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Arabs Deliver a Victory in Knesset Struggle

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The only clear winners in last week's round of on-the-brink politics in Israel were the Knesset's two Arab parties.

Staring down a double disaster in the wake of a decision to expropriate Arab-owned land in eastern Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin managed to save both his government and the Middle East peace process.

Beyond the immediate relief, however, Rabin and his Cabinet ministers emerged weakened by the whole affair.

Likud, the main opposition party, also came out of the fray smarting, as its leader, Benjamin Netanyahu, faced recriminations from longtime rivals over his handling of the drama.

For nearly a month, Israel's plans to confiscate some 140 acres of mostly Arab-owned land to construct Jewish housing had drawn the ire of the

Arab world as well as a number of Western countries.

Arab leaders were planning a summit of the Arab League in Morocco, where they would discuss putting the entire peace process on hold.

Amid the growing clamor of international criticism, however, it remained for two predominantly Arab parties in the Knesset to undo the confiscation plans.

The five Knesset members of the Hadash Party and the Arab Democratic Party, introduced no-confidence motions in the Knesset.

The two parties, which are closely linked to Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization, found an unlikely ally in Likud.

Although supportive of the confiscation plans in principle, Likud saw the motions as a welcome opportunity to bring down the Rabin government.

After a dramatic day of behind-the-scenes jockeying between the Knesset factions, Rabin and his ministers decided to out-flank their opponents.

The Cabinet put the confiscation decision on indefinite hold and set up a Cabinet committee — that well-tried instrument for burying awkward mistakes — to reconsider the confiscation plans.

The Rabin government's sharp reversal tactic was masterminded by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who submitted it to a specially convened Cabinet meeting, barely two hours before the crucial no-confidence votes were to have been taken.

Bruised by the international outcry over the issue, the Cabinet ministers jumped at the opportunity to reverse the original decision. And the results of the ministers' turnabout were immediate:

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T-Shirts on Clotheslines Focus Attention on Sexual Violence

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — There are T-shirts hanging on clotheslines across Israel these days that differ from the usual assortment seen crisscrossing behind apartment buildings and villas.

These T-shirts, part of The Israel Clothesline Project, were created by women who have

been raped, sexually abused or otherwise assaulted by their husbands, boyfriends and family members.

They are being displayed in a variety of venues — from the Knesset to a university to a concert hall — to raise consciousness about the damage done to women by assault.

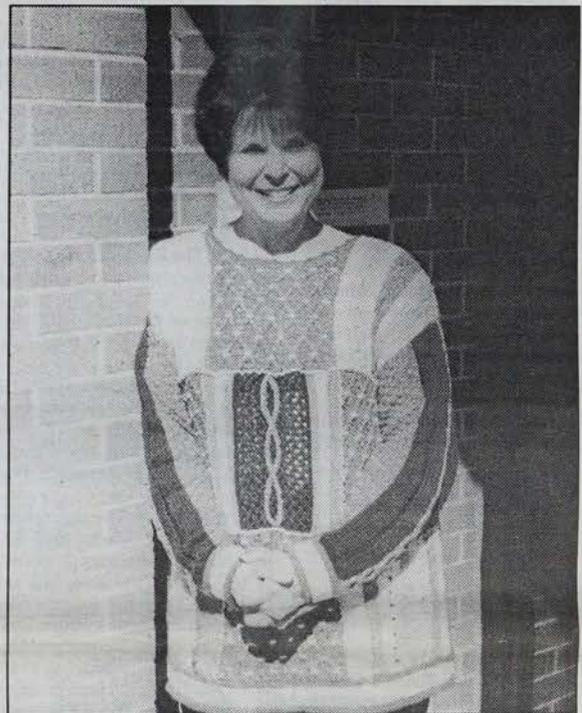
On one T-shirt, hands cut from black cloth cover the face of a golden-haired woman who is standing next to a bed.

Another creator drew a heart and then tore a hole out of its center, along with a large male figure holding a stick over a smaller, female image.

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MAKING A STATEMENT with T-shirts, the victims of domestic violence in Israel contributed their artwork to the "Clothesline Project." The group's slogan is, "Women Must Help Women."



NINA NATELSON, director of CHAI, enters Lincoln Library to speak at a violence-prevention conference in May.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Putting "Tsaar Ba'alei Chayyim" and "Tikkun Olam" Into Action

by Alison Smith

Herald Editor

Margaret Mead, the world-famous anthropologist, once said, "One of the most dangerous things that can happen to a child is to kill or torture an animal and get away with it."

She was not the first, or the last, scientist to point out the unmistakable relationship between the practice of violence in adults, and animal abuse and torture by those adults as children. It is practically a classic predictor of abusive behavior as an adult — maiming or killing small animals as a child.

In a society which has had to struggle for its very existence for so long, and in which macho behavior is considered admirable, compassionate care of animals seems pretty low on the list of societal priorities to many people. But people who care passionately about Israel's survival are, of course, equally passionate about the future glory of Israel, and her status as a world leader in all things civilized. It is time, now that Israel is a strong, viable member of the world commu-

nity, to pay attention to that second stage — what Israel will eventually become...how bright her star will shine.

What was acceptable, or even admirable, in times of siege, usually must be modified and downsized as the threat to a society subsides. Strength, and even ruthlessness, may be essential at first, but compassion and spirituality are essential to the continuation of the society, once it is established.

When there is no alternative to turn to, no one to whom you can refer a problem or look for advice, the tendency is to close your eyes, figuratively speaking, and ignore the situation. "What can I do? With so much else to worry about — so much suffering everywhere — what can anyone do?" So people step right over injured or sick animals, children stone helpless birds, and even the kindest citizens tend to close their hearts to protect themselves from the knowledge of pain.

And there is pain. In Israel

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INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Collectibles and Antiques in Newport

A Collectibles Extravaganza and the Newport Antiques Festival will be held June 3 and 4 at Glen Farm, on Route 138, East Main Road in Portsmouth, R.I.

Featured at the Collectibles Extravaganza will be toys of the last 100 years, up to and including the current trends in science fiction and action figure toys. The show offers an opportunity to learn about collecting as an investment or for enjoyment.

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The Newport Antiques Festival, in its fourth season, is a showcase of antiques from furniture and glass to Americana, vintage clothing and estate jewelry. This event also takes place on Glen Farm overlooking Narragansett Bay, minutes from the mansions of Newport. The show is open to the public on June 3 for an advance preview at 8 a.m. for \$10 per person. General admission is \$5, June 4, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. There will be a Dixieland band on Saturday and a jazz group on Sunday.

For directions to Glen Farm, Newport Antiques Festival and Collectibles Extravaganza, call (800) 759-7469.

Have a Face-to-Fin Encounter This Summer

Save The Bay is offering ship-board education programs this summer.

"Explore the Bay" will happen three times daily, from July 5 to Aug. 11.

The 60-foot marine research vessel, Laurie Lee, featuring a 15-foot-long touch tank, leaves at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., daily, Tuesdays through Fridays.

Cost for Save The Bay members is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children; non-members cost is \$17 for adults and \$12 for children. Trips are by reservation only. For reservations, call Save The Bay's Education Department at 272-3540.

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Red Cross Offers First Aid and Safety Course

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Red Cross Community First Aid and Safety course on June 15 and 22 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 50 Orchard St., Providence.

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

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

Cost for the course is \$50. Advance registration is required.

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

Women's Playwriting Festival Coming

The third annual Women's Playwriting Festival, presenting the winners of a national contest and guest artists, will be June 1 to 25 at Perishable Theatre, 95 Empire St., Providence.

Performances will be Thursdays through Saturdays, with a Sunday show on June 25 at 7 p.m.

Hearings Coming Up On Improving Transportation

In accordance with the General Laws, Section 42-11-10(e) and Chapter 42-35, the State Planning Council will conduct four public hearings for the purpose of receiving proposals for the Transportation Improvement Program for FY 1996-1998.

The TIP is a multi-year program of highway (including ridesharing, bicycle and pedestrian), transit (including water transport), enhancement, congestion mitigation/air quality, airport, and rail freight projects that are eligible to receive federal funding.

If any community, individual, or organization wishes to submit proposals, they must be presented at one of these hearings. Any proposer of a project must notify the chief executive(s) of the city(ies) or town(s) in which it is located and must show that the project conforms with the local comprehensive plan(s) and the state transportation plan. Proposals should describe the project (location and type of work); any environmental, social, and economic benefits; intermodal or multimodal aspects; regional impacts; and any related projects.

The hearings will be held the following dates:

June 21, at 5:30 p.m., at the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, 30 Exchange Terrace, Providence.

June 22 at 7:30 p.m., at the Community College of Rhode Island (Flanagan Campus),

Room 2706, Lecture Hall, 1762 Louisquisset Pike, Lincoln.

June 26, at 7:30 p.m., at Portsmouth High School, 120 Education Lane, Portsmouth.

June 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the University of Rhode Island (University Club), Upper College Road, Kingston.

All sites are accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring any accommodations for disabilities must notify Patricia Greene at 277-1200 (TDD NO. 277-1227) not less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing date. Proposals may be presented in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the Council by June 30.

For further information, call David Tonnessen of the division of planning at 277-1233.

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And your fingernails are cracking, I know the agony,

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Take a breath and with your finger, please press number 2.

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Your get up and go has left you, and you just can't go on,

You know we are here to help you, we'll do whatever can be done,

So, if you'll take my suggestion, press 4-2 - or 1.

If you have another problem not herein described,

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So, in one way or another, you'll have peace of mind.

Herb Brown

Blood Drives Scheduled

Blood drives are scheduled at R.I. Dept. of Mental Health Retardation & Hospitals (Regan Building — Arnold Conference Center), Howard Ave., Cranston, R.I., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 6, and at the Marriot Metro Center, 2 Metro Center Boulevard, Warwick, R.I., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will also be a drive on June 7 at Scalabrini Villa, Physical Therapy Room, 860 North Quiddnessett Road, North Kingstown, R.I., from 4 to 8:30 p.m. and on June 12 at the State House Community Blood Drive, State House, Providence, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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FEATURE



MIKE'S COUSIN RHODA accompanies him through the cemetery in Montreal. *Herald photo by Mike Fink*

In Sunlight & Shadow

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Montreal seemed so far away when I was a youngster. My dad drove a black machine in the '20s on snowy roads. My mom took the night train to visit her sisters on major occasions, usually in winter as I remember them. But we three Fink brothers flew up on a sunny spring Sunday to bid farewell to our last Canadian uncle in the province of Quebec, so near, scarcely an hour away, and yet still so distant, in language or accent, in style and custom.

The Delta flight was empty like a twilight zone plane, and the airport was a ghost town, immaculate, vast, with only the customs officers in their uniforms, stamping the papers of the trio of Mr. Finks. My late uncle's son-in-law, my cousin's husband Bobby, picked us up and hugged us each, great good-hearted bear that he is. Bob is a Litvak and a lover of art. He makes whimsical fun of us for being Rumanians. He collects clocks, Alaskan and native Canadian sculptures, romantic 19th century paintings, and fine figurines which he purchases among his business journeys in Europe. He buys and sells heavy equipment, but has a delicate and courtly taste. Their home is like a national treasure, a Quebec museum. He tells us jokes in our uncle's easy, whimsical manner, while he pours us Canadian liquors from the polished cabinet.

The hearse came to fetch us an hour earlier than the service. Montreal keeps a noble and dig-

nified ceremony I had not observed before. Family sits with the coffin in a private chamber, undisturbed except by quiet davenning, keeping guard until the funeral will begin. We moved to the chapel and sat at an L-shape wing to listen to the bearded chazzan and the rabbi. Out of the auditorium came a lady in a black and gold suit. Cousin Rhoda kissed us each in turn and took a seat behind us. "This man was liked by all," said the rabbi. Afterward, Rhoda was driving alone to the cemetery, so I joined her.

"Can we take a moment after the burial and search for the graves of our grandmother and grandfather?" I asked my cousin, and she agreed. Like our air trek from Boston, the graveyard had a surreal, dreamlike quality. The Montreal cemetery lanes are all tree-lined, and the music of nesting birds chants a cheerful prayer of peace and comfort. You are walking down a French allee of poplars and Quebec maples, and the messages upon the stones are half in French. Hebrew doubles into French because a Moroccan Sephardic community has moved into the Ashkenazic-neighborhoods. We found the headstones of an aunt, and of Rhoda's parents, but our grandparents were still elusive, like a memory hiding in deep sleep.

Of course, Canadian family structures are no better than our own. (Their bagels are better, though.) Rhoda and I murmured our reminiscences and

narrated the fates of our common relations.

Her daughter married the son of Holocaust survivors. Her son married a girl who converted, and later regretted the decision. "She feels diminished, as though she had yielded to the wishes of

her father-in-law." "Your husband is a dominating person, and that can be either a good or a bad quality," I said in a mild tone. Cousin Rhoda had been the family beauty in her high school days, had married a classmate full of ambition and energy, and the couple own houses in Canada but lease an estate in Los Angeles which was the mansion of Cary Grant. "We have offered to buy it, but it's not for sale," says Rhoda in regret.

My uncle was named Moe, but when he retired to Florida, he changed to his middle name, Henry. The rabbi had spoken of his kindly good nature, but he preferred his Providence nephews, the Finks, to his Montreal nieces. We were a good audience for his jokes, and he brought us together in life as he did in death. We even told funny stories at the shiva, and uncle Moe's widow, Florence, said, "We're having a great party, I wish Moe were here, he'd enjoy it so much."

My brother took me upstairs to admire a bronze design on a table. An owl with outspread wings grasps in its claw a rabbit, raising it halfway off the ground, the base of the piece, which is inscribed with the single word "shadow." I picked up my briefcase and hat, and we three left for the airport.

It was my son's 10th birthday. I had spent it at a house of death. Time is a terrifying sculptor, casting a strange shadow upon our laughter. We three brothers did the right thing on a smiling day, a passage across a landscape as clean and clear as a painting or a scene in an old film. "This isn't happening, it's a nightmare," Aunt Florence had said. Everybody's life ends in the same chapter. You close the book with a sigh and a gentle smile.

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Simon Says

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

After the forsythia and the cherry blossoms have scattered their gold and ruby on the damp ground, the dogwoods come out like a strange snowfall. Students cram for their finals and take off. Their last task for my classes is to stand up and present a project half written and half illustrated, a preview in the freshman year of what they may do for a senior thesis in three years.

Simon skipped a few sessions, or stepped in late, or fell asleep, or asked the wrong questions, though always good-natured, never rude on purpose. For his essay he read the tale of King Midas, more fool than knave, who gets rich and poor at the same time. Instead of interpreting the parable, Simon drifted from one topic to another, but he held the class in thrall. "I spent last summer on my bicycle, covering 3,000 miles across Canada, with no direction at all. I went to the bridges and found all the drop-outs of society gathering there at night." And then, suddenly, Simon dug out the story of his root. "I am an Episcopalian, but my mother was born in the blitz in London. A nurse lay on top of her during the bombing, and the nurse was killed. My mother's family were French. They sold fancy luxury goods and riding habits in Paris. Along came a guy named Hitler and they left Paris behind them and went to London. My mother didn't want me to be Jewish, she wanted us to be safe in the world. She lost all her family connections in Europe, in the gas chambers."

Simon's search hasn't been solitary this semester. I had a South American former student named Guillermo, who joined me in the snack bar for coffee and told me a strange account. "My mother grieves for 22 relatives who died in Germany, mostly Jews, some converted to Christianity. On my father's side I have the blood both of the native Americans and the conquistadores who slaughtered them. I have everything good and bad in my veins." Guillermo has deep dark eyes, but he has lost that fresh, freshman look and taken on the role of older brother to a younger sibling who joins the Providence student population.

This season of crits and college juries of work done, all the students jump into a single figure of youth itself. The way the trees come back, the generation cut off in Europe blooms again in the hands of the artists and poets who learn their craft among us.

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OPINIONS

Let Us Give Credit...

The Virtually Unknown Story of the Holocaust in Southern Europe

by Dr. Maria Lombardo

Coincidentally, we received two letters on the same subject last week — and thought it would be the best of all times to discuss their topic — "How Jews Fared in Italy During the Holocaust."

We wish to thank Jack Jacobsen for his suggestion.

With the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, it is timely to discuss what happened in southern Europe during the Holocaust. There, in contrast to northern Europe, not only civilians helped their neighbors and strangers, but bureaucrats worked within the bureaucracy to save Jews. Italian efforts to this end were evident in Italy, and in the Italian-occupied territories of southern France, Albania, Croatia and Greece, although Italy was officially allied with Germany.

Italian bureaucrats and diplomats defied orders to save Jews. The Italian army saved Jews in Croatia by taking them into Italy, and in southern France, and hiding them in hotels. Many such Jewish survivors, including Imre Rochlitz, whose son produced the "Righteous Enemy" documentary film on the subject, and historians and survivors Menachem Shelah of Israel and Ivo Herzer of America, have attested to the fact that as the Ustasha in Croatia was rounding up Jews and sending them to death camps, the Italian army officials and soldiers were working efficiently to save Jews by getting them into safe havens in Italy.

Giorgio Perlasca, an Italian businessman posing as a Spanish diplomat, falsified exit papers for more than 10,000 Jews in Budapest. Guelfo Zamboni, the Italian consul in German-occupied Salonika, Greece, in 1943, saved more than 280 Jews from being deported to Auschwitz by using his waning official diplomatic powers.

Ordinary Italian citizens, including priests and nuns, helped to rescue 85 percent of Italy's Jews. Susan Zuccotti points out in her book, *The Italians and the Holocaust*, that there were about 37,100 Italian Jews and about 8,100 foreign Jews in Italy, a total of 45,200 in 1942. Only after 1943, when Italy became a Nazi-occupied territory, were 6,801, or about 15 percent, of these Jews deported to the Nazi death camps.

From World War I to 1938 there had been little reason for Jews to feel at risk in Italy. Jews served with honor and attained high rank in the Italian army in the first World War, and they were ingrained into Italian society. In fact, while Jews in the other countries of Europe were concerned about Hitler's official anti-Semitism, the Jews in Italy seemed to have been little affected. It was during this period that many foreign Jews immigrated to Italy. The Jews were further assured by Mussolini's repeated public statement that there was no Jewish "problem" in Italy. One then can only imagine the shock when Mussolini took two mea-

sures against the Jews to show Hitler that he was his comrade and ally.

The first measure was the Racial Laws of 1938 which stated that the Jews of Italy no longer enjoyed the rights and privileges of ordinary citizens. Consequently, Jews had to leave their professions and Jewish children were forced to leave schools.

The second measure was the establishment of internment camps throughout Italy for the confinement of the foreign Jews who had arrived in Italy. One such camp built in 1940 by the Fascist regime was located in Calabria near Ferramonti Tarsia, a malaria-infested area.

But unlike such camps in northern Europe, within this camp the Jews were allowed to set up a cooperative kitchen, library, schools, medical care unit, recreation center, and even a synagogue. Carlo Spartaco Capogreco, who has documented the camp extensively, has stated that the policy of the camp was tolerance and respect as long as the Jews maintained discipline and order. Eventually the camp was freed by the Allies.

Other Italian internment camps, such as Fossoli in northern Italy, were not as lucky because when the German death machine swept through to occupy Italy in 1943, the Jews in these camps were sent to Auschwitz.

There are many theories as to why the Italians rescued the Jews. Some scholars and others have concluded that it could have been for reasons other than altruism: their hatred of the Germans, a desire to assert their sovereignty, a political tactic to win favor with the allies should Italy lose the war.

Another possible reason for the rescue might be that Jews were a strong component of Italian society. The history of Jews in Italy dates back to Roman times. Interestingly, the popes never expelled the Jews from Rome, which had the oldest Jewish community in Europe, more than 2,000 years old. Although Jews were forced to live in ghettos in Italy for centuries, in 1870 they were "emancipated" and could aspire to high ranking positions.

Prior to World War II, there were Jews who were generals in the Italian army, and even a Jewish prime minister. This may explain in part the widespread benevolence and sympathy toward Jews by the Italian army. Many Jews worked as doctors, teachers, and government officials, which allowed the Italian public to relate to them as both neighbors and friends. Because they were respected and because the Italians were used to working with them, there was a sense of mutual respect. The author's own recognition of the difference between the Jews in Italy and the Jews in other countries became apparent to her recently when he had an opportunity to hear Rena Binder (who has spoken at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island), a survivor from Schindler's list, speak of her experience in Poland. She repeatedly made reference to the fact that she and others were Jews living in Poland. Not once did she even refer to herself as a

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Reminiscences

To the Editor:

Originally I came from the North End. My father had a Rubin's Kosher Market among the stores on Douglas Avenue. There were several butcher shops and the Star Delicatessen where you could have a nice sandwich with kosher pickles "from the barrel."

There was a dry good store — Berman's Store — where the candy was very reasonable — and several other grocery stores.

Upstairs from Aaron's Meat Market lived my grandmother and grandfather — Chasa and Perez Rubin. They were very humble people.

At Shawmut Street there was a small burner where they would fleck the chicken, and make it kosher under the rabbi's supervision.

There were three synagogues on Chalkstone Avenue, two on Orms Street, one of which was where the Marriott Hotel stands now.

The Congregation of Sons of Zion is still on Douglas Avenue, at the corner of Orms Street.

We had cold water flats and went to the public bath houses. The men wore knickers, then.

We walked to school — the Candace Street School, or Henry Barnard or Nathaniel Greene. We took lunch with us.

There was Harry's Delicatessen, downtown, famous for its corned beef. During the war, people placed donations of money in a bowl, there, to help the Armed Forces.

There were strict rules then. If you intermarried, the family would have Shiva. No longer would you be accepted.

There was a Hebrew school where the children had to behave, and go for their bar mitzvah, and there were other traditions, like marriage, and going up to the Torah, and respecting the religion, and giving honor to your family. And there were mikvah baths, to make people really kosher.

Later on I moved to South Providence — to the Sons of Abraham with Rabbi Abraham Chill and his wife presiding, for Hebrew school and Sunday School.

Later, Sons of Abraham became Shara Zedek, on Broad Street, and there was Temple Beth Israel, on Nigara Street, which is no longer there.

There was a Jewish Community Center in South Providence, near Potters Avenue, close to Niagara Street, where they had Camp Centerland for a summer camp — and it was very reasonable. They had all kinds of programs at the center.

Later, they migrated into the Jewish Community Center on Benefit Street, where, during the war, people in uniform would go dancing and have basketball tournaments.

There was U.S.O. dancing at Crescent Park, Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Clancy's, etc.

Later the Jewish Community Center moved to Elm Grove Avenue where it now stands — still very active, with modern ideas, with Vivian Weismann and Marvin Stark and Lori Broomfield, social workers, with Israeli and Russian Jewish people joining in, and Sue Robbio in charge of the Golden

Agers.

There are Orthodox, Conservative and Reform synagogues surrounding each neighborhood.

In South Providence, there was on Willard Avenue Kaufman's Fish Market, several bakeries, Perler's Bakery and Kaplan's Bakery, which later became Barney's Bakery.

On the radio, we would listen to the famous bands, like Glen Miller, Artie Shaw, and other famous bands. We had "big band music" with many persons here becoming noted, like Julius Michaelson, who later became Attorney General. And there were reunions to recall memories.

We used Vulcan Heaters, and coal oil stoves.

Later people migrated from South Providence to Washington Park, later advancing themselves to Florida and other destinations, where different temples were very modern. Each family went in different directions.

Later came television. I had a "Teleging," the very first one that came out. They had Jack Benny and George Burns. There were musical programs, and the Majestic Theatre, and Loew's State, which became the Ocean State, and the Strand. There was Fay's Theatre and the Metropolitan Theatre — also neighborhood theatres like the Castle, the Liberty — you could go for very reasonable prices.

However, all neighborhoods change. And now we have the lottery, the Convention Center, new hotels and new owners. We have food banks, and furniture banks where used furniture can be bought and sold, and food stamps, and affordable housing, medicare and medicaid and meal sites, and HUD supporting housing programs.

This is progress. That's life with a new meaning. Older generation comparing with the new, schools having difficulty, and it is unsafe to walk the streets without a glance to make sure everything is ok.

The Gray Panthers are defending the public and others to make the world safe.

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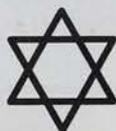
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Polish Jew. She also stated that the reason many Jews did not resist or even try to escape in Poland is that they felt they had nowhere to go and that no one would help them if they did.

She indicated that the Polish people were for the most part bystanders watching the trains carry Jews to their death. The Jews in Italy referred to themselves as simply "Italians" and they felt that their Italian neighbors would not be bystanders, and would reach out a hand to help, therefore, they were more inspired to resist or, at least, hide.

Ivo Herzer of Washington, D.C., tells of having his relatives in Zagreb, Croatia, rounded up by the Ustasha for the Nazis and most of them being sent to Auschwitz. His immediate family was saved because an Italian soldier took pity upon them. He took them to his commanding officer who hid them in an army truck and sent them into Italy. Herzer remembered his father stating that if they survived the war they were never to forget the Italians.

Helen Deutsch of Chicago remembers that, as a young German Jewish woman living just outside of Rome, she saw her husband taken away to an internment camp, while she, pregnant, was left behind. The Giustini family took her in and helped her with her baby. She recalls sleeping with her child on the bed while the Giustini grandfather slept on the floor. The family took care of her for two years. After 32 years, she recently had a tearful reunion with Dr. Ferdinando Giustini, a Giustini grandson now living in West Virginia.

Marina Zinn of New Jersey remembers as a child being hidden in an Italian attorney's country home. When the invading Germans drew closer, her German mother hid her and her brother in a convent. Only the Mother Superior knew that the children were Jewish. Marina learned all her prayers in Latin.

When it came time to take Holy Communion, the sisters explained to the other children that she could not take hers because she had to wait for her father to return from the war. When the nuns were warned that the Nazis were closing in, they arranged for another Italian family to hide Marina's family until the end of the war. Marina is returning to Italy soon after 30 years, to be reunited with the children of the families that rescued them.

Mickey Orem of New Orleans recalls that her mother often spoke of a Chesarina Carnevale who had saved the lives of her parents, herself and that of her 9-month-old sister by being a wet nurse to her. Her

mother spoke of Chesarina and her own family as being one. For two years they hid in Chesarina's home in Rocca di Papa. Orem and her family recently went to Italy and met with Chesarina's family. The most touching moment was when Chesarina got on the telephone with Orem's mother and repeated over and over again, "Baltimore, Baltimore." Chesarina had heard that the people she so loved during the war had ended up in Baltimore. Their voices bridged time and space.

All of these survivors have one thing in common: their families had immigrated to Italy or Italian-occupied territories from Poland, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia or Germany to escape the Nazis. They are living testimonies that the people of Italy reached out to save their lives. They have all clearly expressed that their families had no money, no jewels to give in exchange. The Italians saved them out of love for humanity, and for no other reason.

Why then has not the story of the rescues in southern Europe been told? The Italians themselves do not feel that what they did was remarkable. As many of the rescuers put it, "It was just the right thing to do."

The Italian government has also not made it an issue, perhaps because it may be ashamed to have been on the side of the Nazis in the war.

There is also the issue of the Vatican, which many feel should have issued a decree to protect the Jews.

Others feel that if the pope had issued such a decree, the Vatican would not have been able to protect the Jews. Thus the pope's non-committal attitude allowed the individual clergy room to help Jews in their own ways.

The research is very current and facts are still being gathered. There is not a great deal of documented history on the topic of what really happened non-militarily in southern Europe during World War II. For many it is a sensitive and painful memory. Some people who lived during that period are still alive, with stories worth telling, and others live with histories they'd rather forget. Many survivors have suppressed their stories for many years — some out of a misplaced guilt from having survived — but they are now beginning to talk.

Excerpts from a new book, *The Holocaust in Southern Europe*, by Dr. Maria Lombardo:

"It has been noted that even in the darkest period of the Holocaust there were those who said 'no.' But on the other hand the atrocities occurred because,

as Tullia Zevi, leader of the Jewish community in Rome has said, there was indifference which assisted evil, and there were collaborators who helped perform it.... Discussions are encouraged in conflict resolution and to analyze the prejudices and differences that exist among the various contemporary community and worldwide groups. Abe Foxman, the national director of the Anti-Defamation League, has eloquently stated that one would think that fifty years later we would not have to discuss the need for altruism, but with the worldwide problems of Bosnia, Ethiopia, and elsewhere, we still need to even define, yet alone practice 'humanitarianism.'

"There are various products connected with the conferences. A documentary film, "A Debt to Honor," produced by Documentaries International Film and Video Foundation will be made available to the public. A video compilation of the historical facts presented by scholars at our conferences will also be made available under the title "The Holocaust in Southern Europe." *The Italian Refuge* was a product of the initial 1986 Boston conference. Another result will be a resource guide that will be made available to any organization that wishes to replicate the program in their community.

The National Italian American Foundation has purchased a Garden of Trees in Israel in honor of the Jewish survivors and those Italian rescuers that foundation members have met. A scholarship fund has been established by the husband of one of the survivors, Helene Ehrenpreis of New Jersey."

A program to permanently document and preserve information about the Italian protection of the Jews is in the works. For more information, write Maria Lombardo, National Italian American Foundation, 1860 19th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Rakitt Selected for Executive Program

Twenty-one professionals, including Steven Rakitt of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, from Jewish Federations throughout North America have been selected as Fellows for the Council of Jewish Federations' new Executive Development Program, according to John C. Colman of Chicago, the program's coordinating committee chair.



The Songs of Shiryah

Barbara Greenberg plays the violin, Varda Lev the piano, at the Temple Emanu-El religious school musical finale, on May 18.

Herald photo by Mike Fink

'Food' (Sing to the tune of 'Home on the Range')

I'd like to assume of the pies I consume.

That it might not reflect on the scale.

'Twould be a delight if I dined through the night,

And woke just as thin as a rail.

Food — edible food,

If I only could eat what I please,

And not keeping track of those nice little snacks,

I could go through this life with such ease.

What fun it would be both for you and for me,

As we strolled down the bakery aisle,

To buy an éclair and not give it a care,

Without guilt and just wearing a smile.

Food — glorious food,

How can something so good be so bad?

I do what I'm told, but I keep getting old,

So I'm glad that I had what I had.

Herb Brown

Small Boats for Sale at URI

The University of Rhode Island Foundation will hold its third annual small boat sale on June 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the URI Narragansett Bay Campus, off Route 1A, Narragansett.

Proceeds will benefit university scholarship programs and research efforts. Last year the foundation's small boat sale raised more than \$20,000.

More than a dozen small craft, both power and sail, will be available for sealed bid purchase.

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Dole Adviser's Slur Incenses Jews

by Steven M. Zeitchik
NEW YORK (JTA) — A senior political adviser's slur against two Jewish congressmen has provoked a strong response from Jewish organizations and politicians.

Speaking at a campaign fund-raising roast for California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, a possible San Francisco mayoral candidate, Rollins said Brown's true desire was to be mayor of Los Angeles.

Infected, Rollins said, Brown "could show those two Hymie boys, Berman and Waxman, who were always trying to make Willie feel inferior for not being Jewish."

Rollins was referring to California Reps. Howard Berman and Henry Waxman, both Democrats.

Rollins later sounded a conciliatory note, saying in letters to Berman and Waxman that his "lack of sensitivity is totally inexcusable" and that "there is no justification or excuse" for his remarks.

But, he added, the context was humorous and the comments were made with "great irreverence and attempt at humor." Jewish groups have reacted strongly to the slurs, particularly to Rollins' justification that they were made in jest.

The American Jewish Congress criticized Rollins, and implicated Dole, who has stood by Rollins, in the process.

"This kind of ethnic insult has no place in American society, in the political process or in your campaign," Phil Baum, AJC executive director, wrote in a letter to Dole.

Dole recently introduced a bill in the Senate to move the American Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem in what many believed was part of an effort to garner more Jewish support.

The Dole campaign has apologized for Rollins' comments, saying in a May 19 statement, "Ed Rollins made a to-

tally inexcusable remark. We hope this apology does something to heal the hurt his words have caused," the campaign said, adding that Rollins would continue in his role as a volunteer adviser.

Jewish politicians were also outraged by the remarks. Some have called on Dole to cut off all ties with Rollins.

Anti-Semitism Disrupts Italian Basketball

by Ruth E. Gruber
ROME (JTA) — An Italian Jewish basketball player was at the center of an anti-Semitic episode recently that shocked Italians and prompted an outpouring of support and solidarity for the athlete.

Piero Coen, 32, who plays for the professional basketball club SICC Basket in the town of Jesi, found anti-Semitic leaflets in the locker room before a match in the Adriatic resort town of Pesaro.

One leaflet read, "Don't forget your son's in the oven or he'll burn." Others read, "Dirty Jew." Coen has a 4-year-old child.

Coen said he had to use earplugs during the match to block out the anti-Semitic chants and taunts of a group of opposition supporters.

The other team condemned the incident as "racist and absurd."

The Italian basketball federation, terming the affair deplorable, said it had opened an investigation. "We are all at fault," federation officials said. "Adversary does not mean enemy."

\$100 Million Marked for IDF Redeployment

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Finance Minister Avraham Shohat has approved the first \$100 million in funding redeployment of the Israel Defense Force from Arab population centers in the West Bank.

Shohat met recently with David Ivry, defense ministry director general, and Maj. Gen.

Russia To Sell Reactors To Iran, But Pledges End Of Arms Deals

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Russia has promised Israel it will not sign any more arms deals with Iran, but added that it was determined to follow through on its planned sale of nuclear reactors to Tehran.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Posovalyak, recently on a visit to Israel, told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that the reactors were intended for civilian use only, an Israeli official said.

Posovalyak compared the two nuclear reactors it plans to sell Iran to those the United States is offering North Korea in exchange for freezing its nuclear program.

Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, Russia has become one of Iran's main arms suppliers, selling conventional weapons, tanks and anti-aircraft systems to the Shi'ite Muslim regime.

Rabin cited Iran's financing and training of terror groups and suicide bombers, whose main aim is to stop the peace process.

"Iran is a leader in the war against the peace process and is doing all it can to torpedo it," Rabin was quoted as telling the Russian dignitary.

Israel had been trying to contain Iran's military buildup and is particularly concerned about its effort to acquire nuclear weapons.

Jordanian Prince Says Debt Forgiveness Essential

The peace treaty with Israel must bring tangible economic benefits to Jordan, Crown Prince Hassan of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on May 18.

In a wide-ranging dialogue with conference leaders, the heir to Jordan's throne spoke bluntly of the urgency of obtaining U.S. forgiveness of Jordan's debt totaling \$275 million. "We are not asking for charity. We are simply asking for a commitment to ease our economic burdens, exacerbated by the hundreds of thousands of refugees Jordan had to absorb in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War," the Crown Prince said.

"Peace building requires more than lip service; it requires tangible economic commitments."

Nothing that "by the year 2010, seven million Israelis will have as much income as 130 million Arabs," the youngest

brother and chief adviser to King Hussein said: "We must seek to overcome this disparity and move forward on a fast track to develop the economies of countries and the region." He cited the commitment to develop a free trade zone around the twin port cities of Aqaba and Eilat as "testimony that both Israel and Jordan desire to move forward with the peace process," and challenged the American Jewish leaders to "recognize that friendship must be tested — not taken for granted."

Defeat of Rightists Reassures Belgian Jews

by Joseph Kopel
BRUSSELS (JTA) — Belgian Jews breathed a sigh of relief when Belgian extremists did not pull as many votes in last week's parliamentary elections as had been predicted.

The center-left government, led by Prime Minister Jean Luc Dehaene, held its majority in the lower house with a 17.1 percent vote nationwide.

But the extremists still will have a presence in Belgium's government.

Jewish community leaders have been concerned about the increasing popularity of the rightist Flemish Vlaams Blok — or Flemish Bloc — especially in Antwerp, where some 15,000 Jews live. Communal leaders had called on the community to vote for democratic parties in the election.

The Flemish Bloc, which campaigned on a racist, anti-immigrant platform, received 26.7 percent of the vote in Antwerp. Nationally, the bloc gained only 1.2 percent to capture 7.8 percent of the vote. Belgium's mainstream parties have ruled out entering into a coalition with the rightist bloc.

Meretz Threatens to Abandon Rabin

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The left-wing Meretz bloc has threatened to leave the governing coalition of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin if agreements with the Palestinians are not reached by a July 1 deadline.

The warning was conveyed during a meeting between members of the dovish party and Rabin.

The legislators told Rabin that Israel must meet a previously established July 1 target date for reaching agreement on the next phase of Palestinian autonomy — the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Arab population centers in West Bank towns and the holding of Palestinian elections.

Rabin told the Meretz members that he would do all he could to reach an agreement, but added that he could not promise a deal by any particular date.

Israel Radio quoted Rabin as saying that he expected the redeployment of Israeli troops to be carried out in two stages.

The first would precede the Palestinian elections, which he expected to take place in the autumn. The second stage would take place later.

If Meretz left the coalition it could still support the government from the outside.

But without Meretz in the government, it would be harder for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to make difficult decisions in peace talks with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon.

New IDF Security Head Causes Controversy

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Ripples went through the security echelon of the Israel Defense Force recently as a result of reports on the intended replacement for the head of the Israeli army's intelligence branch, who is stepping down.

Brig. Gen. Moshe Yaalon had been chosen by the chief of staff to replace Maj. Gen. Uri Sagui, who has requested to leave his post by September.

Sources close to Sagui complained that Yaalon, though a talented officer, was not from the intelligence corps.

"It is absurd to take an officer, no matter how talented, and 'put him in such a sensitive position, when we are on the brink of a political process with Syria,'" the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* quoted the source as saying.

Sagui said he hoped to hold other posts in the military.

At the same time, Israel television reported that relations between him and Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak had not been close, and that Lipkin-Shahak wanted to make staff changes in the intelligence branch.

The decision must still be approved by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who also is the minister of defense.

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Shohat met recently with David Ivry, defense ministry director general, and Maj. Gen.

Matan Vilnai, deputy chief of staff, to discuss the Defense Ministry's request for an additional \$333 million for redeployment.

About two-thirds of the approved sum will be spent immediately to finance relocation of three training camps in the territories and for the construction of bypass roads.

Money also is needed for security arrangements and for the relocation of police stations, defense estimates showed.

Shohat said general reserves from the stage budget would cover the additional costs for the withdrawal and that it could be done "without shock to the economy."

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Knesset

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• In the Knesset, the Hadash Party withdrew its no-confidence motion.

• The alliance between the Arab parties and Likud collapsed; a second motion, submitted by the Arab Democratic Party, was defeated by a huge majority.

• In Cairo, the Egyptian government announced that the Arab League summit would be canceled. And in an effort to clear up tensions between the two countries, Egyptian presidential adviser Osama Al-Baz flew to Israel to meet with Israeli leaders.

• Relations between Israel and Jordan, which were ominously deteriorating because of the land confiscation plans, improved instantly as talks on various practical aspects of the peace treaty between the two countries surged forward.

Despite the immediate successes, however, Rabin's government was weakened by the whole affair. And the question remains how the prime minister's actions will play with the Israeli public.

Indeed, some political pundits are predicting that even though it managed to weather this storm, the Rabin government's day are numbered and it may not be able to complete its term. Elections are scheduled for November 1996.

Rabin also worried how his actions would play with the Clinton administration, which backed Israel all the way to the United Nations only to find that its closest ally would pull a surprising flip-flop.

"How am I going to look Clinton in the eye?" the prime minister was heard remarking.

But the Likud opposition emerged from the drama in little better shape, with some questioning Netanyahu's marriage of convenience with the two Arab-dominated parties.

Peres said the government had now "torn the mask off" the hypocrisy of the Likud's longstanding criticism of the so-called "blocking bloc" — the Knesset majority that comprises both coalition parties, labor and Meretz, and the two pro-PLO Arab parties.

Despite Peres' vehemence, political sources said the government could have squeaked by with a victory in a recent vote.

According to these sources, Labor's leaders were well aware of the numbers, but Rabin and Peres deliberately hyped the parliamentary crisis in order to climb down from the controversial land decision that had threatened the entire peace process.

Within Likud, recriminations flew between Netanyahu and other party figures over the wisdom of Netanyahu's parliamentary tactics.

Men such as Moshe Nissim, David Levy and Ariel Sharon were to be heard complaining that the outcome — Rabin's revocation of the confiscation plans — could and should have been foreseen.

Netanyahu's aides, in turn, accused his party critics of attacking him with the wisdom of hindsight. They suggested that

some of these attacks were an effort to settle other scores with the party leader.

Meanwhile, the political fallout continues. Likud has introduced a new non-confidence motion — this one over the government's decision to freeze the Jerusalem land confiscations.

The government has little to fear since the two Arab parties this time can be counted on to line up behind the government and once again ensure the coalition a safe majority.

For their part, the two Arab parties are celebrating their success.

Last week's events represent a political high point for them. Now the question will be whether the numerous squabbling factions that make up political opinion among Israel's 800,000 Arab voters can get their act together before the next election.

If they can agree on a single list, embracing both nationalist and religious sentiment, Arab voters could emerge from that election wielding more parliamentary strength than ever.

Assistance Requested by Mounties

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has issued calls for assistance as the hunt for Nazi war criminals continues.

The group's War Crimes and Special Investigations Section, whose purpose is to track down war criminals from World War II who now reside in Canada, is seeking:

- Witnesses with knowledge of crimes perpetrated by the German SS and gendarmerie in Novogrodek in the former Soviet Republic of Byelorussia, now called Belarus.

- Information on executions in Slonim, Tschepilowo and Petroiewize, also in the former Soviet republic of Byelorussia, between July 1941 and August 1942.

- Information on individuals incarcerated in the Pawiak Prison in Warsaw between April 1943 and August 1943.

Those with information can contact Elliot Welles, director, Anti-Defamation League Task Force on Nazi War Criminals, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, or call (212) 885-7769. They can also contact Commanding Officer, A Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, 155 McArthur Ave., Vanier, Ontario, Canada K1A0R4 Attn: War Crimes and Special Investigation Section, or call (613) 990-8467 collect and ask for investigator Ken LaVoie.

New Leader Of Reform Jewry Seeks To Retrench

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
NEW YORK (JTA) — When Rabbi Eric Yoffie takes over the leadership of the Reform movement's flagship organization next summer, his primary challenge will be to refocus the mandate and philosophical direction of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The union's board of trustees unanimously elected the 47-year-old Yoffie to be its next president during a recent meeting in Philadelphia.

Yoffie will assume the post in June 1996, when Rabbi Alexander Schindler retires.

Yoffie's goals contrast with those of Schindler, who over the past two decades has concentrated on opening the doors of the Reform movement to intermarried couples and their children.

About 25 percent of new members of Reform temples are non-Jews, according to a recent Reform movement study.

Although the movement under Schindler has sometimes been described as having a theology of social action, Yoffie is looking in a more traditional direction.

He said he intends to focus the resources of the union on developing the "Judaism" in Reform Judaism.

Reform movement members want different things than they did a decade ago, Yoffie said in an interview in his New York office a few days before his election.

"They want a religious expression that speaks to their heart and soul and kishkes. We have to reignite the flame of Sinai in their hearts," said Yoffie, sounding more like the leader of a Chasidic sect than the director of the movement's Commission on Social Action, a role he currently fills.

Attorney David Belin of Des Moines had spearheaded an effort to derail Yoffie's nomination by widely distributing a letter several weeks ago protesting what he defined as the choice between social action and G-d.

The effort apparently did not have much impact, given the unanimous endorsement of Yoffie by the 175 of the union's 220 trustees who attended the meeting. Belin, an honorary vice chairman of the union, apparently did not attend.

When Yoffie takes over next summer, he will be heading an organization with serious financial and constituent-relations problems.

The union has been facing a recent cash crunch and has been cutting departmental budgets and staff. Budgets have been cut between 15 percent and 20 percent across the board for the next two years, said a source within the organization.

Some of the union's 858 congregations have been withholding dues and a few, including a prominent and large California congregation, Stephen S. Wise of Bel Air, have dropped their membership in the union.

"We have to do better than we've done in basic synagogue services," Yoffie said.

Congregations' dues have been reduced by 8 percent each year for the next two years while a new structure is researched, according to Yoffie, who said a new system would be proposed at the 1977 biennial convention.

Also on the horizon are "significant personnel changes," Yoffie said, refusing to provide details about the shifts.

Differences between Schindler and Yoffie go far deeper than the fact that Schindler is the product of an Orthodox European upbringing and Yoffie is a true product of the American Reform movement.

While Schindler waxes eloquently philosophical and dresses with as much flair as he speaks, Yoffie is straightforward in outlining his plans and fond of short-sleeved button-down shirts and polyester striped ties.

While Schindler has been, at times, radically ideological, Yoffie seems more pragmatic.

Schindler has defined his presidency by leading his constituents with ideas and policies that were, in some cases, not always greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm.

For example, Schindler's calls, first in the early 1980s and then again at the last union biennial convention in November 1993, to actively proselytize unchurched non-Jews and to give greater ritual roles in the synagogue to non-Jewish members, were greeted with more silence than accolades.

Despite their different approaches, Schindler enthusiastically endorsed his successor, calling him one of the "finest young rabbis our religious community has produced."

Yoffie said he supports "the principle of reaching out to the unchurched, but at this moment, given our other needs, it's not something we have the resources to address in a systematic way."

He said he would be refocusing the union's resources on "education and worship."

"We need to break through this bar mitzvah model of Jewish education," he said.

"Our learning after bar mitzvah is wholly inadequate," the rabbi said. "We need to create a congregation of learners, not just children who learn. We need congregations with Torah at the center."

"We want it to not just be mumbled words but fire, mystery, a transcending personal drama," he said.

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Justice Breyer Comes to Beth-El

On May 22 the Benefactors of Temple Beth-El in Providence welcomed Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

During the United States Supreme Court's 1964 term he was a law clerk of Justice Arthur J. Goldberg. He taught at Harvard University as professor of law



Justice Stephen Breyer

and at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and also worked as an assistant Watergate special prosecutor.

Breyer became chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in 1990 and was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1994.

Hadassah Nurses' Mission to Israel Planned in August

Hadassah is sponsoring a nurses' mission to Israel, Aug. 3 to 7, immediately preceding Hadassah's National Convention in Jerusalem, on Aug. 7 to 14.

Highlights of the mission will include: sightseeing, panel discussions on health care, networking with Israeli nurses, on-site visits at Hadassah's medical and nursing facilities and more. Participants who wish to attend the national convention must register in advance.

Past Presidents and Falafels in South County

The June 20 meeting of the South County Chapter of Hadassah will honor past presidents of the chapter. In addition, the 7:30 p.m. meeting will recognize paid-up memberships. Entertainment will be provided by singer Denise Heightman. Refreshments will consist of the ingredients to make tasty falafels, right there and right then.

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Temple Shalom Reports on the Past Year

The annual meeting of Temple Shalom, the Conservative Congregation of Newport County was held recently. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer delivered the annual State of the Congregation report, and committee chairpersons delivered their reports also.

Elected to serve the temple for 1995-96 are: President, Steven Freedman, M.D.; Vice President, Joseph Danni; Vice President, Randall Rosenthal, M.D.; Treasurer, Stacy Silberman; Corresponding Secretary, Karen Meiselman; Recording Secretary, Sheryl Girard; and Financial Secretary, Arlene Hicks. The trustees will

be Ralph Mirman, Howard Kay, William Soforenko, Ruth Ziegler, Joseph Blumen, M.D. Past President is Jerrold Rosenberg, M.D.

At the same meeting, the following were elected as board members of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School for the coming year: Paul Girard, Phyllis Lichaa, Felicia Touhey, Emily Anthony, Linn Freedman, Jeffrey Martin, Leslie Saunders, Susan Reidy, Ron Franklin, Arlene Hicks, and Jerrold Rosenberg.

For information regarding the temple or the school, contact Rabbi Jagolinzer at 846-9002.

B'nai B'rith and the New England Enter Financial Partnership

The New England, one of the nation's largest financial institutions, has entered into an agreement to create and market an insurance and investment program for B'nai B'rith, the Jewish philanthropic and human rights organization.

Under this agreement, The New England will initially offer variable annuity and variable life insurance products sold under the B'nai B'rith banner. Other product lines currently are under consideration, includ-

ing the company's family of mutual funds.

The New England was selected by B'nai B'rith from among 16 other competing companies.

In the first year the agreement is expected to produce \$25 million in insurance and annuity sales, the company said.

B'nai B'rith's membership is a prime market, with an above average income and net worth profile. Membership exceeds 200,000 Jewish households in the United States.

More information can be obtained by calling The New England's special B'nai B'rith toll-free number: (800) 827-3173 or through the Internet at this address, Bnaibrith@tne.com.

With Apologies to the Friendship Lodge

In last week's *Herald*, in our account of the installation of officers of the Touro Fraternal Association. We omitted the following paragraph:

The officers of Friendship Lodge are Charles Dressler, West Warwick, president; Stevan Labush, vice president; David Fleiser, East Greenwich, secretary, and Andrew Gilstein, Warwick, treasurer.

Sunlight and Water at Bert Gallery

Bert Gallery is pleased to exhibit from June 2 to August 26 two shows: "Sunlight Sanctuaries, Rippling Waters, and Moody Landscapes: Paintings of Land and Sea by American Artists"; and "Where Few Dare Collect: Works on Paper — Subtle, Thoughtful, and Masterful Water Colors, Woodcuts and Wood Engravings."

Both shows will be on view in the gallery at 540 South Water Street at Corliss Landing. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

"Sunlight Sanctuaries, Rippling Waters, and Moody Landscapes: Paintings of Land and Sea by American Artists" is an opportunity to see some of the finest Providence painters from the turn of the century to contemporary times, among them Eliza Baxter, Henry Newell

Cady and George Whitaker, who looked to the Rhode Island shore for subject matter. H.A. Dyer and Anna Richards Brewster documented travel abroad and captured the European views desired by Americans. More than 30 oils and water colors will be featured.

"Where Few Dare Collect: Works on Paper — Subtle, Thoughtful and Masterful Water Colors, Woodcuts and Wood Engravings" highlights a number of important printmakers and water colorists. Rhode Island artists were attracted to these medium because of the technical demands and artistic vision required.

Included in this exhibit are works by Grace Albee, Eliza Gardiner, Gladys Wilkens Murphy, Percy Albee, Ruth Forrest, Edna Lawrence, James Drummond Herbert, and Luke Gwilliam.

Revisionist German Fired from Tourist Board

by Alexandra J. Wall

NEW YORK (JTA) — An employee of the German Tourist Board with ties to the Holocaust denial movement was fired from her job early this month after her views were exposed.

Elke Berg worked for 18 years as director of special promotions for the tourist board, a body that officially represents the nation of Germany in the United States.

Berg apparently helped her husband, Friedrich Berg, with the translation of an article, "Typhus and the Jews," for a Holocaust denial publication, the *Journal for Historical Review*.

Mark Weitzman of the Simon Wiesenthal Center discovered Berg's connection to the denial movement last week, and wrote a letter May 10 to the German consul general of New York.

One day later, Hans Heinrich von Stackelberg, acting consul general of New York, wrote to Weitzman that Berg was being dismissed, effective immediately.

"It is totally unacceptable for the German Consulate General, that government-subsidized agencies employ people with revisionist views," the consul general wrote to Weitzman.

He noted that Berg's translations, which had been written under her maiden name, Kniekamp, "would most likely

be punishable under German criminal law."

Berg reportedly had been using her maiden name to avoid detection.

Friedrich Berg's activities have been tracked for years by the Wiesenthal Center, according to Weitzman, who called him "a prime source for Holocaust denial."

In the article "Typhus and the Jews," Friedrich Berg wrote:

"In my article about the German delousing chambers in the spring 1985 issue of this journal, I included a brief discussion of the large, well-designed gas chambers which were used to fumigate entire railroad trains, one or more railroad cars at a time, with Zyklon-B.

"Those chambers would have been ideal for the mass extermination of people if the Germans had ever intended to commit mass extermination of Jews or anyone else."

The article reaches the conclusion that "the Holocaust story is absurd," Weitzman said.

Weitzman said he was pleased with the German government's immediate attention to the matter. "I am puzzled that she could work there 18 years without them knowing, but their response was very prompt," he said. "It was the morally right thing to do."

Hera Members Dare to be Different

The Associate Members Exhibition will be on display at Hera Gallery, 327 Main St., Wakefield, from June 3 to 24. Included in this exhibition will be works by Alison Horvitz, Lynn Lawson, L.P. McCoy, Gail Smuda, and Barbara Wunderler-Selby. The public is invited to an opening reception June 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Horvitz's abstract paintings "pay homage to those ancient letters... fragmented records of human history... that give us only the narrowest of windows onto the ancient world."

McCoy, who works and lives in southern Vermont, says her paintings "expand on the play of color layered; over color and under form. The panels are about geometry and votive space. The objects and the waxen text add a poetic voice to the quiet."

Smuda, from New Hampshire, is exhibiting books from a

series based on women's lives. Smuda utilizes materials not commonly associated with the book structure including fabric, beads, glass, Plexiglass, feathers and handmade papers. Each book is more a small sculpture than a book to be read and in some cases contains no words but only visual images.

A Providence artist, Lawson will be exhibiting mixed media installations. Wunderler-Selby, who lives and works in South Kingstown, will exhibit paintings with collage elements that refer to the natural world.

Summer gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is free and open to the public and is handicapped accessible.

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Senior Adult Center Schedules Health Programs

The Senior Adult Center at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, has planned several health and fitness programs this month.

On June 6 at 10:30 a.m., the JCCRI will hold a program entitled "Fitness and the Elderly," to be conducted by Terry Pereira, and Jody Laurie of the Oak Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

"Keep Your Smile a Lifetime"

Jewish Families to Provide Foster Care

A recent appeal for Jewish families interested in providing foster care for Jewish children, has brought forth a response from five Rhode Island families. The appeal, made by Jewish Family Service, was in response to a plea from a rabbi in a nearby state for a Jewish family to offer care to a large sibling group. JFS was able to facilitate a prompt Jewish placement for these children.

Since January, JFS Adoption Coordinator Toby Zaitchik, has been notified of six situations of Jewish children in need of foster care. Foster care is often indicated because of parental illness, dysfunction, signs of neglect or abuse. Zaitchik has been asked to facilitate foster care in a Jewish environment by rabbis, teachers and state officials. Recognizing that sometimes a better placement may be made outside of a local community, Rhode Island and Massachusetts "reciprocate," keeping a child within ethnic and cultural roots. Zaitchik views the expertise of JFS social workers as a link between the state and Jewish families, and is currently working with the R.I. Department of Children, Youth and Families to enable JFS to provide training and licensing for foster care families.

For further information, call Zaitchik at 331-1244.

An Expert on Terrorism Speaks

Dr. Elie Krakowski, a nationally recognized expert on national security matters, terrorism and guerrilla warfare, will speak on "The Oklahoma Bombing and International Terrorism" at the Jewish Community Center on June 7.

The program will start at 8 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the New England Academy of Torah (728-2782). Admission will be \$5 per person.

Warwick Seniors Meet on June 13

The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting on June 13 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, Gardiner St., Warwick.

The guest speaker will be Clarice Gothberg of West Bay Community Action.

Refreshments will be served.

is the title of a film by the Department of Elderly Affairs and American Dental Association which will be shown on June 15 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. as part of a "Dental Health Needs of the Elderly" program. Those interested should make reservations by June 9.

Contact Lori Broomfield or Sue Robbio at 861-88000 for more information or to R.S.V.P. for any of the programs.

New Rabbi Comes to JERI Program

The Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island program, which provides a Jewish presence to Jewish residents of nursing homes throughout the state, bids farewell to Rabbi Debbie Helbraun.

JERI coordinator, Penny Faich, states that "Rabbi Debbie has been dedicated and committed to all of our residents... we have gained only the deepest respect for her."

Bonnie Ryvicker, JERI coordinator for volunteers, notes Helbraun's "gentleness, sense of humor, warmth and understanding of the elderly."

Helbraun says that her position with JERI has been a time of "challenge, excitement, personal and professional fulfillment."

A warm welcome is extended by JERI to Rabbi Deanna L. Douglas in her new position as rabbi for the program. Douglas has a B.A. degree in history, social studies and education from Syracuse University and a M.A. in education from Columbia University.

After a long, fulfilling career as a high school teacher, she realized her dream of becoming a rabbi and received her ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 1992. Douglas looks forward to making the "Jewish traditions accessible to her congregants."

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Cranston Seniors to Install Officers

The yearly installation luncheon of the Cranston Senior Guild will be held on June 7 at the Venus de Milo Restaurant, Swansea, Mass. Festivities will commence at noon.

Judah Rosen, president, advises that Michael Traficante, mayor of Cranston, will be the installing officer.

Reservations are still available, and checks must be sent to Lillian Gilstein, 62 Sinclair Ave., Providence, RI 02907. Cost is \$14, plus \$3 for bus transportation. Please indicate choice of fish or chicken, and table arrangements. The phone number is 941-4298.

Ben Powers will entertain with a mixture of topical humor, song styling and vocal impersonations.

Bakst Charms South County Hadassah

M. Charles Bakst, columnist, was the speaker at the May meeting of the South County chapter of Hadassah. The veteran political reporter for *The Journal-Bulletin* spoke about his experiences as a journalist, and answered questions from the audience.

Topics ranged from his recent interview with Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General, to the New England Patriots football team, and from diner food to presidential hopefuls. Former Gov. Bruce Sundlun was a guest for the event.

Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh Shabbos and Shavuot Services

On June 2, Mincha is at 8 p.m., followed by Ma'ariv.

On June 3, Shacharis is at 9 a.m. Rabbi Berlinsky's regular Shabbos Shiur is at 7:10 p.m., Mincha is at 7:55 p.m., followed by Seuda Shlishis and Ma'ariv for Yom Tov. Candlelighting time is not before 9 p.m.

On June 4, Shacharis is at 9 a.m., Mincha at 8 p.m., Ma'ariv at 7:45 p.m. Candlelighting time not before 9:01 p.m.

On June 5, Shacharis is at 9 a.m., Yizkor approximately at 10:45 a.m., Mincha at 8 p.m., Ma'ariv at 8:50 p.m., followed by Havdalah. Yom Tov ends at 9:01 p.m.



The Jewish AIDS Pin

'Awakening the Jewish Heart' Pin Available

The Jewish AIDS pin, designed by Atlanta artist Jackie Goldstein, is a cloisonne lapel pin featuring a red AIDS ribbon draped over a black Jewish star.

The "Awakening the Jewish Heart" pin is now available for purchase from Jewish Family Services of Atlanta, Ga. The staff project coordinator is Elaine Katz, daughter of Gloria and Herbert Spivak of East Greenwich, and the volunteer on the project is Ronelle Genser, daughter of Estelle and Wallace Genser of West Warwick.

The pin is dedicated to all those affected by this epidemic, to those living with the disease, and to the courage and memory of those taken from us. All proceeds benefit HIV/AIDS counseling, education and advocacy at Jewish Family Services.

The pins are \$7 each. Large order discounts are available for local fund-raising opportunities. For more information or to place an order, call Jewish Family Services at (404) 888-6400, Mailbox 276.

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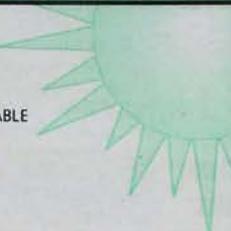
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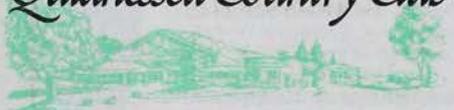
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Shavuot: Going to Sinai Again

by Rabbi Irving Greenberg
NEW YORK (JTA) — More than 90 percent of American Jews participate in some sort of seder on Passover in remembrance of the Exodus. Probably less than 10 percent of American Jews commemorate the Sinai revelation on Shavuot.

Not until we correct the imbalance will American Jewish life experience a renaissance.

Religiously speaking, Sinai is the twin peak of the Exodus. Shavuot-Sinai completes the Passover Exodus. The revelation at Sinai turns the values inherent in the liberation event into concrete actions that direct daily life.

At Sinai, we are instructed to let the slave go free; to love and care for the widow, orphan and outsider; to give special help for the poor; to act justly in weights and measures — all in memory of the Exodus.

We are told to observe Shabbat; celebrate Passover; eat kosher food; wear tzitzit; put on tefillin; go on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem; and thus remember the Exodus.

At Sinai, we learned that we are in touch with an infinite force far greater than the human mind can imagine. In listening to G-d, we learn to believe that life is meaningful. Sinai supplies the interpretive key that teaches us that creation is full of purpose and that we must act on the side of good.

The revelation at Sinai tells us that we are commanded to do so. Doing good is not just a favor on our part. Every human is instructed and accountable to a higher authority; each must make the effort even when the flesh is selfish or the spirit is weak.

From Sinai's Torah we learn that one is not accidentally born as a Jew, a man, a woman, an American and so on. Rather, to be born as a Jew is to be chosen to witness to the world. Similarly, all human beings are called to use their talents, their capacities to choose life.

Sinai teaches that each of us is singled out to turn our individual fate, lucky or unlucky, healthy or sick, young or old into a destiny that we affirm and live up to; do this and you become a living demonstration of a human life that upgrades the world (tikkun olam).

The Torah teaches that Sinai happens again and again. The Ten Commandments and the initial laws in the book of the Covenant (Exodus 21) were spoken at the foot of Sinai. But the later instructions in Leviticus and in the holiness section are also and equally from Sinai (Rashi, Leviticus 25:1).

Shavuot's date is hidden in the Torah to teach us that the oral law is authoritative in setting the date of divine revelation. Thus, the rabbinic tradition and the later, ongoing interpretive community also speak, from and with the authority of Sinai.

Throughout Jewish history, people went back to Sinai, literally and metaphorically. Moses encountered G-d and learned his mission at Horeb (Sinai); he

returned with his newly liberated people. In his final hours on the plains of Moab at the gateway to Israel, he urgently renewed the covenant.

As he addressed the new generation, they were at Sinai with him ("you stood under the mountain... G-d spoke to you in the fire... G-d told you his covenant." [Deuteronomy 4:11-13]) When Elijah faced a paganzed Jewish people and a triumphant Baal worship, he returned to Horeb. After destruction and exile, the rabbis set up the central Shema Yisrael prayer in the daily services as a covenant renewal liturgy so that Jews would experience it every day, as an act of standing at Sinai and accepting the Torah again.

When the Lurianic mystics revitalized Judaism after the expulsion catastrophe, they created a tikkun layl shavuot (a compendium of excerpts from the Scripture and rabbinic sources that constitutes a précis of the whole Torah).

Following their model to this day, people gather in many Orthodox synagogues to study Torah all night. Then, on Shavuot morning, standing at Sinai, they accept the covenant again.

Just as the Exodus occurred again in this generation (in the rebirth of Israel) so must its twin, Sinai, take place anew. All Jews must undertake the journey. Each group can use the encounter to widen its repertoire.

The Orthodox must go back to recapture the message of ongoing application, halachic renewal and the authority of each generation to solve issues of inequity. To sanctify new possibilities raised by modern culture, traditional Jews must practice the Talmud dictum that "everything that tried and true scholars will innovate in the future was spoken to Moses at Sinai."

Conservative Jews must go back to Horeb to reconnect to the sense of commandment and the obligation that the Torah poses.

The Reform must reintegrate Sinai's demand and the sense of accountability that has been undermined by the excesses in applying the valid principle of autonomy.

Reconstructionists must return to Horeb to encounter the full force of calling, the claim that chosenness poses to the Jewish people.

However they respond, each group will be strengthened by listening to the voices from Sinai that have been muted in their present way of hearing.

How then shall we go back to Sinai? Here are two proposals. World Jewry is working on Jerusalem 3000, a commemoration/celebration of Jerusalem's sacred presence over three millennia of Jewish history. On the assumption that the Exodus (and Sinai) occurred in 1250 B.C.E., let world Jews organize a symbolic return to Sinai for the year 2000. At Sinai 3250, Jews will renew the covenant with G-d, with the generations, with each other.

For that occasion, let some Jewish group create another

tikkun layl shavuot — a compendium bringing the Torah and sacred texts down to the 20th century, a summary of the Torah that touches the heart of all Jews. Then let a world Jewish conference (in Jerusalem?) ratify the covenant and launch a decade of rededication to Jewish faith and life.

Until then, the yearly Shavuot experience should be the moment when each one takes family, friends and self to the top of the mountain to see — with the eyes of Torah — all the earth as G-d's Promised land; the land of life and love.

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Perfect Kugel

by Naomi Arbib

BAYSIDE, Wis. (JTA) — Shavuot, a major festival, comes exactly 50 days after Passover. It commemorates the giving and receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

The holiday also marks the arrival of spring, and in biblical times, the harvest of the first fruits.

Dairy-type kugels are remarkably diverse. They can be served as an accompaniment to a fish entrée, as a dessert, a snack, a casserole main dish or wrapped up and tucked into a lunch bag or box.

Kugels can be eaten hot from the oven, warm from the cooling rack or at room temperature. They can be stored in the refrigerator for up to a week or can be frozen.

The following recipes can be modified to suit dietary needs. Yolkless noodles are available, and sugar substitutes or reduction of sugar all work well in these recipes. Flavor enhancers such as cinnamon and vanilla are helpful. Skim milk; low-fat or no-fat sour cream, cottage cheese and cream cheese; commercial egg substitutes or the replacement of one egg with two egg whites can be used as needed.

Traditional Kugel

1 16-oz. package broad egg noodles
1/4 lb. butter or margarine, melted
1 cup sour cream
1 cup small curd cottage cheese, drained
4 to 6 eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. white pepper
Cook noodles uncovered in boiling water for 7 minutes or until tender. Place in a colander and rinse with cold water to stop cooking action. Drain well.

Combine all ingredients until well blended; do not overbeat. Add noodles and place in a well-oiled 9 by 13 inch casserole dish. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 45 minutes or until it feels firm and top is lightly browned.

Kugel Souffle

8 ozs. lasagna noodles

In connection with the forthcoming Festival of Shavuot (which celebrates Matten Torah — the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai) we bring here an answer to a question posed by an intellectual to the Lubavitcher Rebbe touching on the subject of the authenticity of Matten Torah.

Question: How is it possible to ascertain the priority of the Jewish religion over another, in order to know which is closer to the truth, or the truth itself?

Answer: I trust you will not take it amiss if I will quote in this connection the words of the wisest of all men, King Solomon, "G-d made man straight, but they sought many accounts." In other words, man often confuses himself with delving, unnecessarily, into inquiries and accounts of things which should be taken for granted and which do not really present any problems. Needless to say, that the more intellectual a person is, the more he is inclined to seek "accounts" and, consequently, the more apt he is to get confused.

This reminds me of the episode which a professor of medicine once told me. On one occasion when he was learning anatomy, and particularly the anatomy of the leg, describing the various muscles, etc., amounting to hundreds, all of which are so perfectly coordinated in the motion of the leg during walking, he became so engrossed in the details (all the more so being a man of great intellect) that momentarily he found his walking difficult and quite complicated as he began to analyze the working of each muscle and joint, etc. The moral is obvious. Now to your question:

I will first briefly state here the logical basis of the truth that the Torah and Mitzvos have been given to us Jews by Divine Revelation. This is not very difficult to prove, since the proof is the same as all other evidence that we have of historic events in past generations, only much more forcefully and convincingly. By way of illustration: If you are asked, how do you know there existed such a person as Maimonides author of *Hayad HaChazaka*, *Sefer HaMitzvos*, etc., you will surely reply that you

4 large eggs
1 cup small curd cottage cheese
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 1/2 cups milk
1 tsp. vanilla
3/4 cup white raisins
streusel (recipe follows)
Cook noodles in boiling water, uncovered, until tender.

Beat eggs, cottage cheese, sour cream, butter, milk and vanilla together until well blended. Pour about 1 cup of this mixture into the bottom of a well-oiled 2 to 2 1/2 quart baking dish. Top with 1/4 of the noodles and sprinkle with 1/4 of the raisins. Continue to layer

are certain about his existence from the books he has written, and although Rambam (Maimonides) lived some 800 years ago, his works now in print have been reprinted from earlier editions, and those from earlier ones, still uninterruptedly, going back to the very manuscript which the Rambam wrote in his own hand. This is considered sufficient proof even in the face of discrepancies or contradictions from one book of Rambam to another. Such contradictions do not demolish the above proof, but efforts are made to reconcile them, in the certainty that both have been written by the same author.

The same kind of proof substantiates any kind of historic past, which we ourselves have not witnessed, and all normal people accept them without question, except those who for some reason are interested in falsification.

In many cases the authenticity of an historic event is based on the evidence of a limited group of people. Even where there is room to suspect that the witnesses were perhaps not quite disinterested, if there is nothing to compel us to be suspicious (and especially if we can check the evidence and counter-check it) it is accepted as fact.

Now suppose that 600,000 parents would today say to their children, "This morning you and we were all gathered at a certain place, and we all heard a heavenly voice proclaim the Decalogue." The children would not accept this for they would say: "If we were there with you, why did we not hear or see anything?" Now, making the single assumption that human reactions have not essentially changed in the course of centuries, I assume that such would have been the reaction also in the previous century, and two centuries ago and so on, until we reach the generation whose parents witnessed the event of the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. And let it be emphasized again that during this long chain of tradition, there has been no break, nor has the number of transmitters at any time been reduced to less than many hundreds of thousands, for at no time was there less than 1 million Jews in the world, Jews from all walks of life, who had no personal axe to grind, etc., yet in each generation of the uninterrupted and unbroken history of our people, this event was accepted as authentic history and the text of the Decalogue remained exactly the same. This is certainly undeniable evidence according to all the rules of scientific proof accepted today.

The same cannot be said of any other religions in the world, which you mentioned, such as Buddhism, Christianity, Islam. In the case of these religions, there is a definite break, or the tradition narrows down to a single person such as Buddha, Mohammed, or the founder of Christianity, who transmitted his teachings to a group of 12 apostles.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

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MILESTONES

VIA Recognizes Outstanding Service, installs Officers

William Lynn McKinney of Kingston was elected for a third term as president of Volunteers in Action at the annual meeting held recently at the Aldrich House, Museum of Rhode Island History in Providence.

Other officers installed were vice presidents who serve as part of the president's leadership team: Andrew Jenks, president of Neocorp; David Urso, vice president of Thorpe & Trainor in Westerly; Frankie Wellins active with The Players of Providence; secretary, Paula Olivieri, operations director of Tech/ACCESS; treasurer, Richard L. Hamblin, retired vice president of finance, Greater Providence YMCA; vice treasurer, Michael

S. Brier, CPA, Brier & Company.

Newly elected board members for a three-year term are Mary B. Kozik, development officer, R.I. Hospital; Martha J. Morris, director of volunteers, R.I. Project/AIDS; Charlotte I. Penn, president of Optima Consultants, Inc.; Bonnie Ryvicker, director of volunteers, Jewish Eldercare & Jewish Family Service; Joan Wollin, former membership coordinator of National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

Elected for a two-year term: Charles T. Hutchinson, former vice president of CVS, active in community, Trinity Rep Board, United Way "Making It Work" Committee, and other organizations.

Re-elected for a one-year term was Isabel H. Goff, marketing consultant and trainer for RIGHT Associates.

Nominating committee members elected were Steven Bucci, Renee Fullerton, Alton Wiley, Jr., Barbara Parillo, and Herbert Kaplan.

Al Klyberg, curator, welcomed VIA to Aldrich House. Guests were recognized from the VIA advisory council includ-

ing dedicated advocate and former board member, Pauline Leven.

Also introduced were two past presidents: Bonnie Ryvicker and Doris R. Goldstein.

Special recognition was given to the following retiring board members, Dolores Aiken, Diane DeCosta, James Goldsmith and Carol D. Scholler.

The following committee chairs were recognized and thanked for their service: Chuck Hutchinson, marketing; Izzy Goff, Shirin Shahinfar, and Frankie Wellins, fall celebration; Estelle Singer and Terry Quattrucci, constituent services; Nancy Worthen and Camille Pansa, professional development; Kendra Moitso, RSVP advisory council; Philip Schuyler, fund and resource development; David Urso, finance; Diane DeCosta, personnel, and Steven Bucci, nominating committee. The president, Lynn McKinney, also thanked the President's Leadership Team for their outstanding contributions this past year.

The reception was catered by Simply Savory owners, Jane Hudson and Lucille Corrado.

Getting A Perspective

A program, "Perspectives on the American Family: Past, Present and Future," will be presented by Dr. Richard Gelles on June 8 at 7 p.m. in Bradley Hospital's Ruggles Gym.

Gelles, director of the Family Violence Research program at the University of Rhode Island, will offer an historical depiction of the family, examine the contemporary family and offer predictions for the future of family life.

He is the author or coauthor of 19 books and more than 100 articles on family violence.

Bradley is sponsoring this special "Speaking of Kids" program in collaboration with the Bradley Parents' Association and the Alliance of the Mentally III, Children & Adolescents Network of Rhode Island.

The program is free and the community is invited. Register in advance by calling 401-434-3400 ext. 161. If requested, a sign language interpreter will be present. Hearing impaired parents may call Bradley through the Rhode Island relay number: 800-745-5555.



Dr. Marcia Katz and Dr. Joel Wolinsky of Bridgewater, N.J., announce the birth of their second daughter, Jessica Katz Wolinsky, on May 1. Rebecca is Jessica's sister.

Jessica's maternal grandparents are Trudy Katz and the late Jerry Katz of Cranston. Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Wolinsky of Tom's River, N.J., are the paternal grandparents. Rose Bellin is Jessica's great-grandmother. Jessica is named after her late grandfather, Jerry Katz.



Jamie and David Brown of Jamison, Pa., announce the birth of their son, Joshua Herbert Brown, on May 8. Jamie Josephson graduated from Classical High School.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Roslyn Brown of Delray Beach, Fla. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Alan Josephson of Palos Verdes, Calif., formerly of Providence.

Kugel

(Continued from Page 12) these ingredients until all are used. Cover and chill overnight.

Sprinkle streusel evenly over the noodles.

Bake uncovered in a 350-degree oven until firm in center, which takes about 1 hour.

Streusel:

1/2 cup flour

1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/8 lb. cold butter

Using fingers, rub cold butter into all ingredients until coarse crumbs form. Cover and chill until needed.

Noodle Kugel Bundt

1/4 cup melted butter or margarine

3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

4 eggs or 1 cup egg substitute, beaten

1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 cup sugar

1 cup non-fat yogurt

3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce

12 oz. yolk-free noodles, cooked and drained

Pour melted butter into the bottom of a 12-cup bundt or tube pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar and nuts.

In a large bowl, blend all ingredients, except noodles. Add drained noodles and mix well. Pour into pan, spreading evenly.

Bake in a 350-degree oven for 1 hour or until lightly browned. Remove from oven, turn upside-down on platter and serve.

Naomi Arbit is the author of 7 cookbooks, a newspaper food writer, a cooking teacher and a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

Chabad House Celebrates Shavuot

On June 3, from one minute past midnight, till dawn, there will be a Torah Learn-a-Thon at Chabad House, with study groups and discussions, etc.

There will be a reading of the Ten Commandments followed by a luncheon, with desserts, on June 4 at 11 a.m. at Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence.

On June 5, starting at 11 a.m., there will be Yizkor services.

Call 273-7238 for more information about the programs.

Einstein Exhibition Opens at Hebrew University

A permanent exhibition dedicated to the life and work of Albert Einstein opened May 14 at the Jewish National and University Library of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The exhibition, "Albert Through the Looking Glass: The Personal Papers of Albert Einstein," is based on reproductions of original material from the Albert Einstein Archives. The famed scientist bequeathed his literary estate and personal papers to the Hebrew University in his last will of 1950; the university's Jewish National and University Library has been custodian of his archives since 1982.

The concept of the exhibition is that Einstein's personal papers reflect multifaceted aspects

of his ideas, interests and activities. These papers provide a kaleidoscope—a looking-glass—through which to perceive the great scientist, humanist and Jew.

Einstein did not want any monument or memorial dedicated to him; his personal papers constitute his enduring legacy to posterity. The reproductions in the exhibition, many of which have never been shown before, include manuscripts, correspondence, photos, cartoons and newspaper clippings, focusing on his scientific achievements, political activities, Jewish identity, leisure activities, correspondence with children and other aspects.

Call (212) 472-9800 for more information.

Free Informational Session at Miriam on Alzheimer's

A free informational session focusing on Alzheimer's disease will be held at the Miriam Hospital at 6 p.m. on June 14, in the hospital's Sopkin Auditorium.

Professionals on the staff of The Miriam Hospital memory and cognitive disorders clinic will explain the nature and progress of Alzheimer's disease, and how the clinic can provide support and resources to patients and their families.

There will also be a brief dis-

ussion of two research projects currently under way at the hospital to test the effectiveness of new drugs that may slow the progression of the disease.

The awareness meeting is free, although space will be limited. Information and reservations are available through the Lifespan Health Connection at 274-6910. General Information on the services of the clinic is available by calling 331-8500, ext. 2940.

Butler Hospital Celebrates Its 150th Anniversary

Rhode Island's first hospital, Butler Hospital, will be holding a 150th birthday celebration featuring the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra on June 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. The program will be held in a tent on the hospital's 110-acre campus.

A portion of the proceeds from the concert will benefit the hospital's patient/family education program. The hospital is developing education centers to provide up-to-date information on a variety of mental health and substance abuse topics. One of the goals of the program is to make this information available on the Internet to interested people and organizations in the community.

General admission tickets for the concert are \$25, children under 10 are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information or to order tickets, call the hospital at 455-6456.

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Alperin Schechter School to Hold Annual Meeting

The 17th annual meeting of the Ruth and Alperin Schechter Day School will be held on June 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Highlights of the meeting will include the dedication of the multi-purpose room in honor of Shirley Aronson Goldberg, and the election and installation of officers and members of the board of directors.

The nominating committee has presented its slate of officers for the coming year: President, Nathan Beraha; executive vice president, Connie Liss; administrative vice president, Gary Licht; education vice president, Deborah Shuster; secretary, Ron Salavon; assistant secretary, Mindy Wachtenheim; treasurer, Kenneth Hersh; assistant treasurer, Bari Harlam.

The following have been nominated to the board of directors for a three-year term ending May, 1998: Charles Adler, Marilyn Feingold, Seth Kurn, Ivy Marwil, Edward Odessa, Judy Robbins, Jonathan Rubin, Selma Stanzler, Margarita Sukharev, Janice Weissburg, Irving Wiseman.

Nominated for a two-year term ending 1997: Miriam May. Nominated for a one-year term ending 1996: Roohi Radparvar. Nominated for honorary board: Elaine Kroll.

Members of the nominating committee include: Charles Adler, Sheila Alexander, Judy Greenblatt, Jackie Levinson, Sally Rotenberg, Charles Samdperil, Matt Shuster, Masha Ushomirsky.

Eleanor Lewis will present Haggadoth, with commentary by Elie Wiesel and illustrations by Mark Podwal, to sixth grade students in memory of Shirley Aronson Goldberg, a strong supporter and benefactor of Alperin Schechter.

Elaine Kroll will present Siddurim to sixth grade students in memory of Sanford I. Kroll, beloved first president of the school.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a light collation will be served.

Audition for Youth Orchestras in June

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestras will hold an audition for the 1995-96 season on June 12 at Roberts Hall on the Rhode Island College Campus.

Auditions are open to music students elementary through senior high. Successful applicants will be placed in one of the three performing ensembles or the string class depending on their level of ability. There are openings in all three ensembles for strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.

For audition information or to schedule an audition, contact the Philharmonic office at 831-3123.

Study Abroad

Here is a chance to experience a summer study-abroad program that is sure to be unique. From July 3 to Aug. 7, students can travel to Israel to gain an enriched understanding of Judaism, while at the same time earning up to 12 credits towards graduation. Relive the atmosphere of ancient times, studying on-site at Masada, the Old City of Jerusalem, and more.

Call or write today to learn more about this program to Rabbi Noson Gurary/Judaic Studies Program, SUNY at Buffalo, Clemens Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260. Tel: (716) 645-2154 or (716) 688-1642.

Israel Hangs Out a 'Help Wanted' Sign

by Elmer L. Winter, Chairman
Committee for Economic
Growth of Israel

Here is surprising news: Israel is short of engineers and scientists and is looking to recruit personnel in America. The country that formerly had a superabundance of skilled personnel in search of jobs now has to import help.

What has happened? An expansion of Israel's high-tech sector has created a need for a large number of engineers and scientists. Previously, highly trained Israelis sought jobs in the United States because of the Israeli job shortage. There was considerable concern that this was producing a "brain drain," and Israel would lose some of its best and brightest technological and scientific personnel.

Now, some Israelis are returning to Israel because U.S. firms are downsizing, creating a shortage of technical jobs, while Israel's high tech companies are expanding.

Today, there are an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 unfilled job openings for engineers and scientists in Israel.

Can the Russians who have emigrated to Israel fill these jobs? Some can, but because of language difficulties or unfamiliarity with the latest high tech developments, many cannot qualify for the highest-paying technical jobs.

The peace process has been a trigger in creating Israel's economic explosion, resulting in the opening of new markets and encouraging new investment from abroad. Despite the glitches in the peace process, Israeli business executives seem to accept as a given the continuation of negotiations with the Arabs.

During a visit to Israel last month, I met with CEO's who, surprisingly, made little reference to Israel's security problems, the possible fencing off of the West Bank and Gaza and the country's future elections. Instead, their worries were about the shortage of technical people to fill their jobs.

Israeli companies are not only advertising for personnel in U.S. publications but are also sending recruiters to the Silicon Val-

UMass Dartmouth and Friends Academy Offer Arts and Science Program

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Friends Academy are collaborating this summer to host six weeks of arts and science institutes for young people. Participants in the Young People's Arts and Science Program can choose from one to four different three-week institutes.

Friends Academy in Dartmouth will be hosting two three-week arts and science institutes in the morning, and in the afternoon they will offer an arts institute at UMass

Dartmouth. Among the programs offered through Friends Academy are a wide variety of arts, drama, language, music and science experiences.

The Science Education Center at UMass Dartmouth will host two three-week sessions for 11- to 15-year-old students. The program offerings include science, engineering and design experiences.

The first three-week session will begin July 10 and the second session will begin July 31. For additional information on

the programs offered by Friends Academy, contact Kathy Miraglia at (508) 999-1356 and for programs hosted by the Science Education Resources Center at UMass Dartmouth, contact Katherine O'Sullivan at (508) 984-1414.

Post-Confirmation Graduation at Temple Beth-El

The 62nd Post-confirmation High School Graduation will take place at Temple Beth-El during Shabbat services on June 2 at 7:45 p.m. At that time, four dedicated 12th grade students will be recognized and honored. The congregation congratulates the following graduates and their parents: Allen Cowett, Jesse Joseph, Mason Rabinowitz, and Lilli Rubinstein.

109th Annual Confirmation Service on June 4

Eight students will be confirmed during the Shavuot service on June 4 at 10 a.m. at Temple Beth-El. The congregation congratulates the following confirmands and their parents:

Max Berkelhammer, Sarah Casten, Benjamin Davies, Sophie Feller, Benjamin Rabinowitz, Timothy Sapir, Daniel Schwartz and Jenna Waldman.

Environmental Committee to Meet

A meeting of the Cranston High School East Environmental Committee will take place on June 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school.

Students, parents, and interested citizens are invited to attend.

Twenty Success Stories

The Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School will celebrate the graduation of its 10th senior class on June 11 at 1 p.m. at the Alperin Meeting House at Temple Emanu-El.

A reception in honor of the graduates will follow the ceremony.

The following students will complete their high school education at this graduation:

Sarah Ackerman, Adam

Berman, Samantha Braverman, Thomas Carroll, Benjamin Chaika, Valentin Dobrushkin, Ilan Goodman, Amy Lynne Jaccarino, Shayna Kulik, Lee LaMarche, Dmitry Meyerzon, Marina Mordukhovic, Amy Peiser, Ramesh Radparvar, Jeffrey Rakitt, Benjamin Rotenberg, Joshua Rubin, Andrew Sorkin, Julia Volynsky, and Arkady Yerukhimovi.

RISD Offers Summer Art Courses

The Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design is offering the general public, elementary and high school teachers of all disciplines, librarians, and administrators, an opportunity to explore art.

The first course, which is designed for the general public, is entitled Aspects of American Art. Presented by the museum's curatorial staff, this seven-part lecture series explores the museum's permanent collection. The course, scheduled for June 14 to 16 and June 20 to 23, is available for \$75 to museum members, \$85 to non-members. Teachers may earn an in-service credit for an additional \$15.

In addition to Aspects of American Art, the museum will also be hosting its annual Sum-

mer Teacher Institute: A World of Art course which is designed for educators.

A two-week program, held Tuesday through Friday, July 11 to 14, and 18 to 21, the Summer Teacher Institute is led by the museum staff and guest instructors in both lecture and interactive sessions. Participants will learn creative ways to teach or incorporate the visual arts in the classroom, studio and gallery. Teachers may enroll in this course for three in-service credits from the Rhode Island Department of Education for a fee of \$170. The non-credit fee is \$135.

For more information about either course, call 454-6531.

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BBYO Heads to Water Country

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's Teen Connection will be traveling to Water Country on June 11. Water Country is a water theme park with slides and flowing rivers.

The cost of this trip is only \$30 which includes membership, transportation and entrance to the park. Food and expense money is the responsibility of the participants. There is an additional charge of \$5 for those wanting to rent an inner tube.

Teen connection is for seventh- and eighth-graders. Any sixth-graders who will be entering the seventh grade in September are welcome to attend. Teen Connection offers a safe environment for leisure time activity, a well-rounded recreational program, professional staff supervision, and the opportunity to meet other Jewish youth.

For additional information, call David Hochman at 467-2296.

Teikyo Post Expands Grant Offers to Pawtucket-Area Students

Teikyo Post University, Conn., recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a distinctive international business and liberal arts university, has announced the expansion of its Middle Income Family grant program to include Pawtucket-area students.

These grants are for students to attend Teikyo Post full-time for the fall 1995 term. Each grant could total \$20,000.

Students who wish to apply for a MIF grant to attend Teikyo Post should contact the office of admission immediately at (800) 345-2562.

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A Cluck Cluck Here, A Moo Moo There...

The Children's Museum in Dartmouth will host Farm Day on the grounds of an authentic dairy barn on June 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Included in the day's activities are hay and pony rides for all ages. Spend the whole day and enjoy a picnic on the museum's grounds or purchase hotdog and hamburgers cooked over the barbecue grill. Toddlers will enjoy a special place to try their luck at the duck pond or the fishing hole.

Fun for all ages will be the theme at the "Udder Challenge." There will be craft demonstra-

tions of weaving, quilting, basket making and spinning. Youngsters will be able to pet farm animals, call a pig, cluck with the chickens and gobble with a turkey.

Fee for Farm Day is \$3 for museum members and \$4 for non-members. The price includes museum admission and all activities. Proceeds benefit the programs of the Children's Museum.

The Children's Museum is located at 276 Gulf Road, South Dartmouth. For further information, call (508) 993-3361.

Science and Math Teachers Honored

Twelve of Rhode Island's leading science and math educators have been honored with first level Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science & Mathematics Teaching by the National Science Foundation.

Each year the awards program selects three science and three mathematics teachers in both elementary and secondary classrooms in each state, the District of Columbia and in U.S. jurisdictions and territories.

Teachers eligible for the award work full-time with at least half of their time spent in a kindergarten to 12 classroom. They must have completed at least five years of teaching at the time they are nominated. Nominations may come from students, administrators, col-

leagues and parents of students.

State selection is managed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Council of State Science Supervisors. The panel, which also selects the national winners, is drawn from noted mathematicians, scientists and mathematics/science teachers from across the country. The program is managed by the NSF by the national Science Teachers Association.

For information on how you may nominate an exemplary teacher for the 1996 Presidential Awards, contact Diane Schaefer at the Department of Education, Division of Instruction, 22 Hayes St., Providence, RI 02908, or call 277-4600, ext. 2152.

BCC Offers Non-Credit Courses

Bristol Community College offers a whole range of non-credit courses where you can learn new skills in a low-key, non-pressure environment.

One new course this summer is Money: 101, A Prerequisite to Adult Money Management. This is a two-session, hands-on workshop to develop and implement a personal financial plan. It's offered on June 10 and 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Other courses this summer

include watercolor painting, oil painting, home care training for the nurse's aide, aerobics, certified fitness training, country western line dancing, advanced investment strategies, retirement planning, English-As-A-Second-Language, creative power, dream workshop and managing stress.

For more information, contact Community Services at BBC at (508) 674-4483.

Hungarian Pupils Try to Understand

by Agnes Bohm

BUDAPEST (JTA) — Two non-Jewish Hungarian girls who successfully dug up the pre-World War II history of their hometown's Jews took first prize in a student essay competition on the Holocaust.

The goal of the nationwide contest was to get young people to learn more about the local history and fate of Jewish communities. An awards ceremony took place recently at the Budapest Ethnographic Museum.

In what they called a difficult effort, the two girls found that the small town of Mohacs in southern Hungary was once home to 564 Jews. After the Holocaust, however, only 13 returned to Hungary, the girls found.

Of the 13, three now live in Hungary.

Another winner, a 16-year-old Gypsy named Orsos Zoltan, said in an interview that he

wrote his essay only because he has never seen a Jew.

His teacher sent him on Shabbat to a town synagogue to find a Jew. There, Zoltan met an old Jewish man, who gave him a book describing the Holocaust.

Zoltan said only then did he realize that Jews and Gypsies were both scorned victims. He said he wrote his essay as if he were a Jew.

In a speech at the awards ceremonies recently, Peter Feldmajer, head of the Alliance of the Hungarian Jewish communities, said: "Jews in Hungary are nothing more than memories, and if we cannot revive them, at least we should remember them."

The Hungarian Minister of Culture and Education, Gabor Fodor, said, "The competition in this subject was very important because of the increasing number of young people who sympathize nowadays with doubtful values."

URI Alumni Association Schedules Full Weekend

A weekend of golf, reunions, dining, lectures and tours have been planned for Alumni Weekend, June 2 through June 4, at the University of Rhode Island.

Free bus transportation will be available to and from all events on campus, and rooms with private baths are available in Heathman Hall. Check-in time is 8:30 to 11 a.m., June 1. Cost is \$45 per night.

The action gets under way June 2 at 7:30 a.m. with the Alumni Golf Tournament at the Richmond and Exeter country clubs. The tournament's awards banquet begins with a social at 6 p.m. at the Quonset "O" Club in North Kingstown followed by the banquet at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$75, \$20 for buffet only.

Also on June 2, a tour of Mrs. Astor's Beachwood mansion in Newport is set from 9:15 to 11 a.m., and a lunch and lecture on Narragansett Bay will be held

from noon to 2 p.m. at the Narragansett Bay Campus. That will be \$15 for alumni members, \$20 for others. Admission includes mansion tour, lunch and Bay Campus lecture.

On June 3, the All-Alumni and Volunteer Recognition Brunch will be held in the Memorial Union from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by an address from President Robert L. Carothers and the Alumni Awards presentations. The cost will be \$10 for alumni members, \$12 for others.

On the evening of June 3, from 8 p.m. to midnight, all alumni are invited to attend the All-Alumni Dance, with the Duke Belaire Orchestra at the Ram's Den.

For reservations using VISA or MasterCard, call the Alumni Association at 792-2242 or 884-8444.

New Programming Coming to Camp JORI

Ken Abrams, director of Camp JORI, Rhode Island's only Jewish overnight camp, recently announced additions and expansions to its 1995 curriculum.

This summer, campers will have the opportunity to participate in a unique cultural exchange as well as new programming including photography and nature.

As part of expansions to its Arts and Crafts program, the camp will be conducting a Children's Art Exchange with Bosnian children living in refugee camps in Croatia. Campers will be corresponding and exchanging art projects with the children. The camp plans to display all of the artwork at the conclusion of the exchange.

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Pictures taken by campers in the photography program will be used in future Camp JORI brochures, camp fair displays and slide shows. Children are encouraged to bring their own cameras if they have them.

The new nature program will provide a variety of educational experiences from bug hunts to environmental conservation activities.

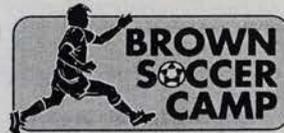
Karate will return this summer after a one-year hiatus.

For more than 50 years, boys and girls ages 7 to 13 have spent their summers at the 13.5-acre campground in Narragansett. For more information, call the Camp JORI office at 521-2655.

Jeanine Bryant Interns This Summer

Jeanine Carol Bryant has accepted a paid summer internship with the Business and Industry Political Action Committee in Washington, D.C. A 1993 graduate of Barrington High School and currently a student at Bryn Mawr College, she has also been accepted at International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, for her junior year.

She is the daughter of Susan and Vernon Bryant of Barrington. Her grandparents, Leah and Samuel Snegg reside in Cranston.



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Dean to Address Graduates

Morton Dean, the award-winning television news correspondent, will give the commencement address to more than 1,250 graduates during the 95th commencement ceremonies at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on June 4. The ceremony begins at noon in the Vietnam Veterans Peace Memorial Amphitheater.

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Pan-Twilight Circus Tours Rhode Island

The Pan-Twilight Circus, Rhode Island's own circus of the arts, will bring its 1995 show, "Creatures of the Lawn," to Westerly, Providence and Newport.

This circus tells the story of the hidden world of insects, using giant puppets instead of live animals and featuring a talented cast of acrobats, jugglers, aerialists, and clowns from all over Rhode Island and the world.

"The magic of a circus is based on much more than glitz, or at least it ought to be," said Tom Sgouros, writer and producer of the circus. "The Pan-Twilight Circus creates this magic by its intimacy with the audience. People might be dazzled by

packaging, but they are moved by strength, agility, and human emotion."

The Pan-Twilight Circus is non-for-profit. In each location, the circus will donate the proceeds of one of its performances to a local non-profit group.

Circus admission is just \$3 for children under 12 and \$6 for adults.

In Westerly, the circus will appear at Crandall Field through June 4. From June 7 to 18, the show moves on to India Point Park in Providence. From June 24 to July 2 the circus will appear at Quaker Meeting House in Newport.

For more information about the circus, call 861-0892.

The Glitter of France Shines at Belcourt

Belcourt Castle will expand its program to include a French history tour: "From Louis to Louis" on June 3 at 5 p.m.

Teacher and researcher on the Belcourt Castle staff, Roger I. Bisson, B.A., will present his collection of slides which compare the architecture and art in French museums and chateaux with that in Belcourt.

Following the slide presentation and light refreshments in the Italian banquet hall, Bisson will guide visitors through Belcourt Castle's museum rooms, which display French architecture and art.

If you are planning your first trip to Paris this summer, Belcourt's French history tour will prepare you to understand the wonders of French culture and how we in America emulate France's opulent styles. For the price of a croissant and coffee in Versailles (\$12.50) you may tour the American version à la mode. Reservations are suggested since space is limited. Call 846-0669 or 849-1566.

Belcourt Castle is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with guided tours every hour on the half hour, 657 Bellevue Ave., Newport, R.I. 02840.

Bel Canto Opera to Present Cavalleria Rusticana

The Bel Canto Opera Company will celebrate its seventh season with performances of Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium on June 23 and 25.

The programs will open with a concert starring the seven previous winners of the Annamaria Saritelli-DiPanni Bel Canto Vocal Scholarship. The following artists will perform: Melanie Colvin, Rhode Island soprano, who has performed in recital and opera both in this country and in Europe, including "Spoleto"; Cecelia Schiano Rodi, a Rhode Island soprano who performs frequently with Bel Canto Opera Company and is widely known throughout New England; Laurie Phillips, soprano, a frequent New York performer who has also performed with the R.I. Civic Chorale, R.I. Philharmonic Orches-

tra, Bronx Opera, etc.; Mary Phillips, mezzo-soprano, a graduate of Yale University School of Music, and frequent New York performer in opera, oratorio, and appearances with major symphony orchestras; and Hilary Nicholson, mezzo-soprano, operatic artist who next season will debut at the Metropolitan Opera in Weill's "City of Mahagonny."

They will be accompanied by the Bel Canto Opera Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Edward Markward, musical director designate of Bel Canto.

Following the concert, and after intermission, the Bel Canto Opera Company will present Mascagni's one-act lyric drama of passion and violence in Sicily, "Cavalleria Rusticana," starring Cecelia Schiano Rodi as Santuzza, Gregory Ciccolo as Turiddu, Russell Morency as Alfio, Georgette Ross-Hutchins

as Mamma Lucia, and Shoshana as Lola. Sets are by Stivanello, New York. Marybeth Simonelli is chorus master, Mitchell Robbins is stage director. The chorus will be joined in the "Regina Coeli" by the chorus of the Cumberland High School.

Proceeds from the production are used to benefit the Annamaria Saritelli-DiPanni Bel Canto Scholarship Fund, which to date has awarded more than \$25,000 to aspiring young operatic artists.

Tickets can be obtained by calling the Bel Canto office at 942-6440 or through TeleCharge at (800) 233-3123. For ticket purchases through the box office at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, call 277-3150. Tickets range from \$20 to \$40. Discounts are available to senior citizens, AAA and WGBH cardholders, and students with identification for the matinee performance, June 25.

The 'Pushkin Boxes' Come to Worcester Russian Artists Due in June Also

An exhibition of ceramic works by Worcester potter Anne Elliot, "Pushkin Boxes," will be on display June 1 through 28 in the lobby of the Worcester Center for Crafts, and in the Kaleidoscope Gallery at the Worcester Public Library at Salem Square. An opening reception will be held on June 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

"Pushkin Boxes" was inspired by the literary history and architecture of Worcester's sister city in Russia and is the result of an exchange of artists between the two cities.

Elliot went to Pushkin in September 1994 with seven other Worcester artists.

Five Pushkin artists are scheduled to visit Worcester in June.

The stoneware boxes in "Pushkin Boxes" were designed

for use on a writer's desk and refer to that city's namesake, the great Russian poet Alexander Pushkin.

The center will be the venue for the work of 12 visual artists from St. Petersburg-Pushkin. Their work will hang in our main gallery alongside works by the Worcester-area artists. This exhibit is worth a trip to the Worcester Center for Crafts at 25 Sagamore Road, Worcester. Members of the public will have an opportunity to meet the visiting artist at the center at an artists' reception on June 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. in our main gallery. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Worcester Pushkin Sister City Project and is funded in part by the Worcester Cultural Commission/Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Artist's Choice — A Survey of The Work of Women Artists

An exhibition conceived and installed by American artist Elizabeth Murray is the fifth in The Museum of Modern Art's series of Artist's Choice exhibitions.

On view from June 19 to Aug. 22, "Artist's Choice: Elizabeth Murray" presents more than 100 drawings, paintings, prints, and sculptures by approximately 70 women artists. The exhibition involves works created between 1914 and 1973, including those ranging from early modernists Frida Kahlo and Liubov Popova to contemporary artists Nancy Graves and Dorothea Rockburne.

Installed in the museum's third-floor contemporary painting and sculpture galleries, the exhibition is arranged in thematic groupings. Helen Frankenthaler's large "Maue District" (1966) is assembled with paintings by Grace Hartigan and Mitchell, and sculptures by Bontecou, in an exploration of material and technique. Murray places "Sky Cathedral" (1958) by Louise Nevelson with works by Louise Bourgeois, Kahlo, and Marisol

as she feels their work shares a common quality of "intense self-exploration." Cooler, more distant works such as "Friendship" (1963) by Martin, and others by Mary Bauermeister, Chryssa, and Bridget Riley form another cluster.

On view for the first time are several recent acquisitions, including "Lake George, Coat and Red" (1919) by Georgia O'Keeffe and three untitled drawings by Bourgeois. Murray also incorporates works from outside of the museum's collection by contemporaries and friends — Jennifer Bartlett, Louise Fishman, Jan Hashey, and Jenny Snider — and a single work of her own entitled "A Mirror" (1963).

Murray's work has been collected by major museums including The Museum of Modern Art, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. One of the most highly regarded painters of her generation, Murray produces abstract color works on large, unusually shaped canvases. Relying on invented biomorphic

Indian History

On June 8 at 7 p.m., Tall Oak of the Mashantucket-Pequot and Wampanoag tribes will visit Books on the Square, 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence. He will present a program on Indian history and culture with a special emphasis on the tribes of the northeastern United States.

This special program is free and is recommended for middle-school and older students and adults. Call 331-9097 for further information.

Dance The Summer Away

Cajun dance classes will be held in Providence with "Michelle" and "Ed" teaching on June 13 and 20.

These classes — beginning Cajun jitterbug from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and beginning Zydeco from 8:30 to 10 p.m. run for two weeks each. Registration by June 7 is required. Call (508) 336-4617.

It is not necessary to bring a partner to any of the classes.

forms as well as recognizable symbols — punctuation marks, numbers, or letters of the alphabet — Murray often creates multiple canvases, weaving them together into a single work.

Exhibitions Mark Anniversary of United Nations

This summer, The Museum of Modern Art joins in a worldwide series of cultural and educational events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations on June 26, 1945.

"The United Nations in Perspective," an exhibition tracing the planning and design of the United Nation's historic New York headquarters, and "UN50: From the United Nations Film Archives," a film program featuring works produced by U.N. agencies, will honor the foremost organization dedicated to promoting and establishing world peace, democracy, and human rights.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Ghost Tours at Belcourt Castle Resume

Virginia Smith presented her new ghost tour at Belcourt Castle for the first time on May 25. The tours will continue every Thursday through November.

A ghost-hunting visit to France and England in January turned up new tales which Smith relates in her slide presentation. While guests enjoy cookies, punch and coffee, Smith reveals the what, where, why and when of hauntings here and abroad.

"I don't seek out these spirits" she says dramatically, "they find me."

While inappropriate for younger children, older children and teens love the ghost tour — and are often the most sensitive in the live demonstration of the "Haunted Chair."

That Belcourt Castle has ghosts has not been disputed by successive occupants since 1956. "I don't think the house itself is haunted," says Harle Tinney. "Our ghosts came along with some of the antiques, particularly the monk." The curious 17th-century German wood-carving now resides in the fam-

ily chapel on top of a 17th century Italian walnut prayer table. Last fall a visitor reported to the desk attendant that she had seen a monk at the altar a step away from the statue. A moment later he was gone. Recently, another visitor saw the ghostly monk sitting in a chair next to the statue.

Earlier this year three sensitive visitors rushed down from the second floor gallery to the entrance desk to describe a lady dressed in white behind the ropes. No one found her, nor was she seen on the video system which monitors every inch of the museum.

To learn more about ghostly visitors and historic hauntings, call 846-0669 to make reservations for the ghost tour at 5 p.m. on successive Thursdays until late fall.

Belcourt Castle is at 657 Bellevue Ave., two miles south of Memorial Boulevard in Newport, R.I. Tickets at \$12.50 are limited for each Thursday event because the tour is conducted only by Smith and residents of Belcourt Castle.

On the Bay Dine and Dance the Night Away

Save The Bay's 25th Anniversary Cruise will be held June 29 aboard the Vista Jubilee, with 6 p.m. boarding, and 7 p.m. departure from Warren, R.I.

Guests will enjoy a four course meal including a raw bar and lobsters, then dance to Nancy Paolino's Black Tie Band, as they cruise to Newport Harbor and back.

Tickets cost \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members, \$75 for patrons, per person. Special \$1,000 25th anniversary tables are available.

Seating is limited. Call 272-3540 to reserve tickets.



THE ASBURY BRASS QUINTET has played with some of the world's finest brass players. The quartet includes: Neal Berntsen, trumpet; Kevin Hartman, trumpet; Greg Flint, horn; Mark Fisher, trombone; and Charles Schuchat, tuba player.

Stories From the Streets

On June 12, the Second Monday Book Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence. This discussion is free and open to all.

This month they will discuss Nathan McCall's *Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America*. The book is a memoir of a young black man's journey from angry street kid to best-selling author.

For more information, call Diane Wellins Moul or Sarah Zacks at 331-9097.

Let's Make A Scene

Here is your chance to make a scene and be seen. Newgate Theatre is holding its first annual arts celebration, "Let's Make A Scene," the first of what will be an annual fund-raiser for the theatre, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Featured events throughout the evening include performances by Interarts Ensemble, an improvisation music ensemble, and the Footage Dance Ensemble, which will be premiering two new works — Reel Time and the Sydney Johnson Ballet. The Sydney Johnson Ballet was created from the performers collective experiences of Newgate's 1994 production of *Sherlock Holmes*.

The Rhode Island College Chamber Orchestra will also perform. And a one-act comedy titled "Morning Coffee" will be the featured theatrical production that evening. This play chronicles a love/hate relationship which takes place over the characters' morning coffee.

At the conclusion of the event, the theatre will auction the set pieces from Newgate's recent production of "Unidentified Human Remains." These unusual animated set pieces were designed by Brian Jones, a set designer formally with Providence College.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will help to support Newgate's efforts to make theatre more accessible to all, and to produce new works and theatrical productions which involve, pro-

voke, excite and stimulate.

"Let's Make A Scene," will be held at Newgate Theatre, 134 Mathewson St., Providence. Ticket price is \$15, and tickets can be reserved by calling the Newgate Theatre office, 421-9680.

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OBITUARIES

MILDRED E. BACKMAN

PROVIDENCE — Mildred E. Backman, 85, of 85 Dartmouth St., Pawtucket, died May 23 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Sidney S. Backman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Adolph and Martha (Simons) Marks, she lived in Pawtucket for six years.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence, the Miriam Hospital Women's Association, the Pioneer Women, and B'nai B'rith. She was a volunteer and member of the former Jewish Home for the Aged. She managed the gift shop since its inception until the home closed.

She leaves a son, Samuel C. Backman of Springfield, Va.; two daughters, Carole A. Millman of Providence, and Adrienne B. Uffer of Cranston; a brother, Edward Arthur Marks of Miami Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held May 25 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery in Providence.

FRIEDA BRAVERMAN

PROVIDENCE — Frieda Braverman, 94, of 1085 N. Main St., died May 23 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Nathan Braverman.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Max and Lillian (Marshak) Adler.

She was a former member of Temple Emanu-El, and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, and Hadassah.

She leaves one niece, Jeanne DiLella of Jersey City, N.J., four nephews, Albert Benharris of Cranston, Justin Benharris of Rumford, Stanley Blacher, and Howard Adler, both of Providence. She was the sister of the late Bertha Blacher, and Jerome Adler.

A graveside service was held May 25 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Burial followed. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SEYMOUR HARRIS

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Seymour B. Harris, 80, a resident of North Miami Beach, Fla., for the past 15 years, died on May 22 at his daughter's residence, 248 Bowen St., Providence. He was the husband of Leah (Woloshen) Harris and the late Shirley (Stern) Harris.

Born in Springfield, Mass., a son of the late Charles and Dora (Snyder) Harris, he had lived in Springfield all his life, before moving to Miami.

He was a graduate of Northeastern Law School and was a lawyer in Springfield for more than 30 years, retiring in 1978. He had been assistant district attorney for Hampden County, Mass., and was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association. He had been president of the Hampden County Legal Aid Society.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El in Springfield and served as president of the Springfield Art League.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II in the South Pacific and was awarded a Bronze Medal.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Barbara Harris Kurn of Providence and Carol Harris Kann of Newton Centre, Mass.; a son, Richard Harris of Silver Spring, Md.; a sister, Polly Pahl of Gaithersburg, Md.; a brother, Murray Harris of Springfield; and five grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Mildred Cantor.

A graveside funeral service took place May 23 at the Sinai Memorial Park in Springfield, Mass. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

CHARLOTTE MARGOLIN

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Charlotte Margolin, 72, of Sierra Drive, Boca Raton, died May 28 at the home of her daughter at 560 Angell St., Providence. She was the widow of Joseph Margolin.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Irving and Esther Silverstein, she lived in Brookline, Mass., before moving to Florida 20 years ago.

She leaves a son, Kenneth

Margolin of Bridgewater, N.J.; a daughter, Myra Fishman; a brother, Leon Silverstein of Marlboro, Mass., and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held May 31 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park in Sharon, Mass.

HELEN STONE

EDISON, N.J. — Helen Stone, 80, of HCR-61, Stockholm, Maine, died May 28 at the John F. Kennedy Hospital in Edison, N.J. She was the widow of Samuel Stone.

Born in Boston, a daughter of the late Elias and Annie (Levy) Chartoff, she lived in Fall River for many years before moving to Maine last September.

She was a member of Adas Israel Synagogue, its Sisterhood, and the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a former secretary of the Fall River Jewish Senior Citizens Association, and a member of Hadassah.

She leaves a brother, Jack Chartoff of Boston, and a sister, Sally Goldberg of Edison.

A graveside service was held May 31 at Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River, Mass. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ALICE WOLFE

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Alice Wolfe, 98, died May 22. She was the widow of Yale Wolfe and daughter of the late Dr. Isaac and Sarah Rinegold.

She died at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home.

Born in Springfield, she lived in New London, Conn., and later moved to New Bedford, where she lived for the last 65 years and was a member of the Tifereth Israel Congregation. She was employed by the former Cudahy Packing Co. in Springfield as an office manager for several years.

She was a member of the Tifereth Israel Congregation Sisterhood and of Hadassah.

Survivors include a son, Gordon Wolfe of New York City and South Dartmouth; a daughter, Iris Levitsky of Boca Raton, Fla.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the

Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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Providence Family is Weary of Prayer Issue

by Jennifer Batog

WASHINGTON (JTA) — As Congress prepares to consider a constitutional amendment that would allow prayer in the schools, Debbie Weisman is afraid that the battle she fought all the way to the Supreme Court might have to be waged all over again.

"It's ridiculous" that prayer in school is still an issue, said the 20-year-old Providence, R.I., resident whose opposition to prayer at graduation began she was in junior high school.

Debbie and her family filed suit against her public middle school in 1989, prior to her graduation ceremony, at which a rabbi was slated to deliver the invocation.

The family said such a move would violate the Establishment Clause, which provides for the separation of church and state.

The case, *Lee vs. Weisman*, made its way to the United States Supreme Court, which in June 1992 ruled in favor of the Weismans, agreeing that the invocation — which had taken place after all — breached the constitutional separation of church and state.

School prayer advocates lost their battle in the judiciary branch, so now "they're taking a different route — legislation" lamented Weisman's father, Daniel.

Although exact language for the legislation has not yet been drafted, it most likely would permit, among other things, exactly what the Weismans fought to prevent: prayer at public school graduations.

Both Debbie and Daniel Weisman said they opposed the idea, which was recently unveiled in the Christian Coalition's "Contract with the American Family."

The contract, which has been widely embraced by Republican lawmakers, urges legislation that would allow "voluntary, student and citizen-initiated free speech in non-compulsory settings such as court-houses, high school graduations and sports events."

"How can it be voluntary at a sanctioned event?" Daniel Weisman said.

He called the amendment a

"scheme" and said the coalition was "merely looking for imaginative mechanisms to reintroduce publicly sponsored prayer."

Keeping religion out of public schools altogether is "the only right thing to do," Debbie Weisman added.

Some legal scholars say the courts are moving toward chipping away at the wall between church and state.

Just six months after the Weisman case, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled in a Texas case, *Jones vs. Clear Creek Independent School District*, that students could deliver non-sectarian, non-proselytizing invocations at graduation ceremonies, according to a summary of church-state cases provided by the American Jewish Committee.

And in March of this year, a district court judge in Texas declared unconstitutional the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, legislation passed in 1993 that requires the government to justify interfering with religious practices.

Marc Stern, AJCongress' co-legal director, said "There's no evidence yet that the courts in the public school context are doing a less-than-adequate job."

In general terms, Stern said, it is "implausible" for people to believe that the courts have abandoned separation of church and state.

The American Jewish Committee's legal counsel, Sam Rabinove, agreed that the courts have "upheld the separationist principle." But, he said, some Supreme Court justices, such as Antonin Scalia, would "like to abandon it."

Activists should be more concerned with thwarting passage of the Religious Liberty Amendment, which could further weaken the wall between church and state, Stern said.

Such an amendment would "substantially alter" the current concept of the dividing line between church and state, AJCongress' Stern said.

Rabinove was even blunter. "If an amendment of this nature passes," he said, "our whole concept of church-state separation is gone with the wind."

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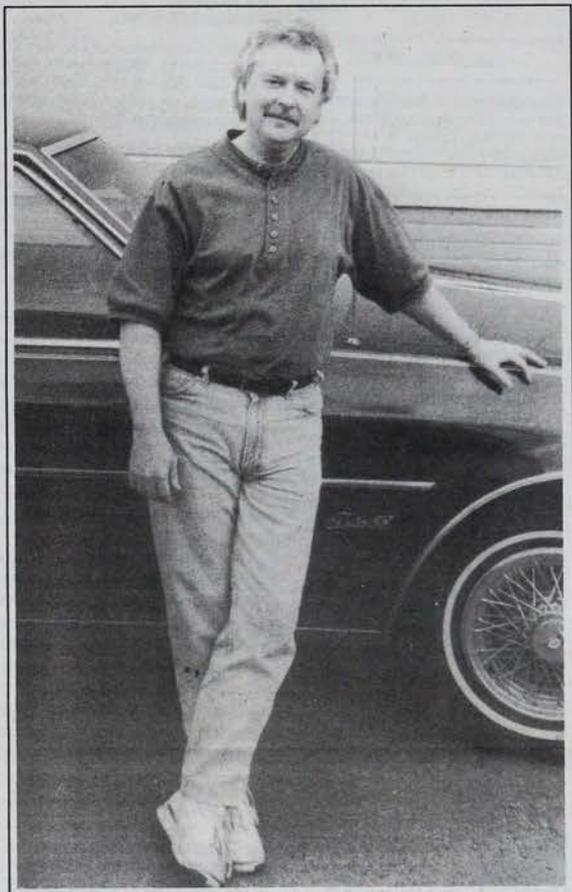


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A Closer LOOK

BUSINESS PROFILES



Donald Card is the owner of Warwick Wallcovering

There Are Tricks To This Trade

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Donald Card, of Warwick Wallcovering (941-4365), takes his job seriously. So seriously, he attended a special school on wallpapering in New Jersey for 10 weeks, last year. Before that, Card had about 20 years of experience on his own.

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An average-sized room, where the walls are in fairly good shape and the new paper is not unusual in some way, will take Card a day — perhaps six hours — to complete. Word of mouth is Card's biggest source of customers, which means there are a lot of satisfied customers out there.

It's Time To Help Self-Help

Self Help, the East Bay community action agency, is sponsoring "A Seaside Soiree," a benefit auction for East Bay Family Health Care, June 3, at the R.I. Country Club in Barrington.

A silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m. with a light buffet supper to follow. After dinner, a live auction will be conducted, with Bob Rondeau as the auctioneer.

For more information, call 437-1000.

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'No Two Companies Are Exactly Alike...'

by John J. Brough, Jr.
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An estimated 90 percent of all businesses in the United States are closely held family-owned businesses. Even more surprising, is that over the next two decades, an estimated \$7 trillion of family net worth will pass from one generation to the next. Without proper planning, \$3 or \$4 trillion worth of these transfers will be used to pay estate taxes.

Notwithstanding the above, one of the most overlooked assets in many estate plans, is the family business and its impact on an owner's estate and the resulting tax obligations. Current tax law requires that the fair market value (typically as of the date of death) of a decedent's interest in a closely held business be included in his or her estate.

Too often, however, it is only after the owner's demise that the true understanding of this asset's magnitude comes to light. In many cases, the tax liability is so exorbitant that other family assets must be liquidated, leaving heirs with nothing more than a non-liquid business and no one to run it.

Estate planning is the process of developing and coordinating the transfer of an individual's property to designated beneficiaries in a manner that will minimize or even eliminate the transfer taxes levied by way of the U.S. Unified Gift and Estate tax program.

Accordingly, there should be a conscious effort in estate planning to focus on the value associated with a retained or, for that matter, continued ownership interest in the family business. By conducting a periodic valuation of the business operations, the owner, family members and even key employees can better understand the nature of the estate tax concerns. The valuation also provides a basis by which the business owner can evaluate the appropriateness of ownership transfers and alternatives; provides a basis for the valuation of gifts; and can even guard against future conflicts with the IRS.

Unlike the appraisal of other assets (viz. real estate), the process associated with valuing a closely held business does not typically enjoy the benefits of readily available comparable transaction data. Rather, this exercise requires an in-depth multidimensional review of the company's operations, its management, industry, financial performance, economic environment, and reputation.

The task is further complicated in that no two companies are exactly alike and a "one size fits all" valuation formula is nonexistent... thus, making the use of any industry data which may be available a delicate assignment. However, through the application of various analytical procedures, employment of reasonable assumptions, consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances and, finally, the use of sound professional judgment, the appraiser's findings should provide the infor-

mation necessary to structure and complete the estate plan.

While, there are dozens of methods for estimating a company's worth, in today's market, most valuations are driven by the company's earning history and potential.

Like estate planning, business succession planning is equally emotional. Succession requires change, and such change is often met with resistance. The business valuation exercise often forces the business owner to re-think his/her position on who will carry on the operations once they are gone or no longer able to maintain the leadership role.

Phantom of the Opera Comes To Belcourt Castle

Belcourt Castle will offer a unique interpretation of the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, performed by the Rhode Island Touring Ensemble.

A tour of Belcourt Castle's historic rooms with art treasures from around the globe sets the mood. In the French Gothic ballroom guests assemble for refreshments to the strains of ethereal organ music. While the full chorus sings music from light opera, the gaiety is suddenly interrupted, forewarning of tragedy to come.

The Phantom and Christine sing their love duet in the organ loft balcony as the story is narrated from behind the scenes. Guests, surrounded by the choir in Belcourt's acoustically perfect ballroom, become a part of "The Music of the Night."

The final acts take place in the Italian banquet hall where the Russian Imperial Crown

Celebrate Cancer Survivors' Day

Cancer survivor and humorist Joe Kogel headlines Roger Williams Medical Center's annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration on June 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Roger Williams Park Casino. He will be talking about "Life and Death: Very Funny Stories About Very Scary Things."

National Cancer Survivors' Celebrations offer an opportunity to recognize survivors, to focus attention on the issues of survivorship, and to acknowledge those professionals dedicated to cancer treatment, research, and supportive services.

Roger Williams Medical Center invites the public to join in this celebration. To register, call 456-2055.

chandelier glitters. Belcourt's ambience dazzles the eyes, while the solos and choruses fill the ear, and delicious cakes, pastries, punch and tea served from silver please the palate.

"The Phantom" will appear at Belcourt Castle on June 4 and 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. with a tour and silver tea. Groups of 40 to 150 may arrange dates to include dinner.

Sunday performances will cost \$25 per adult. Groups of 10 or more will be \$20 each. By pre-arrangement, dinner performances start at \$50 per adult. Make reservations by calling Harle Tinney or Lucy Rouse at 846-0669. Ask about the fall program, also.

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