogue, the Rhode Island community, and the State of Israel, the Israel Bond organization is pleased to pay tribute to Irving and Miriam Wiseman by presenting them with its prestigious Leadership Award.

For reservations or information on Israel Bonds, call the Israel Bonds office at (800) 752-5651.

## Getting Your Money Back

Sixty-five percent of Americans traveling to Europe are unaware that they are entitled to a value-added tax refund on the purchases they bring home, according to a recent study conducted by Europe Tax-free Shopping, the world's leading VAT refund service.

As a result, ETS estimates that American tourists left behind a record more than \$35 million in unclaimed VAT refunds last year.

"While we saw an increase in the number of Americans getting their VAT refunds in 1994, the boost in tourism and tourism spending means that Americans are leaving behind more money than ever before in Europe," said the chairman of Advance Ross Corporation, the parent company of ETS.

"Americans are generally unaware of the VAT refunds because there is no VAT or tax refund system for travelers here in the United States," Ferrill added.

Most European countries impose VATs, which are included in the sales price of most

items sold in Europe and can be as high as 20 percent or more of the purchase price. Visitors to Europe can receive a refund of the VAT on purchases they bring home.

In preparation for the 1995 spring and summer peak Europe travel season, when a majority of an expected 9 million American travelers will visit Europe, ETS is beefing up its marketing program in an effort to create greater awareness of the VAT refund process among Americans.

"Many Americans think the refund process is complicated and unreliable," Ferrill said. "In fact, ETS makes VAT refunds easy, convenient and reliable. Americans can shop smarter and get more purchasing power for their dollar by cashing in on VAT refunds."

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## Brandeis To Offer 'College Vacation' for Adults

There's still time to register for Brandeis University's "Pendulum '95," a series of summer institutes for adult learners to be held this June and July on the school's Waltham, Mass., campus.

Described as "five days of academics, culture and camaraderie," each of the three week-long institutes combines a "college vacation" with intensive exploration of a provocative topic: A Panorama of Jewish Experience, June 18 to 23; American Families and the Life Cycle, July 9 to 14; and Autobiography and Self-Expression, July 23 to 28.

Courses, workshops and lectures will include "A Short History of Jewish Humor," "The

Crisis in the Family" and "Writing the Story of Your Life."

Each institute is built around two comprehensive courses with daily lectures and discussion, complemented by workshops, field trips, tours, and time to relax.

Participants will live on campus or find their own lodging nearby. Brandeis' campus, with its view of Boston, Mass., is just 20 minutes from downtown, and features an indoor pool, tennis courts and a state-of-the-art field house/gym. Tuition for each institute is \$385; housing and some dining is additional.

For information and a brochure on Pendulum '95, contact Marni Kaplan-Earle at (617) 736-3425.

## Campaign Launched to Gather Testimony

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem and the Education Ministry have launched a nationwide campaign to collect testimony from aging survivors.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Yad Vashem Director Avner Shalev described the project two days before Israel marked the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The joint project, which begins this month, will recruit Israeli high school students to gather the testimony.

Rubinstein said the project would help document all available information from what he called a "fast disappearing generation" of Holocaust survivors.

He also hoped that recruiting Israeli teen-agers to gather the information would deepen their motivation to learn about the Holocaust.

The students, after receiving guidance on how to gather testimony, will begin knocking on doors in the pilot communities of Carmiel, Kiryat Gat and Ra'anana.

"We are asking our students to visit survivors' homes, write down the names of the people who were murdered and assassinated by the Nazis in death camps, record their testimonials and collect mementos and other evidence of those tragic days," said Rubinstein.

Like Rubinstein, Shalev stressed the urgency to obtain living testimony.

"There is a transition between generations. The generation of survivors who are living witness to the tragedy are fading out, are leaving us, and the responsibility to keep their remembrance is taken by younger generations," Shalev said.

## Scenic R.I. Announces 1995 Photo Contest Winners

Eight judges, all scholars of the arts, chose the top three pho-

tographs in Scenic Rhode Island Foundation's Annual Photo Contest on April 13.

There were 371 entries. The judges made their selections based on the distinctive landscape and character of Rhode Island, artistic merit, photo quality and composition of the photograph.

John Ghazian, a junior at Brown University, captured both first and second prizes for his photographs, "North Foster, '92" and "Chepachet '92." Third prize went to David Steinbrick of Cranston, "Winter Fog, Pawtuxet Cove '95." These landscape photographs will appear in the 1996 Scenic Rhode Island calendar.

Suzanne B. Grossman, program director and calendar coordinator of SRIF reports that the judges took over three hours to reach a consensus. Everyone was amazed to learn that out of 3,371 entries, both first and second places were won by the same photographer.

Later this month, 10 additional photos will be selected from contest entries to appear in the upcoming 1996 Scenic Rhode Island calendar. All photographers whose photos are selected will be notified in writing in May. The

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## B'nai B'rith Youth Getting Together

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization with chapters in Providence, South County, Cranston, Taunton, Attleboro, and Woonsocket, will soon be returning to Newport, Middletown, and Portsmouth.

The organization offers an opportunity for Jewish youth to meet other Jewish youth throughout the New England area.

Programming is in a five-fold concentration of social, athletic, religious, Jewish culture and community service activities. Conventions are held in the spring and winter, offering training sessions.

Any Jewish youth between the ages of 13 and 18 are welcome to join by calling the regional office at (617) 969-8455, or David Hochman, Rhode Island coordinator, at 467-BBYO (2296).

1996 calendar will be available during the summer.

SRIF is a non-profit foundation. Its goal is to protect and enhance R.I.'s scenic resources.

SRIF develops educational materials and makes grants to public interest groups whose programs focus on the visual environment.

All proceeds from the sale of the calendar support Rhode Island's scenic resources in the form of grants and educational materials.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Movies Against Mediocrity

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter  
"Jefferson in Paris" opened after 9 at the Entertainment Complex, the only cinema to risk a show after 7. Poor reviews kept crowds away, but the movie's far better than its reputation. It asks some fine questions about the ironies of freedom, privilege and power. Jefferson's affair with Sally Hemings, his 14-year-old slave, is not shown in vulgar images, nor is her pregnancy depicted with pillows under a skirt. The sights and sounds of plantation Negroes in Paris costumes, paid and proclaimed free in the land of the guillotine, would never have been filmed without the Merchant Ivory touch of refined subtlety, a Jewish-Muslim cultural collaboration.

I search for small details for a Herald synopsis. Jean-Pierre Aumont, ne Salomons, now in his mid-80s, plays a cameo part as a French minister. Some readers may recall that, like a Gallic Leslie Howard, ne Steiner, Aumont played the pure Parisian, quintessence of everything French, while hiding in Hollywood from the collaboration and the occupation.

Some wonderful and witty dialogue may also hold your interest, particularly for Rhode Islanders with our Touro tradition, about separation of church and state and religious liberty.

On the other hand, the American production of "Miami Rhapsody" has a very prosaic script and a rather blatant concern with the dilemma of spiritual vs. material success in our Jewish lives.

"Priest" came to town just after Easter and deals with a gay priest who hears a terrible tale of incest and abuse while in his confession booth. He makes some tough decisions about coming out and speaking out. But the climax contrasts his New Testament gentle creed with the angry Biblical shouts of bearded parishioners—a rather anti-Semitic cliché that mars the "liberal" program of this rhetorical film at the Avon.

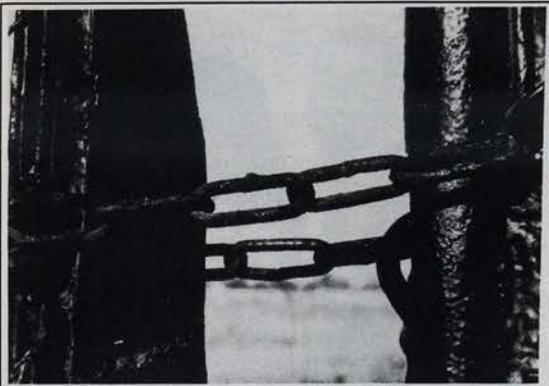
On the same bill you can catch the more poetic movie, "Farinelli," the existential Franco-Italian version of the life and career of a castrato singer in the time of Handel. It is the artist's own brother, a composer, who has him castrated as

a boy, and the script poses some awful dilemmas. What is art worth? What is "nature?" How about "love?" A very strong and substantial drama, filled with lovely and lyrical visual metaphors that haunt and disturb the viewer. White horses and white doves move across the screen in mystical sequences that guide you among the diverse characters: a crippled boy who loves our eunuch, a cruel Handel who vies and contends with the performers, and crowds of aristocrats and peasants who respond to the search for beauty and truth.

Finally, if your quest takes you to the video shops and film libraries, efforts from the noble past not simply the fashionable present, then check out "Cast a Giant Shadow" among the stacks at the Emanuel library. Kirk Douglas plays Mickey Marcus, the WWII vet who joined the Jewish Army in 1948, the first Hebrew commander since Joshua. Without a common language, with virtually no equipment, without training, fresh out of the camps of

Europe, this absurd army created a new nation. Frank Sinatra playing a small role as a volunteer drops soda bottles from a small plane, to hiss and smash and scare off the vast armies of Egypt and Syria. Rifles are woodentoes, and uniforms, ribbons and medals of honor are put together like costumes for Purim. A remarkable and poignant reminder, made in 1966 before the 1967 Six Day War, of the victory of the few against the many.

Many films of Jewish interest have become fragile works of art and honor, fading away unwatched and inadequately preserved. Every time you watch an excellent film, you help to keep it alive.



"THE FAR COUNTRY," by Wendy Joy Kuppermann, is one of the photographs being exhibited at the Yeshiva University Museum through July 31.

## Two Exhibitions at Yeshiva University Mark Holocaust Anniversary

The meaning of the Holocaust is not found in statistics but rather in the details of personal experiences. Two exhibitions, open through July 31 at the Yeshiva University Museum in New York City, mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps. While quite different in their focus, both make their point through an examination of mundane details.

The first exhibit is titled, "The Far Country: A Photographic Essay by Wendy Joy Kuppermann."

Emerging from the trauma of a personal visit to Auschwitz and Maidanek, Kuppermann's large black and white photos concentrate on the details of these infamous death factories. A simple chain securing an iron gate, a pair of diverging rail tracks, an overgrown lane of barbed wire, all shock the viewer.

As the child of two Holocaust survivors, Kuppermann used to think all adults had numbers and letters tattooed on their forearms. "I have no family tree," she said. "I stem from a forest of severed stumps."

From these anomic roots, and from the overwhelming experience of her visit to Polish death camp sites with her parents, Kuppermann has forged her mission: "I bear witness... that is in my original job description, the one they gave me at birth." These 30 photographs and the accompanying text are part of her witness.

## 'Woman's Work and Child's Play' Comes to Hera

"Woman's Work and Child's Play" is an exhibition featuring the quilts of Patricia Arrow and the paintings of Terry Gay, presented at the Hera Gallery from May 6 through May 27.

The public is welcome to meet the artists at a reception on May 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery.

Both artists explore similar issues in their respective mediums of fiber and paint. The works are whimsical and slightly irreverent. Gay paints tongue-in-cheek icons of the relegation of household tasks to women. Arrow's colorful quilts humorously depict images inspired from children's games and fantasies.

Gay was born in Ireland and raised in England. She brings

the second exhibit is titled "My Father's List: An Installation by Thelma Mathias."

When sculptor Thelma Mathias's father fled Nazi Germany shortly after Kristallnacht, he drew up a list of the entire contents of his baggage. This list reveals Siegfried Mathias's insecurity as he left the only lifestyle he knew for a distant shore, where he was unsure how he would survive. He included, for example, 38 pairs of shoes, 13 salamis and 19 tins of hand cream.

Based on this list from 1937, Mathias has re-created her father's traveling baggage in plaster. The assemblage of common articles, abstracted in industry-white plaster, imparts a sense of discovery: we have come upon what appears to be a bleached inventory of one man's only possessions, their colors and functionality having departed along with their owner.

Yeshiva University Museum, a teaching museum whose purpose is to preserve, enrich and interpret Jewish life as it is reflected in the arts, history and sciences, is located at 2520 Amsterdam Ave. at West 185th St. in Manhattan.

The exhibition galleries are open Tuesday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for senior citizens and children ages 4 to 16; museum members and university identification card holders are admitted free. For guided tours, call (212) 960-5390.

aspects of both these cultures to her work, along with a dry sense of humor.

Arrow first studied quilt making in 1992 while on full scholarships at the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Maine.

Owner and operator of Arrowworks, the artist also produces original toys that have been featured at the American Craft Museum in New York City, the Children's Museum in Pawtucket, and the Warwick Museum in Warwick.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday, noon to 3 p.m. and Saturday 10 to 4 p.m. The gallery is free and open to the public and is handicapped accessible.

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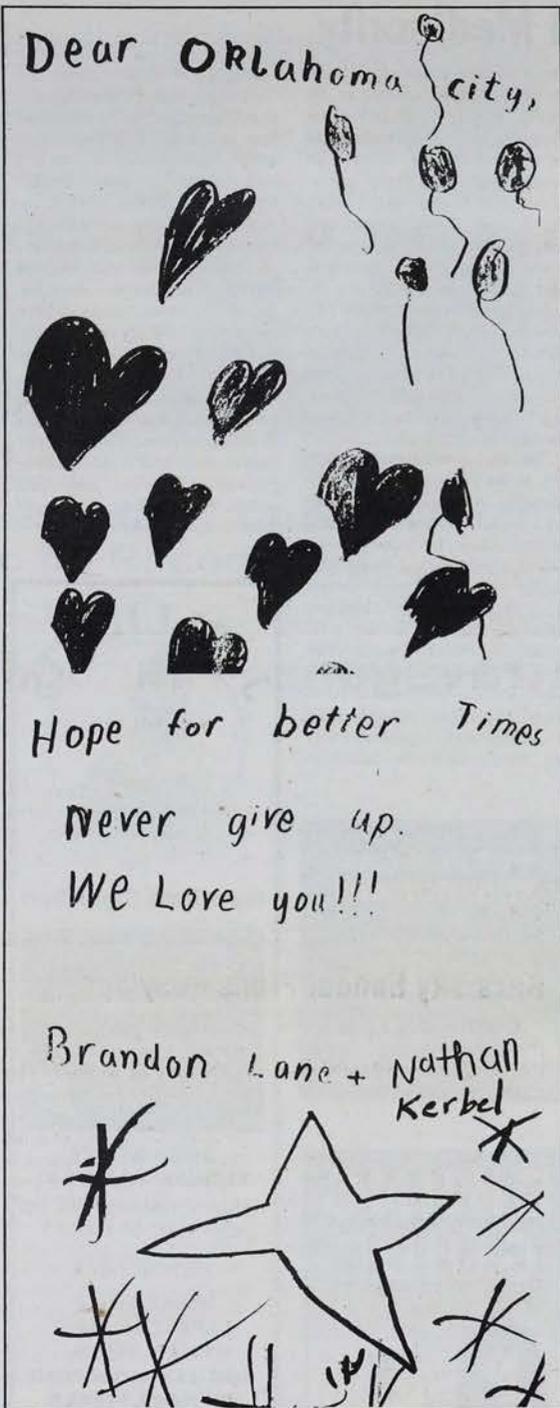
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## 'I Don't Know How to Help...'

The following are excerpts from letters written by children in the Temple Sinai religious school in Cranston. The letters were forwarded to students at Sinai's sister congregation, Temple B'nai Israel in Oklahoma City.

Leonore Sones, director of the Temple Sinai school, coordinated the effort.

"...The terrorists do not even know who they have killed. I would have been devastated. I can't believe someone would do that. Everyone here is shocked. I hope no one that was so close to you got hurt. On the news people say they feel guilty but it's not their fault. I can relate to your pain. When my Great Grandfather died I felt guilty I didn't spend enough time with him. I hope things get better soon for you."

**Eric French**  
Fifth Grade

"I'm sorry about the bombing. I don't know how you feel

but I know that it's hard. I really don't know what to say, because I'm not going through the same thing. I wish I could be there to help."

"...It's okay to be sad.... Its really tough to deal with death, even if it wasn't your own family member. Just remember its good to talk about it with your parents or someone your close to..."

**Jessica Leiter**  
Sixth Grade

"...I saw all the destruction that happened in your city on the news. I hope you are safe and with your family...."

"If you know of any way I can help please write."

**Lindsay Gordon**  
Grade Three

"...I want to lend a hand to help you, so this letter will be my hand in comforting you. This is like spilt milk, you can't take back what has happened you

## Register for Summer Courses at BCC

Adults who have complicated work schedules and students at other colleges can almost always find a course that will suit them at Bristol Community College.

The school offers a selection of courses from the math, history, science, humanities and English departments. Classes run all summer long in periods of five weeks, seven weeks, 10 weeks, and on Saturdays.

Registration for summer courses begins at Bristol Community College on May 1. Students may register by mail, fax, or in person 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call (508) 678-2811, ext. 2155.

## Partnership Formed Between RIC and St. Joseph's

Rhode Island College President John Nazarian has announced that an agreement has been reached between the college and St. Joseph's Hospital that will provide on-campus classroom instruction to students enrolled in the hospital's School of Nursing Program.

The collaborative agreement begins with this year's first summer session when the college welcomes St. Joseph's nursing students onto the campus to begin their classes May 22.

"This agreement was arrived at by college and hospital officials to provide St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing students the opportunity to enroll in academic course work at the college," Nazarian said. "We are pleased to have been able to assist St. Joseph's Hospital and look forward to our affiliation with one of the state's major health care facilities."

About 50 freshmen, junior and senior nursing students from the hospital's program will be taught by RIC faculty. The courses will be governed by the academic policies and procedures of the college, and all students will be accorded the same privileges as other RIC students.

can only help out and clean up the mess. I don't know what to say, this who tragic experience has left me speechless.... I hope you are happier in your future experiences."

**Rachael Blackman**  
Seventh Grade

"Dear Friend, I am sorry for what happened in Oklahoma City. It makes me feel sad to know so many children were killed. I was happy that the police found some of the bad people who did this...."

"I sent you a puzzle that I made. I hope you like it."

**Zachary Priest**  
Third Grade

"...I am very sorry about what happened.... I pray nothing like that ever happens again in Oklahoma."

**Rebecca Webber**  
Second Grade



Russell and Deborah Raskin

## Raskins Receive Amudim Award

The Providence Hebrew Day School and New England Academy of Torah will present Deborah and Russell Raskin with the schools' 1995 Amudim Award. The Raskins were chosen this year in recognition of years of exemplary service on behalf of Jewish education and the community.

Both Deborah and Russell have served as leaders in the community at large as well as within the Providence Hebrew Day School family for many years. Each has worked for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island as well as the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Deborah has served on the board of directors of the BJE and is a past vice president. She has had many years of involvement with N'shei Chesed and has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the New England Rabbinical College.

Russell has been co-chair of the federation's Israel Task Force and president of East Side Apartments. As president of this low-

income housing partnership between NEAT Inc. and the Congdon Street Baptist Church, Russell has been instrumental in bringing better understanding and relations between the two communities.

Upon moving to Providence, the Raskins became involved with Providence Hebrew Day School and its mission. Deborah served as treasurer of the school from 1982 to 1989 and immediately went on to lead the organization as its president from 1989 to 1994.

Russell has served on the board of directors of PHDS and is a past member of the executive committee. He founded and for many years chaired, the Torah Freedom Run, a fund-raiser for the school. He is currently co-president of NEAT Inc., the dormitory corporation, and has served on the federation's Community Relations Council.

Russell is also a founder and partner in the law firm of Raskin and Berman.

The Raskins will be honored on May 30 at the PHDS.

## Jeremy Stein Honored

Jeremy Stein, of Pawtucket, a grade 12 student at Providence Country Day School's upper school, has been awarded Highest Honors status for the third quarter of the academic year.

"...I don't know how you feel about, the bombing, if you had friends or relatives in the building, but I feel truly sorry for you. I don't know if you want my sympathy, or something to take your mind off the horrible thing that happened, but I'll try to give both."

"My name is Allison Kerbel (Kerbell is how you say it).... I'm eleven, with red hair, gray eyes, and a ton of freckles."

**Allison Kerbel**  
Grade Six

"...I've been watching the news. I'm very sad. But everybody in Tempel Sinai is praying for everybody in Oklahoma City. But try to be strong...."

**Jennifer Walsh**  
Second Grade

"...I am sorry about the news in Oklahoma City! I try to watch the news every night. I hope none of your family is hurt. While this tough time I will be thinking about you and Oklahoma City."

**Adam G.**  
Fourth Grade

## Enter Essay Contest at JCCRI

The youth department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, is holding its annual Saul Abrams Memorial Essay Contest.

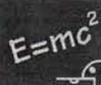
This contest is open to children in grades four through six. The theme this year is "What Jewish holidays and Shabbat mean to me." The deadline for submitting an essay is May 12. Contact Dana Zucker at 861-8800 for more details.

## CCRI Registering For Summer Courses

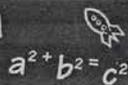
The Community College of Rhode Island is holding walk-in registration for its "summer session 1" courses at the college's campuses in Warwick, Lincoln and Providence.

Late registration is scheduled May 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For details, call CCRI's office of admissions and records at 825-2125 in Warwick, 333-7097 in Lincoln or 455-6017 in Providence.



# SCHOOL BEAT



## R.I. Fourth-Graders Shine National Figures Are Abysmal

Rhode Island fourth grade students in 1994 scored significantly higher than students nationally on the National Assessment of Educational Progress test of reading skills.

The Rhode Island students had an average score of 221, compared to a national average of 213, which was also the average for the Northeast region.

In the new 1994 assessment, only nine states received a higher reading score than Rhode Island. Using the statistical error standard adopted by the National Center for Education Statistics only one state, Maine, can be rated with certainty as scoring higher than Rhode Island in this carefully controlled test of reading skills.

The Rhode Island fourth-graders improved by three points from their 1992 score. The national average dropped three points, and the Northeast average fell by eight points.

The 1994 NAEP assessment occurred in February of the 1993-94 school year. In the five years prior to that, state government had provided about \$60 million in "literacy funds" to Rhode Island school districts, targeted mostly to the improvement of reading and writing in grades kindergarten to three.

"It is encouraging to see that a financial investment targeted to a specific need can produce positive results in a relatively short time period," said Education Commissioner Peter McWalters.

"This experience should reinforce the need for us to provide additional targeted funds to help all students perform well, particularly children from poor and disadvantaged backgrounds, many of whom continue to have low levels of

achievement.

"I congratulate those teachers who have introduced new teaching methods and are now beginning to see the fruits of their labors."

NAEP presents student performance in terms of three levels or standards — basic, proficient and advanced. The levels are based on collective judgments gathered from a broadly

In describing the percentage of students falling below even a "basic" standard, Rhode Island is better off than the nation as a whole with 37 percent of students "below basic" compared to 44 percent for the nation.

representative panel of teachers, education specialists, and members of the general public. The middle level, termed "proficient," is the standard which the National Assessment Governing Board believes all students should reach or exceed.

For the nation, 24 percent of fourth-grade students met the standard; for Rhode Island the figure was 27 percent.

In describing the percentage of students falling below even a "basic" standard, Rhode Island is better off than the nation as a whole with 37 percent of students "below basic" compared to 44 percent for the nation.

Five percent of Rhode Island students reached the advanced level compared to four percent of students nationally.

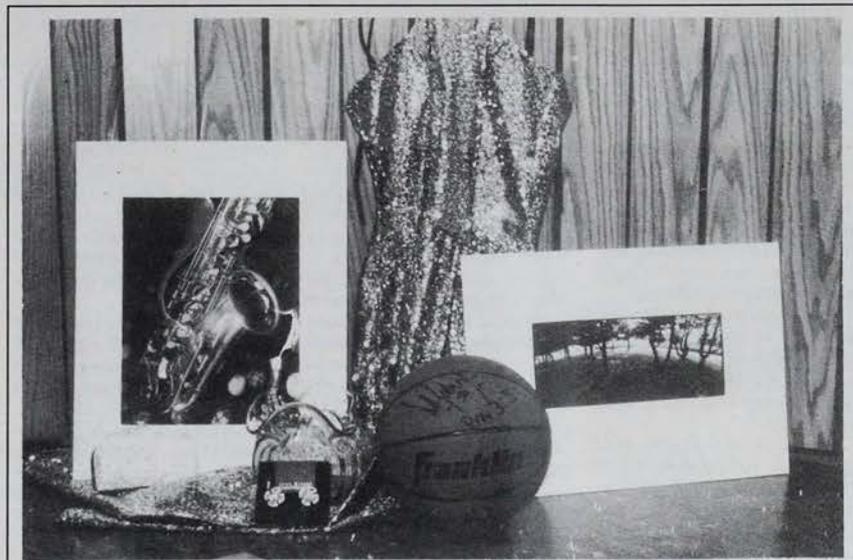
## Harry Elkin Midrasha Graduation to be Held on May 21

The Harry Elkin Midrasha, the community high school of Jewish studies of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, will hold graduation ceremonies for 18 seniors on May 21 at 10 a.m. at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St.,

Warwick.

These students have devoted their time and energy to continuing their Jewish education in an intensive supplementary high school program.

The Harry Elkin Midrasha, with an enrollment of 110 teen-



THERE'S LOTS OF LOOT going up for bids at the Alperin Schechter Day School Auction, soon.

## Auction Extravaganza Planned

The Alperin Schechter Auction Extravaganza is set for May 11, in the Alperin Meeting House of Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

Among the items up for bid are: a Judith Lieber crystal evening bag; a basketball autographed by David

Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs; color photographs by prominent area photographers Ira Garber and Christy Christopolous; a spectacular evening gown, one of 60 donated by Cinderella Bridal Shop of East Greenwich; an elegant antique crystal vase with gold Pierpoint decoration, donated by Benefit Street Gallery; and

Joan Rivers earrings, as seen on television.

The silent auction and dessert preview will begin at 6:45 p.m. The live auction will begin at 8:30 p.m. All donations will support program and scholarship needs. Admission is \$25 per person.

For more information, call the Schechter School at 751-2470.

## Do You Paint, or Play?

### Are You Over 55?

If so, you should get in touch with Elderhostel, 75 Federal St., Boston, Mass. 02110, for information about the art and music workshops they're sponsoring in Maine, this summer.

*Ed. Note:* Everything we've heard about the Elderhostel trips and workshops has been positive.

## Bazarsky School Plans Busy Spring

On May 12 at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary of the temple, the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School of Temple Shalom will hold its annual graduation and closing exercises.

Graduates include: Meghan Franklin, daughter of Ron and Linda Franklin; Jonathan Jagolinzer, son of Rabbi Marc and Barbara Jagolinzer; and Sarah Snyder, daughter of Dr. Daniel Snyder and Dr. Martha Ullman.

The graduates will conduct the worship with participation from the various classes of the school. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, educational director, will address the graduates and present diplomas. Susan Reidy, school board chair will also speak and make a presentation. The oneg shabbat following will be sponsored by the graduates' parents in their honor.

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On May 14, Mother's Day, a brunch will be held in the social hall of the temple from 10 a.m. till noon. Reservations are a must and the deadline is May 10. Tickets are \$7.50 per person or \$15 per family. Call 846-9002.

On May 21, the school will be holding a car wash, plant and bakesale at the school, 223 Valley Road in Middletown. Have your car cleaned while shopping for plants and vegetables for the garden. Homemade pastries will be available. This event begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m.

The community is cordially invited to attend any or all of the above events.

Temple Shalom is located at 223 Valley Road, Middletown, R.I.

## Schechter Graduate Wins Bronfman Award

Melissa Mann, a graduate of the Alperin Schechter Day School and a junior at the Wheeler School, has been chosen to receive a Bronfman Youth Fellowship Award.

Twenty-six teenagers from the United States and Canada have been selected this year for the Bronfman Fellowship Award, which provides a summer program in Israel, fully paid, for each recipient.

After they return home, Bronfman Fellows convene in New York for a follow-up seminar. According to the program guidelines, "Our purpose is to help the Fellows keep alive the lines of communication opened in Israel — to each other, to the Jewish state and to the Jewish people in all its diversity."

Melissa Mann, a member of Temple Emanu-El, is president of her Young Judaea chapter and

is the newspaper editor-in-chief for the New England region.

At the Wheeler School she is an active participant in Awareness and Action, the environmental club, Students Interested in Cultural Awareness, and the drama group. Melissa has also been appointed a Wheeler Writing Fellow, chosen to help other students by critiquing their essays, reports and poems.

Melissa is a regular volunteer at Providence Summerbridge, an inner-city tutoring program, and at the Bureau of Jewish Education, where she is currently creating a program to teach fourth- through sixth-graders the value of performing mitzvot.



THE GRADUATES — Seated in the front row, from left, are Stacey Blasbalg, Stacey Cohen, Yael Efreom, Nancy Scheraga, Risa Paull, Erica Newman and Miriam Ryvicker. Standing, from left, are Heather Corin, Amanda Jackson, Ruth Kaplan, Daniel Silverman, Matthew Olster, Kevin Goldman, Derek Shapiro, Ron Klein, Leon Rosen, Adam Smith, Deborah Bojar and Evelyn Brier, secondary education coordinator.

# OBITUARIES

## RUTH BILLER

PROVIDENCE — Ruth Biller, 81, of Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Providence, died April 27 at the center. She was the widow of Harold Biller.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harry and Minnie (Pritzker) Jagolinzer, she had lived in Providence for several years, previously living in Pawtucket and East Providence.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She leaves a son, Dr. Bruce J. Biller of Sudbury, Mass.; a brother, Norman Jagolinzer of Barrington; a sister, Edith Schiff of Providence and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held April 28 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue, Providence. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## ROSE KATZ

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Rose Katz of Los Angeles, died April 14. She was the wife of the late Hyman Katz.

She is survived by a daughter, Phyllis; a brother, Morris Weiss of Warwick and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Annie Koret, Jack, Nathan and Samuel Weiss.

## FANNIE "FAY" KELMAN

PROVIDENCE — Fannie "Fay" Kelman, 87, of the Summit, 1085 N. Main St., died May

1 at the facility. She was the widow of Milton Kelman.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Bessie (Cherwinsky) Chase.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, and the Brandeis Women's Association. She was a member of the former Sons of Abraham Congregation, and its Sisterhood. She was a volunteer at Miriam Hospital.

She leaves a son, Barry C. Kelman of Woonsocket; two daughters, Marilyn K. Asher of Encino, Calif., and Cindy Granieri of Stevenson Ranch, Calif.; a brother, Albert Chase of Providence; a sister, Lillian Zall of Fairfax County, Va., and three grandsons. She was the mother of the late Burton E. Kelman, and the sister of the late William, Martin, Mollie Chase, Sarah Bliviss, Gertrude Woolfson, and the grandmother of the late Alane Joy Asher.

A graveside service was held May 3 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## ALBERT LESHINSKY

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Albert Leshinsky, 81, of 11811 Ave. of P.G.A., Palm Beach Gardens, formerly of Fall River, founder of A & A Mfg. Co., a dress manufacturing company in Fall River, died April 25 at the Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He was the husband of Alma (Coty) Leshinsky.

Born in Fall River, Mass., a son of the late Mayer and Bessie

(Lidman) Leshinsky, he had lived in Florida for the past 18 years.

He previously owned the K&G Mfg. Co. in Fall River. He had been president of the former American Brothers of Israel Synagogue in Fall River.

He was past commander of the Knights of Pythias and had been chairman of an annual drive for Israel Bonds in Fall River. He was past president of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Fall River.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Sheila Oliveira of Fall River and Ilene Cummings of Brookline, Mass., a son, Robert Vachon of Fall River; a brother, Herbert Leshinsky of Minneapolis, Minn., and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Ida Smith and Rose Leshinsky.

A funeral service was held April 27 at Congregation Adas Israel, 1647 Robeson St., Fall River, Mass. Burial was at the Hebrew Cemetery in Fall River. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## GERTRUDE H. MAKOWSKY

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Gertrude H. Makowsky, 66, of Boca Raton, Fla., died April 23 home. She was the widow of Malcolm Makowsky.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Max and Celia (Dreyer) Temkin, she lived in Boca Raton since 1988. She had also lived in Barrington.

She was a volunteer receptionist and switchboard operator for the American Red Cross in Providence, and a receptionist and switchboard operator for International Trading Co. in Boca Raton for the past four years.

She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 28 years ago, and was a quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair, and only had use of her head and neck. She was active in many organizations and committees for physically challenged people, and a member of the Rhode Island and South Florida American Multiple Sclerosis Society. She was a member of the Rhode Island Independent Living and Tapin Organization, and was the first chairman for the City of Boca

Raton Mayor's Committee for the handicapped. She was a pivotal planner for the First Annual Handicap Awareness Day in Boca Raton, a Literacy Volunteer, and a volunteer peer counselor for the physically challenged. She was an advocate, proponent and instrumentalist in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. She was involved in 20 organizations concerned with the construction, planning and renovation of buildings to insure adequate accessibility for the physically challenged.

She leaves four sons, Max Temkin Makowsky of Boca Raton, Richard I. Makowsky of Lido Beach, N.Y., Steven I. Makowsky of Merrick, N.Y., and Bruce A. Makowsky of Bayside, N.Y.; a brother, David Temkin of Providence; a sister, Bernice Freed of North Providence, and three grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Leon Temkin.

The funeral was held April 26 at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## HARVEY ROSENBLATT

PROVIDENCE — Harvey Rosenblatt, 61, of 49 Savoy St., Providence, a software computer programmer at Rhode Island Hospital for 20 years, died April 26 at home.

A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Theodore and Fannie (Schnopper) Rosenblatt.

He was a graduate of Cornell University.

He served in the Army for three years.

He previously worked as a civil engineer for 20 years for Maguire and Co. in Providence.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association and the Redwood Masonic Lodge. He had been a member of Temple Beth-El and of Temple Emanu-El.

He leaves a son, Howard Rosenblatt of Greensboro, N.C.; a daughter, Terri Rosenblatt of Van Nuys, Calif.; a brother, Robert Rosenblatt of Warwick; and a sister, Caryl Bengelsdorf of New Jersey.

A graveside funeral service was held April 28 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

JAMES SHILL  
NEW BEDFORD — James

Shill, 87, of 204 Bryant Lane, died April 26. He was the son of the late William and Julia (Shuster) Shill.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital.

A lifelong resident of New Bedford, he was employed by Herman Liquors as a salesman until his retirement, prior to which he was employed by the Massachusetts Steamship Authority as a layman for 22 years.

He was a lifelong member of the Star of the East Lodge, raised in Scottish Rites, a member of Aleppo Shrine, Valley of South-eastern Massachusetts, Valley of Boston, and the Shrine Club of southeastern Massachusetts.

Survivors include a brother, Eliot Shaw of Beechurst, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews.

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

## MARION SHONE

PROVIDENCE — Marion Shone, 79, of Budlong Road, died April 25 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Frank Shone.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Max and Sadie (Mitson) Berman, she lived in Cranston since 1968. She previously lived in Providence.

She was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild, the Cranston Senior Center, the Hope Link of the Golden Chain, and Congregation Shaare Zedek.

She leaves a son, Arnold Shone of Warwick; a daughter, Marilyn Myrow of Lincoln; a brother, Martin Berman of Warwick; a sister, Ethel Mintz of Cranston, and a grandson.

The funeral was held April 27 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

## MARC TARTER

PROVIDENCE — Marc Tarter, 75, of 452 Paddock Lane, Bristol, owner of the former Lighting Center in Cranston and Pawtucket for 26 years, died April 28 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Phyllis (Berkelhammer) Tarter.

Born in New York, a son of the late Samuel and Ernestine Tarter, he lived in Bridgeport, Conn., and Providence before moving to Bristol 21 years ago.

He was also a consultant to the Wickford Appliance & Lighting Center in Pawtucket for the past year. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a former member of the Kirkbrae Country Club.

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Besides his wife, he leaves two stepsons, William Kaplan of Long Island, N.Y., and Richard Kaplan of Cambridge, Mass.; two daughters, Lynne Levine of Fort Lee, N.J., and Eileen Fullerton of Branford, Conn.; a stepdaughter, Linda McDonald of Kingston; a brother, Harry Tarter; a sister, Minna Kirschner, both of Tucson, Ariz.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held April 30 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## HENRY N. WAGMAN

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Henry N. Wagman, 79, formerly of Bridgewater, Mass., a retired attorney and electronics engineer, died April 26 at his home, 5423 Cresthaven Blvd., West Palm Beach. He was the husband of Laura (Luiz) Wagman.

Born in Bangor, Maine, son of the late David and Millie (Pollock) Wagman, he lived in Bridgewater for 56 years before moving to Florida 22 years ago. He was a U.S. navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Bridgewater Lions Club.

In addition to his wife, he leaves a son, Ronald Wagman of East Bridgewater; a brother, Arthur Wagman of Andover; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held on April 28 at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## Aaron

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cided that if he didn't do something, the People would continue down the path of violence upon which they had started with the death of Hur. Aaron had good reason to believe he would be the next one killed, which would not do the People any good. Was Aaron in reasonable fear of his life? Yes.

The defense began by pointing out Aaron's "delaying tactics." First, he asked everyone to go home and search for gold, hoping, no doubt that that would take some time.

The People returned with gold too soon. Moses had not yet appeared.

So Aaron, who had no previous sculpting experience, and was not even very good at art, "just threw it on the fire" in Aaron's words, hoping that would slow the procedure down.

"It came out in five minutes like a gold calf...I was very surprised," Aaron testified.

The prosecution was on its feet in a moment. "You expect this jury to believe that you threw gold in the fire and the gold calf just magically appeared?"

Aaron nodded, and later called the goldsmith a liar. The issue of whether or not G-d had also punished Aaron later, by destroying his two sons, was debated. The information was not admitted as evidence.

A psychologist, Lloyd Malin, testified that an individual of Aaron's age might suffer from "very discrete strokes" — resulting in a build-up of these small strokes "which affect his frontal lobes, influencing his judgement, his ability to take knowledge and use it." He also offered to provide a psychological profile of the tribe at that time, but the prosecution strenuously objected and the objection was sustained.

It was also pointed out that this expert had had no opportunity to directly observe Aaron.

Sally Jesse Israel, talk show host, took the stand and told how Aaron, on her program, told her that the gold calf was not an idol — a replacement for G-d, but was a replacement for Moses, instead.

A woman of Endora, a magician, testified that the calf did indeed magically appear, due in part to the fact that a magical coin of hers made it happen.

"You're not mentioned anywhere in the bible, isn't that true?" the prosecution asked.

"No."

She was dismissed.

Aaron and Moses' mother, wearing a shawl, took the stand and told the court how good her boys were. She refused, however, to say that she would do "anything" to help them.

"How old are you?" the prosecution asked.

There was a long, thoughtful silence. "Very old," the witness replied. The judge had to gavel the court back to order.

A community leader testified to the panic seizing the People

as they waited for Moses to reappear.

Aaron's son, who said he was in his 60s, said Aaron had always been a good father, and had never believed in idols.

Aaron's boyhood friend said Aaron was a good friend, trustworthy, loyal, obedient, brave...and did not believe in idols.

At this point, Bernstein got in one or two questions and answers that upset the prosecution, and the judge struck them from the record and advised the jury to disregard them.

In closing, Jeff Gladstone, an attorney for the defense, said, "If there is any doubt based on reason, you have to find for the defendant." He also defined duress, and said that Aaron was in fear of death at the time, and that alone would excuse him from conviction, since fear of death is certainly duress. He reminded the jury of Hur's untimely end. He spoke movingly of Aaron's attempt to hold the People together until Moses returned. He reminded them also that at that time, miracles did still happen pretty frequently, and stated that "the gold calf did just appear. Yes!"

He finished up by calling attention to the fact that in the plague that punished the idol-worshippers, Aaron was spared to serve another 40 years in a position of honor.

The jury returned only one guilty verdict — on count V — "That Aaron, alias John Doe, at Mount Sinai, did conspire with others to take golden household

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**Q:** Why is a computerized estate analysis presentation useful in estate planning?

**A:** The estate analysis presentation provides the following information: federal and state death taxes; gross estate, taxable estate and net estate at any projected date in the future for married or single clients; projections of the growth of assets at different interest rates for each asset; probate expense at any given percentage of the property; one page graph of the distribution of the estate; analysis of the liquidity available and the liquidity needed at the death of each spouse, regardless of who dies first; effect of taking Advanced Underwriting's recommendations. This might include purchase of new life insurance, removal of existing life insurance from the estate, utilization of the full unified credit in an "AB Credit Shelter Trust Arrangement," gifts of \$20,000 to each of the children for a speci-

fied number of years and contributions to charities.

**Q:** What insurance products are best for estate planning purposes?

**A:** The Advanced Underwriting Team will work with you to choose the right contract for your specific situation.

**Example:** You currently have \$1 million of assets which the estate analysis presentation prepared by Advanced Underwriting shows will increase to \$4,048,929 in 24 years at a growth rate of 6 percent. To avoid reducing your children's inheritance by \$1,496,241 in federal and state death taxes and \$212,447 in probate, last illness and burial expenses, you establish an irrevocable trust which buys \$1,800,000 of Survivor UL to cover these taxes and other miscellaneous liquidity needs.

**Example:** The largest asset in your estate is the family business worth \$1,000,000. You want to enable your daughter Susan to eventually run and own the firm. However, you don't want to just bequeath it to her in your

will because you also wish to be fair to your two sons who are not interested in the company.

As part of a complete estate analysis, the Advanced Underwriting team provides you with a computerized estate presentation with a list of recommendations upon which you take immediate action. You and Susan execute a buy-sell agreement and the business establishes a bonus program so she can purchase a \$1,000,000 ULV contract on your life. Susan selects Option B and the Scheduled Increase Option Riders so the death benefit will increase as the value of the business grows through the years. If you die prior to retirement, Susan will use the insurance proceeds to purchase your interest from your executor, if you retire or become disabled, she will take a loan or partial surrender from this product's impressive cash value to make a down payment on buying out your interest.

**Q:** Who pays the life insurance premium?

**A:** The trustee of your irrevocable life insurance trust should be the premium payor, as well as the applicant, owner, and beneficiary. Alternatively, as shown in the second example above, an adult child may be the premium payor, applicant,

owner, and beneficiary.

**Q:** How large should an estate be before estate planning is appropriate?

**A:** Everyone over the age of majority should have a will and a plan for distributing assets that leaves the maximum amount to loved ones and the minimum amount to the government. Anyone with more than \$300,000 should be fully aware of the details provided by a complete estate analysis. Projecting an estate analysis to life expectancy may cause a \$300,000 property value to grow to several million dollars with a significant estate tax and probate expense if appropriate planning is not completed.

**Q:** What support materials are available?

**A:** Computerized estate analysis presentation and ample trust documents are available in the Advanced Underwriting Division. To flesh out your presentation, selections from hundreds of pages of Advanced Underwriting material are also available. The Advanced Underwriting team will review the client's will, trusts, buy-sell agreements and any other pertinent documentation and will participate with you in teleconferences with the client, and the client's attorney, accountant or other advisors. All information usually will be faxed or mailed to you within 24 hours after receipt of your request.

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and jewelry items from the People of Israel and the mixed multitude."

Participating in the trial were: jurors Ron Abrams; Alyssa Fleischer; Jared Fogel; Julie Fullerton; Donna Gropper (foreperson); Richard Kerbel; Amy Krasner, and Dr. Peter Wolff.

The judge was played by Judge Joel K. Gerstenblatt, a real judge in Warwick; attorneys were Bruce Astrachan, Richard Bernstein; Jeff and Jodi Gladstone, and Carl Levin. Deborah Miller, who was instrumental in the defense, and Bernstein, are teachers of the seventh grade in the temple religious school.

Astrachan, Jodi Gladstone and Levin are associated with the Attorney General's office.

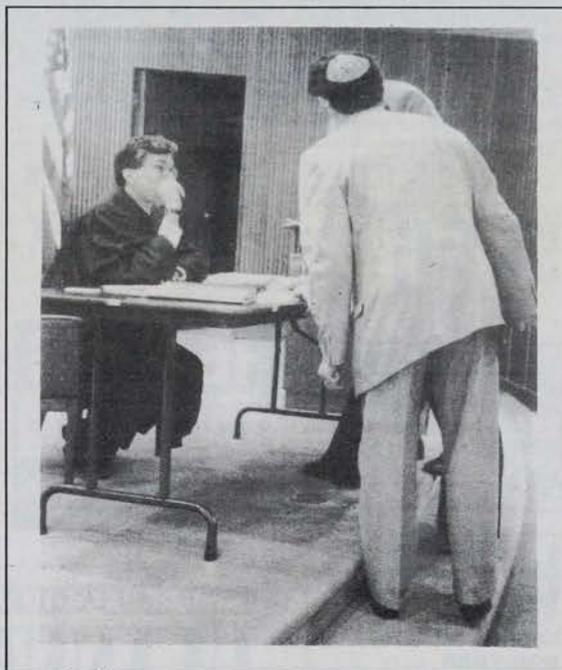
For four Sundays before the trial, all interested parties met and studied the Talmud and the Torah, and court procedures. The whole thing was done by the book — literally.

A ballot poll of the spectators in the courtroom revealed that they favored a not guilty verdict by a margin of 2 to 1.

This was a fascinating program, and an extremely educational one — a case study of a moral dilemma. We've still got dilemmas to deal with in the twentieth century. Judge Ito might find Gerstenblatt's approach a real relief these days, and worth copying.

**Serving Bagels for Singles**

There will be a guest speaker on Israeli independence and a bagel brunch for singles on May 7 at 11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. The cost is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. RSVP to Dana Zucker at 861-8800 by May 5.



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The bus will leave International House at 9 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. The mall features many outlets, among them Ann Taylor, Donna Karan, Benetton, Guess, Polo, Mikasa and Fila. A food court on the premises will provide a chance to nosh. The cost of the trip is \$5 per person for members of International House, \$8 for non-members. Seating is limited to 44 people and will be accepted on a first-paid basis by May 24.

For further information, call International House, 421-7181.

**'The Robber Bride' Cometh**

The Second Monday Book Club at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence, in Wayland Square (331-9097) will meet on May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the bookstore. This month the discussion will be about Margaret Atwood's *The Robber Bride*. The session is free and open to all interested.

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