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Peres to Lecture at Brown Commencement

Shimon Peres, Israel's minister of foreign affairs and a recipient of the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize, will deliver a Stephen A. Ogden Jr. Memorial Lecture at Brown University as part of the 25th annual Commencement Forums series.

Peres will speak at 5 p.m. on May 28, on The College Green. (In case of rain, Peres will speak in the Pizzitola Sports Center.)

"Shimon Peres is one of the best-known and most distinguished foreign ministers among the nations of the world, and it was our pleasure to invite him to join us," said Robert A. Reichley, executive vice president (alumni, public affairs and external, relations).

Peres has been a defense officer and active political leader in Israel since the birth of the Israeli state. Born in Vishniva, Poland, he emigrated to Israel in 1934. In 1943, after a number of

years in Kibbutz Giva and Kibbutz Alumot, Peres was elected secretary of the Labor youth movement.

Conscripted into the Hagana Defense Forces by David Ben-Gurion and Levi Eshkol, Peres was made responsible for manpower and arms purchases, beginning a service to Israeli defense that would continue for three decades. In 1948 he was appointed head of Israel's navy and, at war's end, was named head of the Defense Ministry's delegation to the United States.

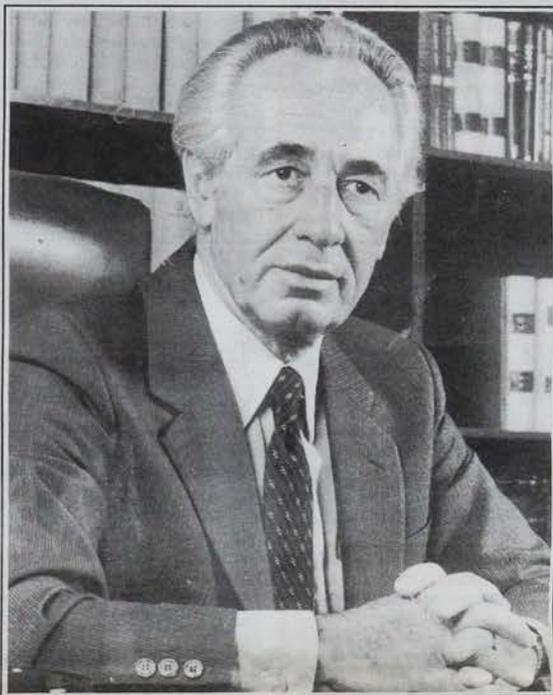
In 1953, Ben-Gurion appointed him director-general of the Ministry of Defense, a post he held until 1959, when he was elected to the Knesset. In that year, he became deputy minister of defense and served until 1965.

In 1965, Peres and Ben-Gurion left the Mapai Labor Party to lead Rafi (the Israel

Workers List). Three years later, he helped lead Rafi back to Mapai, forming what is now the Israel Labor Party.

The Labor Party was in opposition from 1977 until 1992, during which time Peres served as party chairman. Upon establishment of a national unity government in 1984, he became prime minister (1984 to 1986). He served as deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs (1986 to 1988) and deputy prime minister and minister of finance (1988 to 1990), then began his current term as foreign minister with the election of a new Labor government in 1992.

In 1994, in recognition of his tireless efforts to seek peace in the Middle East, Peres was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, together with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.



SHIMON PERES

Photo courtesy of Brown University

Witnesses to Executions in Byelorussia Sought

Witnesses with direct knowledge of executions by the German SS and gendarmerie in Novogrodek, Byelorussia — now the Republic of Belarus — during December 1941 to February 1943 are being sought by the Anti-Defamation League.

Elliot Welles, director of the ADL Nazi War Criminals Task Force, said their search is in response to a request from the

Royal Canadian Mounted Police's War Crimes and Special Investigations Section. The unit investigates Canadian residents who may have been involved in war crimes against humanity during World War II.

Those with specific information should contact: Elliot Welles, director, ADL Task Force on Nazi War Criminals, 823 United Nations Plaza, New

York, N.Y. 10017, telephone (212) 885-7769.

The RCMP requests that you call collect at (613) 990-8467 and ask for investigator Corporal Ken LaVoie, or write to: Commanding Officer, A Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 155 McArthur Ave., Vanier, Ontario, Canada, K1A0R4, Attn: War Crimes and Special Investigation Section.

First Year of Palestinian Self-Rule Up on May 13

by Uriel Masad
JERICHO, West Bank (JTA) — Nearly a year after the start of Palestinian self-rule here, local residents complain that not enough has changed.

Although some speak with genuine pride about having control over the daily affairs of their lives for the first time, others say self-rule has proven to be an empty promise and has done little to alter the harsh economic realities confronting them.

On May 13, 1994, the Israeli Defense Force handed Jericho and an irregularly shaped district surrounding the city over to the Palestinian Authority. Five days later, the Israelis handed over the Gaza Strip.

In contrast to the elaborate security measures at crossing points between Israel and the Gaza Strip, few exist in Jericho. There is a spiked metal strap in the middle of the road, a few concrete obstacles and two young Israeli border policemen. Seeing an Israeli yellow license plate, the Israeli police wave the car through. There is no one on the Palestinian side to check arrivals.

The road into town is lined with barracks flying the green, red and black Palestinian flag.

Situated some 825 feet below sea level, Jericho is located at one of the earth's lowest points.

The city's population of 15,000, and its main sources of income

are agriculture and tourism.

Many of the goods here come from Israel, including the white T-shirts bearing PLO leader Yasser Arafat's portrait. Wherever one looks, there is a photograph of Arafat.

Locals say that such tourists come here daily, but spend very little money.

The small square swarms with uniformed men; military and security officials wearing dark green, police in dark blue. Only a handful are armed, and most look bored.

Two Palestinian women in their 30s, who work at a local clothing factory, offer their views on a year of self-rule.

"There are many soldiers outside, but they are our soldiers," says one of the women.

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A Perfect Setting For Classical Music

From the left, Leonid Spitserev, on the violin, Rachael Stahl, on the harp, and Ramesh Radparvar, on the violin, make beautiful music for the rehearsal of a "Midsummer Night's Dream," to be performed by members of the All Children's Theatre later this month. Story on page 6.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Health Department Plans Restaurant Workshops

Patricia A. Nolan, M.D., M.P.H., director of health, announced recently that the Department of Health will hold two workshops for Rhode Island chefs and cooks as part of its "Five-A-Day" nutrition program. The workshops, which will be held on June 13 and August 22 at the Johnson and Wales Harborside Campus Amphitheatre, are aimed at helping restaurant professionals incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their menus. The workshops are funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the health department.

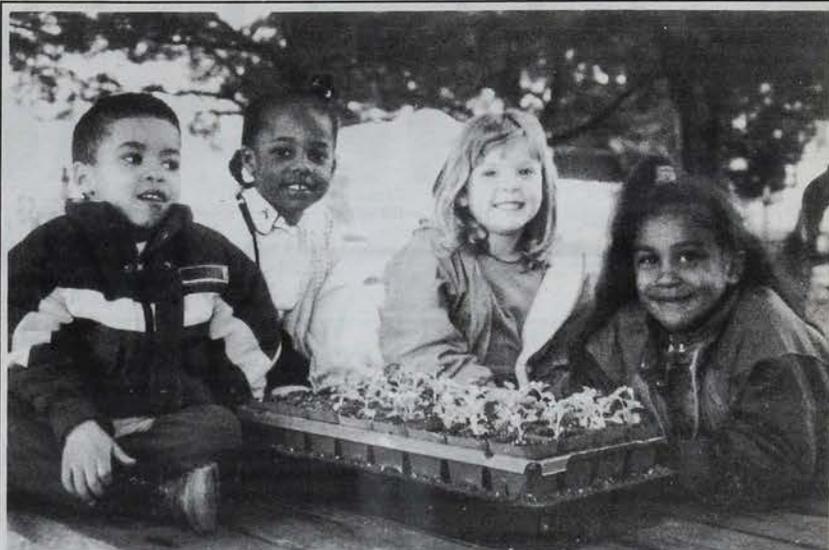
"Our surveys show that restaurants have a real interest in expanding their menus to include healthier choices as entrees, main dish salads, sandwiches and sauces. By providing them with the recipe ideas and training they want, we will

reach thousands of Rhode Islanders and achieve a sustained improvement in the healthfulness of restaurant menus," said Nolan.

The workshop on June 13 will feature Mike Moskwa, executive chef at Johnson & Wales and host of WPRI-TV's "News You Can Eat," on recipe modification. At this session, pre-selected restaurant recipes will be revised to be more healthful.

The workshop on Aug. 22 will focus on desserts. Cindy Salvata, an instructor at Johnson & Wales, will join a pastry chef from Cafe Nuovo to demonstrate preparation of healthful desserts.

The cost is \$20 per session. Food professionals who would like more information may contact Nancy Beauchene at 277-3442 (277-2506 TDD).



See How The Seedlings Grow!

The seedlings, and the kids, are doing fine at the Wanskuck Early Years Learning Center, which Susan Kopecch directs. Some lucky mothers are going to get green gifts this Mother's Day.

Trying to Start a New Chapter

The Retired Enlisted Association is attempting to establish a local chapter known as the Narragansett Bay Chapter.

There are several hundred members-at-large in southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island in search of a chapter. Presently, the only New England chapter is in Portland, Maine.

Those interested should meet in Newport on May 20 at 2 p.m.

For further information, contact Bob Perrello at 846-3863 or Mike Conroy at 847-4016.

Author to Address Historical Society

Edward J. Renehan, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the May 16 meeting of the Cranston Historical Society, at 1351 Cranston St., Cranston.

A historian and biographer, Renehan will talk about his latest book, *The Secret Six: The True Tale of the Men Who Conspired With John Brown*. Renehan has been employed in a variety of editorial positions with publishing firms in New York City.

A brief business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede lecture. Refreshments will be served.

RIHCA Celebrates National Nursing Home Week

"Caring for Life" is the theme of American Health Care Association's National Nursing Home Week, to be held May 14 to 20. In a statement issued by President Clinton, citizens are encouraged to "honor and visit the employees and residents of our nation's 20,000 nursing facilities."

"We have a lot to be proud of in Rhode Island," stated Rhode Island Health Care Association executive director, Al Santos. "This state has taken a proactive stance in protecting citizens in regard to long-term health care. We passed legislation to protect people against theft and abuse long before it became a public

issue. Many of the protective measures that Rhode Island has in place, like mandatory criminal checks, are not enforced in other states. Rhode Island has a lot to celebrate during National Nursing Home Week and we'd like our citizens to know that," stated Santos.

The members of Rhode Island Health Care Association encompass nearly two-thirds of the state's nursing homes. For a listing of events celebrating National Nursing Home Week in your community, or for information on long-term health care, call Rhode Island Health Care Association at 732-9333.

Medical Center Hosts Estate Planning Seminar

David J. Correia, Esq., an area attorney who specializes in estate planning, will present a seminar on May 16 at 7 p.m. in Roger Williams Medical Center's Greene Lounge, 877 Chalkstone Ave., in Providence.

The seminar will provide an overview of the legal issues sur-

rounding wills and estate planning, as well as offer an opportunity for individual questions.

To reserve a place at this free seminar, or for more information, call the Roger Williams Medical Center development office at 456-2020.

VISTA Volunteer Expands Library's Literacy Program

On April 25, the Providence Public Library expanded the Family Literacy Program to a fifth site at the Washington Park Branch Library.

The success of the literacy

programs depends on volunteer tutors and children's assistants and are needed at all sites. Call the literacy office at 455-8041 for more information.

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FEATURE

A Wreath of Memory

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter



Fifty Aprils — the cruelest month, as a poet accidentally labelled this season of stirring roots and memories — have gone by since the murder camps were opened by the Allies. Each year an observer may be touched or moved by a glimpse or a glance during the commemorations.

Jonathan De Boer holds a tapered candle and stands guard and welcome at a table of yahrzeit candles in the vestry of the temple. With his clear face and red hair, he looks like a candle himself. Upon the bima, the sixth candle is lit by two small brothers, Daniel and Aaron Abrams, third-generation survivors. And a seventh added, lit by Dana Graves, the grandson of an American liberator, Joseph Gregson, who because of illness could not give his speech, spoke silently, the flame in a red glass, for those who helped, for the Gypsies, for the disabled, the retarded — for homosexuals.

Cantor Nancy Ginsburg, stately and elegant, guided a youth choir who sang "Birdsong," written in Terezin by an anonymous inmate. Youthful voices chanted, "Open your heart to beauty; Go to the woods and weave a wreath of memory. Then, if tears obscure your way, you will know how

good it is to be alive."

The congregation read aloud a passage from Primo Levi, "Survival in Auschwitz," warning us against forgetting: "Meditate that this came about: Or may your own house fall apart."

The famous letter that Rabbi Bohnsensent to his wife describing his visit to Dachau contained some of the strongest words of the evening. "The stories of Nazi horror are under-estimated, not exaggerated. The Jews were the worst off. They looked worse than the dead. They cried as they saw us. I don't know how they didn't all go mad. Even the other prisoners who suffered miseries themselves could not get over the horrible treatment meted out to the Jews."

Lea Eliash, straight, proud, lovely, spoke of her escape from the burning ghetto, bribing a guard with a watch, crawling under a barbed wire fence, hiding among Christians. The contrast between her regal dignity and bearing and the humiliating environment of her youth held power and poignancy. Edward Adler described with force and vigor the hardships of life in Budapest, all city services stopped, no water, no light, no food, no friends, only the present moment of life. He closed with a prayer for the

strength to go on living as Jews.

Cindy Halpern, a second-generation survivor, read a passage labelled "Liberation Time" from the memoirs of Judith Newman. In a dramatic, intensely sincere voice, she read about the paradoxes of the Russian victory. They raped children and grandmothers, and freedom, though wonderful, was nearly as terrifying as slavery had been.

Harris Rosen, president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, presented the Never Again Award to Professor Robert G. Weisbord. In his acceptance speech, Weisbord addressed current issues of bigotry and prejudice.

I had the honor to read the account of Morris Gastfreund's liberation, and as I walked through the aisle in the procession from the bima, I looked at the faces of the survivors among us, their eyes and mouths deeply expressive of their personal memories, losses, and perceptions. I shook hands with Father Edward Flannery, a former recipient of the Never Again award and a true friend of the Jewish people. I took a yahrzeit candle with a faltering wick, relit it at home, with the help of my daughter Lily and her tweezers and a box of big wood matches. The candle stayed lit through the night, throbbing like a heart.

I fear that we may blur out the burning furnace of our Shoah by spreading its message too thin. For me, it is not the "message" that matters, but the memory, that frail wick, the hearts of the survivors, the value of their truths, the brutal fact of their solitude.

JFS Volunteer Esther Elkin Provides a Ray of Sunshine

by Terry Lieberman

The elderly man had been living with his granddaughter's family for about a year now. He was completely bedridden and the Visiting Nurse Association nurse who provided his home care called Jewish Family Service to arrange for friendly visiting.

Ninety years of age, Samuel Vinarsky had come to Providence with his family from Donetsk in the Ukraine, where he had worked as the chief bookkeeper of a coal company for many years. The social workers at JFS were familiar with the family, having helped them to resettle in the community only three years ago.

The room was sparsely furnished, but spotless when volunteer coordinator Bonnie Ryvicker and Russian interpreter Alla Goman made their visit accompanied by volunteer Esther Elkin.

Elkin was there as a Yiddish interpreter, she spoke first: "Shalom Aleichem," she said to the still figure lying in the bed. His eyes flew open, his whole being was energized and a broad smile lit his face. "Aleichem Shalom," he joyfully replied. Vinarsky had not spoken Yiddish for 60 or 70 years.

This meeting was the first of weekly visits that Elkin made to Vinarsky over the course of a year. Her visits also brightened his stay at The Miriam Hospital, about three or four months ago.

These days Elkin visits Vinarsky at Rosewood, the nursing home where JFS helped to place him. She finds him very contented.

"Ninety years old," she said, "his mind is as clear as a bell." He is no longer confined to a bed; he uses a wheelchair now. Last week she found him wearing a red-knit jogging suit, sitting outdoors in the sunshine. Always their greeting is the same — "Shalom Aleichem." "Aleichem Shalom."

Elkin loves her work as a JFS volunteer visiting with the elderly who are homebound. "I want to be an encouragement to people," she stated. With her warmth, energy and intelligence, she is that and more. Elkin will celebrate her 85th birthday this June.



Esther Elkin

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University Professor Compares Settlers' Children to Hitler Youth

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Hebrew University professor who compared the children of Jewish settlers to Hitler Youth has heard calls for his dismissal from the right-wing.

In an interview with the weekly newspaper *Yerushalayim*, Professor Moshe Zimmerman said he saw strong similarities between the two groups.

"There is a whole sector of Israeli society, that without hesitation I would call a copy of the Nazis," he said. "Look at the children of Hebron: They are exactly like Hitler Youth. They are brainwashed from age zero that Arabs are bad, and about anti-Semitism, making them paranoid and racist — just like the Hitler youth."

Zimmerman later said some of his comments were distorted in the published interview. But he nonetheless held firm to his conviction that there are certain parallels between the settlers and Nazis, including racism.

Likud Knesset member Ron Nahman called on Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein to dismiss Zimmerman immediately. Nahman also called on the State Attorney's office to bring criminal charges against the professor for incitement.

"The professor's remarks are a filthy stain on the Hebrew University, and anyone who expresses such opinions should have no place in the Israeli education system," said Nahman.

Israel Television reported that settlers councils in the West Bank town of Hebron and in neighboring Kiryat Arba are preparing to bring charges against Zimmerman.

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EDITORIAL

'When a Jew is Willing to Give up His Life'

This week's Torah portion, Emor, contains the mitzva of kiddush Hashem — the sanctification of G-d's name: "You shall not profane My holy name, so that I may be sanctified among the children of Israel." A Jew must give up his life rather than deny G-d. Sacrificing one's life for the sake of G-d causes His name to be sanctified throughout the world.

There are actually two types of kiddush Hashem. The first is when a Jew is willing to give up his life but a miracle occurs and he does not die, and the second is when he is actually put to death. Our sages disagree as to which level constitutes a greater sanctification of G-d's name.

Maimonides maintains that the main part of the mitzva is actually giving up one's life, thereby publicly demonstrating the extent of the Jew's unshakable faith in G-d.

However, the Midrash (Torat Kohanim) maintains that when a Jew is willing to sacrifice his life and he is saved by a Divine miracle, G-d's name is sanctified even more. In such a case, not only does everyone recognize the Jew's absolute devotion, but G-d's hand is openly revealed.

Moreover, according to the Midrash, the person whose life has been saved has an additional merit. To illustrate, the Midrash cites two examples of kiddush Hashem, that of Chania, Mishael and Azaria, who agreed to be thrown into the fiery furnace but were saved by a miracle, and that of two Jews by the names of Papus and Lulyanus.

"You are from the same nation as Chania, Mishael and Azaria!" Maryanus told Papus and Lulyanus, "Let your G-d come and save you just as he did them!"



Papus and Lulyanus replied, "But they were righteous Jews and Nebuchadnezzar was worthy of witnessing a miracle. You, however, are an evil man, and we ourselves are worthy of our deaths in any event because of our sins."

Planting Our Feat

Here's something to think about as you're thumbing through your *Burpee Seed* catalog or turning over the mulch in your garden.

This week's portion, Kedoshim, has some unusual botanic advice: the produce of the first three years of a fruit tree's life was forbidden. In the fourth year the fruit was set aside as holy to be eaten only in Jerusalem or redeemed. Yet in the fifth year — which the Torah says will be particularly prolific — you can eat the fruit anywhere you want.

Today's quiz:
Q: If the fifth year's fruit is

From this it seems that when G-d performs a miracle and a Jew's life is saved, that person possesses a great merit. The sanctification of G-d's name is therefore also commensurately greater.

However, both Maimonides and the Midrash agree that a Jew must never seek to sacrifice his life thinking that he will be miraculously rescued. For Maimonides, this is because being saved at the last second detracts from the sanctification of G-d's name; for the Midrash, this is because "He who gives up his life with the intent of being saved by a miracle does not merit one." Relying on a miracle to occur actually prevents it from happening.

In the merit of learning these laws may we see the fulfillment of the verse, "My Great Name will be sanctified... and all nations will know that I am G-d" with the final Redemption.

Adapted from *Likutei Sichot* of the Rebbe, Vol. 27. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Y. Laufer.

the reward for all your waiting, why is the fourth year's crop called holy?

A: Because there's something beyond holiness.

That's not a misprint. The best explanation for it is in a story told about the Baal Shem Tov. He used to travel Carpathia dressed as a poor man, asking Jews that he met about their lives. His pleasure was in hearing them praise G-d for the blessings they had.

One day he was led to a great scholar, an elderly man who did nothing all day but study Torah, wrapped in his tallit and tefillin. He ate only after the evening prayers, and then just a crust of bread and a glass of water. All the Baal Shem Tov's attempts to communicate with this holy gentlemen were ignored. Finally the old man gestured angrily for his questioner to leave. The Baal Shem Tov challenged him by saying, "Rabbi, why do you not give G-d his livelihood?"

Contributed by Chabad of West Bay, CHAI Center.

American Jews Should Be Ashamed

To the Editor:

The time has come, perhaps, when other Jewish communities spread throughout the world will make their voices heard and proclaim a day of fasting and prayer for American Jewry. No, this is not a misprint.

I mean specifically that a day of prayer and fasting should be proclaimed for the millions of Jews now living in the United States. We live under the protection of a mighty republic governed by democratic laws. We move about freely, and most of us have enough food to eat and clothes to wear. If any wrong is committed, we are free to demonstrate and demand our rights. Nevertheless, we deserve to be prayed for.

We are not even aware what a misfortune has befallen us, and if we were to look at ourselves with seeing eyes we would real-

A True Woman of Valor

by Cary Eichenbaum

If you know this author at all, you'd probably think his biggest hero comes from the world of sports. I'm a huge sports fan, and my world seems to revolve around the games. However, the recent labor disputes have really soured me on sports and its athletes. These players aren't really heroes and role models.

So, if my biggest hero doesn't come from the world of sports, where might it come from? I certainly had many worthy candidates from my father's family.

My late father, Ray, as everyone in Rhode Island and beyond knows, was a genuine hero. He was a Holocaust survivor from Poland who lost his entire family, but gently told us about forgiveness and love and hope for mankind for the future. He was a loving husband and father who never had much, but was forever thankful for what he had.

His brother, Moniek, and sister, Bronia, were special, too. Moniek saved my father's life several times and gave him the reason to live after they lost their parents. Bronia, a nurse, also performed heroic deeds, including saving lives and giving her food rations to sicker people.

But, as much as I adored and loved my father, he wasn't my number one hero in life. That right is reserved for my mother, Alice.

Alice Eichenbaum was born in Vienna, before the war, but, luckily, her father owned a business in Bulgaria, and she spent the war years in Sofia and Varna. Though the Jews of Bulgaria had to endure many hardships during the war, like wearing the yellow Jewish star and having to obey Germans, the Jews of Bulgaria had it many times better than the rest of Europe's Jews. And this is why my mother was able to develop her charming personality and easy manner in Bulgaria.

My mother returned to Austria, after the war, where she studied in Vienna and Graz and met my father. The two were married in 1956, moved to New Jersey the next year, where they had my brother, Howard and me, and moved to Providence in 1969. A Ph.D. in chemistry,

my mother has worked for a jewelry plant in Pawtucket for the last 21 years.

My mother has been my hero all of my life. She hasn't been a perfect mother, but in my biased opinion, she's an absolutely great mother. She has been the cornerstone, foundation and silent pillar of a great family. She supported her husband through thick and thin for 37 years — through every nightmare and through every ailment. She has also supported her sons at every opportunity, sometimes with tough love, but with love nonetheless.

She did a smart thing in raising her sons. She convinced my father not to tell us about his Holocaust experiences until we were old enough to understand fully, knowing that we would ask enough questions when we were ready. And we did. This enabled us to be raised without bitterness, to not be raised by parents who rubbed it in the faces of their kids that they were raised without hate and oppression.

Another great characteristic about my mother is that she has always been a friend. She's always willing to cook and bake and invite guests and open up her house to her friends and her sons' friends.

Still another good thing about her is her independence. She's had bad eyes since she was a child, but still insists on driving everywhere herself. And she wants no sympathy, despite standing on her feet seven to eight hours a day at work, sometimes cooking and baking all day Sundays and holidays, shopping, volunteering, and doing plenty of exercise.

So, in closing, Ma, have a Happy Mother's Day. Despite our almost constant bickering, I'd just like to tell you I couldn't have picked a better mother even if I had a catalogue.

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If moral bankruptcy deserves pity, and if this pity is seven fold for one who is not even aware how shocking his bankruptcy is, then no Jewish community in the world deserves more compassion from heaven than does American Jewry.

The basic facts are evident: Just as American Jewry failed the test miserably during the Holocaust, and the establishment took years to help Soviet Jews, today, too, Jews are selfish, and unwilling to sacrifice. American Jewry has not done — and has made no effort to do — its elementary duty towards the Israelis, the American Jewish hero, Jonathan Pollard, or to save the souls of the many young Jews who are so rapidly assimilating. The American Jewish community should be ashamed of themselves.

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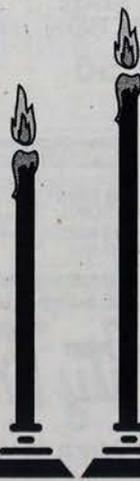
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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Case of Klan Cross Propels Court Ruling

by Jennifer Batog
WASHINGTON (JTA) — It's still months away from Chanukah and Christmas, but the Jewish community is once again wrangling over religious displays on public grounds.

Underscoring the division is a case now being considered by the Supreme Court that legal experts said could determine the constitutionality of future displays of menorahs and Christmas scenes.

The case now before the court, Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board vs. Vincent Pinette, Donnie Carr and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, involves a privately sponsored cross near the Ohio Statehouse in downtown Columbus.

The Supreme Court heard arguments in the case April 26, and must decide whether putting a 10-foot, Klan-sponsored cross in front of the Ohio Statehouse violated the Establishment Clause, which provides for the separation between church and state.

In an argument that Justice Sandra Day O'Connor called "far-fetched," lawyers for the state of Ohio maintained that crosses are purely religious symbols and that placing them in front of government buildings would lead a reasonable observer to believe that the state was endorsing religion.

The Klan argued that the state violated its freedom of speech and expression and noted that during the holiday season, the state allows private sponsors to erect a menorah and a Christmas tree near the Statehouse.

The state maintains that those are cultural, not religious, symbols.

As has often been the situation in cases involving the display of religious symbols, Jewish activists filed amicus briefs supporting both sides.

Seven Lubavitch congregations filed on behalf of the Klan, saying that private religious speech deserves the same constitutional dignity as secular speech.

"Private religious speech is not the First Amendment's step-child," the Lubavitch brief said.

The court's decision could affect the menorahs the

Lubavitch sponsor in a number of communities during the Chanukah season.

Lubavitch congregations from Michigan, Indiana, Vermont, Ohio, Georgia, Florida and Pennsylvania signed onto the brief.

In contrast, the American Jewish Committee and the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations filed with several other organizations on behalf of the Capitol Square Board, saying all religious displays on public grounds, including menorahs, were unconstitutional.

The AJCongress and the Anti-Defamation League submitted a similar brief, noting in particular the group's concerns that the cross was sponsored by the Klan, which they called a "Hydra-headed monster."

The Lubavitch has often been at odds with other Jewish groups over the display of religious symbols on public property.

In arguing for the state, attorney Michael Renner, said a privately sponsored cross on public grounds was especially troubling in this instance because it was so close to a government authority. "Any religious display, unattended near a seat of government," violates church-state separation, he said.

O'Connor immediately pointed out that the cross had a sign stating that it was not state-supported. "Here is a sign that says it's not government sponsored. Your remarks propose to suppress speech in a discriminatory fashion," she said.

Some justices questioned the menorah's presence in the same square. "Is it your position that you can have the menorah, but deny the cross?" Justice John Paul Stevens said. "That's what your saying?"

The court was not as tough on the Klan's lawyer, Benson Wolman, who asserted that the government denied the cross because it was sponsored by the Klan.

"We believe that here we have a public forum, where the state permits a variety of displays, and suddenly it chooses to confine it, and evoke the Establishment Clause," Wolman, who is Jewish, told the court.

Wolman, who is affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union, told reporters outside the court that defending the Klan, which has anti-Semitic views, was like defending any other client.

Although the usually reticent Justice Clarence Thomas grilled Wolman on what the Klan intended the cross to symbolize, he seemed to support the group's argument.

He suggested that the state was trying to shoehorn a political-speech case into the Establishment Clause.

Jews Split Over Ties With Missionizing Christians

The Israeli Embassy's reasons were more political in nature. Avi Granot, the embassy's counselor for interreligious affairs said the embassy withdrew because of concerns that the conference would end up lambasting the Middle East peace process.

Levens, the conference organizer, took issue with that, saying the embassy "wanted control over the conference, which we wouldn't give them."

Levens, who described McQuaid as "a true friend of Israel," said accusing groups such as his of trying to harm the Jewish people was "hurting our support among these people and creating anti-Semitism."

Herbert Zweibon, chairman of Americans for a Safe Israel, agreed with Levens. He issued a statement April 12 condemning the pullout from the Unity

Conference of the Republican group and the Israeli Embassy, saying it "undermines the vital alliance of Jewish and Christian friends of Israel."

Others, including Jews for Judaism's Powers, say that to forge relationships with groups who are dedicated to converting Jews "is like cooperating with the Nazis. Both have the same goal — the end of the Jewish people."

The Tourists Are Coming!

The Israel Ministry of Tourism in Jerusalem has commissioned eight teams of tourism development specialists to study the country's present tourism infrastructure and outline suggested improvements to accommodate projected rise in tourism. An extensive two-year study has revealed that Israel's steadily increasing tourist trade will actually double by the year 2006.

Abraham Fund Opens Office in Israel

The Abraham Fund announced recently that it has opened an office in Jerusalem and has appointed Rachele Schilo as director of Israel operations.

The Abraham Fund, established in 1989, seeks funds to enable it to promote Jewish-Arab coexistence in Israel. It provides grants to organizations and institutions in Israel that support Jewish-Arab cooperation and multicultural awareness.



More Help May Be On The Way

Dr. Shlomo Ma'ayan, director of Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center AIDS Clinic, is working on trials of Saquinavir, a drug thought to delay replication of HIV.

S. Korean, Israeli Brass Meet

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — A senior delegation from South Korea secretly visited Israel recently for talks about the perceived threat both countries face from North Korea.

The meeting came in the wake of recent reports that North Korea has sold Iran Nodong missiles, which were developed from the Scud missile and are capable of reaching Israel if fired from Iran.

The meeting also took place amid increased tensions between North and South Korea over the nuclear issue.

Israeli newspapers reported recently that the visit was arranged through the Prime Minister's office.

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TWO DANCE COMPANIES rehearse for "Midsummer Night's Dream" in the sunlit arena at the Temple of Music.

Shakespeare In The Park — A Lark!

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Children from the All Children's Theatre and The Music School are getting together to present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Temple To Music in Roger Williams Park, on May 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 2 p.m.

It's hard to imagine a better setting than this one — the temple itself is so classically lovely, and the park surrounding it, including a lake in the background, lend the perfect ambience.

This is considered one of Shakespeare's funniest plays. The current performance has been edited and directed by ACT founder and executive director, Wrenn Goodrum. Chris Turner and Rachel Maloney, of The Music School, are the band directors, and Mark Johnson, also of The Music School, is directing the chorus. Gail Rattey designed the costumes. The performance will be one grand "photo opportunity."

The audience is invited to bring blankets to sit on, and lunches to munch on, and sun screen. The breeze coming up off the lake will keep everyone cool.

Rain dates are May 15 and 22, at 5 p.m., if necessary.

For more information call 331-7174.

The following children will

be appearing in the performance.

Cast: Elizabeth Alper, Sam Anderson, Richard Barrett, Tal Bar Zemer, Anna Boksenbaum, Nicole Boucher, Susanna Brown, Kerri Carnevale, Katie Cohn, Alli Michelle Conti, Ruth Corley, Cleo Counts, Belanger Deralta, Jenny Doumato, Loren Eadie, Tyler Edwards, Juanita Fernandes, Morgan Fuchs, Sarah Galli, Ben Garber, Veronica Gounaris, Danica Harris, Danielle Harris, Hope Henderson, Randy Huck, Chloe Johnston, Josh Joseph, Becky Kizirian, Brent Lang, Jeannette Lofsky, Nicole Mariani, Noah Marwil, Zachary Marwil, Ryan Michney, Kira Neel, Ilana Oakes, Josie Pacheco, Shana Reade, Emmanuel Schanzer, Nathan Scoggins, Lucy Semonoff-Flam, Claire Sherba, Scarlet Shore, Michael Smith, Emily Spura, Ashley Stevens, Ben Swift, Rachel Swift, Timia Tavares, Chelsea Toder, Anne-Sophie von Heyden, Lydia Whitcomb and Hilary Wicks.

Roger Williams Summer Courses for Teen Scientists

Roger Williams College is offering two special programs for high school students this summer.

The first, in biotechnology, runs from July 23 to 29, at the university, under the direction of Tom Sorger, Ph.D., RWU faculty member in biology, and Charles Vaslet, Ph.D., assistant research professor at Brown.

Students will live on the waterfront campus for the week, for both courses.

The second course, Field

Studies in Marine Biology, also runs from July 23 to 29, and will be taught by Harold Pomeroy, Ph.D., RWU professor of biology, and Bryan McKenna '95, marine biology graduate.

Call the summer camp hotline, 254-3170, for more information.

BCC Offers Programming

Bristol Community College will offer UNIX Basics and C Programming as part of the PCLAN Networking Specialist Certification Program during the summer semester beginning May 30. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Scott Francis at (508) 678-2811, ext. 2531.

Yoken Awarded Master's from URI

Elisa A. Yoken, daughter of Judy and Steve Yoken of Fall River, was awarded a master's degree in speech pathology and communications disorders from the University of Rhode Island. In the five-year program, she was also a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and president of the university's Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

URI Hosts Symposium on Global Impact of Chemicals

A symposium that should be of interest to environmentalists, teachers, and concerned citizens will take place at the University of Rhode Island on June 2.

The symposium, titled "Environmental Protection's Chemical Issues and Their Global Impact," will feature presentations by speakers from the academic world, industry, and the public sector.

The symposium will open on June 1 at 6 p.m. with a reception and dinner at the Towers in Narragansett and will continue in Chafee Hall on the Kingston campus on June 2 from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will be at 7:30 a.m.

The day will focus on issues which are a common concern to academic research chemists, government policymakers, and leaders of the chemical industry. Each speaker is an acknowledged expert in an area important to environmental protection.

The symposium fee is \$10 for students and members of the University community who register by May 10; after that date the fee will be \$25. Registration

for the general public is \$35 if registration is made by May 10 and \$50 thereafter. Limited tickets for the June 1 dinner are available for \$30.

To register or for further information, call the URI chemistry department at 792-2318.

Lesley College To Hold Education Fair in June

The Lesley College School of Management will host its own Education Fair in Alumni Hall on the school's Cambridge campus on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults interested in continuing their education are invited to attend workshops to learn more about Lesley's flexible programs located on and off-campus.

A financial aid presentation is scheduled. Faculty and admissions staff will also be available to answer questions. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

An R.S.V.P. is requested to (617) 349-8170.

Students Embrace Envirothon Challenge

High school students across the state are gearing up for the first Rhode Island Envirothon to be held on May 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grosvenor Outdoor Educational Center in Saunterstown, R.I.

The envirothon is a competitive, problem-solving, natural resource event for high school students. The program challenges students to learn more about the environment and develop a greater sense of appreciation for our natural resources.

Forty-five students from nine Rhode Island schools will be tested in five natural resource areas: soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and groundwater. Each participating school will send a team of five students to answer a series of questions and identify various types of soils, trees, fish and wildlife.

Awards will be announced at 2 p.m. on May 18. The winning team will represent Rhode Island at the National Envirothon in Idaho this August where students from 29 other states and two participating countries, Canada and Australia, will compete.

For more information about the Rhode Island Envirothon, contact Bryan Wolfenden, at 885-1321.

CCRI to Host WWI Discussion

The Community College of Rhode Island will host a World War II history roundtable discussion on May 24 at 7 p.m. in the Bobby Hackett Theatre on the Warwick campus. Anyone interested in World War II history is welcome. Admission is free.

For additional information, contact John J. Sbrega at 455-6065.

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SOMETIMES JUST A HUG says it all for Michelle Rittner and Dov.



ZACHARY BENSUSAN discusses the week's lessons with Dov.

"Dov" Means Bear in Hebrew And Love At Temple Sinai

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The story of Dov, a bear, starts with an idea — an idea which appealed tremendously to religious teachers Joanne Silver and Donna Gropper, at Temple Sinai. As they put it in the Dov family workshop packet, Dov would be sent out with children from the school to "seek and explore Jewish experience both in the temple and in the world.

Sounds fairly academic, doesn't it? But trust a teddy bear to get to the heart of things. This bear, by the way, was a gift to the school from Ed Krassner.

In December, Dov started going home for three days at a time with children in the second grade of the religious school. Before long, there was a demand for Dov's time, and a groundswell of opinion that he should be allowed to fraternize with children in other grades, as well.

Dov went to Israel. He went to Philadelphia. He partook of Shabbat ceremonies and seders and hanging a mezzuzah beside a front door, and reading sessions in the library, and coloring with the kindergartens. With the fourth grade, he learned script. He watched the sofer closely, as he worked on the Torah scroll, and dressed for the occasion with a beard and a quill pen. He dined on challah, matzoh, parsley, and wine. He accompanied blessings over candles, and listened attentively to questions and answers in the rabbi's office.

As he visited each family, he brought out the Jewishness in his surroundings. Who would forget to light the candles, with Dov watching? Children learned, and adults remembered.

Someone crocheted Dov a blue and white yamulka, and someone else bought him a blue and white pair of socks. Someone made him his own prayer book, which he carried everywhere with him in his traveling case.

Many children made their own version of Dov from a pattern in the workbook.

Dov took part in mitzvahs, and was the subject of many entries in his journal and many photographs, which are on display in the temple now.

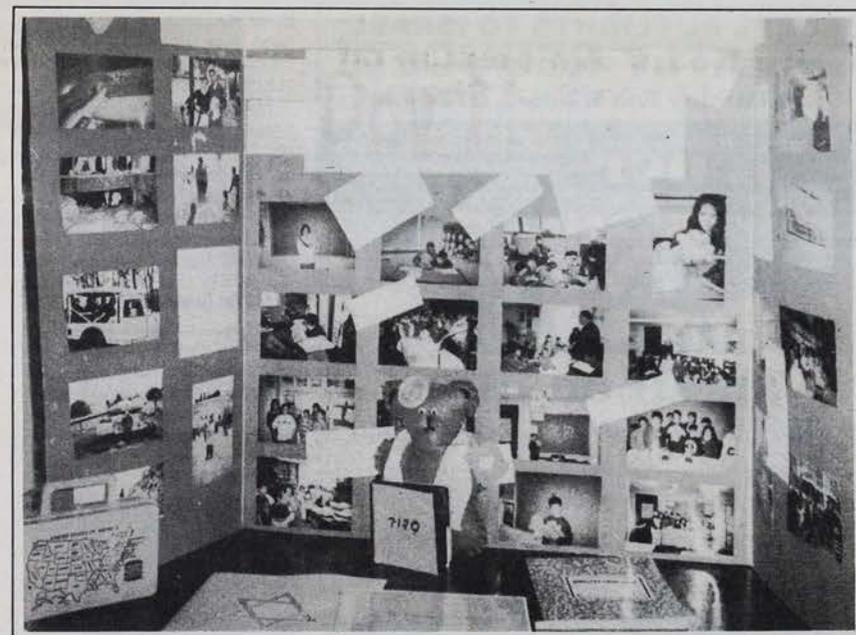
Silver and Gropper, the teachers who brought Dov into being, have received the Goldberg Teacher Creativity Award from the Jewish Bureau of Education.

What does the future hold for Dov?

He will start the year over, with the next second grade, learning and teaching Jewishness as he goes.

I asked to pick Dov up and hold him, myself. I am a connoisseur of bears. The moment he was in my hands I recognized the feel of a much-hugged bear. Bears who have been deeply loved are extremely soft. Their stuffing no longer packs their skin snugly — it has been compressed by all those embraces.

STUDYING TEXT TOGETHER, Dov and Leonore Sones spend a quiet moment in her office.



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DOV MAKES! This Dov has his own traveling case, a journal, a prayer book, and dozens of pictures taken with his fans and friends.

Family Issues Program

B'nai B'rith District One's Family Issues Cabinet will sponsor a program entitled "Aging Parents: Coping with Social, Medical, Legal and Psychological Problems," on June 15 at 8 p.m. at the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center of Newton.

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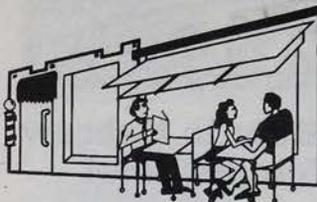
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by Jeanette Hidalgo
Herald Staff

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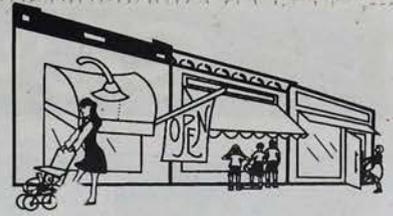
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Little Rascals offers the largest selection of Flapdoodles in the area for babies right up to teenagers. Toys, accessories, and great gift items, too.

Flourishes, a gift shop, specializes in gifts for gardeners. If you like gardening, you must see this store. In addition to statuary, poo pets, and great little indoor fountains, you'll find gourmet candy and other foods and beautiful pottery and jewelry. You don't have to be a gardener to enjoy this store.

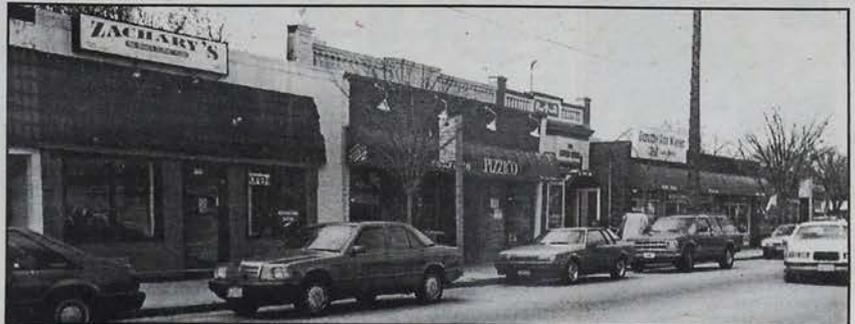
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Take a Box... Add Imagination...

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The second-graders at Providence Hebrew Day School learned about recycling recently. They found used objects that could be used again, in a different way, and created an exhibit that could have been entitled "Imagination At Play In the Fields of Disposables."

It is only in the last several decades that Americans have become accustomed to planned obsolescence (major appliances with an 8-year lifespan built in) and disposable everything — from razors to cameras to lighters. For centuries before that, Americans were a very "saving" people, and if that reached absurd limits sometimes, like immense balls of foil, or drawers full of unidentified puzzle pieces, it was, on the whole, good

for the planet, and good for us. So recycling is about returning to our roots, really, and, in the case of these second-graders, having fun doing it.



ESTHER made some bunk beds.



WILLIAM made an impressive sand timer which Mrs. Carrell thought was just great.



NOAH made just one awesome snake, and **Orli** gave us a television set with the weather report already in progress.



MIRIAM made a lap desk and **Hannah** made a tissue box bed and a tall bottle doll.



JULIA displays her shoebox bedroom, and **Lelana** stands behind her new drum and drumstick.



ELLIOTT (Ellie to his friends) sips from his apple juice machine and **Golda** shows us her baby rattle.



TAMAR made a lava lamp (remember those?) and **Marina** made a crib with a very nice mobile hanging over it.



SHLOMO introduces his amazing giraffe.



NINA created a crib, **Avi** made a pencil holder, and **Elan** built a whole foil sink.

20th CAJE Conference Scheduled for August

The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education will hold its 20th annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education from Aug. 13 to 17, at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

One exciting segment of the program, entitled "Jerusalem 2999," will prepare educators for the Jerusalem 3000 celebration which begins in September. For an hour and a half on Aug. 15, the entire conference will be divided into small groups to study various texts relating to Jerusalem.

Following the text study will be creative workshops on using art, drama, dance and music to express the ideas studied in the texts, as well as further text-based sessions. The Israeli theme will be carried into dinner,

which will feature a Middle Eastern menu.

In total, the conference will offer more than 600 workshops and sessions, planned and scheduled by the Educational Program Committee, chaired by Margie Holzer and Shoshannah Zaritt. All sessions will be classified as to content and context.

The CAJE Conference is open to all involved in the transmission of the Jewish heritage, regardless of ideological affiliation or job description. To encourage the continuity of the field, there will be both a college program and a teen program for future Jewish educators.

For more information, call (212) 268-4210.

RIC Profiles Its Freshmen

A Rhode Island College Institutional Research and Planning report titled, "A Profile of Entering Freshmen Fall 1994" illuminates changes occurring in the college population, and reveals the financial burdens being shouldered by new students.

Most notable in the findings of the self-reported information is the percentage of minority students in the freshman class here increasing from 11.8 percent in 1993 to 14.6 percent in 1994. In addition, those freshman identifying themselves as non-native English speaking increased to 13.6 percent, also a new high.

Most students attending RIC are first-generation college students who live 11 to 50 miles from home, with 63 percent planning to live at home, 34 percent on campus and the remainder in other off-campus locations.

They are predominantly Roman Catholic. Other religious preferences reported are Protestant (18 percent); Eastern Religions (2 percent); Jewish (1 percent); other (2 percent), and none (12 percent).

As in past years, most students entering RIC self-report that as high school students they were B through A plus students (71 percent). More than one-half of RIC freshmen report that as seniors in high school they worked 16 or more hours per week (up 11 percentage points in the past three years), com-

pared to 43 percent of the students nationwide.

Education, social sciences, nursing and business were found to be the "most frequently reported probably major fields of study," with all probable majors reported leveling off and nursing and business essentially unchanged from last year.

Interest in the arts and humanities showed the greatest change, down six percentage points from 14 percent last year to 8 percent this year. According to the findings, probable careers selected by the incoming freshmen mirror their fields of study, with teaching, nursing and business reported by the largest numbers of freshmen.

Of special significance to the RIC community is the financial struggle faced by students and their families to attend college. The median reported family income for RIC freshmen families is \$39,436, compared to the national income figure at \$52,856.

Although RIC students cite parental aid as the greatest source of financial assistance, they traditionally report less reliance on their families than their peers nationally.

Financing their college education is of greater concern to RIC students now than ever before. Seventy-three percent of RIC freshmen report either "some" or "major" concern about financing college compared to 57 percent five years ago. Twenty-two percent report that they have "major" concerns

about financing college, compared to only nine percent five years ago.

How are they paying the bills? According to the report, loans and part-time work. Part-time work jumped from 52 to 64 percent, and those reporting loans increased sharply for the second year in a row, up eight percentage points from 30 to 38 percent.

In a separate document, Director of Financial Aid James Hanbury's office reports that the total loan value for the 1994-95 year will exceed \$10.5 million, up from about \$4.7 million in 1992-93.

With dire concerns about finances, and in-state tuition at about \$2,800, it's no wonder that one of the two most frequently reported "very important" reasons for selecting RIC continues to be "low tuition."

Academic reputation comes second, followed by "wanted to live near home"; "offered financial assistance," and "graduates get good jobs."

The college was the first choice for 58 percent of the freshman, down four percent from last year.

Young people throughout the nation — RIC students included — report that the primary reason for deciding to go to college is to "get a better job."

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HEALTH & FITNESS

News from the Hospitals

CHARLTON AND MEMORIAL TO STUDY WOMEN'S HEALTH

The National Institutes of Health of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has awarded an additional \$7.8 million contract to Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island to enable the Rhode Island Vanguard Clinical Center to join in a collaborative effort with Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River.

Investigators at Charlton will join a research team of scientists and physicians from Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Brown University and the University of Rhode Island. A satellite center will be established at Charlton to expand recruitment in southeastern Massachusetts for a major national study of women's health.

The Women's Health Initiative, a \$628 million project, is the largest clinical trial and observational study on a national level to examine factors that affect the health of women after menopause.

Researchers hope to enroll 2,773 post-menopausal women from southeastern Massachusetts, extending from Fall River to Cape Cod, at the Charlton site. Coupled with the current effort based at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, a total of 6,393 women from Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts will take part in this historic study, making it one of the largest centers in the country for this pioneer research. Over \$16.7 million in federal funds has been awarded to Memorial. Nationally, more than 160,000 women will participate.

The overall objective of the study will be to test the effectiveness of preventive measures and lifestyles that may improve the health of post-menopausal women ages 50 to 79.

The objective of the clinical trial component is to determine which of several randomly assigned interventions best promote the health of post-menopausal women. The study will examine the effects of a low-fat diet in preventing breast and colorectal cancer and heart disease; the benefits and risks of hormone replacement therapy in preventing cardiovascular disease and osteoporotic fractures; and the effects of calcium and vitamin D supplements in preventing osteoporotic fractures and colorectal cancer.

The observational study will identify a large number of women, determine their health characteristics, and follow them over time. It will also develop risk factor analyses for cardiovascular disease, cancer and osteoporosis and will assess psychosocial changes over time.

Women volunteering to participate are offered a wide range of screening tests, including medical exams, papanicolou (pap) smears, mammograms, routine physical exams, electrocardiograms, and laboratory work. There are no personal costs to women who participate in the study. The only billable charges to a woman's health insurance or Medicare are for pap smears and mammograms. The study will cover costs for women who are not insured.

For those enrolled in the intervention arm of the dietary modification component, there will also be dietary assessments and nutrition counseling and support. Each participant will be seen by a multidisciplinary team to ensure the best care and most accurate research. Transportation will be provided if needed to ensure that every woman who is eligible has an opportunity to join this history-making study.

PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON GOOD NUTRITION

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island has announced its Community Wellness Program's spring series of health programs that are free to the public.

The program on May 16 at 7 p.m. is entitled "Good Nutrition for a Lifetime." Lyn Schwartz, M.S., R.D., will suggest guidelines and practical tips to promote healthful eating for all ages from children to senior citizens. Benefits derived from a nutritious diet, such as reduction of body fat, prevention of chronic diseases and elevation of daily energy levels, will be emphasized.

Schwartz is a registered dietician with a master's in health and fitness management. She has been working in the field of nutrition weight loss for the past eight years and she is the coordinator of the weight loss and fitness programs at Memorial Hospital.

The Wellness Programs include "Positive Steps to Take Charge of Arthritis," on May 18; and "Emergency Medicine," with Michael Weinstock, M.D., chief of emergency medicine at Memorial, on June 20.

All programs are free to the public and are held in the hospital's Sayles Conference Center. The arthritis program starts at 6:30 p.m. and the emergency medicine program begins at 7 p.m. To register for any of these programs, call 729-2459 in advance.

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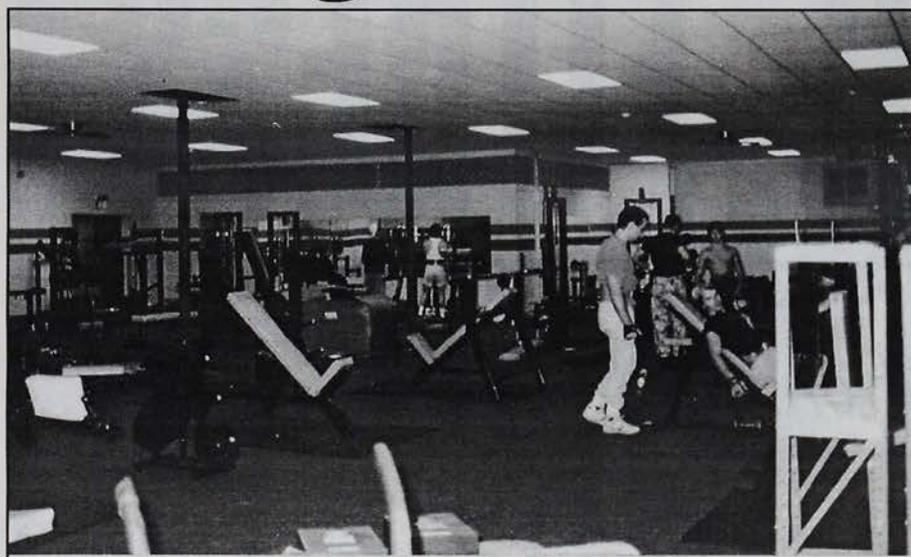
Each year, over 3,000 Rhode Islanders are diagnosed with skin cancer. Skin cancer, while most common in the elder population, can occur at any age. Oftentimes, a person's skin damage from the sun begins in childhood; therefore, sun protection is important at all ages.

Early detection, as with most cancers, is the best defense against skin cancer. Recognizing changes in skin growths or the appearance of new growths is critical in finding early skin cancers.

In recognition of May as National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month, the Dermatology Department at Roger Williams Medical Center is offering its annual skin cancer screenings where patients of all ages can receive free examinations for signs of skin cancer. The screenings will be held on May 15 and May 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Medical Office Building, 877 Chalkstone Avenue, next to Roger Williams Hospital.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 456-2503.

Getting Fit



The Physique Company in Pawtucket offers personal training and nutrition counseling for those who need a little help sticking to their fitness regimen.

by Gary Gaudreau

If you are accustomed to most fitness facilities the first thing you notice when you walk into the Physique Company is what it doesn't have. There aren't any people lounging around wearing spandex. There are no Jacuzzis, no eucalyptus rooms, no whirlpools.

Where are all the chrome-plated machines? The decorator lighting? The high-pressure salespeople? How come nobody is hanging out at the juice bar talking about the party they went to the night before? Where are the people trying to pick up each

other while they are standing around waiting for machines? What is this place anyway?

This is a gym. A true gym. The place where people work on their bodies, strengthening them, toning them, sculpting them into their image of what they want to look like. Older people, younger people, men and women working out to make their bodies function better and to make themselves feel better.

Black and red are the predominant colors. Black free weights, thick black rubber matting on the floor. Exercise ma-

chines and benches painted flat black offset by bright red vinyl upholstery. Showers and lock-

Others have training partners. Still others have personal trainers. This is something relatively

new, hiring a personal trainer to oversee your workout, see that you are doing the exercises correctly and in the right order and advising you about nutrition even to the extent of making out a complete day by day meal plan.

Gary Gaudreau, the owner and a certified personal trainer himself, expresses his philosophy, "If you want to get into shape you have to go to a real gym like this, not to a nightclub pretending to be a gym. Don't be fooled by fancy frills or slick sales people. Find someone who is knowledgeable and is willing to work with you and you will be able to completely overhaul your body."

The Physique Company has been in business in the Darlington section of Pawtucket for nine years and has an excellent reputation. At 170 York Ave., it is about 10 minutes from Providence drawing people from there as well as from the Pawtucket area and nearby Massachusetts. The telephone number is 723-3060.

The Alexander Technique: An Educational Alternative for Bodily Stress

by Mara Sokolsky

One of the last books F.M. Alexander, founder of the Alexander Technique, wrote was called, *The Use of the Self*. By "use," he meant the way in which we do things in our daily lives, from the way we get out of bed in the morning, the way we stand up, the way in which we do all our myriad activities of the day, to the way we lie down and go to sleep at night. Alexander found that there is a way to do things that promotes healthy functioning and a way that is harmful to our functioning.

Healthy functioning involves keeping a well-balanced head

on top of a lengthened spine. Many physical ailments are started or compounded by a head and neck out of alignment which typically results in a compressed spine. Weekly Alexander lessons teach the student to do such simple activities as standing, sitting and walking with a long and well-balanced back. Then, this can be expanded to staying in good alignment while doing the more complicated activities of their day: sitting at a computer, playing a musical instrument, doing housework or childcare.

People often come for Alexander lessons after they

have tried a long line of traditional therapies. The technique is considered educational rather than a treatment in that it teaches an improved use of the self which in turn can provide relief from bodily stress. Some common problems that bring people to lessons are back trouble, stiff neck, whiplash injuries, scoliosis, tension headaches and carpal tunnel syndrome.

Mara Sokolsky is a 1980 graduate of the School of Alexander Studies in London, England. For more information about her Providence practice, call 751-9271.



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"If you build a gym, they will come." No, it's not a line out of the film "Field of Dreams." More precisely it was the logic behind a "Dream of Fields."

For many years, residents of Providence and Pawtucket, interested in cardiovascular training, weight lifting and aerobics have had to travel to Seekonk, Warwick or East Providence. Worse yet, the area totally lacked a "state of the art" big city fitness center. The residents of Greater Providence were forced to settle for second rate treatment.

Barry Field, an attorney calling Providence his hometown, has been doing work with many Gold's Gyms in the Boston area for years. Noting the lack of adequate fitness facilities in the greater Providence area, he started talking with Gold's Corporate offices in California to see if he could line up his clients in such a business venture. Eventually client and attorney merged into the same person. Before long it became a family affair.

Barry's brothers, Michael and Alan Field, became very excited about the concept of opening a Gold's Gym. They had each been in the retail/service business for more than 20 years in Providence and felt that this was a great opportunity for them to be involved in a quality family business, running the actual day to day planning and operations of the gym. Eventually a fourth principal, Maria Director, a Boston area business consultant, joined the team.

The next step in the process

was to find a location that was suitable in terms of size, parking, accessibility, layout and proximity to target customers. As in most businesses, timing is everything, and the Field brothers were fortunate being able to take over the location of a furniture store next to Shaw's Plaza in Pawtucket, an ideal space located on the North Main Street/Pawtucket Avenue line.

Boston architect Kurt Weidman was brought aboard to design the gym facility. The resulting finished interior clearly demonstrates his expertise.

As a licensee of Gold's Gym, the owners went beyond the standard minimum requirements recommended by the California-based gym chain. Their cardiovascular and weight training equipment is the finest quality in the area.

One of the main highlights included in all memberships is the aerobics program. Two veterans of aerobics, Joan Roth and Joanne Campanella run this program along with a staff of experienced aerobics instructors. The aerobics room boasts a state-of-the-art suspended wooden floor, which, according to the experts, makes a significant difference on those joints and muscles.

The gym, due in large part to its well-trained employees, offers an environment that is non-intimidating and comfortable for prospective clients. A free initial workout session and an individual program to suit the needs of each member will be provided.

Other features offered include

a babysitting room, tanning and saunas, a private woman's workout room, juice bar, air conditioning, a fresh air system, TVs to watch while working out and a remarkably clean facility.

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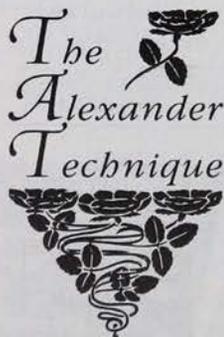
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New Shopper's Guide Helps Millions of Lactose-Intolerant Jewish Americans

"Shopping can be a challenge for the estimated 70 percent of Jewish-American adults who suffer the pain of gas, cramps and bloating after eating foods containing lactose, or milk sugar." That's the opinion of Peter Mirsky, a lactose intolerant and author of the recently published *Lactose-Free Foods: A Shopper's Guide*.

"Very few lactose-free foods are labeled as such, so it's really up to the consumer to identify them," said Mirsky. "Shopping can be more time-consuming than necessary because lactose-

free products are mixed in with countless others on the shelves with no way to quickly spot them.

"In addition, thousands of foods are made with lactose but in many cases the word 'lactose' doesn't even appear on the ingredient label. Less obvious or 'hidden sources' of lactose, such as whey, curds, milk solids and other milk products, may be found in spaghetti sauces, breads, cereals and other processed foods," explained Mirsky.

Lactose-Free Foods: A Shopper's Guide, a carry-along publication, is designed to simplify shop-

ping for lactose intolerants and those who shop for them. The *Guide's* directory of more than 1,000 national brand products, found to be lactose-free in more than 40 key food categories, is organized to make it easy to spot and quickly identify products or prepare lactose-free shopping lists.

According to Mirsky, "Media exposure has helped to raise public awareness of lactose intolerance. People who have never known why they experience stomach upset after eating foods containing lactose, now realize that lactose intolerance may be the cause of their discomfort. Naturally, they're looking for simple, inexpensive solutions to their problem."

Lactose-Free Foods: A Shopper's Guide is available from Bullseye Information Services, 200 Linden St, Dept. J20, Wellesley, MA 02018, for \$6.95 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling.

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What's This In My Glass?

The University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension will hold a workshop for homeowners on well protection.

For private well owners and others interested in the protection of their groundwater, the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension, in conjunction with Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, Department of Environmental Management and Department of Health, will conduct the workshop, "Protecting Your Drinking Water," on May 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association.

This workshop will help homeowners understand what they can do around their home to reduce pollution and protect their drinking water well. Topics to be covered include the basics of groundwater, well construction, water quality and testing, and well protection.

Participants will receive information packets on the topics covered. Water conservation kits will also be for sale at the workshop.

For more information or to register, call the Wood-Pawcatuck Association at (401) 539-9017. There is a limit of 25, so pre-registration is required.

Pawtucket Medical Association Sponsors 5K Run/2 mile Walk on 12th

The Pawtucket Medical Association will sponsor a 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk at Slater Park in Pawtucket on May 12, beginning at 4 p.m., in celebration of the association's 100th Anniversary.

Both events wind through Slater Park in Pawtucket. Participants are to meet at the zoo parking lot, where the race will begin.

The registration fee will be \$15 per participant. Free T-shirts will be provided to all participants.

Proceeds will benefit 111 Family Way, the new maternity unit at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island.

For further information, call 729-2459.

Healthy Foot Tips for Diabetics

The Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Association and American Diabetes Association offer the following suggestions for persons with diabetes who would like to protect their feet:

- Make sure you have your feet examined at each doctor's visit, preferably at least twice a year.
- Wash your feet daily, drying them carefully. Always wear clean socks or hosiery.
- Because diabetes may cause

a loss of feeling in your feet, inspect your feet daily for redness, blisters, scratches, discoloration, or other changes.

- Never walk barefoot.
- Avoid using over-the-counter corn removers. If you have a corn or callus, do not remove it yourself. See a podiatric physician.
- Trim your toenails with care, remembering to cut nails straight across and not below the top of your toe. If you feel

more comfortable, have a podiatrist perform this procedure.

- Make sure your shoes fit properly and are comfortable. The widest part of the shoes should match the widest part of your foot. Shoes should be snug, not tight, and there should be at least three-fourths of an inch of space between your big toe and shoe.
- Check your shoes for pebbles or other irritants before putting them on.
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Thursday, May 11
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7-8:30 p.m., Auditorium A
Gary L'Europa, M.D., Neurologist
Kent Hospital Medical Staff

Wednesday, May 17
Updates On Lyme Disease
And Arthritis Medications
7-8:30 p.m., Auditorium A
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Pete Silverman Named to New Position

Veteran television production executive Pete Silverman has been named to the newly created position of vice president, programming and production/executive producer for Sports Channel New York.

Silverman, the architect of Madison Square Garden Network's award-winning production department, will be responsible for all areas of programming and production with Sports Channel, including event production, talent negotiations and program acquisition.

Silverman, 48, spent the past 13 years with MSG where he was responsible for a number of areas. After joining the network as executive producer in 1982, he was promoted to vice president and executive producer in 1984. Under Silverman's direction, MSG received its first

CableACE nominations and won its first four New York Emmy awards for production, including two for New York Knicks basketball, one for New York Rangers hockey and one for the Millrose Games track and field event.

In 1992, Silverman was named vice president, production operations, and in 1993 he was appointed to the Paramount Technology Group, for which he developed interactive concepts involving MSG Network programming.

A native of Providence, R.I., Silverman is a graduate of Georgetown University and holds an M.A. in history from Emory University. He resides in West Windsor, N.J., with his wife, Beverly, and their three children. Silverman's parents reside in Cranston.



Jill Schlesinger

Schlesinger Joins East Side Firm

Progressive Financial Strategies, Inc., a comprehensive financial advisory firm on the East Side of Providence, has announced that Jill Schlesinger has joined its team as a registered representative. In this capacity, Schlesinger will serve as a financial advisor offering financial planning advice and strategy implementation in the areas of investments, insurance taxes, education funding, retirement, benefits and analysis, long term care, estate preservation and asset protection.

A graduate of Brown University, Schlesinger spent four years trading commodity futures and options on the floor of the Commodities Exchange in New York, and more recently was director of Capital Development at Federal Investment Co., Inc. in East Providence.

Doris Chaffee Recognized For Her Service

Doris Chaffee, of the South County Chapter of Hadassah, has been named a recipient of the ninth annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. This award honors members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and other civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic.

Award recipients are selected by their peers and represent a wide range of achievements.

Chaffee, was president and co-president of the South County Chapter of Hadassah from 1985 to 1989. She played an important role in the development of the chapter and continues to serve with creativity and commitment as chairwoman of education.

Chaffee also served as a tutor with Literacy Volunteers of

America in a local public school reading enrichment program, and as a volunteer at Welcome House. She is also a past vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs' South County Chapter.

When presented with this award Chaffee said, "Hadassah Hospital in Israel is an institution that serves to further the cause of peace in the Middle-East through its policy of non-discrimination in serving Jews, Muslims and Christians. Hadassah (Hospital) also serves humanity in the larger sense through its research into birth defects, cancer, AIDS and many other diseases. I feel privileged to be selected for this award."

"Doris Chaffee personifies today's Hadassah woman," said Diane Jewett, president of the South County chapter.

Laurence K. Fish and Rosa Parks to Receive Honorary Degrees

In keeping with the college's 1995 emphasis on community and public service, Bryant College will award an honorary degree to civil rights leader Rosa Parks and Laurence K. Fish, president and CEO of Citizens Financial Group, during undergraduate commencement exercises on May 20.

Also receiving honorary degrees are Thomas M. Chappell, co-founder and president of Tom's of Maine; Katherine Cheney Chappell, co-founder and first vice president of Tom's of Maine; John Hazen White, Sr., president and CEO of Taco, Inc.; Houston businessman Gerald Berard '80; and Michael Chu, president and CEO of ACCION International.

Bryant College community service programs have benefited many local organizations this year, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Rhode Island

Special Olympics, and Hasbro Children's Hospital. The honorary degree recipients have been chosen for their dedication to community and public service.



MAKE A WISH — Great-grandson Joshua Freedman helps Mike blow out "100" candles.

Freedman Celebrates 100th Birthday

Michael Freedman, a World War I veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday on May 1. Parties, attended by relatives and friends from Rhode Island, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Virginia and Washington, D.C., were held at the King Philip Inn and the Rhode Island Veterans' Home in Bristol.

In a speech given by his son, guests were told of Freedman's love of family, his support of charities, his encouragement to his children and grandchildren to get a good education, and of how satisfied he was to accept his lot in life.

Family and friends were told of his arrival in the United States from England in 1905 and how he helped his father deliver beer in Cranston with a horse and wagon. Then, at the age of 18, he joined the Navy where one of his duties was to shovel coal into the boiler of the ship. In 1933 Michael married Rose Millman, a pianist, who was his wife for 59 years. They had two children, Stan and Carolyn.

Freedman now resides in the R.I. Veterans Home in Bristol where he enjoys drinking a manhattan each day. His workout, three times a week in the exercise room at the home, includes riding a stationary bicycle. He still "davens" daily

and prays for his relatives, individually, each morning and night. Freedman also faithfully follows bowling, the Red Sox and fondly remembers patting Babe Ruth on the back when the Babe played baseball in Rhode Island.

Freedman looks forward to his regular visits now and in the future from Herb Meister of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island and other relatives and friends.

Butler to Manage Commercial Division

J.W. Riker has announced that Jeffrey A. Butler has been named manager of a newly formed Commercial Investment Division. The newly formed division, based in the Riker East Greenwich office, will concentrate on industrial, office, retail sales and leasing statewide.

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Dena Samara Goldblatt

Brian and Donna Goldblatt of Warwick announce the birth of their daughter, Dena Samara. She was born on Feb. 27. She is the first grandchild of Robert and Beverly Goldblatt of Cranston and was named in memory of her great-grandparents, Dora and Samuel Sherman.

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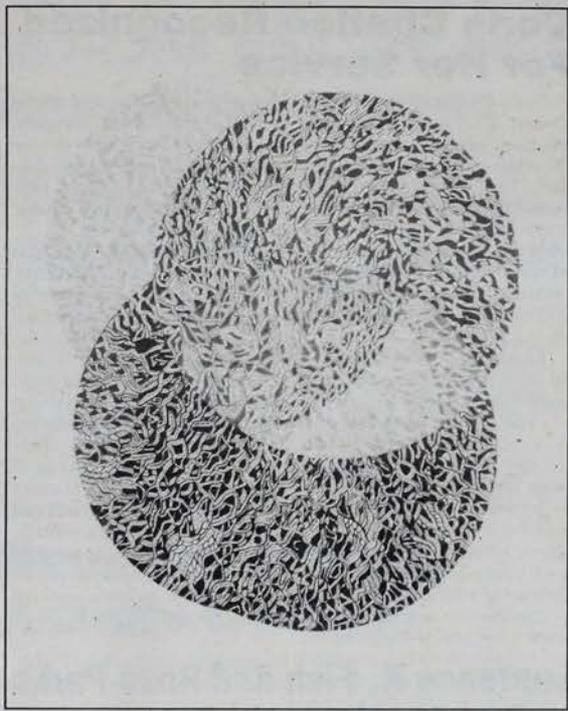
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AND WHERE SHE STOPS.... is an original by Herb Brown, done in the pointillism style, but with a pen instead of a very small brush.

Herb Brown Showing at Providence Art Club

Twenty-four pieces by Herb Brown will be on exhibit at the Providence Art Club from June 11 to 23.

The show will also feature

the work of Arlene Bertwell. Brown spends between 100 and 150 hours on each piece, painstakingly applying diminutive spots of color with a pen.

Civic Chorale and Grand Opera Company Present Program

The Rhode Island Civic Chorale & Orchestra, Edward Markward, music director/conductor, will perform "Opera Highlights" on June 3, at 8:15 p.m. at Rhodes-On-The-Pawtuxet. The concert will be preceded by hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

The program will feature more than 100 voices and instrumentalists, and four nationally known soloists, presenting choruses and arias from "Die Meistersinger Von Nurnberg," "Hansel Und Gretel," "Tannhauser," "Der Freischutz," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Carmen Otello," "Norma," "Nabucco" and "Aida." The concert will be presented in the round, with dinner tables close by and theater seating around the hall!

Featured soloists include soprano Cecilia Schiano Rodi, mezzo-soprano Barbara Youmans-Tondreault, tenor Fredric Scheff and baritone Stephen Bryant. Rodi has performed numerous operatic roles after winning the 1989 Anna Maria Saritelli-DiPanni Scholarship and will soon sing the

role of Santuzza in the Bel Canto Opera performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana." Youmans-Tondreault is a graduate of the Boston University Opera Institute and has appeared in numerous operatic roles on stages throughout New England. Tenor Fredric Scheff has performed extensively throughout the area and recently returned from an engagement in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," in Denver, Colo. Bryant, equally at home in oratorio as well as opera, recently debuted with the New York City Opera in the New York premier of "Harvey Milk."

Tickets are \$60 per person for hors d'oeuvres, dinner (and the concert) starting at 6 p.m.; \$25 theater seating for the concert only, starting at 8:15 p.m. (Senior/student/handicapped admissions will be \$22). For ticket reservations or more information, call 521-5670.

'When the Bough Breaks...'

"When the Bough Breaks" is a provocative photography and poetry exhibit that features the work of nationally known poet Frances Payne Adler and photographer Kira Corser.

The exhibit will be on display on the second floor rotunda of the Rhode Island State House, from May 15 to 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The show, which is free and open to the public, features a series of photographic images and poems depicting the anguish of drug and alcohol addicted pregnant women and mothers with children, and drawing attention to the link between prenatal chemical dependency and child abuse. The exhibit is based on the book by the same name that includes the work of Corser and Adler.

One in 10 babies born in the United States is exposed to illegal drugs and alcohol before birth. In Rhode Island alone, an estimated 7.5 percent of all infants born are affected by maternal substance abuse.

Brandeis Meeting Is On American Musical Theater

John Bush Jones, professor of Theater Arts at Brandeis University, will present "From Oklahoma to Oblivion: The Rise and Demise of the Broadway Musical" at the May 24 Spring Donor Luncheon Meeting of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee.

The 11:30 a.m. luncheon at the Venus de Milo, Swansea, Mass., is open to BUNWC members and guests. Reservation is by \$25 check by May 18 to BUNWC, Fall River Chapter,

mailed to Ruth Filler, 590 Montgomery St., Fall River, MA 02720.

Jones was educated at Northwestern University and, in addition to teaching theater history and dramatic structure, he has been an active theater critic since 1970 in such papers as *The Boston Phoenix* and *The Boston Herald*.

Jones' talk at the luncheon meeting will be about his theory, beyond economics, as to why the Broadway musical is dying out.

Depicting Caring on Film

The Caring Institute invites amateur and professional photographers to enter the eighth annual Art of Caring photography contest. The purpose of this project is to encourage Americans to honor, through photography, what it is we do when we serve, help, and care about each other.

Winning photographs will be exhibited and will appear in *Caring People* magazine, and in publications of the Caring Institute. Those images judged most imaginative and which best capture the essence of caring will be recognized and rewarded (\$200, first place; \$150, second place; and \$125, third place).

There is no entry fee, but each submission must be accompanied by a completed entry form. Photos may be either color or black and white. All photographs must be 8 inches by 10 inches. To obtain an entry blank and information on the contest,

send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: Art of Caring, Caring Institute, 320 A St., NE, Washington, D.C. 20002-5940. All entries must be post-marked by July 7.

For more information, call (202) 547-4273.

Philharmonic to Honor Flying Objects

Flying objects will be the theme when the Rhode Island Philharmonic presents its Educational Concerts on May 23, 24, 30 and 31, at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence.

If you or your school are interested in ordering tickets for the concert, or for more information about the Rhode Island Philharmonic Educational Programs, call the Philharmonic office at 831-3123.



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Quilters Workshop Rescheduled for May 14

A quilters information workshop, previously scheduled for May 21, will be held instead from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 14 at the First Universalist Church in Woonsocket.

For more information on the workshop, call 738-0712 or (800) 843-8383.

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PARCHMENTS ARE BURNING, is a Holocaust memorial created in 1991 by Jeffrey Packard for the Orthodox Congregation of Fair Lawn, New Jersey. This work is on exhibit at the Yeshiva University Museum through July 31 as part of Make Me A Sanctuary.

Art With Mystical Overtones at Yeshiva Museum

Jeffrey Packard displays his spiritual inspiration in a wide range of media at the Yeshiva University Museum, 2520 Amsterdam Avenue at 185th Street in New York, through July 31. His exhibition, *Make Me A Sanctuary*, is a whirlwind of color and light, pictures and objects which reveal the artist's amalgam of mysticism, Torah and imagination.

Says Sylva A. Herskowitz, director of the museum, "Visitors who walk through the various installations and artworks that have measured out Jeffrey's artistic career may consider that they are tracing a path that, like Jacob's ladder, is planted in the ground and has its uppermost rungs in heaven..."

On May 15, Packard will conduct a tour of his exhibition from noon to 1 p.m. Admission to the gallery tour is free.

The versatility with which Packard moves easily from painting to sculpture, furniture, stained glass, and synagogue design, and the spiritual range of his art have led critics to refer to him as a modern-day Bezalel. That biblical artisan was chosen by G-d to create the decorative works in the Tabernacle, because his "wisdom, understanding and knowledge" uniquely prepared him to express divine wisdom through material objects.

In his paintings, Packard follows the well-established tradition in Western art of using images of light to express spiritual inspiration and sanctity. When he took up stained glass as a medium, Packard observes, "It seemed a natural transition from portrayals of light to the use of light as an actual medium in the creation of stained glass." Indeed, the artist has gone even further in utilizing light directly. His neon sculptures range from a single line of text ("Thou Art") behind a veil, to a 24-foot-high installation over Paterson Great Falls, titled "Gateway of Peace." The pillars of light, inspired by the Temple of Solomon, form the gateway into the natural cliff sanctuary of the falls.

Packard is a resident of Fair Lawn, N.J. Born in Passaic, he is a graduate of Cornell University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology. His works are in the permanent collections of the Fogg Art Museum, in Cambridge, Mass., and Citibank, in Forest Hills, N.Y.

Yeshiva University Museum is a teaching museum whose purpose is to preserve, enrich and interpret Jewish life as it is reflected in the arts, history and sciences.

Silver Jubilation Crafts Fair in Worcester To Be Held on Mother's Day Weekend

More than 100 professional craft artists will exhibit their work at the Worcester Center for Crafts at the Silver Jubilation Crafts Fair, the oldest and one of the largest in the Northeast. There will be activities for the whole family to enjoy together, like shopping for a Mother's Day gift, storytelling with Roger X, entertainment with Luanne Crosby and Chuck and Mud, the Pumpernickle Puppets, face painting, crafts for kids, handcut silhouettes, craft demonstrations, refreshments and more.

The event will be held under the big tent at the Craft Center on Sagamore Road between Grove Street and Park Ave. in Worcester; ample free parking is available. Crafts fair hours are Friday from noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a Mother's Day breakfast beginning at 10 a.m.

Admission is \$4.50, with reduced admission for members, seniors and children.

"Vision's '95" (May 12 to June 10, Main Gallery) is the annual exhibition of works by students in the Craft Center's School for Professional Crafts. The SPC is a two-year program in clay, fibers, metals or wood for career-oriented students, giving them a solid background in technical craft and business training in an atmosphere which encourages artistic expression. Its curriculum is unique in Massachusetts and is one of very few of its kind in the country. There will be an artists' reception on May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

"Works in Wood by William Howard" (May 19 to June 10, Atrium Gallery), this year's wood artist-in-residence, will be displayed in the Craft Center's Atrium Gallery with an opening reception on May 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.; both the exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

Howard, a native of Syosset, NY, now living in Spencer, works with solid wood construction and will use drawings and photos in the exhibit to demonstrate the processes involved in designing and building a piece of furniture.

Every week the gift shop will feature works in one craft medium by reducing prices up to 30 percent off regular prices. This means substantial savings on one-of-a-kind gifts for Mother's Day, weddings, graduations — or for yourself. Choose from the works of more than 400 artists. During the first week of every month all ceramics items will be featured; the second week, metal items; the third week, glass items; and the fourth week, fiber and wood items. The gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday.

The gift shop will be open during the Silver Jubilation Crafts Fair hours, including Sunday.

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South County Show Coming Up Entries Being Accepted

The South County Art Association is inviting entries to its Open Juried Art Annual which will be on view at Helme House from May 25 to June 17. Artists are invited to submit original works in two-dimensional fine arts and in sculpture. Photography and functional pottery are not eligible.

The invited judge is Richard Grosvenor, a graduate of Harvard University and a long-time resident of Newport, R.I. He is a teacher, oil painter and watercolorist.

Winners will be selected for six awards, ranging in value from \$50 to \$150 which will be presented, along with several honorable mentions, at the show opening on May 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.

All work submitted must not have been shown before at the South County Art Association and should have been finished within the last two years. There is a \$5 entry fee and a limit of two entries per artist. Two-dimensional works must be framed and wired, ready for hanging. No one measurement is to exceed 45 inches. Sculpture must be easily transportable.

All work must be hand-delivered to Helme House, at 2587 Kingstown Road, Kingston, on May 20 or 21, between 1 and 5 p.m.

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Temple Sinai Sisterhood Breaks New Ground

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Co-presidents, Linda Miller and Ellie Wasser; vice president hospitality, Debbie Gerstenblatt; vice president ways and means, Sukey Denniss; vice president membership, Robin Sciarcon; vice president programming, Leah Daniels and Linda Gerstenblatt; treasurer, Ann Miller; financial secretary, Joan Goralnik; recording secretary, Natalie Fleischer; corresponding secretary, Phyllis B. Solod; parliamentarian (ex officio), Pam Manekofsky; 3-year trustee, Kathi Nogradi, Ellen Sherman, Linda Malin, Livia Weinstein; 2-year trustee, Abbi Krasner, Millie Schuster, Hope Rose, Claire Perlman; 1-year trustee, Meryl Berstein, Arline Elman, Ellie Marcus, Ellise Wolff.

Gala Chabad Lag B'Omer Festival Planned

Lag B'Omer celebrates the yearzeit of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. Rather than being a sad date, Rabbi Shimon asked that his yearzeit be preserved as a day of joy. As a result, thousands of Jews visit his resting place in Meron, Israel to recite Psalms and sing songs of praise.

In Rhode Island, the Jewish community celebrates Lag B'Omer with a custom of its own... the annual community festival sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch and Camp Gan Israel.

This year's community picnic and festival takes place on May 18 at 6 p.m. at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence. There will be live music, a special performance of the Chabad players, games for children, free balloons, and much more.

Inspired by the Book of Ruth

Grace Paley, award-winning American-Jewish writer, poet and social activist, Leah Shakkdiel, leading Israeli advocate for women's and civil rights and first woman seated on a Religious Council in Israel, Gail Reimer and Judith Kates, co-editors, *Reading Ruth: Contemporary Women Reclaim a Sacred Story*, will present a program, "Jewish Women Repairing the World," on June 7 at the Congregation Mishkan Tefila, 300 Hammond Pond Parkway, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Registration and dessert begins at 7 p.m.; the program begins at 7:45 p.m.

The minimum contribution requested is \$50. A pair of seats costs \$75. New Generations members will pay \$25. Reservations are necessary.

Men are welcome.

This event is sponsored by the New Israel Fund, 1320 Centre St. #300, Newton Center, Mass. 02459, (617) 969-2056.

Women's Division of Federation to Install Officers

The Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will hold its annual meeting and installation of officers and directors on May 17, in the meeting hall of Temple Emanuel, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street, Providence.

Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. followed by the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The program, "A Salute to Great Jewish Women," is a dramatization of the lives and accomplishments of famous American Jewesses from a broad spectrum of endeavors.

Rabbi Wayne Franklin, installing officer, will charge the following women with their duties: Dee Dee Witman, presi-

dent; Mindy Wachtenheim, vice president and campaign chairwoman; Cheryl Teverov, Sue Froehlich and Joyce Holland, vice presidents; Cheryl Blazer, secretary, and Sue Kahn, associate secretary. Also to be sworn in will be 30 new directors who will serve until 1997, and 30 others who already have served for one year and will complete their terms in 1996.

Joyce Holland, Joyce Robinson and Sherri Klein are co-chairwomen of the event. Charge for the luncheon is \$18. Admission to the meeting without lunch is free. For reservations or further information, call the federation office at 421-4111.

Temple Shalom of Middletown Holds 20th Annual Yom HaShoah Service

A capacity crowd assembled in the main sanctuary of Temple Shalom of Middletown to observe Yom HaShoah 5755. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer in his words of welcome and the meaning of the service spoke about the need to remember by all people.

"As we assemble here this evening to observe the liberation of the concentration camps, we remember all those who perished. We come together to remember, so that they will not be forgotten. We come together to remember the Jewish suffering so that it will not be forgotten. As Elie Weisel profoundly stated: 'Not all victims were Jews, but all Jews were victims.'"

The rabbi continued, "At this time of commemoration, let us pledge to remember those who were murdered during those terrible years. May their acts of courage serve to inspire us as well as the generations to come. May we continue to join with all people of good will in working for the day when violence and hatred will give way to true peoplehood and peace."

As the six candles were kindled in memory of the six million and a seventh for the righteous of all nations, Emily Anthony played "Ani-Maamin" on her violin and then Cantor

Shimon Gewirtz of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston intoned the El Malei Rachamim in memory of the 6 million.

Dr. Vincent Thompson of the community Baptist Church in Newport delivered the invocation in which he prayed for the blessings of memory and peace.

The following students of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School participated in a powerful and moving dramatic presentation under the direction of Linda Franklin, Jonathan Jagolinzer, Meghan Franklin, Sarah Snyder, David Reidy, Abigail Wilensky and Carolyn Hicks.

Highlighting the service was the presentation of a liberator, John Stare, of Portsmouth, and a reading entitled "Reflections of a Survivor" by the Rev. Bruce Pehrson of the Portsmouth United Methodist Church.

The choir of the Community Baptist Church enhanced the worship with two selections.

This was the 20th annual Yom HaShoah Interfaith Community Service at Temple Shalom.

We All Love... Ice Cream!

There will be an ice cream social, hosted by the early childhood department of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence on May 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the preschool classrooms. The cost is \$1.75 per person or \$7 per family, and each participant gets to create his or her own dream sundae. Contact Eva Silver at 861-8800 for details.

Keeping Up With Technology

On May 16, the Israeli Entrepreneurial Forum will highlight Israeli high-tech industry leaders in the medical field from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Brandeis University Sachar International Center, Waltham.

The forum presents two Israeli-based companies, Energy Systems Corporation (electro-optic systems) and Scitex Medical Systems (imaging systems.)

The cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. For reservations and information, call (617) 964-0048.

Tifereth Israel to Present Women Cantors in Concert

On May 17, Tifereth Israel Congregation in New Bedford will present the 26th annual Rabbi Bernard H. and Minna Ziskind Memorial evening. The program is titled "Kolot Nashim: Shiru L'Adonai, Women Cantors in Concert: Sing Unto the L-rd!"

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Cantor Martha Novick

New York City and New Bedford's Joseph Stoddard, Jr., Cantor Shira Goldring Belfer, of Tifereth Israel, and Cantor Martha Novick, of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, N.J., will perform a repertoire which includes both secular and liturgical selections in Hebrew, English and Yiddish.

A dessert reception will follow, hosted by Sheldon and Shulamith (Ziskind) Friedland. The event is free and open to the public.

Ziskind was spiritual leader of Tifereth Israel Congregation from 1929 until 1966 when he became rabbi emeritus. He died in 1968. Minna, his wife and helpmate, died in 1967. The reception following the concert is hosted by their daughter and her husband.

Belfer is a graduate of Syracuse University with B.S. degrees in music education and music performance. She received her master of sacred music and the degree of cantor from Hebrew Union College —



Cantor Shira Goldring Belfer

Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. Belfer is one of the original founders of the Women Cantors' Network and is featured on the companion cassette to the Rabbinical Assembly Haggadah, the "Feast of Freedom."

Novick received a B.S. degree in music performance and a master of arts in music education from New York University. She also received a bachelor of sacred music from Hebrew Union College — Jewish Insti-

tute of Religion, where she was invested as cantor in May of 1983. She has been a soloist with the Musica Hebraica Sela and the Hebrew Arts Chorale, and has performed various concerts and recitals all over the United

States and Israel.

Novick was the first female cantor to perform in a traditional cantorial concert in a major concert hall in New York. She is a member of the faculty at the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College in New York City.

The Sholom Shai Orchestral Ensemble is known as one of the most versatile groups currently on the Jewish music scene. Israeli-born Sholom Shai, the leader of the orchestra, is an accomplished accordionist, singer and entertainer. The ensemble has a rich and varied repertoire that includes Klezmer, Ladino, Hebrew, Chassidic and Yiddish music, as well as a full range of American and continental dance music.

Stoddard became a well-known organist and choir director for various churches in the greater New Bedford area prior to attending college. He is



Sholom Shai

director of music, organist, and choir director at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Fall River. He also serves as organist for Tifereth Israel Congregation for B'nai Mitzvah and special Sabbath and holiday services.

For more information on the concert, call Rebecca Holmes at (508) 997-3171.

Majestic Seniors Socialize

The May 16 meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild, at which Ginger Casey of Channel 10 will speak, will start at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael.

Election of officers will take place on June 20, and installation of officers will be held on June 27 at the Venus de Milo Restaurant.

On July 19, the club will attend a performance of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" at the North Shore Music Theatre, and lunch at the Hilltop Steak House. Reservations and pre-payment are essential.

Plans for the trip to the Pines Hotel in August, the Cape Cod Canal in September, and the buffet luncheon at Audrey's in October have already been announced. *

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



KENT COUNTY HADASSAH members are obviously having a great time at the Donor Dinner.

'This Is... The Hadassah Style of Magic'

It was billed as an evening of Hadassah magic and none of the more than 200 people who attended the annual statewide Donor Dinner were disappointed. Rhodes-on-the-Pawtucket was transformed for a celebration of the magic of giving.

Bonnie Lipton, national chair for building and development, told of her recent working visit to Israel. The Women and Child Pavilion, beneficiary of the donor event, nears completion. Not only will the facility be technically state-of-the-art but, with the help of Hadassah, it will be a pleasing environment in which to receive the highest quality of treatment. The new facility will include a maternity wing, a full pediatrics department and a medical research suite. It will be dedicated in August, at the Hadassah National Convention in Jerusalem.

Rita Slom, president of the Rhode Island chapter, let audience members know what their generosity is accomplishing closer to home. The Rhode Island chapter's continuing Community Service Project of making medical teaching dolls for the children at Hasbro Hospital was expanded to include the shipment of two dozen dolls to the Hadassah Chapter of Oklahoma City for distribution to children affected by the tragic bombing. The president of the Oklahoma City chapter, Robin Black, expressed her deepest appreciation when contacted.

Addition

In last week's *Herald*, under an old snapshot of a World War II G.I., we identified the picture as a donation by the Rubinstein family to the R.I. Jewish Historical Association.

A gentleman caller has informed us that Rabbi Rubinstein and his wife, Fanny, had four children, not three, and that the fourth child was a son named Joseph.

Joseph — wherever you are — we're sorry we overlooked you.

Now we have received word that there was a fifth child, Molly, who married and moved away.

Still no word on our soldier, though.

The evening was capped off by The Magic of Lyn, who amazed everyone with her performance.

"It was a magical evening," said Slom. "We've done so much for the Women and Child Pavilion and for the families in Israel. We have also done a lot for children in Rhode Island and now, in Oklahoma. This is Hadassah and the Hadassah style of magic."



AT THE DONOR DINNER, from the left, Fran Mendell, Bonnie Lipton, Rita Slom and Donna Ross pause for a moment. They are justifiably happy with the way the evening is going.

Some Tips For the Graduate

Max Messmer, author of *50 Ways to Get Hired*, offers the following job-hunting tips.

- Combine your electronic job search with activities that involve interpersonal contact such as networking, scheduling informational interviews and arranging meetings with hiring managers.

- Follow up all job search correspondence with a phone call.

- Make a good impression during interviews by arriving on time, greeting the interviewer with a smile and a handshake, and answering questions clearly and directly.

- Prepare several versions of your resume, varying each one to highlight the academic courses and work experience that apply to a specific position.

- Invest in at least two interview suits in case you are called in for more than one meeting. Invest in ties and accessories that can be mixed and matched to create a number of outfits.

- Apply for an internship or temporary assignment within your field, so you can gain work experience and meet industry contacts.

Just in Time for Mother's Day!

There will be a plant and flower sale — including potted flowers, flats of seedlings and hanging baskets, on May 14 at the corner of Elmgrove Avenue and Savoy Street.

The sale will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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MATIV Comedy Night to Benefit Israeli Youth

MATIV's sixth annual Comedy Night on May 18 will feature Charlie Hall and his Ocean State Follies, a musical-satirical look at Rhode Island. The show features five talented performers who "lovingly" poke fun at the state of our state.

The latest and greatest edition of the follies features spoofs of Ginger Casey, Mr. Rogers, Buddy Cianci, Gov. Lincoln Almond, and Cranston Big Hair. In an outrageous parody of "The Sound of Music," Arlene Violet

and three nuns complain about the mayor of Providence in the song, "How Do You Solve A Problem Like Cianci?"

This special benefit will assist the children of Talpiot in Israel, a residential school for Ethiopian-born Israelis in Northern Israel. Tickets for MATIV's Comedy Night are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door and include refreshments.

For ticket information, call the temple office, 331-6070.

Jewish Music Heritage Library Released on Videocassette

Ergo Media Inc., of Teaneck, N.J., is pleased to announce the release of the "Jewish Music Heritage Library: A People and Its Music," an introduction to the world of Jewish music.

This comprehensive video library was developed by educator and composer Dr. Tzipora H. Jochsberger of Jerusalem, the former director of the Hebrew Arts School in New York City. The set presently consists of five volumes: "Ashkenaz" (Eastern European Jewish Music), "Shephard" (Judeo-Spanish Music), "Teiman" (Yemenite Jewish Music), "Hassidut" (Hassidic Music), and "Morocco" (Moroccan Jewish Music). Two more titles, "Toward Jerusalem" and "One Day the Heart Opens," which both focus on seven ethnic groups of instrumentalists and vocalists from all over Israel, will be available next month.

Over the course of the next two years, several more volumes will be added on topics ranging from music in Biblical times to 20th-century Jewish music.

Filmed on location in Israel, the series introduces us to the songs, melodies and liturgical music of the Jewish people developed throughout centuries of dispersion in the diaspora. In addition to their own unique customs, each group developed its own musical form of expression, which often was influenced by the surrounding culture. Although scattered to the far corners of the globe, certain central themes, such as the eternal quest for love, peace, the return to Zion and the coming of the Messiah, emerge from the music of all of the different ethnic groups.

"Sephard" received the prestigious finalist award at the New York Festivals and both "Sephard" and "Ashkenaz" were recently awarded the coveted "FiveStars" by ABC-CLIO's *Video Rating Guide*, its highest rating.

Narrated by Martin Bookspan, each of the videos is approximately one-half hour long and sells for \$39.95 each; the set of five sells for \$170. The videos may be purchased separately or as a set at your local Judaica store, or ordered directly from Ergo Media (800) 695-3746 or in New Jersey (201) 692-0404.

Temple Am David Holds EZ Shabbat Program

A springtime program for 3- to 6-year-olds will be held on May 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Ave., Warwick.

The session is part of an ongoing children's education program and is endowed in memory of Eunice Zeidman. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate Shabbat and learn about Israel and Shavuot.

For more information, call Bob Sand at 739-3020 or Joyce at the temple office, 763-7944.

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FEATURE

European Jews, and Germans, Try to Shed the Past

by Ruth E. Gruber
Part I

ROME (JTA) — For the battered remnant of European Jewry that survived the Holocaust, the post-World War II era was not easy.

Of Europe's prewar Jewish population of 9 million — half of world Jewry at the time — 6 million had been annihilated.

The survivors had lost family, friends, homes, possessions, jobs and health.

The synagogues, cemeteries, yeshivas, books, Torah scrolls and ritual objects that had formed the physical nexus of centuries-old European Jewish culture had been destroyed or desecrated.

"There is no life on the face of this desert," wrote Jewish author Jacob Pat after visiting Warsaw, once home to more than 300,000 Jews, right after the end of the war.

"I see no man, no bird, no cat or dog on this vast stretch of land. Only the spirit of G-d blows freely over the graveyard of the Jewish people."

Today, half a century after the Holocaust, and five years after the collapse of communism, Jewish communities exist in almost all European countries with about 4 million members.

Amid the uncertainty that followed the war's destruction, such a thing would have been unthinkable.

Anti-Semitism still ran deep in a number of countries devastated by the war. There were many local citizens who had collaborated with the Nazis.

Hundreds of thousands of Jewish survivors eventually immigrated to Israel, or to the United States and other countries outside Europe, but hundreds of thousands chose, or were forced, to remain in Europe.

Today, France has Central Europe's largest Jewish community, with an estimated 550,000 to 600,000 Jews.

This population is the result of the tens of thousands of Jews from Eastern and Central Europe who immigrated to France after the war, and to the 200,000 Jews who moved to France from North Africa in the 1950s and 1960s. By 1970, more than half of French Jews were Sephardim.

Russia has some 400,000 Jews, depleted in recent years by mass immigration to Israel.

The rebirth of Jewish life is evident by the many Jewish schools, clubs and radio stations as well as the publication of scores of Jewish newspapers and periodicals.

Jews take an active part in mainstream public life as well. For example, Britain's Defense Minister Malcolm Rifkind is Jewish; Rabbi Tamas Raj was elected to the Hungarian Parliament; and Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and Nobel Prize-winning scientist Rita Levi-Montalcini are two of Italy's most honored women.

In his book, *A Chosen People: The Resurrection of European Jewry*, Mark Kurlansky de-

scribes Jewish rebirth in Europe as "the story of brave and tenacious people who have rebuilt their lives in the face of incomprehensible horror and refused to be pushed out of their homes by bigots."

Today, he wrote, "it can be said with some confidence that European Jewry will continue, that the remaining Jews of Europe will not all move to the United States or Israel, as had often been suggested."

It is not a question of weaker ties with Israel, Lerman said, "but reconsidered ties."

Most European Jews feel that their future is linked to the future of Europe.

Still Jews and Jewish institutions have been targets of Arab terrorist attacks in France, Italy, Belgium, England and elsewhere.

In Rome and many other European cities, heavy police security still stands guard at synagogues and other Jewish sites.

But many of the challenges facing European Jews are challenges that face all Europeans: the rise of nationalism and right-wing extremism; the integration of East and West Europe in the post-Cold War era; the development of a new, more open Europe; and social problems involving the elderly, the poor and homeless.

Franco Pavoncello, a political scientist and vice president of Rome's Jewish community, said the collapse of communism and end of the Cold War was important in fostering a stronger European identity among Jews.

"Jews felt the same fate as [other] Europeans," he said. "The energies are freed. They are waking up from a big slumber, asking what is our meaning here."

"In a way, this movement toward greater European integration signals a new development of European Jewry, a new European vision that didn't exist for 50 years."

European Jews "start to think in common terms," he said.

At the same time they are thinking more like other Europeans, Jews are continuing to build their Jewish lives.

An association founded in 1993, brings together leaders of Jewish communities from Mediterranean countries — from France and Italy to Greece and Morocco — to discuss common issues and promote events.

Another association groups Jewish communities from seven cities in Central European countries. A major pan-European conference, "Planning for the Future of European Jewry," will be held in early July in Prague.

"Nothing that happens in Jewish communities in Europe can be separated from what is happening in Europe as a whole," Anthony Lerman, executive director of the London-

based Institute of Jewish Affairs, said in a telephone interview.

Lerman said that looking toward the future must go beyond concerns of Jewish continuity and related questions of intermarriage, issues that plague European Jewry as much as they do American Jews. These may be important, he said, but "you have to look more broadly than just Jewish continuity, to develop ideas for strategies for development."

One increasingly important challenge as European Jews plot their own future in Europe, he said, involves changing relations between European Jewry and Israel.

"It is quite a natural devel-

"For the young generations of Jews, you can't keep talking about Israel..."

opment," Lerman said. "Israel is developing as a state with its own interests that don't always fit with the European Jewish community's."

It is not a question of weaker ties with Israel, Lerman said, "but reconsidered ties."

"European Jewish communities need greater concentration on European problems, Lerman said.

Pavoncello of Rome's Jewish community agreed. "In a way, Israel is becoming an old message," he said. "For the young generations of Jews, you can't keep talking about Israel. Their problems are the problems of Europeans, not Israelis. If you don't give them answers, they will leave the Jewish community."

Part II

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — Central and Eastern Europe, once the heartland of a vibrant European Jewry, bore the brunt of the Nazis' policy of extermination.

For the Jews who remained, the end of World War II ushered in a new era of danger and oppression under Communist regimes that carried out Soviet-directed policies of suppression and secularization.

Maurice Samuel, the essayist and Yiddish translator, called Nazism and communism the twin "malachei-chabole," or angels of destruction.

"The instrument of the first was mass murder, the bullet and the gas chamber," Samuel wrote in his 1971 book, *In Praise of Yiddish*.

"That of the second was and is spiritual and cultural asphyxiation."

Jews returning to their homes from death camps and exile, 50 years ago, were sometimes set upon by local anti-Semites. The most infamous incident took place in the central Polish town of Kielce in 1946, when a mob killed more than 40 returning Jews.

The Communists restricted Jewish life and observance and implemented a policy of secu-

larization. They barred or impeded emigration and carried out anti-Semitic campaigns.

In Poland, Communist authorities let loose an anti-Semitic campaign in 1968 that forced most of the tens of thousands of Jews who had remained in the country after the war to leave.

Soviet oppression and the refusal of Soviet authorities to allow Jews to emigrate sparked a world campaign to aid Soviet Jewry.

For the most part, Jews in Eastern and Central Europe assimilated totally, denied their heritage and identity, or went underground to keep the faith in private.

Only in the late 1970s and 1980s did the oppression against Jews begin to ease as the political foundations of the Communist world began to crumble.

By the late 1980s, as communism teetered on the verge of collapse, younger Jews in some countries had begun to rediscover their identities and trying to learn about Judaism.

By the hundreds, many of them who had not even known they were Jewish or knew little about Judaism, came out of hiding, eager to learn about their heritage.

They flocked to new schools, youth clubs, educational programs, camps and exchanges set up by local Jewish communities, Israeli volunteers, or organizations such as JDC and the New York-based Ronald S. Lauder Foundation.

Institute of Jewish Affairs, warned of the potential risks.

"Eastern Europe is a battlefield of different strains of Judaism pushing and pulling," he said in a telephone interview.

"Jewish communities in the East must feel empowered to make their own decisions, without pressures from outside.

"The key is that people should have free choice, especially small communities."

Editor's Note: This is a sidebar to the article on European Jewry 50 years after the defeat of the Nazis. Population figures are primarily from the 1994 American Jewish Yearbook and The War Against the Jews by Lucy S. Dawidowicz.

Part III

by Miriam Widman

BERLIN (JTA) — As Germany commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany, a wide range of emotions has surfaced among the German populace.

Looking back at events a half-century ago, there is sadness, and horror, but also bitterness, resentment, even indifference.

The events of the past have become something of a national obsession.

German newspapers, from national dailies to local papers, have been running series of articles for weeks, detailing the military struggle for Berlin and the personal recollections of those who survived the war.

Public television has been

Country	1939	Today	Number Killed
France	350,000	550,000-600,000	90,000
Italy	40,000	35,000-40,000	8,000
Poland	3,300,000	10,000	3,000,000
Holland	40,000	25,000	105,000
Belgium	65,000	31,800	40,000
Hungary	650,000	130,000	450,000
Germany	200,000	40,000-50,000	190,000
Czech Rep.	90,000	6,000	80,000
Romania	600,000	15,000	300,000
Greece	70,000	5,000	54,000
Norway	1,800	1,000	900

The JDC shifted some of its focus from helping the elderly survive to helping young Jews to learn.

For many of the newly emerging Jews, the attraction was cultural, not religious.

There has been a boom of interest in Jewish music, dance, art, literature, and even food among non-Jews in many countries in the region.

But religious life, too, began to revive. The Lubavitch movement and others sent rabbis to far-flung communities.

Jewish life in countries like Poland, Bulgaria and Romania will never be what it was before the Holocaust, and it still remains to be seen whether young, emerging communities can attain the critical mass necessary for ultimate survival.

But local Jews and their helpers from world Jewry are committed to making the effort.

This too, however, has raised questions, as some observers see a "turf war" developing among outside Jewish organizations attempting to influence the development and direction of emerging East European Jewish communities.

Anthony Lerman, executive director of the London-based

running nightly programs about what happened five decades earlier.

The introspection gripping the country also comes amid a series of commemorations marking the liberation of Nazi death camps 50 years ago.

On the anniversary of the liberation of Dachau, the first concentration camp erected by the Nazis and one of the last to be liberated, Edmund Stoiber, governor of Bavaria, spoke for many when he said, "I feel ashamed that the crimes against those people were perpetrated by and in the name of Germans."

But while most people outside Germany, think of World War II as a black-and-white affair, some Germans see the past as a study in grays. One can find books and films in which the Germans are portrayed as the victims of the Soviets, who after the war occupied the eastern half of Germany and drove some 12 million ethnic Germans out of Eastern Europe.

A group of some 300 Germans, including the country's development minister and a former federal prosecutor, recently backed a statement saying that the May 8 anniversary

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should not only be seen as the day Germany was liberated from the Nazis, but also as "the beginning of expulsion, terror and new suppression in the East, and the beginning of the division of our country."

The statement's supporters contend that young Germans are infinitely better informed about Nazi atrocities against Jews and others than they are about Soviet atrocities against Germans after the war.

"It was a liberation," an 81-year-old woman who asked not to be identified said sarcastically. "The Russians liberated us of our last shirt," she said, referring to the mass rapes that occurred when the Soviet overran eastern Germany.

Older Berliners recall how they were bombed out of their homes, how they left the war-torn city for the countryside or how difficult it was to obtain food.

Rarely, if ever, do they voluntarily bring up what happened to their German Jewish neighbors.

"After the war, it appeared as if only unconscious people supported this [Nazi] regime," Polish writer Andrzej Szypiorski said last month at ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Sachsenhausen death camp.

Although the "we didn't know anything" excuse still often surfaces in talks with older Germans, other reasons emerge as well.

"We were afraid," admitted Kurt Robbel, an octogenarian who fought as a soldier in the war and was taken prisoner by the Soviet Union.

Robbel said the terror of the Nazi regime was so complete that people were numbed into silence out of fear for their own lives.

Two key views among the young emerge in the German media: personal guilt for the deaths of 6 million Jews, and a feeling that Germany's wartime experience has nothing to do with them.

Gisela Amberg said that for years she viewed the Nazi period as something that had nothing to do with her, because she was not present then.

But now she feels differently. "It is the lie that you can believe that you can forget something like this," she said.

Ludger Meyer, a 26-year-old from Dortmund, sees things in a different light.

His generation, he writes is trying to stake out a position on the Holocaust somewhere between the idea of collective guilt and the view that it had nothing to do with the younger generation of Germans.

He says his generation has trouble defining itself.

"If I think of myself as German, and I say it, then I find myself in the rightist Nazi corner again," he said. "If you want to be European, then you're

[countryless], and there is a suspicion that you're trying to hide from your own history."

Younger Germans often compare the activities of Nazis and neo-Nazis with events in other countries. Favored comparisons include U.S. treatment of the American Indians and the white-black conflict that prevailed under South Africa's apartheid regime.

A close look at the national dialogue shows that 50 years after Germany's defeat, the country is only just starting to come to grips with its Nazi past.

Financial Education Center Will Benefit Entire State

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service and the University of Rhode Island's College of Resource Development Cooperative Extension, recently announced their plans to develop a self-supporting Center for Personal Financial Education and Information.

The proposed center would provide financial education, financial information and curriculum development through a series of educational and outreach programs.

Members of Rhode Island's financial community including financial planners, attorneys, bankers and credit union representatives met recently at Hospital Trust National Bank, to learn more about the center's plans.

Stephen R. Bucci, president of CCCS, noted that the purpose of this endeavor is to educate Rhode Islanders about personal financial matters, provide a sound base for future economic development, and provide the state with a much-needed financial information resource center.

The center will address current needs through innovative programming and information while addressing future needs through a commitment to financial education.

"We see a major void in personal financial education in Rhode Island today. The center will help fill this void with elementary and secondary school outreach programs and special programs for young adults to senior citizens," said Robert L. Carothers, president of URI.

"Our ultimate goal is to create financial health for Rhode Islanders and stimulate our state's economy," said Bucci.

Hospitality Management Seminars at Johnson and Wales

From July 17 to 21, the Hospitality College at Johnson and Wales University will sponsor a series of five one- and two-day management seminars aimed at industry professionals. The programs will focus on practical tips that hotel managers can use on a daily basis.

"This series was initiated by professionals in the field wishing to broaden their knowledge of ever-changing industry strategies, tactics and regulation," said Dick Brush, chairman of the lodging department at the Hospitality College and organizer of the series.

Mitzner Named to Israel Bonds Post

Ira Mitzner has been selected to be the next chairman of Israel Bonds North American New Leadership. Mitzner, from Houston, will take office this month.

Mitzner and his wife, Mindy, co-chaired Houston's New Leadership Division from 1987 to 1992, playing a major role in developing the community's New Leadership into one of the strongest in the country.

A native New Yorker, Mitzner graduated from Yeshiva University. He and his wife moved to Houston in 1983.

"Unfortunately, we can't make any of this happen without support. That's why we've invited the financial community to learn more about the importance of such a facility and to participate in the center's development."

The proposed educational initiatives of the center include education programs and software that will be available for children in the third grade through college; adult education and key life transition point programs such as financing a family, home buying, college funding, and outreach programs through mobile centers that will regularly bring resources to schools, meeting places and outlying population centers statewide.

Plans call for a centrally located building that will include a 100-seat auditorium, classroom space, a short-term child care area, a resource center and financial library, conference areas and space for curriculum planning and development.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service is a nonprofit community service agency established in 1991 to help Rhode Islanders with financial difficulties. CCCS offers professional financial management, budgeting advice and debt consolidation programs as an alternative to bankruptcy for those committed to helping themselves.

To date CCCS has counseled over 3,000 Rhode Island families. The agency is a member of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, the Kent County Coalition of Nonprofits, the Newport County Council of Community Services and is licensed by the Rhode Island Division of Banking.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Warwick. The cost per seminar is \$89, two-day seminars are \$179. To request a brochure and/or program application, call the Hospitality College at Johnson and Wales University, 598-1475.

Keeping Track

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

"Classical had lots and lots of grinds but few true athletes. Track suited us: if you were willing to work at it, you could do pretty well. Our weightmen were like that too, only bigger. They substituted hard labor for talent. Hillard Torgan had been a chubby uncoordinated kid but became a superb discus thrower and a respectable shot-putter. Our best was Hillard's cousin, Nat Baker, who started as a scrawny freshman and ended at 55 feet as a 6'4" senior." My correspondent from Orlando, Florida, had gone through school with me from kindergarten at Summit Avenue till we split at eighth grade. Herb Ostrach hiked along to Classical, and I slipped through Hope. Nobody writes as fine a memoir as Herb, phrases steeped not in sugary sentiment but in irony and wry humor. I have a short stack of manuscripts of his notes on the downtown, the East Side, the cast of characters, of his schooldays. In this recent sports survey, he tells us the Classical color was purple, for the Roman emperor's pride. But, "I wasn't much of a scholar at Classical—or anywhere." So he tried track.

"At the gun lap, to my own amazement, and without premeditation, I stepped wide and began to run even faster than

Rabin Appoints Campaign Manager

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Although Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has yet to declare his candidacy in the 1996 elections, he has appointed a campaign manager, Shimon Sheves, who served as director-general of the prime minister's office.

In a weekend interview with Israel Radio, Rabin would not say outright that he would seek another term as prime minister. "I have eight months to decide," he said.

The appointment has raised speculation about whether Foreign Minister Shimon Peres will throw his hat into the ring.

Peres told Israel Radio last week that he had not made any decision, which he said would "depend on what kind of progress is made in the peace process."

Sources close to Peres in the Labor Party told the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* that Peres would not rule out running against Rabin, unless he received clear promises regarding the role he and his supporters would play in the next government.

Peres supporters still recall how Rabin never followed through on a promise to promote Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin to the Cabinet.

Meanwhile, political observers said the appointment of Sheves could be read either as a reflection of Rabin's faith in him, or as a polite boot out of the prime minister's office, where some say Sheves has been less than successful in fulfilling his duties.

my opponents. I had no idea that I could. I had been congratulating myself on just keeping up. As we got to the far turn, I did something I did not know I knew: I used the bank as a starting block and shot past the erstwhile number 1 into the lead. My vision contracted down to two or three inches ahead of my nose, and I dashed on like every frightened rabbit trying to escape a wolf's jaws. We came in second.

"I won lots of races subsequently, but I lost a lot too. Looking back at those days 45 years after, I realize that I learned from my first varsity race to concentrate. I will also not forget how it felt when every muscle strained at my physical limit, when my spirit was forward absolutely—and then I got beat because the other fellow was plain faster.

"In my senior year I expected—and was expected—to win the state indoor championships because I had won them the previous year. I thought I was hot stuff. But I didn't even place.

"We could now win the meet only if we won the last race, the one-lap relay. My opponent, the jackrabbit, led off for his team. He had whipped me twice that day. I was ready. He lost his balance for a sec and I flew past. We won the race and the meet."

Herb calls life a marathon, but I try to make my own metaphors from his hurdles. He prints his story on a folded blue page with a logo of a track figure and the heading "Herb's Letter." So you can read your own concerns. People use letters to show off or to complain. Nostalgia turns the past into a neverland. My childhood companion looks backward and makes an art form from old newspapers.

Dinner Train to Hold Benefit Excursion

The Newport Star Clipper Dinner Train will host an evening on May 19 to benefit the Rhode Island Chapter of the Leukemia Society. Guests will be able to sample portions of the train's food while traveling the rails along the western shore of Aquidneck Island for one hour, beginning with fruit and cheese, followed by samples of chicken marsala, stuffed sole provencale and English cut prime rib.

There will be three seatings available, at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m., and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The price for the benefit will be \$10 per person. Reservations are required. Call the Star Clipper Dinner Train at (800) 834-1556, or the Leukemia Society at 943-8888. All proceeds will benefit the Rhode Island chapter's local programs of research and patient aid.

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OBITUARIES

MARC S. BLAZAR
PROVIDENCE — Marc S. Blazar, 39, of 276 George St., a bus driver in Providence and Bethesda, Md., died May 6 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Inpatient Center. He was the husband of Cynthia (Pollack) Blazar.

Born in Chicago, Ill., a son of Sydney and Rochelle (Dubovick) Blazar of Providence, he lived in Providence before moving to Gaithersburg, Md., 10 years ago. He returned to Providence in February.

Besides his wife and parents he leaves a son, Jeffrey Blazar of Gaithersburg.

The funeral was held May 8 at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

SHELLEY BRINN
BROOKLINE, Mass. — Shelley (Taradash) Brinn, 90, of 1731 Beacon St., Brookline, died April 28. She was the wife of Harold L. Brinn.

Born in Russia, daughter of the late Mendel and the late Sheva (Polonsky) Taradash, she resided in Brookline the past 10 years. Before that, she lived in Lumberton, N.C., for 25 years, and prior to that in Fall River for 25 years.

She was a member of Temple Beth El and its Sisterhood, Jewish Home for the Aged, Hadassah and Eastern Star.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Letty Ziemann of West Hyannisport, two

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She also was the sister of the late Sarah, Murray and Boris Taradash and the late Mary Kates.

Graveside funeral services were held April 30 at Temple Beth-El Cemetery in Fall River. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SONYA B. FINE
PROVIDENCE — Sonya B. Fine, 89, of 369 Montgomery Ave., an office worker for the former A & Z Chain Co. in East Providence for many years before retiring, died April 30 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Robert Fine.

Born in Russia, she lived in New Brunswick, N.J., for many years before moving to Providence in 1937.

She was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Zion. She was a member of the Workmen's Circle.

She leaves a son, Arthur D. Fine of West Hartford, Conn., and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held May 2 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

DAVID J. GOLDSTEIN
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — David J. Goldstein, 68, a resident of 316 Yardarmway, Las Vegas, died April 28. He was the husband of the late Thelma (Ellison) Goldstein.

He was born in Woonsocket, R.I., the son of the late Max and Lena (Dunn) Goldstein. He had been a resident of Las Vegas for the past seven years and previously Hollywood, Fla., for seven years and prior to that in Boston for a year and prior to that in Fall River since he was a child.

He had been proprietor of the former Ellison Printing Co. in Fall River for more than 25 years.

He had been a member of Congregation Adas Israel in Fall River.

He is survived by two sons, Scott Goldstein of Fall River and Marc Goldstein of Las Vegas; a daughter, Lee Gold of Las Vegas; and three grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held May 3 at the Hebrew Cemetery in Fall River. Arrangements were by the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

BEATRICE "BEA" GORDON
CRANSTON — Beatrice "Bea" Gordon, 78, of 74 Brookside Dr., an elementary school teacher in Central Falls and Cranston from 1937 to 1959 before retiring, died May 2 at home. She was the wife of Abram "Al" Gordon.

Born in Central Falls, the daughter of the late Maurice and Eva (Brown) Kaplan, she had lived in Cranston for the past 38 years.

She was a member of the Cranston/Warwick Chapter of Hadassah, B'nai B'rith Women, the Council of Jewish Women, and the Retired Teachers Association of Central Falls.

She was a 1937 graduate of Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Michael Gordon of Miami, Fla., and Patrick Gordon of Newport; a sister, Lt. Col. (retired) Selma E. Kaplan of Orlando, Fla., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held May 4 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle Avenue), Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ALBERT LESHINSKY
PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Albert Leshinsky, 81, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., died April 25. He was the husband of Alma (Coty) Leshinsky.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late Mayer and Bessie (Lidman) Leshinsky, he had been a resident of Fall River until he moved to Florida 18 years ago.

He was the founder of A&N Manufacturing Co. in Fall River and of the former KG Manufacturing KG Manufacturing Co., both dress manufacturing companies. He retired 18 years ago. He had been president of the former American Brothers of Israel Synagogue in Fall River, and was a past commander of the Knights of Pythias and had been chairman of an annual

drive for Israel Bonds in Fall River. He was a past president of the Jewish Home for the Aged in Fall River.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Sheila Oliveira of Fall River and Ilene Cummings of Brookline; one son, Robert Vachon of Fall River; one brother, Herbert Leshinsky of Minneapolis, Minn.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held April 27 at Congregation Adas Israel in Fall River. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

DORIS J. MILLMAN
PROVIDENCE — Doris J. Millman, 76, of 27 Arthur Ave., East Providence, a clerk in the Providence school system for 20 years, retiring nine years ago, died May 4 at The Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Matthew Millman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harold and Lena Selinder, she had lived in Providence for most of her life, moving to East Providence 10 years ago.

She served as a WAVE in World War II.

She leaves two sons, Michael J. Millman of Pawtucket and Harold L. Millman of North Kingstown.

A graveside funeral service was held May 5 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

IRENE "CHAYA" SEGAL
PROVIDENCE — Irene "Chaya" Segal, 95, of the Tockwotton Home, 75 East St., a teacher at Temple Beth-El for many years before retiring, died April 28 at the home. She was the widow of Beryl Segal.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Menashe and Gitel (Friedman) Waxman, she lived in Rochester, N.Y., before moving to Providence more than 60 years ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood. She had been a past president of the Pioneer Women, and a leader in the annual sales of Israel Bonds. She was a member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and the Women's Associations of Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, and an honorary board member of the women's division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

She leaves two daughters, Geraldine Foster of Cranston, and Annette Hockman of North Miami Beach, Fla., two brothers, Benjamin Waxman of Montreal, and Alexander Waxman of Manitoba, Can.; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held May 2 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

DAVID ZEFTL
PROVIDENCE — David Zeffel, 62, of 712 Hope St., an employee of the former Brier Manufacturing Co., died May 1 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Isaac and Dora (Schechter) Zeffel.

He had been a volunteer worker at Miriam Hospital. He was a member of Congregation Sons of Zion, and a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association.

He is survived by a brother, Leo Zeffel of Wilmington, Del. A graveside service was held May 5 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

IDF Investigates Death of Detainee

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israel Defense Force is investigating reports that an Islamic militant died after being interrogated by Israeli security agents.

Abed a-Samed Harizat, 30, was detained on April 21. He died on April 25, after he was brought to the hospital in serious condition, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Harizat's brother, Abdallah, claimed that he had been beaten to death. He also said his brother had been a religious man, but did not have ties to the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement, Israel Radio reported.

According to some media reports, Harizat was a known supporter of Hamas and had been arrested by Israeli security officials in the past.

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who identifies herself only as Maha.

"We used to live in fear of Israeli soldiers, who would come and take someone to prison. Now we feel safe. This is our government, and our taxes go to it and not to the Israelis," Maha says proudly.

"Yes, I have hope. You have your opposition, we have ours, but I think we can have peace." "There can never be peace," her friend, Dalal, counters adamantly. "No one will be able to forget their lost ones who died in the struggle" against Israel.

A similar sentiment is expressed by a local restaurant owner, who calls himself Abu-Maxim.

"This is no peace," he complains. "The Americans and the Israelis don't let us live. Since the closure, we cannot go to Israel to work.

"There are fewer tourists, and no one has money to eat in restaurants," he adds, gesturing at his spacious, yet empty eatery. A car stops, and two Orthodox Israelis, a father and son, peer out anxiously.

The son asks nervously in Hebrew for directions to the Dead Sea.

Muntahr, a man in his 20s, walks over and explains in Hebrew the way back to the main road.

"You see," he says on rejoining the group that has gathered around. "You come to us, and we help you, even protect you. But we cannot come to you. You call this peace?"

He concedes, though, that life under the autonomy has become safer: "There are no drunks and no drugs in the streets, and there is less crime in Jericho."

A high-ranking Palestinian officer contributes his own opinions.

"The economic situation is bad," says the officer, who refuses to give his name.

"Much of it is due to problems left over by the occupation," he says. "The Israelis never allowed us to establish our independent economy, and now we pay for it. But this is a transitional period. We have started to build our economy, and it will take time."

"Israel must show that it is serious about the peace," he adds. "If we have our security, Israel will have security."

Two military jeeps, one flying an Israeli flag, the other displaying a Palestinian flag, drive through town. Triangular orange flags on the jeeps identify

them as a joint Israeli-Palestinian patrol.

Once the subject of doubt that such patrols could cooperate at all, the jeeps now attract scant attention.

A few men, former prisoners in Israeli jails, sit together at a café. They are in their 20s, and casually dressed.

After the signing of the Cairo Agreement last May, Israel allowed 574 Palestinian prisoners to serve out their terms in Jericho. So far, 171 of them have been released, with the remaining 403 waiting, all the while hoping that ongoing negotiations will eventually allow them to take short excursions out of Jericho to see their families.

"It's a better prison, but still a prison," says one of the prisoners, who calls himself Fakiri.

"Future? There is no future. We are retreating all the time. If the situation stays as is, we are better off where we were before the agreement."

The others agree.

Someone brings Israeli-made orange drinks to the table. On the wall, there is a picture of a beaming Arafat receiving a gift of flowers. The café owner prepares coffee, tea and water pipes.

"We don't hate Jews for being Jews, but for being occupiers," says Abdallah Jabar, an engineer who works for the municipality. He is the only professional in the group.

"Security? You can't pin everything on security. Our security is Israel's security. Give us our state, and we'll give you security. The only hope is in the acceleration of the peace process."

Briarcliffe Sponsors Blood Drive

Briarcliffe Manor will host a community blood drive in conjunction with the Rhode Island Blood Center on May 15 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Donors must be in good health, 17 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have not given blood at any time during the past eight weeks.

Donating blood is absolutely safe, simple, and quick. The entire process, from the asking of several medical questions to the actual donation, takes only about 45 minutes. Donors can then relax over refreshments for about 15 minutes before returning to a normal daily routine.

Briarcliffe Manor is sponsoring this community event in recognition of National Nursing Home Week (May 15 to 19) and participants will greatly benefit the R.I. Blood Center.

Hypertension Program Coming

"The Treatment of Hypertension in An Era of Health Care Reform" will be the topic of the American Heart Association, R.I. Affiliate's professional conference to be held on May 17 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Westin Hotel.

Dinner will follow the conference sessions. The conference is presented by Roger Williams Medical Center.

Registration is \$15 for pre-registered physicians, \$25 for physicians with day-of-conference registration, and \$10 for fellows, residents, nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Three credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the AMA are offered. For further information, contact the American Heart Association, RI Affiliate at 728-5300.

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A Homelike Atmosphere Is Their First Priority

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The Life Care Center, 969 Park Street in Attleboro, is right next door to La Salette Shrine.

In the winter, when the days turn to dusk in mid-afternoon, residents at the center gather, frequently with family members, in the big living room and watch the light display come to life, across the fields. You don't have to be of any specific religious group to enjoy all that sparkle and glow in the winter darkness. It's a time of informal sharing and enjoyment.

It is also typical of a quality Joan Pacheco, director of admissions, wanted to tell prospective clients about — the center's homelike atmosphere. She knows that it is so important that the center feel like one's own home, as much as is possible.

There are about 120 long-term residents at the home on any given day.

Three or four more may be admitted every day for the therapy necessary between a hospital stay and independence at home. And three or four may leave, having accomplished their recovery to mobility.

The center prefers short-term residents to stay for two weeks or more. Most stay three or four weeks. Life Care operates a very aggressive rehab program.

The residents may choose private or semi-private accommodations. There is always a waiting list — list time may be one to two years. But Pacheco stressed that, due to changing

personal circumstances, a client may move right up to the top of the list or drop back because placement is not immediately necessary any longer.

In case of an emergency or illness, it is usually arranged that a client will be taken right to Sturdy Memorial Hospital, a mere mile away. Other arrangements are possible.

There is a small resident population of those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, at the center.

Pacheco is proud of the center's reputation in the community. She also pointed out that the center is easily accessible for so many people. The atmosphere is "country" but the location is convenient and the services are top notch.

The staff tries to set up family involvement programming as often as possible, to make visiting even more appealing and rewarding for all concerned.

If you may be searching for care for an elderly relative soon, Pacheco urges you to get your records together. Include things like receipts for major care items purchased for that relative. It is vital that you and the family member sit down, and talk about resources — even resources that person may have held onto privately without telling anyone else in the family. Many of our elders were not accustomed to discussing their finances with anyone, so this is a conversation that will require tact, patience, and compassion.

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The guest speaker is Nancy Arbeiter, a genealogist specializing in Jewish genealogy. Her research includes tracing American families back eight generations to 18th-century Europe; researching, finding and reuniting "lost U.S. relatives" with Russian emigres; locating U.S. and European vital records, census returns, passenger manifests, World War I draft registrations, searching for Holocaust survivors, research and writing family histories.

Arbeiter is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Committee of Professional Jewish Genealogists, on the Executive Board of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, the Jewish Genealogical Society of New York and the New England His-

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Gilbert has published several books on Jewish themes, including *Auschwitz and the Allies*, a 316-page map *Atlas of the Holocaust*, revised in 1993, *The Holocaust*, *The Jewish Tragedy*.

In 1985-96, Gilbert was a representative at the United Nations Human Rights Commission at Geneva, with special responsibility for Soviet Jewry. He was governor of Hebrew University for 10 years, taught at Tel Aviv University, has been a visiting professor at several universities in this country, and

He has recently accompanied British Prime Minister John Major on official visits to Israel and the United States.

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