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France Intensifies Security in Wake of Jewish School Blast

by Alissa Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — France has heightened security nationwide in the wake of a car bomb that exploded outside Lyon's largest Jewish school on Sept. 7.

Across France, "more precautions" are being taken at buildings and schools, both Jewish and non-Jewish, as a result of the blast in the Lyon suburb of Villeurbanne, Serge Cwajgenbaum, secretary general of the European Jewish Congress, said in an interview from his home in Paris.

The blast occurred just minutes before the 700 pupils at the school were to be dismissed at 5 p.m., Cwajgenbaum said. The blast injured at least 14 people, one of them seriously.

"It was a miracle that only three young people were injured," he said of the attack in France's second largest city, located in southeastern France.

The school clock was apparently a couple of minutes late, which kept the students from being outside the school

when the bomb went off.

"As bad as this was, it could have been so much more tragic," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress. He said some Argentine Jews pulled their children out of schools when they learned of the Lyon blast. Last year in Buenos Aires, a bomb went off at the Jewish community's headquarters, killing 86 and wounding at least 30.

The gas bomb, consisting of an explosive mixture placed in a canister filled with nails and bolts, was similar to those used in five previous bombings and attempted bombings in France since late July.

Four of those bombs went off on the streets of Paris. The fifth incident was an unexploded bomb found near Lyon.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but police suspected Algerian Muslim extremists. Algerian extremists have threatened France for backing the mili-

tary government in Algeria, a former French colony.

More than 30,000 people have been killed in Algeria in clashes between security forces and Islamic militants since January 1992, when the army canceled national elections that the Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win.

While the other attacks in France appeared aimed at creating terror in French society as a whole, this was the first attack targeting the French Jewish community.

Both Cwajgenbaum and Steinberg said they thought that the terrorist act was most likely linked to the recent string of bombings, rather than being an isolated attack by an Islamic fundamentalist group such as Hezbollah, whose terrorist attacks are predominantly aimed against Jews.

The 700,000-strong French Jewish community is the world's fourth largest, after the United States, Israel and Russia.



Creating A Kippah

Kindergartner Naomi Garber decorates her brand-new yarmulke at South County Hebrew School's open house on Sept. 10.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Temple Emanu-El Names New Staff Members

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Temple Emanu-El recently announced that Miriam Abrams-Stark and Steven Jablow have joined the temple staff.

Abrams-Stark has been named the new Youth Coordinator and Mentor Program Coordinator and Jablow has become the new Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program Coordinator.

A native of Portland, Maine, where she served as the advisor/director of the Senior United Synagogue Youth Program, Abrams-Stark has a professional background in social work. She

holds an MSW from Yeshiva University and has directed numerous childcare, early childhood and youth programs in Portland and New York.

Jablow has taught for nine years in various synagogue religious schools and is entering his seventh year as a teacher at Alperin Schechter Day School. He's been involved in Jewish education for 15 years overall.

As Youth Coordinator, Abrams-Stark will oversee Kadima (fifth and sixth grade), Junior USY (seventh and eighth grade) and Senior USY (ninth to 12th grade).

"We hope to increase the quality and quantity of the program," said Abrams-Stark.

In large part, she will steer the program toward social action and community service. For example, the youth will coordinate their efforts with City Year, a work project in Providence.

Abrams-Stark said the youth will also work alongside the adult groups at Temple Emanu-El. One joint project is to prepare food for the less fortunate on Christmas Day.

The Mentor Program was made possible thanks to a

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"Explosion... We need help..."

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

And they still need help...the victims and survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing. To this end, an official commemorative volume, *In Their Name*, has been published. Every word, every scrap of paper and drop of ink, every image was donated, so that Project Recovery would receive every possible benefit from the sale of the book.

For this reason alone, we hope this book sells in the millions of copies. But, having just bought a copy, and been drawn into it and held captive by the text and pictures, we can urge you to buy it because it is an extraordinary read.

Victims and survivors and rescuers are quoted exactly, and what is more moving than the truth, under circumstances like that? Nothing. The pictures are in-your-face graphic. People were grievously wounded, and died, and we see bodies in the street, and rescuers with arms and shirts streaked and spotted with blood. Every victim is named, and, if possible, pictured. Heroic efforts to get into a building that threatened at any moment to collapse are documented. We see what it was like,

in the shattered remains of that building, and we shudder at the thought of stepping into that debris. What if there is nothing under that rubble but space? What if the next step is our last? And yet, if the rescuers spent even a moment thinking like that, would they have been able to clamber, push, dig their way to the next body or survivor? No. All thought of self-preservation had to be blocked, if rescue was to be possible. At the worst possible moment, we see the best coming out in people.

And then, just when the reader can hardly take any more, the healing begins, and we follow that process...which will take a hundred years or more. Many of those wounded or killed were the breadwinners for families. What of those families now? Buy this book.

This is not a dry, dreary or depressing book. It is gripping, gut-wrenching, and cleansing. In spite of the subject matter, it will give you the gift of renewed hope for humanity, and gratitude to G-d for putting so much of His love and spirit into these human beings. Reading it will not be a mental exercise, it will be an emotional event in your life.



WELCOME ABOARD — Miriam Abrams-Stark, left, and Steven Jablow have recently joined the Temple Emanu-El staff. Abrams-Stark will be the new Youth Coordinator and Mentor Program Coordinator. Jablow has been named the new Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program Coordinator.

Photos courtesy of Temple Emanu-El

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

'Ah! That's What They All Say'

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

It came to Sarah Zacks, some years ago, that after working for other people so long, she would really prefer to work for herself. Zacks doesn't spend a lot of time in idle daydreams. To think, for her, was to act.

So she got a job at College Hill Bookstore for three years, to learn all about retailing, and specifically retailing books.

Because she makes a point of being honest, when she was being interviewed for the job, she said, "I plan to open a bookstore myself, some day."

They nodded, and smiled, and said, "Ah. That's what they all say."

Little did they know.

Now Zacks is celebrating the third anniversary of the opening of her bookstore, Books on the Square.

She pictured it as being a place where she could be just as comfortable as she was at home — and that would explain the sofas and chairs and flowers on the table, and the relaxed atmosphere in the store.

She knew she wanted to do something that was just hers, and that would explain the individuality of the store and the wide spectrum of its inventory. For those who haven't been in a small, privately owned bookstore before, this is what they all tried to be like, years ago.

Zacks knows that what she can offer, above all, is personalized service, and certainly Books on the Square does that. "We are sort of a neighborhood specialist at getting you anything you want," Zacks says. If you don't know what you want, the staff will make suggestions. If you have a problem getting it, the staff will actually phone a publisher to find out why. All you have to do is say, "I want..."

and someone will be seeing what they can do to help.

We discussed possible choices for a Jewish family and Zacks came up with some fine ideas. First, there is *The Family Treasury of Jewish Holidays*, by Malka Drucker, illustrated by Nancy Patz.

Whatever the holiday, this book will have activity suggestions, recipes, songs, lots of stories, to guide the family celebration. If your family has not been all that observant lately, and you aren't sure where to start as you approach Rosh Hashanah or Chanukah, this volume will be your constant companion as you plan.

Then there is *My First Jewish Word Book*. Think of Richard Scarry doing a book for Jewish toddlers, and you've got the idea. Marvelous illustrations, and the basic, everyday Jewish names for things, so that as the child learns, he or she enjoys the experience.

There is *The Jewish Child's First Book of Why*, for those aged 4 and up, and *The Jewish Book of Why* for adults. Check them out.

There is also a book called, *Mourning and Mitzvah*, which Zacks particularly recommends as a great help to those recently bereaved.

Going from the sublime to the ridiculous, consider, *Roots Schmoos*, which, according to the cover, steers a middle course between schmaltz and self-ridicule. It is the autobiographical account of a man's journey to find his beginnings, and Zacks says he goes from one outrageous incident to another, lickety split. It's funny, and thought-provoking, and a little cheeky.

Zacks called it, "a great book, and lots of fun."

Zacks likes to think of the store as a family thing, and her



A FRIENDLY STOREFRONT — Owner Sarah Zacks stands in front of Books on the Square with her daughter, Rachel, left, and customer David Homonoff, 7½ years old, from Providence.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

staff, as extended family. Books are a way of life for most of them. She talked about her grandson, Nicholas, who lives in Providence. Nicholas is only 15 months old, but already he has this thing about books and being read to. (It's never too early to start.) He will pick up one of his favorite books and

approach the nearest adult with book in hand. Having arrived at the closest lap, he will turn around so that picking him up will be the natural next step. Obviously, this strategy has paid off handsomely for Nicholas. We will watch his career with interest in the future.

Also his grandma's.

Five Rhode Island Politicians to Speak and Answer Questions

Gov. Lincoln C. Almond, Lieut. Gov. Robert A. Weygand, Secretary of State James R. Langevin, Attorney General Jeffrey B. Pine and Treasurer Nancy J. Mayer will speak and answer questions at the second annual meeting of Operation Clean Government. This event will take place at the Community College of Rhode Island in Warwick on Oct. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m., with doors opening at 12:30 p.m.

Radio and television host Arlene Violet will moderate ques-

tions from Lee Blais, fraud investigator of Financial Inquiry Consultants, Inc.; Robert A. Comerford, professor of Management and Entrepreneurship at the University of Rhode Island; Peter Phipps, business editor of the *Providence Journal*; and Darrell M. West, professor of political science at Brown University.

The audience will be encouraged to ask questions. Topics may include economic development, pensions, Providence Place Mall, the budget, electronic voting machines ethics

Girl Scout Fall Sign Up

The Girl Scouts of Rhode Island, Inc. Fall Sign Up Week for Girl Scouting will be Sept. 16 to 22, at 51 locations. Those interested in joining may call the council office at 331-4500 or (800) 331-0149 for the location and date in their community.

All girls ages 5 to 17 not currently members who wish to join Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette or Senior Girl Scouts are invited to attend with their parents or guardian. Local Girl Scout leaders and troop organizers will provide information about the Girl Scout program.

'Fashioning the Past'

The assistant educator of the Rhode Island Historical Society will be the guest speaker at the Sept. 19 meeting of the Cranston Historical Society, 1351 Cranston St.

Daniel A. Romani Jr., also education director of the John Brown House, has titled his slide presentation "Fashioning the Past: Using Costume as an Interpretive Tool."

A short business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede Romani's talk. Refreshments will be served.

and any and all problems facing the state.

Operation Clean Government is dedicated to aggressively attacking corruption, ethical lapses, and inappropriate systems or procedures that lead to increased cost and inefficient state government.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information, call Sid Green at 331-0039 or Charles Silverman at 253-5868.

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Segregation Complaint Filed Against Pawtucket Schools

The Department of Education has filed an official complaint against the Pawtucket School Committee which charges that 10 of Pawtucket's 15 schools are considered to be de facto racially segregated, and cites the failure of the school committee to implement an 18-point, system-wide school improvement plan designed to

begin to remedy the racial isolation in the city's schools.

The desegregation plan, developed by a 52-member task force of local educators, parents and community leaders was adopted by the Pawtucket School Committee on June 28, 1994, but the committee backed off its decision to implement the plan early in 1995.

This prompted an announcement in March by the Department of Education that they would request that Education Commissioner Peter McWalters call for an administrative hearing to determine if Pawtucket is in violation of state school desegregation laws. Legal counsel for the involved parties have been involved in discussions regarding the case prior to the official complaint being issued.

If Pawtucket is ruled not to be in compliance with state Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education regulations, McWalters would have the authority to:

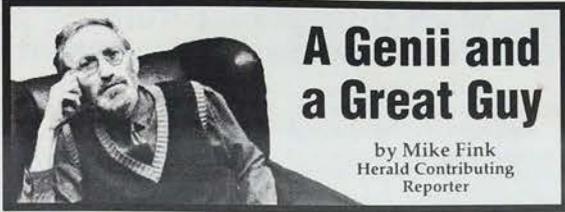
- Withhold state education financial aid to Pawtucket;
- Demand that state educational financial aid be used in specific ways that would remedy the violation, or
- Appoint a "special visitor" to implement the remedy chosen.

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FEATURE



A Genii and a Great Guy

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Chuck came my way like the genii of the lamp. He lives next door to the house that had been my grandparents' in a twin structure built by my great uncle, with a common shared driveway. As a friendly, helpful neighbor, he took charge of clearing out the attic, the cellar, the closets, the hallways and alcoves, not a swift and easy task.

An African American professor who shares his elegantly maintained home with a colleague and friend, Chuck grows orchids indoors and an exotic and lovely garden retreat in the yard.

That great, almost stately mansion on Summit Avenue reminded me of Itil, the Atlantis of Jewish culture in east Europe, or of the tomb of King Tut.

His headquarters sparkle and shine, and his words, with a soft slight Southern accent, spell out the same clear and courteous goodwill as his spaces.

The next door spaces of my family, on the other hand, were cluttered, and every object, marooned by time, was chipped, unglued or faded, hurt by heat or humidity, depending upon conditions in basement, under eaves, or in dank cupboards.

Fancy thrones and settees had been cast into the outer Siberia of a leaky garage and then permitted back indoors decades later, somewhat the worse for wear.

That great, almost stately mansion on Summit Avenue reminded me of Itil, the Atlantis of Jewish culture in east Europe, or of the tomb of King Tut, discovered about the time our homestead was founded, early in this century.

But getting back to lamps and genii, the figurines with torches in my ancestral hall ran to the picturesque, peacocks with tails that lit up, or Arab orphans on

rugs in market fairs seeking shade under a tree with fruit of orange bulbs that gave out reading light. These things came to me via Chuck, my genii, or genie, or genius.

Now Jews tell a lot of jokes and always have since ancient times and climes and journeys upon all the roads of the world.

Geniis live in jokes, not just on the pages of children's books. Like most miracles in fables, they bring blessings that tend to let you down a bit after you get over your first thrill. That's what I've been going through.

I got from Chuck a rusty trunk, the kind that used to sit on the back of early automobiles, crammed to the curving, chrome-bracketed top with family photos and with a group of childhood sketches and designs.

The sepia portraits are unlabelled, and the drawings are ripped and torn. The lamps need work and repair, and the "bronze" table sculptures are of "base metals," says Chuck, who is a connoisseur of all things.

"You can't drag everything into my living room," says my wife, so these treasures will move from one garage or closet into another, lower downhill.

So much for genii and hand-some heirlooms.

But Chuck has the qualities of heroes in yarns, gentle strength and warm wisdom, deep dignity and good-natured jollity. We sit at his table on a night of the full moon and talk. Inert flotsam and jetsam turn into symbols, metaphors, and pure poetry. "I got so attached to your family, that we feel we should move out too and get along with our lives elsewhere," Chuck confides.

I answer him. "But Chuck, now you and I are connected, like cousins." I mouth these words from humor and human-kindness, but saying them makes them true. The genii has become a friend and a relative, and broken things have healed without benefit of skillful hands, only with the cement of friendship.

They Had Faces Then

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter
"What are you lookin' at, kid?" Sometimes somebody would say this to me if I stared

too long, as teenagers do. Some of the faces come back to me like thoughts and images fused together. It was post-war New Year's Eve, and I was invited to a grand home on the other side of Hope Street. The great mahogany curved stairway was newly carpeted and brightly lit like a movie set. A smiling newlywed girl holding a champagne glass moved down to greet guests, and my mind fixed the pose like a snapshot.

Years later she always greeted me kindly, and then one day I heard she had passed away, by her own hand. She visits me in my daydreams like a poetic vision from her own time and its tragedy.

I cannot enter a school building with its steel stairways without recalling the incredibly lovely girls, carrying books, their hair shining, their clothes brushed and pressed, their features refined and even demure. One girl struck me with her round green eyes and bloom-like complexion. Another one had the bearing of a princess or the beret of a romantic traveler. They married young, leaving me behind in the wake of their pursuit of luxury and space. Their gestures returned in the form of scenes from the excellent films of the '50s.

From time to time I tell a tale of a lost maiden, and the names fit the roles they played. I meet their daughters, who look like

them, or even by now their granddaughters. One person was in my class, my homeroom, but she dated only older guys, not even college boys but

and bright, to boot. Nobody near her age would make so bold as to ask her out. I was content to stare as she made an entrance at a ball with a fancy corsage and a grown man on her arm.

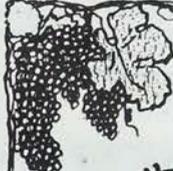
I'm not writing about girls I went out with and kissed goodnight. I'm writing about figures from myth, the great beauties who deserved the princes and barons who could give them the bannisters and balustrades to go up and down in their fabulous frocks. Hollywood wasn't only a place a wide continent away, it was a time and a style, and you could get there all along Hope Street. Only, the movies had happy endings, and life lets you down and sometimes not back up again.

I think they respected me for my goodwill and my polite palaver, but I had miles to go, different kinds of kilometers, before I could reach my own bed.

A woman's beauty is like a garden, a corsage, a flower, and that is why we give our daughters the names of blossoms. I open my book of pressed rosebuds, close it again gallantly, and go on my way.



postgrads, lawyers and businessmen. She was not only a glamorous model, a kind of homegrown, not Hungarian, Gabor sister, but she was nice,



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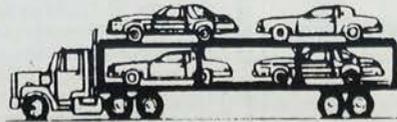
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EDITORIAL

Rosh Hashanah: A Symbol of Jewish Continuity and Renewal

by Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas
ST. PAUL (JTA) — Rosh Hashanah is late this year. Rosh Hashanah is early this year.

In between these regular comments is the truth. Rosh Hashanah always occurs on the first day of Tishri. We can set our calendars on it.

Indeed, ever since the Jewish calendar was set centuries ago, Rosh Hashanah has been the fixed symbol of Jewish continuity and renewal. The ritual has evolved into a set theme, giving us a time to review the past and prepare for the future. Rosh Hashanah is a great statement of the way Jewish life reaffirms itself and, at the same time, launches us with confidence into the future.

On Rosh Hashanah, the shofar has been sounded for thousands of years. On Rosh Hashanah, the apples and honey remind us of our childhood. Rosh Hashanah anchors us in history and strengthens our identity.

Frederick Wilhelm, the king of Prussia, once asked his chaplain to prove the endurance of religion. "Your Majesty," the chaplain replied, "the Jews." He correctly saw that the Jews collectively and individually are the embodiment of a long and continuous history of ideas and experiences.

Rosh Hashanah makes us aware that deep within the consciousness of the Jew burns the awareness of a unique spiritual destiny. Our personal existence is bound up with the deeper meaning of history. We are not lonely individuals on an endless road.

Rosh Hashanah is also a time for renewal, for *chesbon hanefesh*, a spiritual self-examination. If anything, this one holy day emphasizes that as a group and as individuals we can change; indeed, we must change.

This year on Rosh Hashanah we will enter synagogues that range in design from the work of Percival Goodman to Frank Lloyd Wright and everything in between. We will see Torah covers that dazzle in design. Silver Torah decorations will include the contemporary designs of Wolpert, Zabari, Ofin, Greenvercel and others.

The tallit, or prayer shawls, will reflect the work of Agan or will be tie-dyes or individual weavings. The kipot will show stunning creativity. The music will not only include the traditional nusach, or standard melodies, but the contemporary work of Janowsky, Davidson, Bernstein and even a whiff of Bob Dylan. Sermons by rabbis, both men and women, will cover every conceivable topic from intermarriage to the environment to world politics to personal problems.

Rosh Hashanah does not record the minutes of the year in simple units of time. Indeed, the more accurate assessment of a year is not the hours spent or the seconds kept, but the measure of human emotions and feelings, the joys and the tears, the hopes and the fears.

On Rosh Hashanah a person must measure himself or herself by ideas of right and wrong; of deeds done and left undone;

of sin, guilt, repentance, forgiveness and amendment of life; of community responsibility and irresponsibility. This is an opportunity to correct our spiritual statement and balance the account of living.

Rosh Hashanah, then, is the time for continuity and renewal as a human community, as Jews and as individuals. It is time to offer gratitude in the words of the classic prayer marking milestones: "For having the opportunity of life, for having sustained and for having reached a new time."

Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas is rabbi emeritus of the Temple of Aaron in St. Paul and distinguished visiting professor of religious studies at Macalester College. He is author of the trilogy *Heart of Wisdom*.

We Want to Publicize Your Child's Academic Achievements

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

One of the responsibilities of a community newspaper is to highlight the outstanding accomplishments of those in the community. Last year we publicized the achievements of many students, but there were many more than we never learned about.

If the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* is not listed as one of your child's local newspapers, then the public relations department of his or her school will most likely not think to communicate with us. This is especially true of public or state schools that

are more reluctant to confirm if a student is Jewish.

Whether your child is named on the dean's list or an honor society, or wins an award, we would like to hear about it. Please let the public relations department of your child's school know that the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* is one of your local newspapers.

Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940. If the school does not include a photograph with a press release, you are welcome to do so.

Thank you for your cooperation. Shana Tova!



The Laws of Bikurim

The opening words of the Torah portion, *Ki Tavo*, outlines the precept of *bikurim*, the first ripe fruits which were to be brought as an offering of thanks to G-d for giving us the land of Israel.

One of the points emphasized by the commentators on these opening verses is that as long as the entire Land was not yet in the possession of the Jewish nation, the individual Israelite who had already received his portion of the country was not required to bring the *bikurim* offering. The *bikurim* offering was an expression of overwhelming gratitude to G-d for coming into the Holy Land and enjoying its fruits.

For the individual who had already entered the land, taken possession of his portion and enjoyed the fruits, was it not ungrateful to wait until the end of the 14 years of conquest and apportionment to the tribes be-

fore bringing *bikurim*? Why were these individuals not required to offer *bikurim* to thank G-d for the good He had already bestowed upon them?

Here, however, is where the Torah's great teaching of *ahavat yisrael* (love for another Jew) comes into play: The first-fruits offering was to be brought as an expression of complete, perfect joyousness. This is evident from several laws of *bikurim*, e.g., they were to be brought only from the fruits with which Israel was praised; they were to be brought only once a year — because something which is repeated during the year does not evoke as much joy.

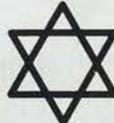
But all our people are interconnected, and so long as even one single Jew remained who had not yet taken possession of his inheritance in Israel — however lowly and 'unimportant' that person may have been — then there was something miss-

ing from the goodness and pleasure experienced by all his brother Jews. For all Israel is as one.

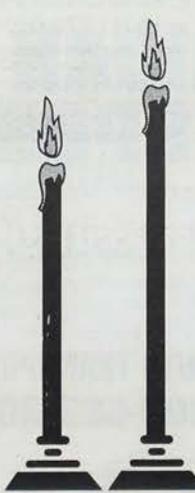
Empathy for another's lack is to reach the point of feeling the emptiness within oneself. Since the joy of those who had already taken possession of their own portion was incomplete (because of their brother's lack), they could not bring *bikurim*!

Ki Tavo is always read close to the 18th of Elul — anniversary of the birth (in 1698) of the Baal Shem Tov and of the birth (in 1745) of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of Chabad Lubavitch. These two great luminaries of Chasidism made *ahavat yisrael* the touchstone of their teachings and the exemplary feature of their own personal lives.

From *The Chasidic Dimension*, adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer at the Chabad House.



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The Citadel Jewish Community Split on Presence of Women

by Ilana Polyak

NEW YORK (JTA) — When a band of jubilant cadets cheered Shannon Faulkner's departure from The Citadel last month, David Abrams and other Jews on campus were among the gleeful voices.

"As far as the Jewish cadets are concerned, just like all the cadets, Shannon Faulkner's [departure] gave the right for males to have a single gender education," Abrams said in a phone interview.

"I think what's on trial here is all single gender education," said Abrams, who works in The Citadel's public relations office.

As the past senior class president, Abrams was an outspoken critic of Faulkner and her lawyers' effort to integrate the state-supported military college.

Abrams, who graduated with a degree in English in May, was one of a handful of Jewish students attending the military

academy.

He drew no distinction between the Jewish students and the non-Jewish students at The Citadel.

"This is a place that has tremendous tolerance," Abrams said. "I have had some of my Christians friends go to synagogue with me, and I have gone to church with them. If we want to go to services, we can go off campus and get overnights and leaves during the major holidays."

Note everyone in The Citadel's Jewish community was opposed to the campus going coed. Rita Deutz-Serphos and her husband, a Citadel math professor, are the faculty advisers to the Jewish cadets. They support women being on campus.

"No wonder Shannon [Faulkner] couldn't make it. The only way to make it is to bond with the other freshmen," Rita Deutz-Serphos said.

"She had no one else to talk

to. She, of course, was all by herself," she said.

For the most part, Jewish life at The Citadel consists of leaves of absence for synagogue services or Shabbat dinner at the Deutz-Serphos' home. Jewish activities are co-sponsored with the Hillel at the University of South Carolina, also in Charleston. But a cadet's life is regimented and often inflexible, making it difficult to attend events.

Since the 1950s, the Jewish population at The Citadel has declined from an all-time high of 100 — or 10 percent of the student body — to the current five. As Ivy league schools lifted quotas on Jewish students, Jews from the South fled to prestigious colleges in the Northeast.

According to Lee, who grew up in a Conservative home in Miami, where he gave bar and bat mitzva lessons, keeping Judaism's basic tenets is a struggle in The Citadel's environment.

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

5755: The Year of the Red Thread

Part III

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — "Hut hashani," a Biblical metaphor used in modern Hebrew to mean a theme, literally means a red thread. For the past year, the "hut hashani" running through Israeli society has been an all too literal red thread: a blood-soaked motif of terror attacks that left dozens of arbitrary victims dead or maimed. These incidents, mostly occurring in the heart of Israel, caused repeated hemorrhages of public support for the Rabin government's peace policy.

But despite the terrorism, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has continued to push ahead with grim determination to implement the 1993 accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization — the agreement that earned Rabin, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize.

It was expected that an agreement on the next phase of Palestinian self-rule would be signed in September, setting the stage for Israeli forces to redeploy out of most major West Bank Palestinian cities, and for the Palestinians to hold elections in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

On other political fronts, Syria's President Hafez Assad resumed talks with Israel, but, defying all the pundits, continued to reject generous land-for-peace terms from Rabin.

The greatest movement toward peace came from King Hussein of Jordan, who signed a peace treaty with Israel in October, and has since moved boldly towards full neighborly normalization with the Jewish state.

Progress with the Palestinians and with Jordan led to the establishment of diplomatic and economic relations between Israel and a record number of states, including several Arab countries. But there is still caution and reluctance on the Arab side, and Israeli businessmen are having to learn the skills of Eastern patience.

Amid the turbulence surrounding the peace process, Israelis had much good news. The economy continued to flourish, showing a solid growth rate, a substantial fall in unemployment and, in recent months, a sharp drop in the rate of inflation. Nonetheless, pockets of poverty and tens of thousands of struggling families indicate

that some of Israel's deep social problems remain unsolved.

Israel continued to be the beacon for Jews emigrating from lands around the world. Tens of thousands of Jews made aliyah during the past year, mainly from the former Soviet Union. For more than 50 Jews from war-torn Chechnya and others from beleaguered Bosnia, Israel was a welcoming haven.

But domestic economic and social issues took a back seat to the nation's focus on the peace process and the concomitant terrorism.

The worst act of terrorist violence came in October, just days before the festive signing of the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty in the Arava, with President Clinton in attendance.

The suicide bomber chose Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street — perhaps the best known and certainly one of the busiest streets in Israel — as the site of his dastardly attack on the No. 5 bus, taking 23 innocent passengers with him to their deaths.

In March 1995, a suicide bomber blew himself up at a crowded bus stop at Beit Lid, near Netanya, killing 21 people, most of them soldiers. The following month another seven soldiers and a young American college student, Alisa Flatow, died in a similar attack on a road used by Israelis and Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Terrorists struck again in July, killing six on an urban bus in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan.

And, in August five died, including Joan Davenny, an American Jewish day school teacher, and more than 100 were injured when a suicide bomber triggered an explosive device during rush hour on a bus traveling to the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

In addition to these bombings, the kidnapping of an Israeli soldier, Nachshon Waxman, by Hamas members gripped the entire nation for a week in October, made more tragic by his death during a failed rescue attempt.

After each dreadful incident, demonstrators gathered to shout obscenities at government ministers. Their emotional and sometimes frenzied protests led to a campaign of "civil disobedience" as Jewish settlers sought to win popular support for their opposition to efforts to expand Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank.

Led by the mainly Orthodox activists of the settler movement Gush Emunim, residents at Efrat and other settlements initiated a series of demonstrative acts of camping out at hilltop sites throughout the West Bank. The scenes of soldiers and police dragging the settlers and their children into paddy-wagons made media headlines during the summer months, but the effect of the settlers' actions on public opinion was unclear.

On the political level, the opposition, led by the Likud party, cited the terror attacks as palpable evidence that the peace process with the Palestinians was not working. It was plainly not affording Israeli citizens that most basic of all rights: personal security.

At first, the prime minister, in his public utterances, tended to confirm these sentiments. Rabin faulted Arafat and the Palestinian Authority for laxness in dealing with the fundamentalist terror threat posed by Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the two extremist groups prominent in the Gaza Strip.

But during the summer Rabin's tone changed radically. Following the Tel Aviv blast in July, he spoke of Arafat's efforts to combat terror, and after the Jerusalem attack in August he called on Israelis to distinguish between Palestinians who sought to wreck the chances of peace and those who, like Israel, were victims.

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Federal Grants to Jewish Organizations Threatened

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish activists hold thousands of meetings with federal officials each year on public policy matters of concern to the Jewish community.

But a congressional initiative, already adopted by the House of Representatives and expected to come before the Senate, will jeopardize the right of non-for-profit activists to engage in public policy advocacy.

The House of Representatives measure severely restricted organizations that receive any federal grant money from engaging in "political advocacy." The bulk of groups receiving federal grants are in the non-for-profit sector.

The House measure defines advocacy as including mailings for grass-roots activity, providing information to the government, letters to elected officials, participating in court cases by filing friend-of-the-court briefs, and joining coalitions.

Almost all Jewish federations across the country receive federal grant money in some form.

The House measure limits organizations that receive federal money to spending no more than 5 percent of the first \$20 million of their budgets on advocacy, and up to 1 percent of any portion of their budget that exceeds that figure.

"This measure will have a chilling effect on the Jewish com-

munity and a devastating effect on B'nai B'rith because of the definition of advocacy," said Reva Price, associate director of the B'nai B'rith Center for Public Policy, which runs more than 30 buildings under HUD's elderly housing program.

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Although Jewish officials say no federation now spends more than 5 percent of their budgets on advocacy, the Council of Jewish Federations is studying what the impact would be on individual federations if the measure becomes law.

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Austria Chancellor Affirms Support of Nazi Victim Fund

by Alissa Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky has affirmed his commitment to his country's \$50 million fund to compensate Nazi victims, according to a letter he sent recently to the World Jewish Congress.

"It is a positive development in that it lends the prestige of the Office of the Chancellor to a commitment of flexibility with respect to payment of this fund," Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, said recently.

Austria adopted a law June 1 that established a fund for Nazi victims, officially known as the National Fund of the Republic of Austria for the Victims of National Socialism.

The fund, introduced by Austria's governing coalition parties, was created in connection with the 50th anniversary of the republic as a gesture to

ward victims of the Nazi regime.

"What happened between 1938 and 1945 cannot be mended. Nobody can make the inexpressible suffering and the losses undone or give back the lost days of life," the chancellor wrote in the letter, dated Aug. 14.

"This reaching out by the Austria of today to those Austrians who were forced to leave by National Socialism is first and foremost a gesture of humanity, warmth and welcome," the chancellor wrote.

Vranitzky also said the fund would be set up in a "very unbureaucratic and flexible manner" and that it would "render assistance very quickly."

Steinberg said Aug. 24 that if the fund is as flexible as the letter indicates, much more than \$50 million would be needed to compensate those eligible.

In an earlier media release

from the Austrian government, beneficiaries of the fund included people who were "persecuted by the Nazi regime out of political, racial, religious, or ethnic reasons; because of their sexual orientation, or [because of] their disabilities."

However, the guidelines for eligibility remain unclear, Steinberg said.

"There are outstanding ambiguities and clear shortcomings in the legislation as it now stands," he said.

The next step in the compensation process is for the chancellor, as well as the parliamentary committee created for this endeavor, to set up specific, non-discriminatory criteria for eligibility and a schedule of payment, Steinberg said.

The WJC official stressed that time was an important factor in the compensation process. "The longer the wait, the less recipients alive," he said.

About 25,000 to 30,000 former Jews of Austria are alive from the World War II period, according to the WJC.

Mubarak Asked to Condemn Media Attacks Over POWs

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has called on Egypt's leaders to denounce sharp attacks against Israel that have recently appeared in the Egyptian media.

The media assaults were sparked by recent allegations that members of the Israel Defense Force had killed Egyptian prisoners of war during the 1956 Sinai Campaign and the 1967 Six-Day War.

The allegations, voiced recently by Israeli war veterans and historians, have raised a furor in Israel and Egypt.

They prompted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to call on Israel to launch an investiga-

tion into the affair.

Mubarak, who initially did not respond to the allegations, was believed to have issued the call for an investigation in Israel after Egypt's opposition newspapers pounced on the story, demanding that the country's leadership criticize Israel.

Recently, an Egyptian newspaper published an article saying that Israel's ambassador to Egypt, David Sultan, killed some 100 Egyptian POWs when he was a paratrooper commander in 1956.

The report was sharply denounced by Israel.

"These are all lies," Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan told Army Radio.

Probe of Settlers Begins; Police Accused of Brutality

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli police officials have been given the go-ahead to investigate the leaders of a Jewish settlers group on myriad charges, including conspiracy.

The investigation will focus on the leadership of Zo Artzeinu, or "This is Our Land," which has spearheaded protests against the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations to expand Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank.

At the same time, opposition leaders in the Knesset have become increasingly vocal in charging that the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is attempting to stifle protest against expanding Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank.

They claim that attempts to stifle dissent include repeated acts of police brutality, an increasingly frequent charge made by settlers during a summer of widespread demonstrations against the government's peace process policy.

"Freedom of expression is a basic right in a democratic regime, but public order is also a value that must be protected," said Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair of the decision to probe Zo Artzeinu.

Police officials said they had cause to investigate the group because it published a pamphlet that detailed instructions on blocking the highways.

The grass-roots settlers group coordinated an Aug. 8 protest in which roads throughout Israel were blocked during the evening rush hour.

The group's leaders will be investigated on conspiracy to commit a crime, encouraging people to prevent police officers from doing their duty and obstructing an investigation.

Opposition leaders are comparing the investigation of Zo Artzeinu to recent government efforts to shut down a right-wing pirate station known as Channel 7.

In both cases, say opposition leaders, the government is doing whatever it can to quell dissent to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Members of the opposition also assert that the government has created a climate in which the Israeli police commit acts of brutality against demonstrators.

The suggestion made recently by a Knesset member that demonstrators may fire back if fired upon by the police has provoked a storm of controversy.

Missionary Group Sets Sights on Chicago's Jewish Community

Part III

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Zev Isaacs is spending \$300,000 to try to convince every Jew in Chicagoland that Jesus is the Messiah.

Isaacs is executive director and founder of United Messianic Jewish Outreach, an evangelical organization based on the view of self-described Messianic Jews, who say that a Jew can believe in Jesus and still be Jewish. It is a belief that contradicts the traditional and mainstream Jewish view that the Messiah has not yet come and that belief in Jesus makes someone a Christian, not a Jew.

The United Messianic Jewish Outreach grew out of Isaacs' newspaper, a semi-monthly called *The Messianic Times*, which he publishes from his former home base in Toronto.

He is in the process of mov-

ing to Chicago to get his new missionary base established and to launch a campaign in September involving billboards, mass mailings and radio, television and newspaper advertising.

His goal is to "save" the more than the quarter of a million Jews in the Chicago area by "reaching thousands of Jewish commuters daily," according to his promotional material.

In a recent fund-raising letter mailed out of his Skokie, Ill., office, he said that he has already converted someone who works in the same office building.

Isaacs' plan is to target 1,000 Jewish families in the Chicago area with intensive evangelizing starting at Rosh Hashanah.

Each family will be mailed a Messianic Jewish New Year card for Rosh Hashanah, a book on Yom Kippur and a cassette of Messianic Jewish music in time

for Sukkot.

Isaacs declined requests for an interview until he "gets settled" in Chicago.

Chicago's Jewish establishment has not yet seen any signs of Isaacs' presence, but is preparing for his arrival.

"We haven't seen any sign yet of his presence in Chicago, and we have a lot of feelers out there," said Paula Harris, associate executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago.

The JCRC is working with all Chicago's mainstream Jewish organizations and school groups "to coordinate our response and have a unified approach," Harris said.

On Aug. 4, the JCRC and two rabbinical organizations mailed out a letter to every Chicago rabbi connected with them, warning them of Isaacs' expected arrival.

The JCRC is also planning to advertise in the area's Russian-language newspapers and radio stations to alert the Russian emigre population, which most Messianic Jewish groups consider particularly receptive to their message, Harris said.

They have also notified Jewish social service agencies about Isaacs' plans, she said.

But at least one anti-missionary activist believes that what the JCRC is doing may not be enough.

Mark Powers, national director of the anti-missionary groups Jews for Judaism, met with JCRC representatives and advised them to carry out preventive education by running seminars about the Messianics at area synagogues and senior citizens homes as well as at places for the Russian population.

"They'd rather wait until he does something," Powers said. "I want to know why we're always playing catch-up."

"These groups are a real threat," said Powers, who is based in Baltimore.

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Holocaust Museum Halts Tickets

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has stopped distributing tickets for the first week of October in preparation for a possible shutdown of the federal government.

If Congress does not pass its budget by Oct. 1, all federal institutions will close to the public and all but essential personnel will be told not to report to work.

President Clinton has vowed to veto many of the spending bills making their way through Congress. It remains unclear whether Congress will actually finish their work before the fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

The museum, which receives about 60 percent of its \$1 million budget from the federal government, would close to the public if the government shuts down. Only security guards would work during a closure.

The remainder of the

museum's budget comes from private contributions.

According to officials at the museum, about 800 tickets have already been distributed for the first week of October.

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fications to restore peace and freedom around the world."

A weeklong series of events and festivities are planned and World War II veterans from more than a dozen countries will be on hand in Israel for the commemoration.

Special tour arrangements, available on a first-come, first-

served basis, are available to veterans and their families wishing to participate in the commemorations. Tours depart the United States on Nov. 5 and include visits to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, as well as to Biblical Judea and Galilee. Full information on Veterans' tours is available from Galaxy Tours, (800) 523-7287.

Hamas Calls for Dialogue

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In what some observers are viewing as yet another attempt at reconciliation, the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement has called for a dialogue with the Palestinian Authority.

"We must immediately start in a comprehensive, serious national dialogue that will be binding to all influential groups in the Palestinian arena," Hamas

said in a statement recently.

The militant organization also called for the release of all Hamas activists from Palestinian prisons, according to the statement.

In the wake of Hamas' repeated suicide attacks against Israelis, Palestinian police have cracked down with increasing severity on the movement, arresting many of its military and political leaders.

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"Jewish Women International has been the catalyst for opening discussion about domestic violence in the Jewish community," said Susan Bruck, Jewish Women International president. "With our Rabbi Kit, we call upon our religious leaders to put aside any reluctance they feel about discussing this sensitive issue and encourage them to confront this problem from the bimah and in their individual work with congregants."

The kit includes sample sermons about family violence from Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform rabbis, discussions of relevant halachah, and talking points for creating a sermon or leading a discussion. Rabbis will also find background materials including guidelines for recognizing abuse and helping survivors. A list of shelters and other resources is provided.

The kit is being released now in preparation for Shabbat Noah, Oct. 27 and 28, which has been designated Domestic Violence Awareness Shabbat by the Leadership Conference of Major Jewish Women's Organizations and Jewish Women International.

The Rabbi Kit is free. To obtain a copy, write: Jewish Women International, Program Division, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20036, or call (202) 857-1300.



Newly Appointed Officers

Alperin Schechter Day School's new officers are, from left, Bari Harlam, assistant treasurer; Gary Licht, administrative vice president; Connie Liss, executive vice president; Kenny Hersh, treasurer; Nathan Beraha, president; Ron Salavon, secretary; Mindy Wachtenheim, assistant secretary; and Deborah Shuster, education vice president.

Dvorah-Dayan Club to Meet

The next meeting of the Dvorah-Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA will be held on Sept. 18 at 7:45 p.m. at Highland Court, 101 Highland Ave., Providence. Five members have just returned from the 34th national biennial convention which was

held in Boston's Park Plaza. These women will discuss highlights of the convention and the future of Na'Amat.

In the last publicity listing which included the officers who were installed in June for the coming year, one of the group's workers was inadvertently omitted — Ceil Krieger. Krieger is vice president for programming along with Fania Gross and Cherlotte Primach.

Members and friends are invited to come to the meeting for an evening of congeniality, information and good cheer. For more information, call Esther Kaplan at 728-6855.

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This Rosh Hashanah will your child think a shofar is someone who drives a limousine? In our increasing effort to increase Jewish awareness of the Holidays and their significance, Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center announces a new educational program for children and adults, "The Model Shofar Factory."

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During the program, visitors will learn about the fine art of shofar making as well as a "hands-on" experience in the creation of a shofar from the actual raw horn of the ram.

Located at the CHAI Center, 115 Centerville Road in Warwick, the Shofar Factory will be open to the public on Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. To guarantee that you receive your

very own shofar, call early to reserve, as supplies are limited.

The admission fee is \$6.50 which includes your own shofar. For those who wish to attend the demonstration, but do not wish to participate in making their own shofar, the admission fee is \$2. Schools and organizations are welcome to attend by appointment only.

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Editor to Speak at Hadassah

Jane Sprague, editor of *The Jewish Voice*, will be the guest speaker at the opening meeting of Pawtucket Hadassah on Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center, Sessions Street, Providence. Sprague will discuss a wide range of issues that are important to Jews.

Sprague's expertise has earned her honors from the Council of Jewish Federations, the American Jewish Press Association, the National Federation of Press Women and the Freedom Foundation.

Pawtucket Hadassah will also be honoring Kayla Flamer that evening for her many years of service to Pawtucket Hadassah. The group wishes her well in her new home in Florida. The members will be able to extend personal wishes to Flamer during coffee hour.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Majestic Senior Guild in Full Swing

After a fun-filled cruise week on the RMV Majestic in May and a fun-filled week at the Pines Hotel at the Catskills in August, the Majestic Senior Guild is close to "sold out" on its day trips for the upcoming months.

The first meeting of the year will be held on Sept. 19 at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue in Cranston. A general discussion of upcoming events will take place. Refreshments will be served.

The October meeting has been pushed ahead one week due to the Jewish holidays, therefore it will be held on Oct. 24. At this meeting a representative of a Florida hotel will speak about va-

cationing in Florida. Refreshments will be served.

On Oct. 19 the Majestic Senior Guild will host "Senior Inntertainment" at Johnson & Wales Inn — Audreys — in Seekonk. There will be a full-course, sit-down chicken luncheon with music, dancing and comedy. Also a cooking demonstration by chef instructors will be held before lunch. Bus transportation included, the cost is \$28 per person. Payment in full is due at the September meeting.

On Nov. 30, there will be a full-course luncheon at the famous Cocke 'n' Kettle restaurant in Uxbridge, Mass., with a trip to the Worcester Common shop-

ping outlets and a coupon book for discounts included. Lunch will be a choice of baked stuffed had-dock or broiled chopped sirloin with mushroom gravy and their famous popovers.

The cost is \$26 per person. This trip will fill up fast, therefore reservations should be made at the September meeting and payment in full is due no later than the October meeting.

Contact Dorothy Dickens at 823-7687 for further information or reservations for any of the above trips.



A Little Help

Teacher Karen Suss works closely with third-grader Peter Newman, who made his own yarmulke at South County Hebrew School recently.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Secretary of State Informs Employers About Jewish Holidays

At the behest of the New England Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League, Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin sent a letter to the 500 largest Massachusetts companies informing them of the upcoming Jewish High Holy Days and urging these corporations to be aware of the religious obligations of their employees.

The letter is co-signed by the chairman of the Massachusetts

Commission Against Discrimination, Michael Duffy, and civil rights counsel for the ADL, Sally Greenberg.

The letter reads, in part: "As you may be aware, both federal and state law require that employers make reasonable efforts to accommodate the religious beliefs of their employees and that the employees not be penalized for exercising those religious beliefs. We trust that

you will make every effort to assure that employees who wish to be absent from work will be able to do so."

The letter was intended to sensitize employers to the religious needs of their employees. Each year there are misunderstandings or overt refusals by employers to accommodate the religious needs of employees.

Celebrate Sukkot in Hillsboro

Though the tomatoes are still ripening in Vermont, Rosh Hashanah will soon be upon us. And very soon after, the fragrance of the etrogim will fill the air... which means that plans are underway for the Conference on Judaism in Rural New England, Inc.'s third annual Sukkot Retreat, Oct. 13 to 15.

This year's retreat will again take place at the Interlocken Center in Hillsboro.

This year's featured teacher will be Professor Bonna Devora Haberman, a Canadian-Israeli feminist Talmudic scholar, theologian and social activist. Founder of the Tsohar Experimental Education Project in Jerusalem and coordinator of Women of the Wall, she is currently a visiting scholar at Brandeis University. Also expected is Rabbi Michael Paley, co-founder of the Conference on Judaism.

A special treat on the evening of Oct. 14 will be a performance by members of the Casco Bay Tumblers, a klezmer band from the Portland, Maine, area.

The retreat will begin with candlelighting and services at 5:45 on Oct. 13, and conclude following lunch on Oct. 15. Participants are welcome to stay and enjoy hiking, kayaking, and

canoeing on the afternoon. The cost of the weekend is \$125 per adult, \$75 for teens, and \$50 for children (including part-time childcare).

The Interlocken Center for Experiential Learning is situated on a 1,000-acre lakeside wilder-

ness preserve near Hillsboro Upper Village in southern New Hampshire, 45 minutes from Concord. All meals will be kosher vegetarian.

For further information, call (802) 229-1411.

Hadassah Nurses to Meet

"Jewish Nurses... and Why They are Hadassah's" is the topic for the opening meeting of the Rhode Island Hadassah Nurses Council to be held Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Deanna R. Pearlmutter, R.N., Ed.D.

Pearlmutter is one of the four American Hadassah nurses who traveled to Sarajevo this past year on a humanitarian, fact-finding mission which resulted in the shipment of more than 30 tons of

medical supplies and equipment to this war-torn city. Hear about her heroic mission and what is currently being done by Hadassah to continue the relief effort. She will also talk about the status of nursing in Israel.

For location information or to R.S.V.P., call 884-0157, 245-0042 or the Hadassah office at 463-3636. The meeting is open to all members, prospective members and friends.

Women's Association of the Jewish Home to Hold Meeting

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home will hold its annual meeting and installation on Sept. 20, in the Bohnen Vestry of Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, at 1 p.m.

Officers to be installed are co-presidents, Muriel Leach and Dorothy Lippman; vice president membership, Sylvia Brown; vice president volunteers, Marcia Gerstein; Treasurer Caroline Gereboff; assistant treasurer, Ceil Katz; financial secretaries Beatrice Feldman, Goldie Greene and Esther Share; mailing secretary, Edith Bernstein, Rose Medrick, Anita Stein, Herta Hoffman, Norma Richmond and Esther Swartz.

Officers will be installed by Barbara Sokoloff, vice chairman of the Jewish Home Corpora-

tion. An update on the activities of the corporation will be given by Ellis Waldman, chairman of the board.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting and all members are urged to attend.

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The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston presents "An Afternoon of Travel: Visiting the Old Country" on Sept. 17 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. The event is free for members, \$3 for non-members, and will be held at Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington St. (Rte. 16), Newton, Mass.

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Congregational leaders must be managers, Jewish role models, and knowledgeable citizens as well as diplomats, negotiators, and pundits. According to Alan Ades, international president of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the 1995 biennial convention, on Nov. 2 through 6 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, has been designed with this in mind.

In lectures, workshops, seminars, and hands-on demonstrations, participants will explore synagogue management, world affairs and social action.

In addition, they will learn more about — and have an opportunity to practice — Jewish skills in a supportive environment.

Yossi Beilin, deputy foreign minister of the State of Israel, will speak on major developments in the ongoing Israeli peace process, followed by three forums on issues crucial to the well-being of the Jewish state. The first, "Interfaith Relations in Jerusalem," will feature a panel of Jewish, Chris-

tian and Moslem representatives, including Rabbi David Golinkin, Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner, and Dr. Mhmd Ayoub. The second, "Israel — Diaspora Relations," will be conducted by Israeli Ambassador Colette Avital and Barry Shrage, president of Boston's Combined Jewish Philanthropies. A third forum, "The Current Political Situation in Israel," will be led by Ambassador Dennis Ross, special Middle East coordinator, U.S. State Department.

In order to equip congregational leaders with the skills they need to effectively run a synagogue, the convention will offer more than 30 seminars tackling diverse areas of synagogue life, from membership retention to fund-raising to insurance concerns. Each seminar will be led by trained presenters.

A major thrust of the convention will be to heighten members' spiritual awareness. Both Nov. 3 in the evening and Nov. 4 will be marked by traditional Shabbat observance, with delegates free to choose from among four types of Shabbat services, including both learn-

ers and havurah services.

In addition, following a formal launch of the Jewish Living Now campaign, workshops on Jewish religious topics will be conducted by noted Conservative Jewish leaders, including Ron Wolfson, Bradley Shavit Artson, Danny Siegel, Avis Miller, Alan Silverstein, Ron Isaacs, and Jack Moline.

For the first time, the convention will be preceded by a day of "Pre-Convention Conferences," including sessions for congregational presidents as well as a seminar on bio-medical ethics, led by Rabbis Elliot Dorff and Eliezer Diamond.

In addition, delegates are invited to join the Women's League for Conservative Judaism World Affairs Conference. On the evening of Nov. 2, the United Synagogue will make a special award presentation to comedian Howie Mandel.

For further information or to register, contact The United Synagogue Convention Department, (212) 533-7800, ext. 2611/fax (212) 353-9439.



Cantor Melanie Fine

Conservative Jewish Groups to Memorialize Slain Educator

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, together with the Jewish Educators Assembly, the Solomon Schechter Day School Association, and the Solomon Schechter Day School Principals Council, will establish a memorial to Joan Davenny, the Conservative Jewish educator killed recently during a terrorist attack in Israel.

A teacher at Ezra Academy, a Solomon Schechter Day School in Woodbridge, Conn., Davenny devoted many years to teaching Jewish youth about Judaism, and about Israel in particular.

While serving as a language arts and social studies teacher, she remained committed to the State of Israel and to the importance of encouraging her students to visit that country.

According to Dr. Robert Abramson, director of the USCJ education department, Davenny played a leading role in developing the eighth-grade Israel trip, which has served as a model for Schechter-Ramah school trips to Israel.

Speaking of plans to establish a suitable memorial, Alan Tichnor, past president of The

United Synagogue and coordinator of USCJ efforts to build an education center and residence hall in Jerusalem, stated that "it is particularly fitting that we pay tribute to this admirable woman by memorializing her name within our new building."

The Conservative leader announced that a section of the center library will bear Joan Davenny's name and will include educational materials for teachers and young people using the center's facilities.

Temple Emanu-El Welcomes Cantor Fine for High Holidays

Temple Emanu-El will welcome Cantor Melanie Fine as the guest cantor for the High Holiday Services in the Meeting House.

Fine is a fourth-year cantorial student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and is a student of Cantor Brian Mayer. For the past few years, she has served congregations in Pomona, N.Y., and Indianapolis,

as well as serving on the educational staff at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York.

Before entering the seminary, she earned a bachelor of art degree in chemistry and biology at Cornell University.

Fine's chanting of the liturgy favors the traditional cantorial style. She will work with Rabbi Yaakov Rosenberg.

Temple Habonim Introduces Us to the Rothschilds

On Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Renaissance Group of Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington, will present "The House of Rothschild," a film about money, politics and discrimination, starring George Arliss and a distinguished cast.

Mike Fink, professor of film

studies at Rhode Island School of Design, will discuss the film and its historic context.

This is the story of a family that remembered its Jewish roots and was successful and is successfully portrayed in this film.

Agudath Israel National Convention to be Held Nov. 23

On the afternoon of Nov. 23, in the main ballroom of the Parsippany Hilton, Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah (Council of Torah Sages) member Rabbi Avrohom Pam, Rosh HaYeshiva, Mesivta Torah Vodaath, will set the tone for a four-day conclave of Orthodox Jews from across the country: the 73rd National Convention of Agudath Israel of America.

This year, in deference to the import of the convention theme, "The Jewish Family, The Family of Jews: Seeking Stability in Turbulent Times," a new format will be in place for the afternoon component of the Agudath Israel convention.

Instead of several concurrent sessions, a plenary session focusing on the first part of the theme will be held then. Pam will address the Jewish imperative of creating an atmosphere of devotion and sensitivity

within the family.

Following the rabbi's address, there will be two concurrent symposia on various aspects of the theme; one for men, the other for women.

That evening, after the opening of the night plenary session, Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah member Rabbi Yaakov Perlow, the Novominsker rebbe, will address the theme, highlighting its second element, "The Family of Jews." Also scheduled to speak that evening are Rabbi Yissocher Frand and Rabbi Yisroel Miller.

The convention crowd will hear Rabbi Elya Svei, Rosh HaYeshiva, Yeshiva of Philadelphia and member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah, at the Saturday night keynote session.

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by Dr. Gary Prescott

Twenty or more years ago braces were the bane of many a teen-ager's existence. Today, most kids consider braces a boon. Kids today think braces are cool and most kids ask for them even when they may not need them at the time.

Why has there been a change in attitude? For one thing, it's not unusual for a child to have several peers with braces.

In the past, the average age for orthodontic treatment was 13 or 14. Now many kids wear removable braces at the age of 6 or 7 and fixed braces (braces that stay on the teeth) begin as early as 8 or 9. By treating children's orthodontic problems earlier, we can work with the growth spurt and lessen the duration, severity and cost of later orthodontic treatment.

Braces are also more comfortable than they used to be. The cumbersome stainless-steel braces that orthodontists wrapped around and cemented to the teeth have been replaced by tiny brackets that are bonded directly to the outside of the teeth.

While they are still available in metal, braces come in clear or tooth-colored ceramic or plastic as well.

Also new are colored braces, ligatures and elastics which even self-conscious kids seem to love.

Kids sometimes change bands for each holiday.

Your children's dentist may suggest referring you to an orthodontist if necessary. You should schedule a visit if your child's dentist or you notice any of the following:

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- Crowding, overlapping or protruding teeth
- Teeth that meet in an abnormal manner — or don't meet at all — when the mouth is closed
- Problems biting or chewing
- Speech problems
- Breathing through the mouth
- Strenuous finger, thumb, or pacifier sucking after age 5
- Jaws that shift, click or pop

Though not all malocclusions cause serious problems, many do. Crooked or crowded teeth are difficult to clean and are likely candidates for tooth decay and gum disease.

Besides the physical problems, kids may develop emotional problems. They may suffer lower self-esteem because they're ashamed to smile or simply open their mouths.

Dr. Gary Prescott is a practicing orthodontist at 189 Governor St. in Providence.

Hasbro Children's Hospital to Host Program to Help Siblings

When a youngster has a serious medical problem, it affects the whole family, including other brothers and sisters. Siblings can feel confused, worried, isolated, jealous, abandoned or many other emotions.

But a program at Hasbro Children's Hospital addresses the special needs of brothers and sisters of ill or disabled young people, helping them cope with the unfamiliar feelings and situations surrounding the illness of a sibling.

To preview the program for interested families, the hospital will hold an open house from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 18. Families will be welcome regardless of whether children are patients at Hasbro Children's Hospital or its affiliated phys-

cians or clinics. The actual program, an eight-week series of weekly workshop sessions, begins Oct. 2.

The program is offered by the Rhode Island Hospital division of child and family psychiatry, and headed by Debra J. Lobato, Ph.D.

Named "Brothers, Sisters, and Special Needs," the program is designed to allow siblings to meet with others of the same age to share positive and negative experiences associated with a brother's or sister's care, to promote understanding and eliminate fears and misconceptions about the illness or disability of a brother or sister, to promote parents' understanding of siblings' needs, and to improve a sibling's adaptation to stressful experiences with family and peers.

More information on the open house and on the program is available from the division of child and family psychiatry at 444-3842.

Hope Center Announces Fall Program

On Sept. 28, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. the HOPE Center for Life Enhancement will present its first education program of the 1995 fall series. Susan Fox, M.A.E., C.H.C., holistic counselor, artist and author will present an experiential workshop, "Introduction to Imagemaking: Expressing the Cancer Experience."

The focus of the workshop will be on releasing emotions around healing and integrating the cancer experience by creating images with two- and three-dimensional art materials and visualization. No prior art experience is necessary.

The presentation will be held at the HOPE Center, 297 Wickenden St., Providence. The fee is \$10 for nonmembers and \$5 for members of HOPE. Advance registration is required. For further information, call HOPE at 454-0404.

Red Cross to Offer CPR Course

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a Red Cross Community CPR course on Sept. 18 and 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. at St. Martin's Church, 50 Orchard St., Providence.

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

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

Cost for the course is \$40. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Rhode Island Red Cross at 831-7700.

Food Store to Help Women's Center

The Women's Center of Rhode Island has been selected as Bread and Circus' quarterly "Five Percent Day" recipient and will receive five percent of the store's net sales on Sept. 21.

All Bread and Circus customers will help support the Women's Center of Rhode Island simply by shopping at the store on that day

from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bread and Circus is located at 261 Waterman St. on the East Side.

The Women's Center of Rhode Island provides shelter and support for battered women and their children, and operates a 24-hour hotline at 861-2760. In its last full year of service, the Women's Center sheltered 386 guests, including 219 children, of whom 133 were under the age of 5. The center offers counseling, support groups, advocacy, and follow-up related to housing, education and employment.

Searching for Inner Peace

The Inner Peace Movement, a non-profit educational program, based in Washington, D.C., is sponsoring a free presentation the week of Sept. 18 at the Day's Hotel in Providence. These lectures are designed to help show people how anyone can use their four psychic gifts to bring direction and balance to their lives.

Included in the free programs, held at the Day's Hotel on Gano Street on Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m., will be brief individual intuitive impressions.



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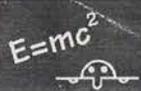
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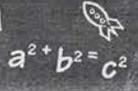
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Four Lincoln School teachers have been selected as senior teaching fellows for the next two academic years by the Association of Independent Schools in New England. One of the teachers, Sherry Hepp of Providence, is Jewish.

The AISNE Teaching Fellows Program is a newly funded project by the Edward E. Ford Foundation to establish a "mutual mentoring" program for senior teachers. These four women have been chosen as outstanding examples of successful senior teachers and are a part of a group of 60 teachers with 15 or more years of experience selected from AISNE member schools.

They will meet and work to-

gether over the next two years to consider the needs and contributions of the senior teacher and to celebrate and enhance their own skills and achievements. In addition, they will attend an overnight retreat, and participate in workshops throughout the first year. In the second year, they will be joined by 120 others for a year of "mutual mentoring" to assist in revitalizing and rewarding the senior teachers.

Lincoln School is located on the East Side and is the state's only all girls independent school. For more information about this program, contact Lincoln School at 331-9696.

Funny Punch

On Sept. 17 at 2 p.m., Victorian puppeteer Mark Kohler will delight both children and adults with an authentic Punch and Judy puppet show using his old-time puppet stage and hand-made puppets at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Diane Wellins Moul or Sarah Zacks at 331-9097.

CAJE Installs New Officers

At the 20th conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, chairperson Carol O. Starin installed four new officers and welcomed two members-at-large to the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education Board.

The new officers are Audrey Levine of San Diego, Calif., treasurer; Gordon Fuller of Dallas, Texas, development chairman; Kenny Ellis of Sherman Oaks, Calif., membership chairman; and Iris Petroff of Liverpool, N.Y., program chairwoman. The board members-at-large installed were Julie Auerbach of Cleveland, Ohio, and Ben Zion Kogen of Los Angeles, Calif. These six educators will provide leadership to the CAJE for the coming two years.

The new officers reflect the diversity of professional and ideological orientations of the CAJE membership. For more information about CAJE, contact the national office at 261 W. 35th St., New York, NY 10001.

Brown Lecture Rescheduled

Gwen Ifill, the national correspondent for NBC News who was scheduled to speak about "Television and Politics" at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 8, in the Salomon Center, Brown University, has canceled. She has been assigned to cover the annual convention of the Christian Coalition this weekend in Washington, D.C.

Ifill has rescheduled her visit to Brown. She will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, in the Salomon Center, Room 101. The event is part of the John Hazen White Sr. Lecture Series. The lecture is free and open to the public.

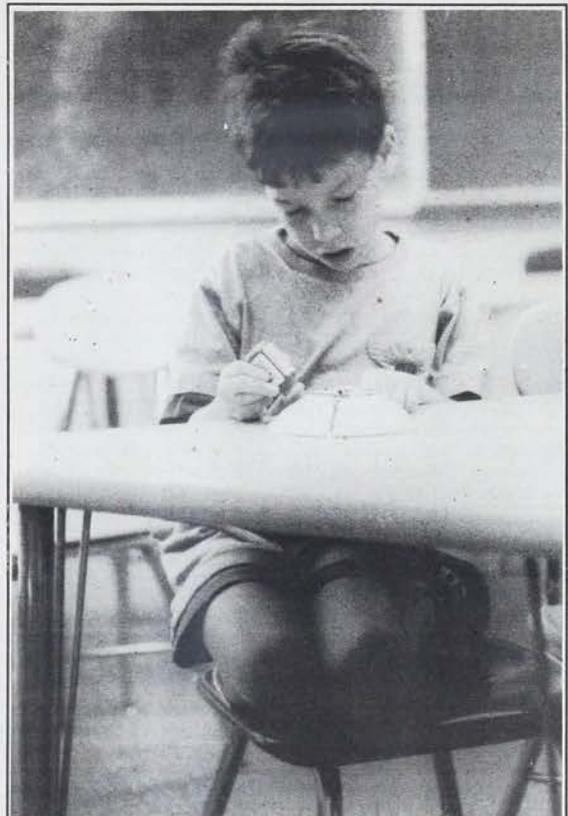
JCCRI Offers Youth Programs

The youth department at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence, offers children and teen-agers a variety of programs, clubs and events every month.

This weekend a Saturday Night Special will be held for ages 12 to 18 and parents. It will take place Sept. 16 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and will include pool games, ping pong, music, gym and food. It is free to all.

A movie night for ages 9 to 12 and their parents will be also held the same evening. Snacks will be served.

For more information on upcoming trips, concerts and special events, call Dana Zucker at 861-8800.



A Steady Hand

Second-grader Spencer Rittner puts the finishing touches on the yarmulke he made at South County Hebrew School's open house on Sept. 10.

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Story Time

Jason Teitelbaum of Alperin Schechter Day School presents a book which he wrote himself on "I am an Author Day."

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ents an overview of the kindergarten program, complete with "Show and Tell." Big books and journals, Hebrew language and Parshat HaShavuah, math manipulatives and graphs, water table and measuring tools, puzzles and puppets—all are part of an exciting and challenging curriculum.

New parents were welcomed to the Schechter family with a reception which highlighted the special events which mark the school year at ASDS: Zimriyah, the all-school songfest; Taste of Schechter, an Open School Day for parents; Siddur Ceremony, Humash Ceremony and Shabbat celebrations; Grandparents and Special Visitors Day and a host of other formal and informal get-togethers.

According to Stein, "This year the Schechter school welcomed a record number of new families, some from as close as Taft Avenue, others from more distant communities, such as Foster, Cumberland and South Dartmouth. Families have come from great distances: New York, Maine and Georgia, Canada, Israel and the former Soviet Union."

"You have chosen this school for many reasons," said Rubel to the group of parents. "You were looking for excellence in academics, but more than that, you were looking for an environment which teaches, supports and encourages Judaism. At Schechter, students receive an integrated education, and that is one of the important ways in which this school is special."

Parents, Students Mark Start of New School Year at ASDS

The new school year at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School began on an upbeat note. Enrollment is at an all-time high, and students streamed through the doors, smiling and eager, on the first day of school.

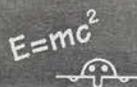
Kindergarten students had been welcomed the day before, at a special orientation which introduced them to their teachers, Fraidel Segal and Nancy O'Hare, to their classroom (cubbies, learning centers and, of course, the bathrooms), and to their classmates.

Old friends were delighted to re-discover themselves at the same school; many new friendships were developed. Kindergartners had time to enjoy the playground before they received ASDS balloons and raisins for a "sweet school year."

Kindergarten parents received their orientation in an evening program. After a welcome by Admissions Director Penney Stein, School Director Myrna Rubel reminisced with parents about kindergarten memories, and shared the hopes of all the school staff that the children will carry wonderful memories of their school experience throughout their lives.

School psychologist Dr. Marjorie Fraidin discussed a variety of issues related to beginning school. Friendly and reassuring, Fraidin, herself the mother of a kindergarten student, talked about the highs and lows of the kindergarten experience.

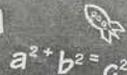
O'Hare and Segal gave par-



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High Holiday Season Comes to Providence Hebrew Day School

Providence Hebrew Day School students have been busily preparing for the High Holiday season in recent weeks. Both joy and solemnity prevailed throughout the school as students drew, painted, dramatized and constructed the various symbols of the season, chanted the prayers and studied the texts.

The students experienced the emotions of the season as they learned an extensive variety of music and song created by cantors and rabbis throughout Jew-

ish history.

Through the study of the Machzor — the High Holiday prayer book — the students learned to understand that G-d has a standard of moral behavior and that each of us is held to that standard. This level of morality concerns man's relations to fellowman as well as mitzvot that relate to man's behavior toward G-d. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur all mankind is judged as to their compliance with that standard.

The children traversed the pages of Jewish history, its joys and sorrows, as represented in the Machzor. They learned to understand the contributions of prophets and psalmists, sages and talmudists to the development of this unique holiday prayer book.

As they heard and practiced the blowing of the shofar, they gained an understanding of the role of the shofar in awakening the people to reflect on their deeds and to resolve to do tshuva, to make amends and to change behavior.

CAJE Plans Conference in Israel as Part of Jerusalem 3000

When Jewish educators recite "Leshana haba'ah be Yrushalayim" at the end of the Yom Kippur service this year, many will be hoping to fulfill the formulation by attending the 21st Conference on Alternatives in Jewish education to be held in Jerusalem next summer in conjunction with the Jerusalem 3000 celebration.

The conference, slated for the Mount Scopus Campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem from Aug. 4 to 9 will be an international gathering of Jewish teachers from North America, Is-

rael and Europe.

The theme of the conference will be "Yerushalayim shel matah, Yerushalayim shel ma'alah," "Jerusalem in Our World and in the World to Come." Two days of workshops will focus exclusively on aspects of the earthly and spiritual Jerusalem — its politics, economics, geography, languages and peace process, as well as its place in prayer, poetry, the arts, and Zionism.

There will also be two days of havayot, theme-centered trips around Israel to explore various

issues and institutions. The conference will climax in Jerusalem with a one-day kallah, an encounter with outstanding Israeli thinkers in literature, art, politics and religion, who will teach in their areas of expertise.

The conference is expected to attract an international group of Jewish educators, including approximately 1,000 from North America.

An international mazkirut is already immersed in planning the details of the conference, and applications have been mailed to all CAJE members. The deadline for early-bird reservations is Oct. 31. For further information on the conference, contact the CAJE office at 261 W. 35th St., Floor 12A, New York, N.Y. 10001.

'I Don't Understand Women' to Play at UMass Dartmouth

Billed as a show for "studs, wimps, jerks, hunks, boyfriends, macho men, bachelors, brothers, dudes, husbands, dorks, bullies, loverboys, nerds, heartbreakers — and women," Norman Nawrocki will present "I Don't Understand Women" on Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Sponsored by the division of student services, Nawrocki's one-man show will be the main feature of UMass Dartmouth's "Violence Awareness Week," being held Sept. 18 to 21. Nawrocki offers a fresh look at the war between the sexes in this whirlwind

ramp through "the minefield of male-female relationships."

Also included during Violence Awareness Week will be a skit about date rape put on by UMass Dartmouth students on Sept. 18, in which the audience acts as the jury in a mock trial. On Sept. 20, at noon, there will be a talk by Jennifer Wong, director of the Women's Center of New Bedford, entitled "Looking at Violence Against Women in 1995: Victims or Survivors?"

Admission to all Violence Awareness Week events is free. For more information, call (508) 999-8168.

Tap Into Alternative Courses

The Alternative Program, featuring noncredit courses designed for fun, fitness and self-development, begins Oct. 2 at Bryant College.

Health and Wellness topics include: self-defense for men and women; ballroom dancing made easy; swing dancing, standard first aid (American Red Cross); adult CPR (American Red Cross); community CPR (American Red Cross); Freshstart — smoking cessa-



A Colorful Kippah

Sam Pittle, a second-grader at South County Hebrew School, shows off the yarmulke he made at open house on Sept. 10.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

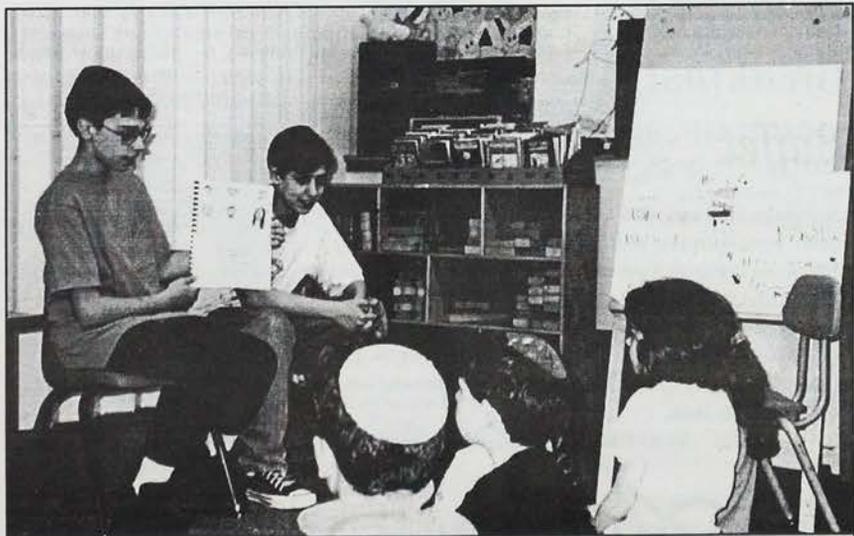
ASDS Students to Make Shofars

Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 at the Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island will participate in a workshop in which they will each make a shofar, the traditional ram's horn blown on Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year.

The workshop will be held on Sept. 14 from 9:30 to 10:30

a.m. It will take place in the foyer of the Goldberg Center at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

This workshop is being led by Rabbi Levy of the Chai Center, Warwick, and is part of a series of special events in the school marking the beginning of the Jewish New Year.



Once Upon A Time...

David Greenberg and Sam Stein, middle school students at Alperin Schechter Day School, regale the kindergarten with the children's story which they wrote.



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Anyone wishing to submit small items like ticket stubs or program books for the capsule is encouraged to call the theatre or bring them to the dedication. Items which will be buried in the capsule for 50 years, will be on display to the public prior to the official dedication. Call 421-2997 for more information.

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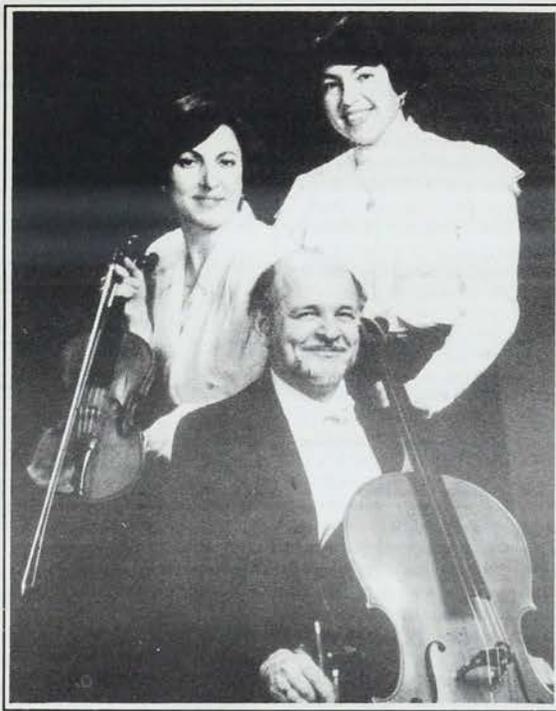
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TALENTED TRIO — The Solati Trio will perform at Temple Emanu-El on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Solati Trio to Play at Emanu-El

On Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m., Kulanu of Temple Emanu-El, will be having a membership event. There will be a special concert featuring

The Solati Trio. Ludmilla Lifson, a pianist, Sophia Herman, a violinist and Hrant Tatian, a violoncellist, will perform.

The Solati Trio was formed in 1984. In 1985 they were awarded the first prize in the Shoreline Alliance New England Chamber Music Competition. The judges "...were unanimous in their praise for the caliber of performance and the excellent musicality of the trio." They have appeared throughout the United States and Europe on tour and will be performing at the Kennedy Center as part of their 25th anniversary celebration.

This concert is being sponsored by Dr. Joseph and Ceil Katz with Ruth Goldstein. Kulanu membership is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple.

PPAC Promises Spectacular Series

Subscriptions for the 1995/1996 City Children's Series of four presentations will be on sale at 10 a.m. Aug. 28 at the Providence Performing Arts Center box office. The series includes performances of Festival Ballet's "Nutcracker" on Dec. 16; Sharon, Lois & Bram on Feb. 10; "The Parade of Dynasties" on April 6; and "Pippi Longstocking" on May 18.

Subscription prices range from \$30.50 to \$64.50 for Golden Circle seating.

On Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. "The Nutcracker" will transport audience members to a wonderland where children's holiday dreams come alive. The music was by Tchaikovsky.

Sharon, Lois & Bram, stars of Nickelodeon's "The Elephant Show," entertain on Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. This trio from Canada is celebrating their 17th year of singing together with a new show, "Songs For Round The Campfire." Families will sing along, clap along, and play hand games to many songs including "Skiinamarink."

The only production of Chinese performance art to come from the People's Republic of China, "The Parade of Dynasties," continues the series on April 6 at 3 p.m. Musicians and dancers of the Beijing Song and Dance Ensemble will share the stage with some of the best acrobats from the Orient in this production.

The series concludes with American Family Theatre's production of "Pippi Longstocking" on May 18 at 3 p.m. Based on the classic story by Swedish author, Astrid Lindgren, this show turns the spotlight on a girl who lives in a house with no rules, a pile of gold, and pets including horses and monkeys.

Savings on select special presentations are a side-benefit of subscribing to the Children's Series. Children 12 and under receive \$10 off per ticket for "The World's Greatest Magic" on Jan. 11 at 5 and 8 p.m.; "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on Jan. 20 at 2 p.m.; and "Cats," on March 16 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for these shows are available in selected locations, subject to availability.

The 1995/1996 City Children's Series is sponsored by the city of Providence, and NYNEX, with support from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, and in cooperation with Your Fox 64, WNAC-TV.

Call 421-ARTS to order subscriptions and tickets for special presentations for subscribers. Mastercard, Visa, and American Express are accepted. Summer box office hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; regular box office hours of Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. resume Sept. 5.

RISD Museum Returns to Regular Hours

The Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design returned to its regular hours of operation on Sept. 5.

The museum will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; on Sunday and select holidays, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Author to Speak at Bookstore

On Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Gwynn McDougal, Pawtucket author of the acclaimed "The Last Camilles" (nominated for the National Book Award), will speak at Books on the Square about her experiences as a survivor of tuberculosis and of her years in a sanatorium.

She will sign copies of her book which documents her difficult experiences. The event is free and open to the public. Books on the Square is located at 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence. For more information, call 331-9097.



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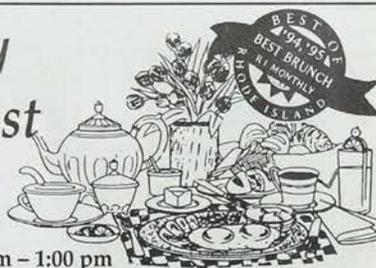
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'Phantom Phriday' at PPAC

On Sept. 15, Phantom Phriday, a free souvenir T-shirt will be offered to the first 50 ticket buyers to the "Phantom of the Opera" and box office hours will be extended at the Providence Performing Arts Center from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Call 421-ARTS for more information.

Presented by Cameron Mackintosh and The Really Useful Theatre Company, Inc., "The Phantom of the Opera" will be at PPAC from Oct. 12 to Nov. 12.

Based on the classic novel *The Phantom of the Opera* by Gaston Leroux, the musical tells the story of the hideously deformed Phantom who lurks beneath the stage of the Paris Opera, exer-

cising a reign of terror over all its occupants. He falls instantly in love with the young soprano, Christine, devoting himself to creating a new star for the opera by nurturing her extraordinary talents and employing all the skills at his disposal.

"The Phantom of the Opera" will play Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket Prices are \$16, \$36, \$46 and \$56 for weekday evening, Sunday evening and matinee performances. Ticket prices for Friday and Saturday evening performances are \$21, \$41, \$51 and \$61.

Native American Lecture Offered

Native American handiwork will be the focus of a lecture on Sept. 17 hosted by the Museum of Natural History at Roger Williams Park. Sarah Peabody Turnbaugh, of the Museum of Primitive Art and Culture, will discuss "The Natural History of Native American Baskets."

Turnbaugh will give an overview of a variety of baskets from different culture areas in North America. She will also discuss the natural materials, techniques, and traditions involved in Native American basketry.

A slide presentation will accompany the lecture, which will begin at 2 p.m. and will last about an hour. Museum admission is \$2.

Perishable Begins Fall Classes

Fall classes at Perishable Theatre begin Sept. 18 with the most popular classes (all levels of acting for adults and teens, including On-Camera Acting) and new classes taught by Pat Hegnauer, one of Rhode Island's most popular teachers.

Trinity Repertory Company member Dan Welch returns to teach Intro to Acting at Perishable, hot off appearances in "The Miser" and "Measure for Measure" and as Marley in "A Christmas Carol." Classes for teens continue under the direction of Kevin Oakes, one of the most prolific writers and directors in Rhode Island children's theatre.

Interested students should call 331-2695 for a brochure.

'Othello' Comes to the Orpheum

The renowned Shakespeare & Company unleashes the passion of "Othello" at the Orpheum Theatre in Foxborough beginning Sept. 21 and running through Oct. 1.

One of Shakespeare's most devastating tragedies, "Othello" is a story of power, love and a jealousy more deadly and bloody than war. Set against a backdrop of war, "Othello" tells the tale of a black general and his white wife who succeed

against Venetian racism, but are destroyed by the vengeful acts of Iago, Shakespeare's most notorious villain.

The performance schedule is Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$20. Tickets for seniors and students with identification are priced at \$17.

To purchase tickets or for further information, call (508) 543-ARTS or (800) 810-ARTS.

CCRI Announces Fall Exhibits

The Community College of Rhode Island's art department is hosting a series of exhibitions during the fall 1995 semester in the Knight Campus Art Gallery on the college's Warwick campus.

CCRI professor of art Frederick Robertson will display his watercolor paintings — a treasure of wit, perception, sensitivity and surprise — from Oct. 10 through 28. The opening is set for Oct. 12, 7 to 9 p.m.

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Cycle Art

Bill Martin, "Aquaticycle" 1995, is one of the works on exhibit in the annual faculty show at Rhode Island College's Bannister Gallery through Sept. 23. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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Mirante to Receive Award From Israel Cancer Research Fund

Oct. 23 Luncheon Planned

Arthur J. Mirante II, president and CEO of Cushman & Wakefield, Inc., will receive the 1995 Humanitarian Award from the Israel Cancer Research Fund/ICRF at the annual ICRF Real Estate Luncheon on Oct. 23 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

Dr. Frank Field, senior health and science editor, WCBS-TV, and a good friend to ICRF, will host the luncheon as master of ceremonies.

Mirante, who is an active volunteer in a broad spectrum of community organizations including the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, is dedicating the afternoon to the

memory of an outstanding young real estate professional and family friend, Peter Ellenoff, who recently lost his fight with cancer.

Since Ellenoff was an avid Yankee fan, Mel Allen, "the voice of The New York Yankees," and New York Yankee Joe Pepitone, will make a special appearance to honor Ellenoff's courageous spirit.

All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit cancer research sponsored by ICRF in honor of Arthur J. Mirante II and in memory of Peter Ellenoff.

The Israel Cancer Research Fund is the single largest source of private funds for cancer research in Israel.

For information about the luncheon and ICRF, call (212) 969-9800.



Adam Ross Bergen

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bergen of Cherry Hill, N.J., announce the birth of their son, Adam Ross Bergen, on Aug. 24. Adam's mother is the former Susan Roiff of Cranston.

Also welcoming Adam are his brothers Max, 10 years old, and Alexander, 18 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Leah and Robert Roiff of Cranston. Paternal grandparents are Audrey and Bert Bergen of Cranbury, N.J. Adam's great-grandparents are the late Morton and Rae Young, and the late Sam and Freida Roiff, both of Providence.

Adam Ross is named in loving memory of Anna Beryngsky and Rae Young.



Adam Ross Bergen

Alexis Potemkin Graduates

Alexis Karklin Potemkin has graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. with a B.A. in history.

She is the daughter of Joyce Karklin and Stephan Potemkin of Columbia, Md. She is the granddaughter of Sophia Gantz and Joseph Potemkin of Cranston, and the late Gertrude Latt and Morris Karklin of Providence.

Potemkin will be living in Boston, where she will study speech pathology.



Alexis Karklin Potemkin

RISD Comes Out on Top Again

The Rhode Island School of Design was rated again this year as the best visual art and design school in the nation in U.S. News & World Report's ninth annual college ranking.

RISD held its categorical standing from last year as the second best school of arts, thus making the institution the top visual art school on the list. Juilliard School in New York, known for the performing arts, ranked number one among specialty schools.

The magazine surveyed more than 2,700 college presidents, deans, and admission directors and asked each to rate all the schools in the same category as their own institutions. The resulting reputational findings were then combined with educational data that had been supplied by the colleges themselves. Data included statistics that measured student selectivity, faculty and financial resources, graduation rate, and alumni satisfaction.

Lourie Promoted by Foundation

Arnold J. Cohen, president of the Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation, has announced the appointment of Pearl W. Lourie as associate executive director of the Cohen Foundation Camps.

For the past 60 years the Cohen Foundation camps, which include Pembroke, Tel Noar and Tevya, have enriched the lives of generations of Jewish children from New England and beyond.

Lourie, currently the direc-

tor of Camp Pembroke, has been with the foundation for 11 years. Cohen said, "Pearl's relationship with the Cohen Foundation goes back to the early 1970s where she started her career in camping as a counselor at Camp Tevya."

Lourie continued to be active in the Jewish educational community during the 1970s and 1980s. During this time she was a reading specialist at a private school in Boston and taught Hebrew School at several temples in the Metrowest area.

In 1982, Lourie was appointed principal of Temple Shir Tikvah Hebrew School in Wayland, Mass. During the summers of 1987 and 1988 she returned to the Cohen Foundation Camps as head of culture at Camp Tel Noar.

In 1989 Lourie assumed the directorship of Camp Pembroke. "Since assuming this role Camp Pembroke has steadily regained its historic popularity as an all girls Jewish cultural camp. Her enthusiasm and attention to detail has made this camp one of the most attractive options for parents that are looking for a positive camping experience for their daughters," stated Cohen.

She will continue her role as director of Camp Pembroke through the 1997 camping season. The foundation looks forward to a strong partnership between George H. Marcus, executive director of the Cohen Foundation Camps, who is completing 43 years of service, and Lourie.

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Isenberg to Marry Perler

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Perler of Cranston have announced the engagement of their son, Gary Perler, to Loren Isenberg of Boston.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Isenberg, of Rockville Center, N.Y.

Perler's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perler of Warwick. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Berger of Florida

and the late Lillian Berger.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Suffolk University Law School (cum laude). She is employed by the Houghton Mifflin Co. legal department.

Her fiancé graduated Bucknell University and Suffolk University Law School (cum laude). He is an associate at Taylor, Ganson and Perrin of Boston.

A wedding is planned for September 1996.

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A beautiful and colorful mosaic floor from the late Roman period (third to fourth century C.E.), depicting human and animal figures, has been uncovered during this season's excavations at Sepphoris in the Galilee.

The excavations were conducted by the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology under the direction of Dr. Zeev Weiss.

The mosaic floor, discovered beneath the foundations of a Byzantine church, was a central feature of a residential house situated along the city's colonnaded main street, or *cardo*. The 6-meter by 8-meter mosaic comprises four-colored panels arranged in the shape of a T, in accordance with the traditional layout of the triclinium, or Roman dining room.

The central and most significant panel depicts Orpheus, the divine musician, seated on a rock and playing a stringed instrument. His music pacifies the wild animals and birds around him, among them a peacock, eagle, lion, wild boar and panther.

The other three panels depict scenes from everyday life. The center panel of the three shows a group of people seated on a

semi-circular couch at a round table, with a plate of food on it. Two other figures are shown pouring and serving wine. The remaining two panels show two figures stretching out their hands to each other, and two people holding a stone board on their laps, possibly playing dice.

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According to Weiss, the mosaic floor is highly significant since it provides a chronological link between Roman and Byzantine mosaics uncovered at Sepphoris during previous excavations. Mosaics from the earlier Roman period (second century C.E.) include the magnificent Dionysian scenes discovered by university archaeologists and other mosaics uncovered by American archaeologists.

The Byzantine (fifth to sixth centuries C.E.) mosaics include

a depiction of the "Nile Day" festival and a synagogue floor. The series of mosaics affirm that Sepphoris, like other cities in the eastern part of the Roman empire, was a long time center of mosaic industry.

While excavations of the house with the Orpheus mosaic are not yet completed, it is certain that one of the city's wealthiest residents, possibly a Jew, lived in it. In Weiss' opinion, the house provides further evidence that private houses were built alongside public and important buildings in the center of Sepphoris, a phenomenon that is rare among other cities in Roman Israel.

Sepphoris, known also in ancient times by its Roman name of Diocaesares, is located west of Nazareth and was at one time an important Jewish, Roman and early Christian city. It was the home of the Sanhedrin, the central body of Jewish legal and spiritual life during the Roman period.

The Hebrew University excavations at Sepphoris were financed by the Israel Government Tourist Corp., with assistance from the National Parks Authority, the Jewish National Fund, the Galilee Foundation and the Israel Exploration Society.



DIVINE POET Orpheus plays music to pacify the wild animals and birds around him. Part of a mosaic floor found at Sepphoris in the Galilee during this season's excavations by the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology.

The Chance to Excel: Ethiopian Students Study in Israel's Top Schools

On a beautiful summer day Pnina and Yahaloma splashed away in the pool of the Carmit boarding school, tucked away in the hills of the Jerusalem forest. They were among the participants at a day of fun to celebrate the completion of their first year at their new schools.

And not just any school: Pnina and Yahaloma, whose names mean "Pearl" and "Diamond"

respectively, each study at one of Israel's top-notch boarding schools. That they are gifted children makes them special, that

A number of gifted Ethiopian children in grades nine through 12 were identified, and seventy-seven were admitted to Israel's top academic boarding schools in the first year. The program proved so successful that it was expanded to 120 students in the current year.

they are immigrants from Ethiopia makes them truly unique.

Year after year the Association for the Advancement of Edu-

cation had asked the country's school administrators for the names of gifted children who would benefit from an art education at the top academic schools. When no Ethiopians were ever recommended, the association decided to look into the matter.

The association is dedicated to providing talented children from the country's weaker socio-economic sectors with a higher level of education than

would otherwise be available to them. The association locates such children and subsidizes the studies of those who are accepted.

When asked why no Ethiopians were being suggested, school administrators gave the same reply: "No Ethiopian students in our school could pass the entrance exams."

Deciding that this could not possibly be so, the association initiated a program, developed and funded by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Absorption Ministry, to send representatives to schools in outlying areas to identify gifted Ethiopian children. The program provides scholarships for tuition and extras such as books, school supplies and pocket money.

The results were encouraging: a number of gifted Ethiopian children in grades nine through 12 were identified, and 77 of them were admitted to Israel's top academic boarding schools in the first year. The program proved so successful that it was expanded to 120 students in the current year.

Yoram Ben Meir, JDC-Israel's national coordinator for vocational training and employment projects for Ethiopian immigrants, is enthusiastic about the program. Bringing gifted Ethiopian students from the country's periphery not only helps the youngsters achieve their potential but also helps foster social integration. It widens the cultural horizons of all the students.

Chaim Gernter, director of Jerusalem's Almaya boarding school where Yahaloma studies, is also pleased. "We have

over 20 Ethiopian girls here. Their integration into school life is total. They don't stick together as a group but are part of the general student body.

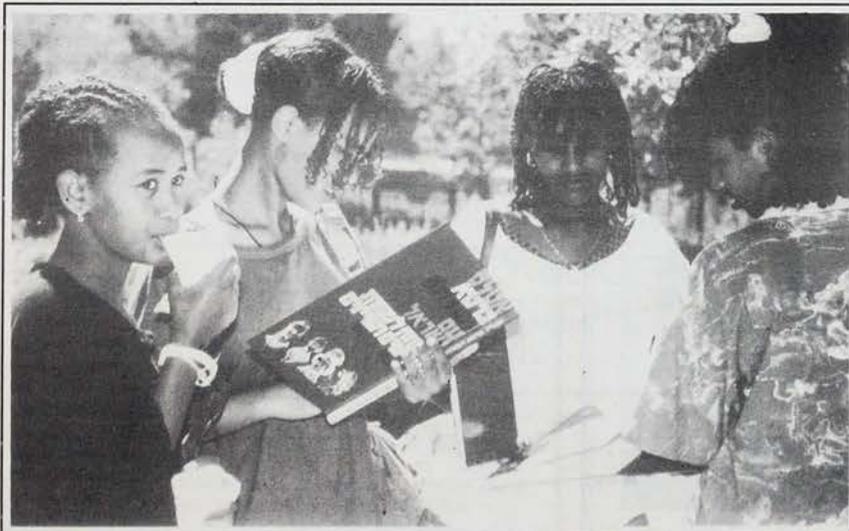
The students are also enthusiastic about the program. Pnina, who was 3 when her family immigrated to Israel, likes the warm atmosphere at Ulpanit Tzapira, near Lod. Now in the eighth grade, she is at the top of her class. While her best friend at school is an Ethiopian girl Pnina has known from childhood, her other friends are all native-born Israelis, and she feels at home among them.

"There is no sense of 'us and them.' I don't feel I have to spend my time with the other Ethiopian girls, and no one makes me feel like an outsider," said Pnina.

Yahaloma also came to Israel as a small child. Unlike Pnina, however, Yahaloma did not feel at home in her new environment right away. She speaks of tension between the Ethiopian girls and the native-born Israelis. Friendly with both groups, she sometimes feels uncomfortably in the middle.

The issue came to a head, she recalls, with a death in the family of one of the Ethiopian girls. The school administration decided that because of differences in mourning customs, only Ethiopian students could pay a condolence call. The others felt discriminated against. The school felt obligated to open up a series of discussions on the issue of integration.

Yahaloma explained, "Bringing the issue into the open was good, because some of the ideas we may have had about each other are starting to fall away."



HEAD OF THE CLASS — Ethiopian students study in one of Israel's top boarding schools. They are part of a program initiated by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Association for the Advancement of Education to locate gifted children among Ethiopian immigrants and support their high school education in schools known for academic excellence.

Photo by Debbie Cooper

OBITUARIES

DR. A LLOYD BAZELON

CRANSTON — Dr. A. Lloyd Bazelon, 79, of 49 Blue Ridge Road, an optometrist since 1942, with two offices in Providence, and a staff member at Rhode Island Hospital for many years, died Sept. 7 at home. He was the husband of Cecelia (Gilstein) Bazelon.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Augusta (Schreiber) Bazelon, he lived in Cranston for 49 years.

He was a 1938 graduate of Brown University and a 1941 graduate of Massachusetts College of Optometry. He served a two-year internship at the Boston Eye & Ear Infirmary at Massachusetts General Hospital.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Medical Corp.

He was a member of Sigma Chi and Omega Epsilon Psi Optometric Fraternities.

He was former secretary of the Rhode Island Optometric Association.

He was a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Home for the Aged and a member of Temple Sinai and the Roosevelt Lodge 42 F&AM.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Bruce Bazelon of Camp Hill, Pa., and two grandsons.

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

MARTIN L. BUCKLER

PROVIDENCE — Martin L. Buckler, 67, of 181 Duxbury Court, Warwick, died Sept. 7 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Inpatient Center, Providence. He and his late father were proprietors of the former Westminster Furniture Co. in Pawtucket for 30 years. He was the husband of Elaine (Botvin) Buckler.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Barney and Ida (Glanz) Buckler, he had been a resident of Warwick for four years, previously living in West Warwick, Pawtucket, Cranston, Huntington Beach, Calif., and Lake Worth, Fla. He had spent most of his early life in Providence.

He attended Bryant College. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II where, among other duties, he was a

bugler. For many years he was a representative for Burlington Industries, a furniture manufacturing company. He was a member of Redwood Lodge F&AM, the Palestine Shrine and the Wethersfield Commons Poker Club.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Susan Buckler of Woodstock, N.Y., and Patti Garriepy of Sunnyvale, Calif.; a son, Steven Buckler of East Greenwich; a sister, Evelyn Shreffes of Wellfleet, Mass., and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 10 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

DR. EARLE F. COHEN

NEWPORT — Dr. Earle F. Cohen, 75, of 111 Harrison Ave., owner of the Hotel Viking for the past 19 years, and one of Rhode Island's most uproarious entrepreneurs in the 1960s and 1970s, died Sept. 4 at Newport Hospital. He was the husband of Renee (Ehrick) Cohen.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Dr. Leo Cohen, and Etta Cohen, he lived in Newport since 1986. A pediatrician by training, he led four other lives as well — as an opera impresario, real estate developer, taxpayer advocate and hotelier/restaurantier.

He was also quick to take his grievances to the public, and often to court. He once sued the Rhode Island Turnpike & Bridge Authority when it tried to stop him from offering half-price shrimp dinners in exchange for Newport Bridge tokens.

He once sued the Rhode Island Builders Association for allegedly denying him membership, and he took the Rhode Island Council on the Arts to court for the lack of funding for Artists Internationale, the nonprofit organization he headed to produce opera and ballet.

He was president of the Rhode Island Taxpayers Action Committee. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Brotherhood. He was a member of the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, and a founding member of the Alpine Country Club in Providence.

A graduate of Brown University in 1941, and Tufts Medi-

cal School in 1944, he served in the Army during World War II as a medical doctor. He practiced medicine in Providence and Cranston until 1980.

He served on the staffs of Rhode Island Hospital, Miriam Hospital, Roger Williams Hospital and the Boston Children's Hospital for many years. He was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society and the Rhode Island Medical Society. He was the pediatric medical director at the Warwick Neighborhood Health Center for many years.

He had been practicing medicine for about 10 years in the 1950s when he began moving into the real estate field as a builder of homes and apartment houses. He was the founder and president of Custom Builders. He owned the former Millstone Village Inn in North Attleboro, Mass. In 1976, he purchased the Viking Hotel in Newport, which is currently operated by his sons, Jon E. and Douglas D. Cohen, both of Newport.

Besides his wife and sons, he leaves a third son, Dr. Eric R. Cohen of Canton, Mass., a gastroenterologist in Quincy, Mass.; a daughter, Wendy Handler of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; a sister, Eunice Levine of Little Compton, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 6 at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery in Providence. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL CRAMER

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Samuel Cramer, 83, of 333 Hawthorne St., died Sept. 10 at home. He was the husband of Ida (Hurwitz) Cramer.

Born in Brockton, a son of the late Nathan and Rose Cramer, he lived in New Bedford since 1935.

He had owned the General Auto Sales in New Bedford for 30 years before retiring in 1965. He was a member of Congregation Ahavath Achim, New Bedford, the Tifereth Israel Congregation, New Bedford, and the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home. He was a member of B'nai B'rith. He was a World

War II Coast Guard veteran.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Janice Winning of Los Angeles, Calif.; two brothers, Jack and Albert Cramer; a sister, Jessie Connis, all of Providence; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 12 at Congregation Ahavath Achim. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery in New Bedford. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ARCHIE FAIN

PROVIDENCE — Archie Fain, 91, of 750 Elmgrove Ave., died Sept. 6 at home. He was the husband of the late Beatrice (Wald) Fain.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Barnett and Ida (Shaset) Fain. He was co-founder and co-proprietor with his brother, Irving Fain, of Fain's Carpets until retiring in 1980. He was also a partner in the former E.A. Adams Co. in Pawtucket.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge 42 F&AM, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Miriam Hospital Association, the Jewish Community Center, and was a founding member of the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass.

He leaves a son, Barry W. Fain of Providence; a daughter, Linda Fain; a sister, Natalie Emers, both of Providence, and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Jeanette Kaufman, Rebecca Sandler, Leila Rosen, Bertha Jacobs, and Samuel, Benjamin, Jacob and Irving Fain.

The funeral was held Sept. 8 at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

EVELYN JOSEPHSON

PROVIDENCE — Evelyn Josephson, 86, of 218 Waterman St., died Sept. 5 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Inpatient Center.

Born in New York, a daughter of the late Archie and Sarah (Jess) Josephson, she lived in Providence for 50 years.

For many years she was a sales clerk for the former Topal Carlson Women's Specialty Shop. She was recently a sales clerk for the Dorothy Williams Dress Shop. She was a member of Temple Beth-El.

She leaves cousins. She was

the sister of the late Donald Josephson.

The funeral was held Sept. 7 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel & David Cemetery.

ALICE LAMONTAGNE

PROVIDENCE — Alice LaMontagne, 91, of Bay Tower Nursing Center, Providence, died there on Sept. 2. She was the wife of the late Gerald LaMontagne.

She was born in Providence, daughter of the late Harry and Rose (Dubrovnick) Komisser.

A private funeral service took place Sept. 6 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial took place at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

LILLIAN LUDMAN

PROVIDENCE — Lillian Ludman of the Four Seasons Apartments, 33 Arthur Ave., East Providence, died Sept. 4 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of George Ludman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Joseph and Ida (Pinsky) Beerman, she lived in East Providence for several years.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

She leaves two nieces, Janet Blackman of Nanuet, N.Y., and Miriam Jaffe of Upper Montclair, N.J. She was the sister of the late William, Ralph and Samuel Beerman.

A graveside service was held Sept. 7 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

EVA SACKSCHNEIDER

PROVIDENCE — Eva Sackschneider, 91, of Rosewood Manor, died Sept. 7 at the manor.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Louis and Betsy (Kaufman) Chantz, she lived in Providence for 60 years.

She was a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob, the Jewish Community Center and the Senior Citizens of the East Side and South Providence.

She leaves no survivors.

A graveside service was held Sept. 8 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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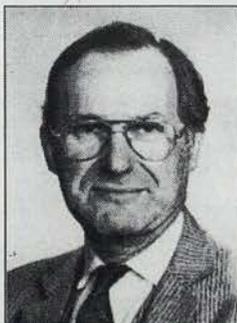
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continuity grant from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. The program will be instituted at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, Brown/RISD Hillel, as well as Emanu-El. Abrams-Stark will coordinate the Mentor Program in all three communities.

The goal of the program is to match up those who want to learn more about Judaism, with educators on a one-on-one or small group basis.

Those interested can choose from 30 topics, such as "How To Make A Home Kosher" or "Synagogue Ritual," or suggest a topic that isn't listed.

The learning can take place in the synagogue, in a dorm or in someone's home. There is no fee for the program which begins after the High Holidays.

For more information, or to sign up for the Mentor Program, call Abrams-Stark at 331-1616.

Obits

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MATILDA SHAPIRO-LACHMAN

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Matilda Shapiro-Lachman, 83, of 3330 North Leisure World Blvd., Silver Spring, died Sept. 7 at the Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md. A state social worker for Rhode Island for many years, retiring in 1980, she was the wife of Jerome Lachman. She was also the wife of the late Charles Shapiro.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Bessie (Mednick) Turcot, she lived in Silver Spring for eight years, previously living in Providence. She attended the University of Rhode Island.

She was a member of the Rhode Island State Retirement Association and a member of Temple Beth-El and its sisterhood.

She was a member of the Jewish Community Center and a member of the National Council of Jewish Women and a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a daughter, Betty Ann Weinstein of Bethesda, Md., and a grandson. She was the mother of the late Steven Shapiro and sister of the late Lucille Goldblatt and Jack Turcot.

The funeral was held Sept. 10 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

GLORIA WEINSTEIN
LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Gloria Weinstein, 71, of Lake Worth, died Aug. 27.

She is survived by her husband, Seymour; her daughter, Meryl Bernstein, of Warwick, R.I.; a son, Herbert Weinstein of New York City; and five grandchildren.

Shiva was observed in Florida. The funeral was held at the Eternal Light Cemetery in Boynton Beach, Fla.

TOBIE WEXLER
WARWICK — Tobie Wexler, 95, of 109 W. Shore Road, died Sept. 3 at the Warwick Health

Center. She was the widow of William Wexler.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Max and Mary (Wexler) Peskin, she lived in Warwick for two years. She previously lived in Cranston and Providence.

She was a sales clerk for the former Gladding's Department Store for 15 years before retiring 15 years ago. She was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild, the Cranston Senior Guild and the former Temple Beth-Israel.

She leaves a son, Philip Wexler of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; a sister, Pauline Kaufman of Cranston, and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Sept. 5 in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Orthodox Activist Dies

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Isaac Lewin, a professor of Jewish history and a prominent activist for Orthodox Jewry, died Aug. 23.

He was 89 and lived in New York City.

Lewin was born in Wieliczka, Poland, which is near Krakow. In 1935, he was ordained as a rabbi in Poland. Lewin was elected twice as the Jewish representative to the city council of Lodz, Poland.

In 1941, he escaped to America, where he worked on behalf of Jews remaining in Nazi-occupied Europe. After the war, Lewin traveled on several relief missions to Europe to aid Holocaust survivors.



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The contest is open to the public and anyone can nominate a senior 60 or older via a 250 words or less essay describing how the senior has achieved greatness later in life.

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Q: When are the new higher rates effective?

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Q: What support materials are available?

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See the State's Natural Side

In celebration of Coastweeks '95, Rhode Island Sea Grant is sponsoring A Day at Rhode Island's Natural Places in Charlestown on Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is designed to complement Sea Grant's recent publication, *A Guide to Rhode Island's Natural Places*, and will feature visits to several sites described in the guide.

The tour will start with a visit to the Audubon Society's Kimball Wildlife Refuge, on Sanctuary Road in Charlestown, where participants will walk the trails and learn about the special natural features that this site has to offer. Next will be a beach walk near Charlestown Breachway.

Lunch on the beach will be followed by a naturalist-led kayak/canoe tour of Ninigret Pond, stopping at Ninigret Na-

tional Wildlife Refuge for a tour of the refuge. The day will end at 4 p.m. at the Narragansett Kayak Company on Charlestown Beach Road.

The event is limited to 15 participants. Registration is required. Children must be 10 years or older and accompanied by a parent. Participants should bring lunch, field guides, and binoculars, and should wear clothes appropriate for the weather, including boots or shoes that can get wet.

To register or for more information on A Day at Rhode Island's Natural Places, contact the Rhode Island Sea Grant communications office at 792-6842. (For general information on kayak rentals on Ninigret Pond, call Narragansett Kayak Company at 364-2000.)

VNA Seeks Volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association of Rhode Island will be providing flu clinics at various housing facilities, senior centers and community sites throughout Providence, North Providence, East Bay, Cranston and Johnston to help prevent the flu from spreading this fall. Volunteers are needed to assist the VNA nurse at each of these scheduled flu clinics.

If you are interested in volunteering, call VNA of Rhode Island at 444-9400.

Learn a New Language

Begin the fall learning a new language at International House of Rhode Island, 8 Stimson Ave., Providence. Courses are available in French, Spanish and German at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

Russian, Italian, Japanese, Chinese and Portuguese classes will also be scheduled during the day or in the evening as soon as sufficient enrollment is attained. Classes in other languages can be arranged for small group instruction if there is enough interest. Minimum enrollment for any class is five students.

Classes will begin the week of Sept. 25 and continue for 10 weeks. The fee for the classes are \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members and includes the use of the language lab. Yearly membership fees are \$10 for students; \$25 for individuals; and \$40 for families.

For further information about any of the above programs, call 421-7181.

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