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'We Must Condemn and Foreswear Violence Totally'

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Last week's agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, the West Bank Accord, was codified at a somber and business-like White House ceremony.

One last hitch threatened to postpone the long-awaited, much-delayed signing of the 400-page Interim Agreement, which officially transfers large portions of the West Bank to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Moments before the scheduled East Room ceremony on Sept. 28, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sparred over the accord's map detailing the extent of Israeli withdrawal from the city of Hebron.

President Clinton, who was presiding over a presigning meeting between the parties, walked out of the room, telling Rabin and Arafat to work out their differences, according to a U.S. diplomat.

The flap kept more than 100 diplomats, members of Congress and heads of state waiting for about 20 minutes until the ceremony began.

The private ceremony — no American Jewish or Arab organizational leaders were invited — was attended by many Jewish members of Congress.

Other last-minute disputes over the release of Palestinian prisoners and the size of Jericho were deferred to a future joint committee to hammer out the details.

At the nearly two-hour ceremony, Rabin and Arafat exchanged four-inch thick, blue leather, three-ring binders that contained the agreement and its numerous appendices spelling out every detail of a phased Israeli withdrawal from what amounts to about 28 percent of the West Bank.

Clinton joined Rabin, Arafat, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and chief Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Karia, also known as Abu Alaa, in signing the document.

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Light On Their Feet

JASPER Ballet will perform at Rhode Island College on Nov. 25. The proceeds will benefit AIDS organizations. Rabbi Vicki Lieberman of Congregation B'nai Israel will be a guest speaker. See story on page 24.

Photo courtesy of the JASPER Ballet.

Major Court Victory for Orthodox Residents

A long-awaited verdict in a celebrated case that pitted a group of Rockland County residents wielding zoning codes against Orthodox Jews and their "home synagogues" has been handed down by a U.S. Court of Appeals — which, unanimously reversing a lower court decision, confirmed that the Jews' rights had indeed been violated by their neighbors.

The Airmont Case began in 1991, with the formation of the Village of Airmont, a new municipality in what had been part of the town of Ramapo, in Rockland County, N.Y.

The village was expressly formed in order to enact and enforce its own "strict" zoning laws. In two separate lawsuits, a group of local Orthodox Jewish residents and the United States Department of Justice alleged that the village's commitment to "strict zoning" was designed to make Airmont a less desirable place to live for Orthodox Jews.

While the lawsuits were pending, the village in fact adopted a zoning code that appeared to forbid religious services in private homes, and that required that churches or synagogues be built on two-acre parcels of land.

The Justice Department's involvement (which came after Agudath Israel of America's general counsel David Zwiebel raised the matter with former US. Attorney General William Barr) was apparently the first time the federal government had filed a Fair Housing civil rights claim in support of Jewish rights.

Despite evidence at trial that the founders of the village had repeatedly voiced antipathy to-

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The Pen Proves Mightier Than The Sword, At Last

From the left, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Bill Clinton, and Chairman Yasser Arafat participate in the signing of the West Bank Accord on Sept. 28, in Washington, D. C. Also present at the ceremony were President Hosni Mubarak, King Hussein I, and many other negotiators, foreign ministers, and members of several diplomatic corps. For related stories, turn to page 6.

Due to the observance of Columbus Day, next week's *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* will be delivered on Friday.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Refueling Caretakers

The Early Childhood Advisory Council is pleased to announce its second annual Early Childhood Conference, "Challenges of the Heart: For the Love of Children."

The conference will be held on Oct. 21 at the Attleboro High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature Richard Solomon, Ph.D. and the clinical director of Delta Consultants of Providence and Attleboro.

Solomon is a child psychologist and a professor of psychology at the University of Rhode Island.

In his keynote speech he will address the topic: "Refueling the Caregivers." Parents, teachers, family daycare providers, and all persons in the position of caring for others, need refueling. Solomon will address these needs.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend two of 18 workshops during the remainder of the day. Some workshops selections include: The Magic of Reading Aloud, Woodworking With Children, The Overstimulated Child in Preschool, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Managing Anger and Conflict with Young Children, Coping With Necessary Goodbyes, Assertive Discipline, Birth — An Early Intervention Panel, Language Enrichment, Good Books for Good Reasons, Don't Let Stress Get You Down.

The cost of the conference is $25. Scholarships are available.

For more information, or to receive a conference flyer, call Donna Novak at 226-0282.

R.I. Small Business Center Announces October Seminars

The Rhode Island Small Business Development Center at the Community College of Rhode Island, Providence campus, is offering several seminars during October.

"Marketing for the Small Business" is planned for Oct. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Central R.I. Chamber of Commerce, Warwick, and Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Warwick campus. The basics of developing a marketing plan for the small business or home-based business will be covered.

"Follow the Dream: What Does It Take to be a Successful Business Owner?" will be held on Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the college's Warwick Campus. This seminar discusses the personal traits you need, how to determine how much money you need to start a business, and how to plan your business.

For more information, contact the R.I. Small Business Development Center at 455-6016 or 455-6042.

Wetlands Protection Under Fire

Wetlands are a vital part of the Narragansett Bay ecosystem and the regional economy.

They are the bay's cheapest and most effective pollution filters, and an essential habitat for important commercial and recreational fish species.

Wetlands provide flood control, help purity water and protect shores from storm surges.

Over the past 200 years, nearly 40 percent of Narragansett Bay's wetlands have been lost. This loss has damaged bay health and robbed the state of untold millions in lost revenues.

Further wetlands losses in the Narragansett Bay watershed are unacceptable.

Unfortunately, state and national wetlands laws are under fire:

• The R.I. Builder's Association has filed a law suit against the R.I. Department of Environmental Management, charging the agency with over-stepping their wetlands jurisdiction.

• Gov. Almond has appointed a commission to look at streamlining the wetlands-related permitting process, and some groups and individuals are using the commission's activities as a justification to argue for reduced wetlands protection.

• In Washington, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a terribly weakened version of the Clean Water Act.

• A U.S. Senate Bill (851) proposes revisions to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act governing discharge and fill of fresh and salt water wetlands.

All of these actions could seriously compromise wetlands protection in our nation and our state.

Save The Bay supports a more effective wetlands permitting process.

Free Hearing Tests for Seniors Offered by URI

All senior citizens are invited to visit the University of Rhode Island Hearing and Speech Center and have their hearing tested for free.

This year the clinic has designated October and November as free hearing test time for anyone over the age of 60. The usual fee will be waived for seniors for these two months.

Availability of free appointments is limited, so early requests for appointments are recommended. There was an overwhelming response to this offer last spring, which led to free testing for two months for seniors again this semester.

URI's Speech and Hearing Center offers a variety of services. Clients range in age from under 9 months to over 90 years. In addition to offering hearing testing, the center also dispenses hearing aids, and has a wide range of services in speech/language pathology.

Testing and/or treatment is also provided to persons experiencing language problems, such as those following a stroke, and to children or adults who cope with stuttering, voice problems or articulation disorders. Additionally, the center is pleased to announce that it is now a Blue Cross/Blue Shield provider.

The center is open daily and some evenings, but appointments are required. For information or to make your appointment, call 792-4292 or 792-5969.

Support Group Offered for Care Givers

A weekly support group for adult care givers will begin in the early fall at Comprehensive Adult Day Care Center, 99 Hillside Ave., Providence.

The goals are to assist families in caring for their older or disabled relative, to provide coping skills and counseling, and to become knowledgeable about support systems in Rhode Island.

An alternative to home care, day care can also care for your family member. If interested, call 351-2440.

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INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

COME NEXT SPRING, the residents of the Hospice Care of Rhode Island's Inpatient Center and Elmhurst Extended Care facility will see this $25,000 check transformed into leaves, flowers, and healing fragrances. Joining in the check presentation here are, from the left, Joanne B. Little, Arthur S. Robbins, George Miller; Robert Urciuoli, and Lt. Gov. Robert A. Weygand.

Hospice Gift Kicks Off Therapy Garden Campaign

A $25,000 leadership gift from Hospice Care of Rhode Island has broken ground for a $100,000 capital campaign to construct a horticultural therapy garden on the Elmhurst campus of Roger Williams Medical Center.

The campus serves as home to the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center of Hospice Care of Rhode Island and to Elmhurst Extended Care, the nursing home component of Roger Williams Medical Center.

During a recent ceremony on the future garden site, George Miller, vice chairman for development of Hospice Care of R.I. and president of George Miller, Inc., presented the check to Roger Williams Medical Center President and Chief Executive Officer Robert A. Urciuoli and to Lt. Gov. Robert A. Weygand, honorary campaign chairman.

As chairman of the Long Term Coordinating Council, Weygand has authored legislation to protect the elderly and improve access to long-term care services. He was also chairman of Rhode Island's delegation to the White House Conference on Aging, and an advocate on Medicare, Medicaid, and Society Security.

Also present at the check presentation were Arthur S. Robbins, chairman of the Hospice Board of Trustees and president of Robbins Properties, and board member Joanne Little of Barrington.

Horticultural therapy is the active use of landscape and plant cultivation as one technique in the rehabilitative treatment of an individual. The gardens will offer residents a range of benefits including heightened muscle tone, improved concentration, enhanced memory and increased creativity.

Designed to be handicapped accessible, the gardens will feature raised beds of flowers and herbs, vertical planters, braille markers and cassettes for plant identification, and specially designed tools which will cater to the needs of Hospice and Elmhurst residents.

Extensive and comfortable seating will provide visitors and residents the opportunity to simply enjoy the beauty of the garden.

Anything is Possible in Copenhagen

Retired Brown mathematics professor Philip J. Davis, author of *The Thread: A Mathematical Yarn* (Harvester Press, 1983) and illustrator Marguerite Dorian will visit Books on the Square on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. to read from and sign copies of their new book, *Thomas Gray in Copenhagen: In Which the Philosopher Cat Meets the Ghost of Hans Christian Anderson*. The book is a whimsical adventure story for adults about a mouse in the city of Copenhagen.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Books on the Square is at 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence. Call 331-9097 for more details.

DEA to Process Cards

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs processes identification cards for person 60 years and older, and disabled persons ages 18 to 59, on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 160 Pine St., Providence.

De Boer to Speak in Cranston

A well-known Providence architect will be the guest speaker at the Oct. 17 meeting of the Cranston Historical Society at 1351 Cranston St.

Cornelis de Boer, a principal in the architectural firm of Haynes de Boer Associates, specializes in rehabilitation and restoration of historic properties. His talk will focus on the work underway at the Nightingale-Brown House on Providence's East Side.

A short business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will precede de Boer's lecture.

Refreshments will be served.

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Visiting Nurses Offer Vaccine Clinics

The Kent County Visiting Nurse Association is now scheduling public flu vaccine clinic sites for October and November and encourages area businesses, daycare providers, social and civic organizations to inquire about setting up a flu clinic.

The nursing agency will also hold flu vaccine clinics at local pharmacies, grocery stores, senior citizen meal sites and housing areas as well as offering evening clinics at KCVNA offices in November. The flu shot costs $10 or is covered by non-HMO Medicare Part B.

According to the National Centers for Disease Control, people who are 65 years of age or older or have long-term heart or lung problems or high-risk medical conditions that lower their body's immune system (including diabetes, kidney disease, asthma, cancer, HIV or AIDS) should get a flu shot.

Caregivers, medical professionals, teachers, and daycare staff are also encouraged to receive a vaccination.

In addition, a flu shot may be given to persons with demanding family, school, or work responsibilities who would find it difficult to take sick leave. People who provide essential community services are also encouraged to receive a flu shot.

For the first time, KCVNA is also offering a one-time pneumonia vaccine for $15, which may be received at the same time as the flu vaccine. The pneumonia vaccine will be offered at KCVNA offices only.

Groups interested in setting up a flu vaccine clinic should contact Sue Sullivan at KCVNA as soon as possible, at 737-6050 or (800) 348-6417.

Mothers of Twins to Meet

The Rhode Island Mother of Twins Club, Midland Chapter, will hold their next monthly meeting on Oct. 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Shawmut Baptist Church, 1642 West Shore Road, Warwick.

Red Cross Needs Blood

Blood drives will be held on the following dates:

Oct. 10 at Ponaganset High School, (small gym), R.F.D. #2, Anan Wade Road, North Scituate, from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and at Johnson & Wales University, (Student Center - gym), Harborside Park, Cranston, from 3 to 9 p.m.; on Oct. 11 at Mount Pleasant High School, Room 307B, 434 Mount Pleasant Ave., Providence, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and at Johnson & Wales University, (Student Center - gym), Harborside Park, Cranston, from 3 to 9 p.m.

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Politics, The Presidency, and Israel

by Yosef I. Abramowitz

"I believe in the survival of American Jewry. I believe in its organic membership in the pattern of American civilization. American Jewry is not something grafted onto the existing structure of an American nation, but is simultaneous with its birth and growth, and totally inseparable from its destiny."

— Israeli UN Ambassador Abba Eban, 1959

When President Dan Goldwin, a Democrat, announced that he was not going to seek a second term in 2044, he didn't expect the national reaction he received. Millions of signatures on petitions to draft the president came flooding in from all corners of the country. Behind the effort was a coalition of African-American, Hispanic and Asian-American organizations, representing half of the 380 million Americans.

Goldwin, like many of the 50 Jewish members of Congress (there are 33 now), got his political feet wet in the late 20th century by either involvement with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in college or through the Panim el Panim: High School in Washington program.

A moderate, who learned early the value of coalition-building in a pluralistic political landscape made up of Republicans, Democrats, Independents and Christian Coalition parties, Goldwin's first term was characterized by an unusual calm.

White Americans, who make up about half the country (down from 83 percent in 1995) but are a relatively affluent block of voters, were at odds with the coalition of ethnic groups that had dominated local and congressional politics for several years. Goldwin, an ethnic American but also white, was the compromise candidate that brought calm to a divided nation.

The Jewish community, however, was divided about the draft Goldwin initiative, many resentful at the higher tariffs he imposed on selective Israeli super-technology products.

Others countered that due to his personal sponsorship of the U.S.-Israel Feed The World Program, which utilized Israeli technology to feed the planet's 12 billion people (today there are 5.5 billion), Goldwin has good pro-Israel credentials.

Whether one favored Goldwin or not (most did because they still belonged to the Democratic Party), the ascension of American Jewry, from powerlessness in 1945 to the Oval Office in 100 years, was breathtaking.

The trends shaping the American Jewish political landscape into the 21st century have more to do with American society than with internal Jewish dynamics. Even so, "the commitment of Jews to social justice will not diminish," said Lynn Lyss, chairwoman of the National Jewish Community Relations Council, an umbrella group that advocates on a wide array of public policy issues.

While the U.S. Census Bureau predicts that the population is expected to grow by 68 percent in the next 50 years, the American Jewish community is expected to shrink. American Jews will comprise between 1 and 1-1/2 percent of the U.S. population, as opposed to today's 2.7 percent.

"In 50 years, coalition-building will be even more paramount," said Lyss. "American Jewry, however, "will continue to be wealthier, healthier and better educated than the rest of the population," according to Barbara Skolnick Hoenig, a planning consultant to CJF. "Jewish men and women will continue entering into the professions and executive positions, but in some areas they will be unequally represented, such as in law, medicine, engineering, science and as executives."

In her study "Jewish Environmental Scan Toward the Year 2000," Hoenig also predicts that anti-Semitism will continue to decline and that "As Jewish civic involvement remains comparatively high, Jewish participation in the political process through activity and fund-raising will grow. Jews will continue to vote in large numbers, and they will vote to support human rights causes and Israel.

"As Israel becomes more economically viable and less dependent upon the aid of the United States and most certainly of American Jewry, the American Jewish community will focus more on domestic issues," said Tommy Baer, president of B'nai B'rith International.

"And I do think that a Jewish president is possible, but it would have to be someone like JFK, smart, charismatic, who could break the religious barrier as Kennedy did with Catholicism."

While John F. Kennedy had to contend with a 184-year-old tradition of electing Protestants to the U.S. presidency, he never had the heavy cloud of dual loyalty hang over his head. And neither has Goldwin. Since the establishment of peace between the Jewish state and the neighboring Arab countries, Israel has been a minor political issue for American Jews. (Unless, of course, the United States has not developed alternative energy sources and has become even more dependent upon Arab oil and natural gas. The United States currently has gas and oil reserves for another 55 years, while the Middle East has natural reserves for another 100 years.)

The evolution of the political consciousness of American Jewry from an Israel-centric focus to a domestic focus will enable a healthy rethinking of the Israel-diaspora relationship.

"Because we have been living crisis to crisis with Israel for so many years, we have not had an opportunity to ask about what kind of relationship we ideally want with the Jewish state," said Rabbi Susan Silverman, who has lived in Israel and in the United States.

"With the possibility of peace, hopefully we can start talking about the Jewish character of Israel."

Rabbi Sidney Schwarz, president of the Washington Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values believes that "Israel could be a very exciting place in 50 years, Jewishly and for the world. It can be a light unto the nations. We could have a spiritual nation emerge. Israel sits on that legacy, it's just not aware what's under its rump.

"I think that we are going to see peace in a decade, not 50 years, and we can already see interesting models of regional cooperation emerging.

"For 50 years Israel has put the political Zionist agenda over its spiritual Zionist agenda. With the onset of peace with the Arabs, they better pull that spiritual handbook out of the attic. A regional peace will create many more economic, cultural and inter-personal ties between Israel and the Arabs and that's going to make Israel even more Middle Eastern and less Western.

"That's why Israel needs that Jewish dimension, otherwise you can forget the missions because Israel will be incompatible with progressive Jewish values and American sensibilities."

AJC Text

The full text of the statement is as follows:

"The Black American community is asked to support and participate in a "March of One Million Black Men" on Oct. 16. The stated goals of the March are laudable. We support those goals enthusiastically. We recognize the profound crisis affecting the life of Black America transcending such fundamental areas as unemployment, crime, family structure and self-esteem. There must be strong, effective responses. We hope that the March will in fact be such a positive response.

"Yet the March itself is considered controversial in the Black community. This is largely because its convener is Louis Farrakhan, one of our country's most prominent and unrepentant public bigots. He and his organization are avowed haters of Jews, Whites, Catholics, homosexuals and Black leaders who oppose him. He believes that White people are devils, that Hitler was a great man and that Jews controlled the slave trade.

"As our friends and colleagues cope with the March and whether and how to support it we must express our deep concern that the March could enhance the legitimacy and stature of a person who has propagated the pernicious falsehoods of bigotry. Because of this record, we cannot remain silent. History teaches that the importance of the message cannot permit us to overlook the nature of the messenger.

"Whatever the outcome of the March, we shall continue to reach out to the African-American community and continue to work, as we have consistently done, toward our common goals: a more just, humane, equitable and less bigoted America. We shall continue to work for the strengthening of the Black community. And we will continue to expose and combat racism, anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred from whomsoever they may emanate."

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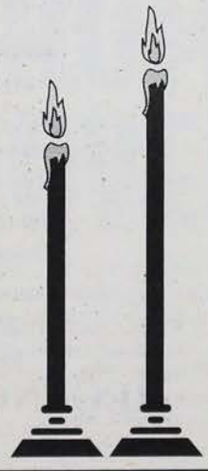

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A Unique Pouring of Water

In Temple times, the rejoicing during the holiday of Sukkot reached its peak in the unbounded joy of the water-drawing celebrations (Simchat Beit HaShoeiva).

During the year, many offerings on the altar were accompanied by a special pouring of wine. On Sukkot, in addition to the regular wine offering, there was also a unique pouring of water. At that time the assembled crowds broke into profound, ecstatic rejoicing which continued for three days, and of which the sages said, "Whoever has not seen the rejoicing of the water-drawing has never seen true joy!"

What the sages are teaching is that though one has not seen the rejoicing of the water-drawing, he may think he has at times participated in unbounded rejoicing, he is in error. For, since he has never witnessed the water-drawing, he is incapable of experiencing true joy.

What does true joy entail? It entails breaking one's own bounds and inhibitions, exceeding one's own limitations. If a person has a rational, intelligent reason to be happy, then his happiness is limited by the extent of his understanding. But when he receives a reward or gift that is "beyond his wildest dreams," that his intelligence could not possibly have foreseen — when he is moved by a cause that stems not merely from his understanding, but from his very essence and being — then the resultant joy is similarly boundless.

Why a water-drawing ceremony and not wine? Wine has a taste, a flavor; water has no intrinsic flavor. Wine and water have their equivalents in spiritual life. When motivated to serve G-d by reasoning and logic, such service is termed "wine"; one savors the "taste" or "reason" for doing the mitzva. Service impelled by a feeling of pure submissiveness to G-d, is called "water"; one cannot relish the "flavor" of rationality in such service.

Truly limitless joy cannot come as a result of one's understanding and intelligence — for they are limited. But when a person realizes that he himself is limited, he nullifies himself and neutralizes his ego. In a spirit of total submissiveness he becomes one with limitless G-d through the union of the mitzva. Then he transcends his limitations and can serve G-d with truly boundless joy.

Whoever has not seen the rejoicing of the water-drawing, has never seen true joy. For water, as opposed to wine, symbolizes the quality of submissiveness as opposed to intellect and reason.

From A Thought for the Week *— Detroit. Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.*

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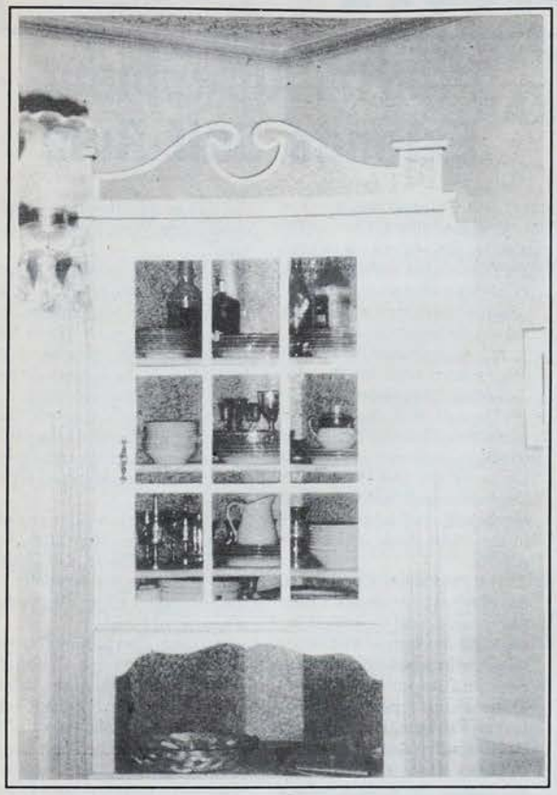

SUCH HANDWORK! A china cabinet and a decorated wall and ceiling, created by Abraham Martines, enhance a room greatly.

A Fine Fixer

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

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"We Jews are not only doctors and lawyers, but also artists and craftsmen." Abram Martinez joined me for early morning coffee and then took me in his car to an East Side house he was bringing back to life. "I took off the painted bricks and retiled the fireplace," said Abe as he pointed out the soft, warm sand tone of the glazes. And then we craned our necks to study the elaborate ceiling fresco designs that follow the lines of the open rooms from parlor to dining room. Bookcases carry crests and curves from china cabinet to curio shelves, arches to alcoves. "I wanted harmony, outdoors to inside, room through room, in color and shape," says the artist, who likes to bring beauty wherever he goes. His client, Dr. Marc Diamond, was kneading braids of dough for Shabbat challah as we moved about his spaces and on into the kitchen, which Abe completely rebuilt, also in sunny sepia tones, everything clean and smooth. Even the table surfaces were made by the skillful hands of a workman wearing a yarmulke.

Abe's father was a Polish refugee in Spain, where he changed his name to a more Hispanic one, joining the scattered, half-hidden community of East European Jews. "There are groups of Jews waiting to come out and take their place again, all over the world. Spanish Jews left Ladino words and names throughout the Philippine Islands. I read about this," my companion notes with a sense of wonder. Abe speaks Spanish, English, and French, and we discuss his past and future in French. "My greatest dream would be to restore an abandoned, historic synagogue," he tells me with pride and hope. "I have an equal ambition to bring up my two-year old son, who has the Hebrew name Bezalel, an artist name, as a Jewish boy."

Abram has to get back to his project in the Diamond home, but he takes me to my vehicle and shakes my hand with a New Year greeting. "I want to wish a good year on the entire Jewish community," says my friend with the willing and capable hands. The back seat of his car is crammed with books from the house of Bennett Formal, who offers the collection for a temple sale. There are Jews among us who seek their fate and follow their road, personal versions of the great Jewish journeys of the world. They reach out to each other and to us all.

Claiborne — A Class Act

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

It was autumn 35 years ago, the start of a new decade, a fresh era-1960. A fine man dressed in the quiet brown tones of the fallen oak leaves in our backyards came to our block. He sat among the bridge chairs on our lawns. His wife had the blonde hair that went with the yellow maple leaves that patterned the ground. In his three-button sack suit, the understated elegant style of the '50s, Claiborne Pell and his wife Nuala stopped by our East Side porches and gardens like exotic, fabulous migratory birds blown off course and resting for a spell. It was a senate campaign conducted very low key.

He charmed the ladies, like a prince of privilege from afar, the very model of Newport aristocracy, serene and stately. His name said well-born, highborn, but his manner said I'm listening and I care. We found him unthreatening, reassuring, still and deep like wellwater. We studied every detail of his garb and his gestures and found him clear and true as a bell.

One of our Rhode Island secrets whispers that we like the fancy side of our state as much as the grubby side. We may hate a snob, but we believe in the realms of myth. Senator Claiborne Pell never let us down from our faith in him. He has been a friend of Israel, and a longtime ally of Raoul Wallenberg, the savior of so many Hungarian Jewish children, another aristocrat who used his power to help.

Like a figure in folklore, Pell's names suit him like his tweedy wardrobe. Calling a bridge over troubled waters the Pell Bridge embodies his genuine love of our natural resources. Never putting himself forward, he never embarrassed us, but let us take pride in his dignity, whimsy and good humor.

"The senator never went to art openings just to be seen. He wanted to look at beautiful things," said a RISD colleague. "I won a Pell grant to go to Johnson and Wales," said the waiter at my lunch counter.

The close of his career gives no cause for grief or sorrow, but for the joy of his heritage to us. He taught future generations the American lesson of class. You don't have to be born into it, you earn it by what you do and how you do it.

Claiborne Pell always did it without clamor and fake grins, without fuss and fanfare. His service has forever kept that autumnal brown tone of his first campaign in town among the foliage, muted, subdued, down to earth, crisp as a tart apple, or a beautiful leaf dropped into your stony pool. We can all pick up a useful lesson from along the path he trod since we first met him.

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Pros and Cons Outside White House

by Daniel Kurtzman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The sound of the shofar rang out from both sides of the White House — carrying two divergent messages — as the interim agreement to expand self-rule in the West Bank was signed by Israeli and Palestinian leaders on Sept. 28.

Sounding notes of hope as part of a call to prayer for peace, about a dozen rabbis supportive of the peace process blew shofars in Lafayette Park, some 50 yards away from the White House.

Just hours later, Jews opposed to the agreement sounded shofars on the south side of the White House.

"In the Jewish psyche, this is the time of year when you have a reckoning of where you are and where you're going," said Rabbi Marc Gopin of Washington, who joined with rabbis from all denominations for the pro-peace shofar blowing.

"You can't help but feel that that's part of where the urgency [to make peace] comes from."

The gathering of peace supporters was called to dispel the misconception that most American Jews are either apathetic or opposed to the peace process, said Tom Smerling, executive director of Project Nishma, a group that supports the Israeli government's initiatives.

Project Nishma pulled off a major coup by attaining a permit — instead of the anti-peace process demonstrators — to rally in the park.

"Only a small minority of American Jews opposed the peace process, but it's a loud and shrill minority," Smerling said. "We're here to make sure that the Israelis and our community know one simple fact: The overwhelming majority of American Jews support the government of Israel's peace initiative."

The rabbis unfurled banners displaying American Jewish support for peace, including a statement signed by 1,000 rabbis and a reprint of a newspaper ad signed by 29 national Jewish organizations.

Later in the morning, about 400 people gathered on the south side of the White House to protest the peace agreement.

"We are here to express our absolute outrage at the signing" of the agreement, said Judy Davidowitz, who helped organize the protest for the National Council of Young Israel. "We are here to express our unity, support and love for the State of Israel, and to express our pain for their suffering."

Holding signs reading "Rabin has betrayed Zion," "Arafat is a terrorist" and "One Holocaust was enough," the crowd of predominantly Orthodox protesters sang "Hatikvah," Israel's national anthem, and released black balloons into the sky.

The Israeli government is "risking a civil war to placate Arafat, who's the biggest murderer of Jews since the time of Hitler," said David Jacobs, an Israeli soldier who was born in the United States.

Rabbi Pesach Lerner, executive vice president of the National Council of Young Israel, said he discounts public opinion polls that show that a majority of American Jews support the peace process.

Peres Never Looks Back

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

He was the featured interview on the "Sunday Today Show," on Oct. 1, coming, as he was, from the signing of the West Bank Accord in Washington, last week.

Shimon Peres looked older, of course...who, connected with this process, hasn't aged prematurely? But he also had the air of a man who is convinced that he is on the right track. He seemed at peace with himself, calm, and solemn.

The interviewer spoke of the Allenby Bridge protests, and the others that had erupted in the wake of the signing.

Peres said he was aware of the opposition the accord had triggered, but, "They are quite lonely in their protest. There were 5,000 in that crowd, but ten times that many were expected."

The interviewer brought up the protests again, a minute later.

Peres said he thought of himself as a bus driver, and concentrated on driving the bus, getting it to its destination. "Never look back at the passengers — it will only make you nervous."

When pressed to disclose which villages of the 12 involved would be the first to undergo military re-deployment, he objected, at first, to the emphasis on naming specific villages, or referring to square miles of territory. "The problem is not the settlements. The problem is the relations between the Palestinians and the settlers." He urged us to measure the progress of the process not by territory but by people. "This will be the first time, in the past half-century, that we do not govern any Palestinian in that territory."

He said there would be a second re-deployment, and acknowledged that the whole process of withdrawal would take a long time. He refused to discuss more possible developments, or tactics in dealing with protest.

"Every known solution stops being a solution, because if people know about the solution, there will be objections... protests."

He has a way with words, this man.

Condemn

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Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein, as well as diplomats from the European Union, Norway and Russia, signed as witnesses.

Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia each sent a representative.

Clinton praised the Israelis and Palestinians for taking "this historic step."

During his remarks, Rabin remembered the victims of terrorism. "The sounds of celebration here cannot drown out the cries of innocent citizens who traveled those buses to their death," the prime minister said.

Issuing a challenge to Arafat, Rabin said, "We should not let the land that flows with milk and honey become a land flowing with blood and tears. Don't let it happen."

Calling on Egypt and Jordan to join Israel and the PLO in the war against terror, Rabin said, "If all the partners to the peacemaking do not unite against the evil angels of death by terrorism, all that will remain of this ceremony are color snapshots, empty mementos. Rivers of hatred will overflow again and swamp the Middle East."

Rabin defended the agreement against critics, reminding "My Jewish brothers and sisters," that "we are not alone here on this soil, in this land. So we are sharing this good earth today with the Palestinian people in order to choose life."

Arafat used the opportunity to speak out against terrorism with words that were greeted with cheers by those gathered for the ceremony.

"We must condemn and foreswear violence totally, not only because the use of violence is morally reprehensible, but because it undermines Palestinian aspirations to the realization of peace, the exercise of our political and national options, and the achievement of economic and cultural progress in Palestine and in the region," he said.

"From this day on we do not want to see any waste of or threat to any innocent Palestinian life or any innocent Israeli life. Enough killing and enough killing of innocent people," he said.

As talk shifted to the future of the Middle East, Rabin noted the absence of Syria and Lebanon from the podium at the ceremony.

"In order for peace to be completed, in order for this picture to be completed and for the Middle East to become a jewel in the world crown, it still lacks two people — the president of Syria and the president of Lebanon. I call upon them to come and join us, to come to the platform of peace," he said.

After the signing ceremony, the leaders of Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the PLO joined Clinton in issuing a communique, in which they called on Syria and Lebanon to join the Mideast peace process.

Rabin briefed American Jewish leaders later in the day.

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Interim Agreement Extends Self-Rule

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Interim Agreement for extending Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank effectively brings 28 years of Israeli civil administration of the region to an end.

A key provision of the 400-page accord calls for the election of an 82-member Palestinian Council, after the redeployment of the Israel Defense Force from Palestinian cities and towns across the West Bank. Once the council is inaugurated, the Israeli civil administration in the West Bank will be dissolved.

The Palestinian Council will have legislative powers. Executive powers will be vested in a separate Executive Authority, which will include council members and appointed officials. There will be separate elections for the Palestinian Council and the Executive Authority.

Other principal features of the Interim Agreement include:

• **Israeli redeployments:** The Israel Defense Force will withdraw from six West Bank population centers — Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm, Kalkilya, Ramallah and Bethlehem — designated as "Area A" by Israel and Palestinian negotiators.

In the West Bank town of Hebron, special arrangements will apply to allow the IDF to remain in the sections of the town where Jewish settlers reside.

The IDF will also redeploy from 450 Arab villages and towns in the West Bank, known as "Area B."

The IDF redeployments will be completed in Areas A and B by March 1996, by which time Israel will complete construction of a bypass road that will enable Jewish settlers in Hebron to drive to Jerusalem without passing through built-up Palestinian areas.

In other sections of the West Bank — known as "Area C" and comprising unpopulated areas, Jewish settlements and areas of strategic importance to Israel — the IDF will engage in further redeployments in six-month intervals after the inauguration of the elected Palestinian Council.

• **Security:** The Palestinian Council will have full responsibility for internal security and public order, as well as full civil responsibilities, in Area A.

In Area B, the Palestinian Council will be charged with maintaining public order and will have full authority over civilian affairs, while Israel will have overall security authority to safeguard its citizens and to combat terrorism.

Israel will retain full responsibility for security and public order in Area C.

• **Palestinian elections:** Arab residents of eastern Jerusalem will be able to participate in the elections, which will take place 22 days after the completion of the IDF redeployment from Palestinian population centers.

A Palestinian resident of eastern Jerusalem may run for office in the elections only if he or she has an additional valid address in the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

• **Prisoner releases:** Israel will release some 3,000 Palestinian prisoners in two phases: The first will take place upon the signing of the agreement in Washington; the second, on the eve of Palestinian elections.

The two sides also agreed that a third release would take place "according to other principles which will be established separately."

• **Palestinian Covenant:** Within two months after the elections, the Palestinian Council will revoke those articles in the covenant calling for the destruction of Israel.

• **Palestinian police:** The two sides agreed to the establishment of a 12,000-member Palestinian police force, which will constitute the only Palestinian security force in the West Bank.

• **Religious sites:** Responsibility over religious sites in the West Bank and Gaza will be transferred to the Palestinians. Both sides agreed to protect the sites, to allow free access to them and to provide freedom of worship at the sites for members of all faiths.

Special arrangements to guarantee freedom of access and worship were negotiated with regard to Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem and Joseph's Tomb in Nablus.

The status quo of Israeli control over the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron will remain in effect.

• **Observers:** The Palestinian elections will be open to international observers in an effort to ensure that the voting is free and fair.

A temporary international observer presence will be established in Hebron to monitor security and human rights issues.

• **Water:** Israel agreed to increase the amount of water allocated to West Bank Palestinians by 36.4 million cubic yards. Any other addition in allocations to either side will be based on an increase in the available water resources.

• **Incitement:** Israel and the Palestinians agreed to use all the legal means at their disposal to prevent incitement on the part of groups or individuals.

They also agreed that their educational systems would act to advance the cause of peace among Israelis and Palestinians.

(JTA staff writer Mitchell Danow in New York contributed to this report.)

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Congressional Hearing Reveals Deep Divisions Among Jews

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Opponents of the Middle East peace process outnumbered supporters at an explosive congressional hearing last week that at least one Jewish activist said signaled a "sad day" for American Jewry.

For a marathon 5 1/2 hours, members of the House International Relations Committee heard a parade of testimony as officials of Jewish organizations offered conflicting views of issues relating to the peace process.

Almost all 19 witnesses, including five Jewish members of Congress, focused on the polarizing issue of aid to the Palestinians.

The United States has pledged $500 million over five years to the Palestinians.

Although it is not clear what effect the hearing will have on the ultimate legislation, the lawmakers heard the following on the subject:

The Zionist Organization of America called for an immediate cutoff of aid.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America asked the panel to hold the money for six months in escrow to ensure that the Palestinians were complying with the accords.

The American Zionist Movement and the American Jewish Committee backed the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's call for Congress to pass the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act.

Senior Israeli and AIPAC officials had unsuccessfully attempted to dissuade committee Chairman Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.) from holding the hearings for fear that the anti-Israeli government testimony would negatively impact the peace process.

> "I am disgusted by the attempts by opposition parties in Israel to manipulate the sincere concerns of many American Jews to further their own political agenda," said Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.).

But the hearings went on. But before any members of the Jewish community spoke, one committee member chided the whole lot for bringing domestic Israeli political disputes to the halls of Congress.

"I am disgusted by the attempts by opposition parties in Israel to manipulate the sincere concerns of many American Jews to further their own political agenda," said Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), a black congressman long considered a strong friend of Israel.

Hastings said he had more faith in Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's political judgement about making peace with the Palestinians than "I do with many of the persons who stop by my office to complain about the process."

These hearings are being held "because partisan Israeli political pressures are spilling over into the United States' political agenda." Hastings added, referring to widespread attempts by Israeli political figures from Likud to persuade Congress on a number of issues, including blocking aid to the Palestinians.

At the end of the day, many Jewish observers who watched the hearing said members of Congress probably left the hearing room more confused about where the Jewish community stands.

"This is a sad day," said Seymour Reich, president of the American Zionist Movement.

Referring to the issue of aid to the Palestinians, he said, "For the first time I've seen prominent organizations of the Conference of Presidents [of Major American Jewish Organizations] testifying before Congress on a position contrary to that of the conference."

> Richard Hellman said, "Why can't you guys in the Jewish community just get along?"

Reich, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents, was referring to the stances set forth by the ZOA and the Orthodox Union.

The Conference of Presidents has supported aid to the Palestinians and has expressed its support for the current legislation making its way through Congress.

"This egregious breach is troubling and may have long-range negative implications for the community," Reich said.

But Morton Klein, ZOA president, saw it differently.

"The hearing was a victory for those who believe that in fact and deed Yasser Arafat is not complying with his agreements with Israel," said Klein, who has been in the forefront of lobbying activity against aid to the Palestinians.

Opponents of the aid tried to show how Arafat has failed to live up to his agreements.

The hearing had many odd moments, including when Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.), citing a recent AJCommittee poll showing that 63 percent of American Jews do not favor aid to the Palestinians, told AIPAC Executive Director Neal Sher, "The vast majority of Jewish Americans don't agree with you."

Another strange moment came when Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Calif.) said he was puzzled why Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat goes to the trouble of maintaining "eight days" of stubble.

"Why doesn't he just grow it out?" Dornan said to James Zogby, president of the Arab American Institute, who also testified at the hearings.

Indicative that the public split among Jewish organizations has come squarely to the halls of Congress, Richard Hellman, president of the Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign, said to Klein and Sher during a brief recess: "Why can't you guys in the Jewish community just get along?"

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Monument Unveiled in Warsaw to Honor Poles Who Saved Jews

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — A monument has been unveiled in Warsaw to honor those Poles who risked their lives during World War II by forming a secret organization to save Jews from the Nazis.

The obelisk unveiled recently honored Zegota, an organization sponsored by the London-based Polish government in exile during World War II to help Jews in Poland.

The monument stands near the larger Ghetto Heroes Monument, which pays homage to the hundreds of thousands of Warsaw Jews who died during the war and to those who died during the failed ghetto uprising in 1943.

Zegota, the Relief Council for Jews, was active from Sept. 27, 1942, in Warsaw, Krakow and other cities, and was the "only such government-funded institution in German-occupied Europe," said Stanislaw Krajewski, American Jewish Committee consultant in Warsaw.

"In Warsaw alone, 2,400 children were placed in families and Catholic or secular institutions," he said in a telephone interview.

During the ecumenical dedication ceremony, prayers were offered by Warsaw Chief Rabbi Menachem Joskowicz and by Bishop Stanislaw Gadecki, president of the Polish Episcopate's commission for Dialogue with the Jews.

Speakers included Poland's Foreign Minister Wladyslaw Bartoszewski — one of the founders of Zegota — who stressed that the creation of the group had been a common activity of Christians and Jews helping the most vulnerable.

Israel, China to Create High-Tech Park

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli companies have said they plan to create a high-tech industrial park near Beijing, another sign of growing trade relations between the Jewish state and China.

The Chinese minister said the park would be located next to an existing Motorola plant outside the capital. The park will include Israeli firms such as Elscint as well as its parent company, Elbit, which is involved in both defense and civilian projects.

Israel and China established diplomatic and economic ties three years ago. Bilateral trade between the two countries totaled $200 million last year.

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Bank of Israel to Raise Interest Rate

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Bank of Israel has announced that it was raising interest rates by half a percentage point.

Bank of Israel Gov. Jacob Frenkel said that this move was necessary to counter public expectations of stepped-up inflation after learning of August's relatively high cost-of-living rate.

He also blamed inflation fears on growing private consumption and the balance of payments.

Israel's Chamber of Commerce and other groups criticized his decision, saying that it would not contain inflation.

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Man Now Denies Arranging Minor Marriage

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Brooklyn man who created a storm of controversy throughout the Orthodox Jewish world by marrying off his minor daughter is now saying that he did not do it.

In a sworn affidavit submitted to New York state Supreme Court, Israel Goldstein has claimed that he never married off his young daughter in a ceremony known as "kedusha ketana," or minor marriage.

Goldstein's claim in secular court contradicts what he has said before, to a Jewish religious court and to the media, that he married off his then 10-year-old daughter to exact revenge against his wife, Gita Goldstein, for going to civil court to obtain a divorce.

He has refused to grant his ex-wife a Jewish divorce.

According to a Hebrew-language document signed by the three judges of the Tausig religious court in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, Goldstein walked into the court in September 1993 and announced that he had married his daughter "according to the laws of Moses and Israel."

When asked by a reporter attending the preliminary court hearing on Aug. 30, 1995, whether he did or did not in fact marry off his daughter, Israel Goldstein smiled briefly and said, "It will all come out in court."

He may be right.

State Supreme Court Judge James Shaw ruled Sept. 7 that Gita Goldstein's case against her ex-husband will go forward, and that he is required to answer her attorney's questions before a judicial hearing officer in a session still to be scheduled.

Israel Goldstein appeared in court without an attorney and told the judge that he was representing himself.

He submitted a rambling affidavit in which he attacked his ex-wife as being "the equivalent of the murderess Susan Smith" for "taking away children from their father."

Because she went to a civil court to obtain a divorce from him, she is "neither pious, Torah observant or Orthodox in any fashion. Gita Goldstein has spit on G–d and on his Torah law," he testified.

In the affidavit he also called her attorney, A. David Stern, "an asinine moron" and "primitive-minded."

At the end of the document Goldstein claimed never to have actually married off his daughter.

In a recent interview Gita Goldstein said her ex-husband harasses her and her relatives with threatening phone calls in the middle of the night.

Shortly after the minor marriage was made public in an article last May by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Orthodox rabbis ruled that Sarah Leah is not actually married because her father never named the groom or witnesses involved in the marriage.

Stern said, however, that he fears that the rabbinic ruling does not truly free the girl.

Goldstein "could reveal the witnesses at any time. It's a sword of Damocles hanging over her (Sara Leah's) head until the entire issue is put to rest," said Stern.

The goal of suing Goldstein and ultimately, the groom and witnesses, is "to make sure that people who participate in this type of thing know that there is a price to pay," he said.

Israel Goldstein, in an interview at the state Supreme Court building the day of his preliminary hearing, responded to a reporter's questions by smiling and contradicting statements he had made previously.

According to Stern, Goldstein's new testimony that he did not marry off Sara Leah doesn't necessarily derail his case.

"We'll see whether he duped people or had co-conspirators," said Stern. "If he's semicoherent I might get the court to order him to undergo a psychiatric evaluation."

But "if he's devious in his answers, there are contempt citations for that sort of thing, making him subject to jail if the judge thinks it is appropriate," he said.

German Jewish Community Opposes Immigration of Ex-Soviet Jews

by Gil Sedan

BONN (JTA) — The German Jewish community has announced that it opposed immigrants from the former Soviet Union coming to Germany under the rubric of Judaism when their Jewish background is questionable.

"I have nothing against opening Germany's doors to refugees," said Ignatz Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. But, he added, "I don't want anyone blaming us for unlawful immigration."

Bubis made the remarks at a news conference in Bonn, on Sept. 19.

Of the 100,000 people in the former Soviet Union who have applied for emigration visas to Germany as Jewish refugees, some 40,000 have come to Germany. Bubis said that only half of these immigrants are halachically Jewish, meaning they have a Jewish mother.

Due to the rise of Jewish immigration to Germany, some 50,000 people are registered members in the Jewish community of Germany, Bubis said.

Also at the news conference, Bubis praised Germany for its measures against neo-Nazis, saying that they have led to the drop in power of extreme-right political parties.

But he said the amount of anti-Semitic propaganda has continued to rise.

Costa Rican Jews Debate Affiliation

by Brian Harris

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (JTA) — After a passionate debate on the religious affiliation of Costa Rica's Jewish community, local leaders have decided to remain Orthodox.

But at an unprecedented "community congress" recently, 150 community members also agreed to listen to experts on Conservative Judaism. In addition, they voted to open official communications with the country's nascent Reform and Chabad Lubavitch congregations.

Costa Rica's 2,500 member Jewish community has long maintained a staunchly Orthodox line. However, in recent years, breakaway Reform and Chabad congregations have arisen, the former comprised mainly of foreign residents here and the latter a small grouping of less than two dozen families.

The community congress voted overwhelmingly to invite conservative movement representatives to discuss the viability of introducing the country's oldest and largest congregation to that stream of Judaism, a move supporters said would save the community from division and eventual disappearance.

"This is about finding sincerity with ourselves," said Jeanette de Meltzer, a proponent of the measure to explore affiliating with the Conservative movement.

"Prayers would be more important for me if they were in Spanish and I could have my family at my side," she said.

But Orthodox traditions in this community run deep.

Isaias Mendelewicz, a supporter of maintaining the ties to Orthodox Judaism, said that only by being an Orthodox community "are we going to achieve the continuity of our community."

Defenders of the community's Orthodox tradition expressed fear that accepting other movements would pave the way for interfaith marriages in the community and lead to further assimilation in their predominantly Catholic society.

Supporters of Conservative Judaism argued that few in the community in this Central American country live by the mandates of Orthodoxy and that almost all leave their businesses open during the Sabbath and even on Rosh Hashanah.

They said opening the community to other religious streams would provide a greater stimulus for younger members to remain within the community.

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Parents of Missing Soldier Applaud MEPFA

Yona and Miriam Baumel, parents of missing soldier Zachary Baumel, expressed deep satisfaction with the passing of the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act by the United States Senate.

The MEPFA includes a clause making U.S. aid to the Palestinian Authority contingent on PLO divulgence of all information regarding Baumel who is an American citizen.

"It's encouraging to see the Americans do the correct thing," said Zachary's father. "The United States Congress has recognized what we have been saying all along. Peace means that all POWs come home."

The International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers and its American branch, the American Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers also expressed satisfaction at what is the culmination of months of lobbying efforts. "We met with Sen. Helms' office a number of times. They understood that human rights always comes first," said Pesach Wolicki, ICMIS director. "We've done our job. It's time for Arafat to do his."

Baumel has been considered missing since the June 11, 1982, battle at Sultan Yakoub. According to recent reports, Baumel was held by the PLO until 1986, at which time the PLO lost control of him and others to pro-Syrian elements. In December 1993, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat returned half of Baumel's IDF identification tag to Prime Minister Rabin. At that time Arafat promised to disclose verified information within two weeks time. This has not been forthcoming.

On April 25, 1994, Rabin stated that he believes that the PLO has further information but that Arafat is withholding it fearing that it would complicate his relationship with the Syrians (*Jerusalem Post*, April 26, 1994).

The May 4, 1994, Cairo Accord between Israel and the PLO, to which the United States is a signatory states:

"The PLO undertakes to cooperate with Israel, and to assist it, in its efforts to locate and to return to Israel Israeli soldiers who are missing in action and the bodies of killed soldiers which have not been recovered." (Cairo Accord, appendix 1 item 2).

Prague's Non-Orthodox to Fill Once-Derelict Shul with Prayer

by Ruth E. Gruber

PRAGUE (JTA) — Prague's long-derelict Spanish Synagogue will resound with Jewish prayer this month when a new, non-Orthodox Jewish congregation in the Czech capital holds High Holiday services there.

"Bejt Praha," which organizers describe as an open Jewish congregation, decided to hold Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in the Spanish Synagogue.

"We are expecting 300 people at services, but I'm probably underestimating," Bejt Praha founder Lisa Frankenberg said in an interview.

Frankenberg, 27, came to Prague in 1990. She is the president and publisher of Prague's weekly English-language newspaper, The Prague Post.

She and friends founded Bejt Praha last year as an alternative to Prague's official Orthodox community.

This year, the group formally became a member of the Federation of Czech Jewish Communities.

Bejt Praha, which has a mailing list of about 300, mainly targets the hundreds of American and other Jews who form part of the large foreign community in Prague.

Czech Jews also participate in services and events organized by the group.

"We don't label ourselves Orthodox, Reform, Conservative or American," Frankenberg said. "We are a Jewish organization — we are the open Prague Jewish community."

Outreach is a main concern and focus of the group, she said. "We want to help Jews in Prague express their own identity."

Frankenberg was involved in organizing non-Orthodox High Holiday services last year, which were held in the historic High Synagogue.

"We had 80 chairs, but about 250 people came," she said. "It was a wonderful, overwhelming surprise for us."

Based on that response, "we formed Bejt Praha," Frankenberg said.

The services this year will be led by Rabbi Arnold Turetsky of White Plains, N.Y. His trip to Prague is sponsored in part by the Midrasha Yerushalayim, the Israeli-based education arm of the Masorti, or Conservative, movement.

Pope Puts Out Book on Judaism

Spiritual Pilgrimage: Texts on Jews and Judaism 1979–1995 (ISBN 0-8245-1544-7; $17.95), a paperback original by Pope John Paul II, with commentary and introduction by Eugene J. Fisher and Rabbi Leon Klenicki, will be published to coincide with the Pope's visit to the United States in October.

Here, in one source, are the Pope's writings, homilies, and speeches on the importance of Judaism and the Jewish people. Pope John Paul II was the first Pope to visit a synagogue since the time of Peter.

The commentary and texts of *Spiritual Pilgrimage* enable the reader to chart the contributions Pope John Paul II has made to the dialogue between Jews and Catholics today.

Klenicki is the director of Interfaith Affairs at the Anti-Defamation League. Fisher is associate director for Catholic-Jewish Relations, Ecumenical Affairs Office, U.S. Catholic Conference.

For more information, call Crossroad Publishing at (212) 532-3650.

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Golem-Maker Still at Work in Budapest

by Ruth E. Gruber

BUDAPEST (JTA) — Levente Thury is a golem-maker.

For more than 15 years, the Budapest ceramist has sculpted representations of the golem, the uncouth clay creature brought to life by a spell or incantation. The golem, Hebrew for "something shapeless," has been a compelling figure in Jewish mysticism since the Middle Ages.

The most famous golem of Jewish legend belonged to Rabbi Judah Loew ben Bezalel in the 16th century in Prague. Loew created the golem to serve him and to protect the Prague Jewish community. As in other versions of the golem legend, the artificial clay man ran amok, forcing Loew to deactivate him.

Even today, legend has it that Loew's golem lies in the attic of Prague's famous Old-New Synagogue.

Thury is inspired by such tales. Over the years, the golem legend has fascinated artists of many media because of the implications of the myth: technology spiraling out of control, the foiled attempt to compete with G-d, the failure to manipulate the universe.

Each one of Thury's thousands of golems is a different interpretation of the legend.

"I would like to make things that are a mixture of spiritual and material," he said in an interview. "That is the most important meaning of the golem."

"The body of the golem is material: clay, stone and earth — the oldest materials," said Thury, whose piercing dark eyes look out from under a thatch of prematurely white hair.

"The message, the amulet, the spell" that brings the golem to life is the spirit, he added.

His golems range in height from shorter than an inch to larger than life.

Except for tiny figurines, which he said he often gives to friends as talismans, he rarely sculpts an entire figure. Instead, his golems are compositions of faces, heads and other body parts.

All the parts are distorted to some extent, as if their emergence from the clay was halted before it was finished.

A hand grasps an armless torso. A baby's features form a beautiful face on one side of a partially modeled head.

The expressions on the faces are serene but soulless. The eyes are unseeing.

"One of the reasons that I got interested in the idea of the golem is the fact that according to family tradition, my mother's family was related to Rabbi Loew," Thury said.

"Not only that, an ancestor of my father's was granted nobility by Emperor Rudolf II, who was a friend of Rabbi Loew's." Thury has the actual decree of the ennoblement in his possession.

Thury's golems have been exhibited in Hungary and elsewhere in Europe as well as in the United States.

After 101 years, French Army Admits Innocence of Dreyfus

But One Lie Lingers On

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — More than a century after the facts, the French army has admitted that Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, an Alsatian Jew convicted of treason and sentenced to life imprisonment, was innocent.

Jean-Louis Moreau, head of the army's history department, said Dreyfus had been innocent of all charges against him and was persecuted because he was a Jew, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* has reported. The statement was made at a meeting called by the French Jewish community.

The Dreyfus Affair, as it came to be known, was a "military conspiracy which led to the conviction and deportation of an innocent man, and partially on the basis of a falsified document," Moreau said.

He added that his remarks were nothing new and that the army had recognized Dreyfus' innocence since the charges were dropped.

The French Supreme Court in 1906 had overturned Dreyfus' 1894 conviction of spying for Germany, but the army had yet to openly state that the Jewish officer had not betrayed France, according to historical sources.

At the time of Dreyfus' conviction, the French army was rife with anti-Semitism.

Dreyfus had maintained his innocence, but his case did not gain public interest until evidence surfaced showing that another person spied for the German nation.

The suspect was acquitted quickly, prompting writer Emile Zola to publish an open letter, the famous "J'Accuse," claiming that the judges followed orders from the military.

One result of the Dreyfus Affair was to unite and bring to power the French left wing. Widespread anti-militarism and rabid anti-clericalism followed, leading to the separation of church and state in France in 1905, historical sources said.

A Fresh Look at Hurtful Speech

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — We all gossip. We've all been hurt by nasty things said to us and about us. And most of us find it nearly impossible to stop complaining to friends about the people who annoy us, or to suppress hurtful criticism of loved ones with whom we are angry.

Judaism has always acknowledged the powerful impact of words. Admonitions against lashon harah, or damaging speech, are frequent in classical Jewish literature. The daily prayers include a request for G-d's help in guarding our tongues.

The rabbis who wrote the Talmud equated hurtful speech with shedding blood. They deemed the tongue to have the potential to be "the elixir of life" and the primary source of good and evil.

At this time of year the topic gets extra scrutiny — many of the High Holiday petitions for forgiveness relate to speech. The Days of Awe are traditionally devoted to taking personal responsibility for the pain we have caused others, and to reconciling with them.

Religious leaders have lately been expressing their concern about the incendiary nature of public rhetoric coming from elected officials and some religious spokesmen around controversial political issues.

But it is concern about the power of language on interpersonal relationships that is attracting growing interest from Jews across the range of denominational affiliation.

Several new Jewish initiatives are under way to help make both Jews and non-Jews aware of the power of words.

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, author of several popular books on Judaism, is lobbying for the U.S. Senate to adopt a resolution that would designate May 14 as "National Speak No Evil Day."

If passed, Telushkin intends to use the designated day to introduce the values of careful speech to children in public schools, adults in their places of work and eventually, encourage them to incorporate it into their family lives.

"We need a citizenry that regulates its speech" voluntarily, said Telushkin, whose volume "Words That Hurt, Words That Heal," is scheduled for publication by William Morrow next spring.

Projects on the ethics of speech are also under way from two disparate points on the Jewish religious spectrum.

Two rabbinical students at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, located in the Philadelphia area, are bringing a course on the ethics of speech to the larger Jewish community, according to Rabbi Leila Gal Berner, director for the Center for Jewish Ethics at RRC.

The ethics center plans to develop study guides and disseminate them, with a curriculum, to synagogue groups across North America so that adult students and synagogue boards can study the topic and improve their communication skills with the help of guidance from Jewish sources.

The subject is also being approached from an Orthodox point of view by the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, based in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Artscroll, a publisher of Orthodox-oriented books, is producing a book edited by the foundation titled *Chofetz Chaim: A Lesson a Day*, which breaks down the rabbi's teachings on the laws of ethical speech into five-minute segments for daily study.

"The Chofetz Chaim said that we're in exile because of the sins of causeless hatred and lashon harah," said Michael Rothschild, executive director of Artscroll, "The only way to get out of this exile is to fix this problem."

The power of speech is an element in most religious traditions, but it gets particular attention in Jewish literature and liturgy.

"Jews take everything out with verbal aggression," said Telushkin, because "Jewish culture came to so abhor the physical violence" of surrounding cultures.

Berner said Judaism pays so much attention to the ethics of speech because "we are very much a verbal religion."

"The joke is that we couldn't be Buddhists because we couldn't do that much silence," she said.

Although most Jewish communities are no longer concentrated in shtetls, the incendiary rhetoric used in public discourse today — and the resulting religious and political polarization — makes clear that speech continues to be an immensely powerful influence even in a fragmented world.

"In this anonymous world where people are on the Internet and our only real means of communication in many situations is speech, we have to be even more ethical about how we approach it," said Berner.

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Volunteers Needed for Meals on Wheels

Meals On Wheels coordinator, Rhonda Goldstein French, reports that there is a waiting list of elderly in great need of the program's services, who are unable to be helped due to a shortage of volunteer workers.

Those who do volunteer in Meals On Wheels say that they genuinely enjoy the experience.

Anyone interested in becoming a Meals On Wheels volunteer is encouraged to call French at 781-1171, or Sue Robbio at the Jewish Community Center of R.I., 861-8800.

South County Hadassah to Hold Afternoon Affair

A luncheon, followed by an afternoon of cards and other table games, will be sponsored by the South County Chapter of Hadassah on Oct. 11 at noon at the Larchwood Inn in Wakefield.

Oct. 11 is the newly set date for this program.

Card clubs are welcome.

For further information, contact Clarissa Kulman at 783-1114.

SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES, as, from the left, Clarissa Kulman and Roberta Levin rest on the porch of the Larchwood Inn in Wakefield while they plan a Hadassah event to be held there on Oct.11.

CANDLELIGHTING SCHEDULE

For Providence, Rhode Island 5756 (1995–1996)

October		November		December	
3 Yom*	6:07	3	4:20	1	3:58
6	6:02	10	4:12	8	3:57
8 Suk*	5:58	17	4:06	15	3:58
9 Suk*	7:00	24	4:01	22	4:01
13	5:50			29	4:05
15 S. At*	5:47				
16 S. To*	6:48				
20	5:39				
27	5:29				

EASTERN STANDARD TIME RESUMES OCTOBER 29

January		February		March	
5	4:11	2	4:44	1	5:18
12	4:19	9	4:53	8	5:26
19	4:27	16	5:02	15	5:34
26	4:35	23	5:11	22	5:42
				29	5:49

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

April		May		June	
3 Pes*	5:55	3	7:28	7	8:00
4 Pes*	6:59	10	7:35	14	8:03
5	5:57	17	7:42	21	8:06
9 Pes*	7:02	23 Shav*	7:48	28	8:06
10 Pes*	8:06	24 Shav*	7:49		
12	7:05	31	7:55		
19	7:12				
26	7:20				

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME RESUMES APRIL 7

July		August		September	
5	8:05	2	7:45	6	6:53
12	8:03	9	7:36	13 Rosh*	6:41
19	7:58	16	7:27	14 Rosh*	7:43
26	7:52	23	7:16	20	6:29
		30	7:05	22 Yom*	6:26

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

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Get With the Program at Temple Beth El

The Adult Enrichment Committee of Temple Beth-El has announced its fall semester, to be held on Wednesday evenings from Oct. 11 through Nov. 15.

All courses are open to the community and do not require temple membership. The following courses will be offered.

Beginning Hebrew — This course in Hebrew reading, offered in conjunction with the National Jewish Outreach Program, covers the alphabet in one-and-a half hour sessions and will continue through the spring 1996 semester. It will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the instructor will be Helen Salzberg.

Reading the Shabbat Evening Service — Designed for those who would like to follow and understand more of the Shabbat evening service. This class, which will study the order of the Shabbat service and teach an understanding of some basic prayers, including the candle blessing, the kiddush and the kaddish material, will be individualized according to reading ability, and the class is open to anyone with a minimum ability to read Hebrew. It will be offered from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m., and the instructor will be Stanley Freedman.

Introduction to Judaism — This 20-week introductory class is for individuals considering converting to Judaism and Jews who would like to refresh their Judaic knowledge. The course, taught by Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana, Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman, Cantor Ida Rae Cahana, and special guests, will survey many aspects of Jewish life: history, the holidays, lifecycle events, practices, and observances. There is a $150 materials fee for the numerous books needed for the class.

It will be taught from 7 to 9:15 p.m.

American Jews in the '90s — Questions about the future of American Jews, assimilation, changes in the tradition will be discussed. This is a look at a community in crisis, not so much from its enemies as from its friends. Yehuda Lev, the instructor, is a retired journalist who worked for the Israeli State Radio and CBS in Jerusalem, and is the former editor of the *Jewish Journal of Los Angeles*. It will be taught from 7 to 8 p.m.

Jewish Art and Architecture: Six Journeys — From Paris to Pasadena, Miami to Manhattan, the class will explore beautiful objects and places. It will celebrate a legacy of Jewish craftsmanship, creativity, and connoisseurship. Illustrated lectures will focus on such topics as modern sculpture in Israel, Jewish art collectors, American synagogue design, and the architecture of Louis Kahn. Course requirements are curiosity, imagination and tolerance for the unknown. The time will be 7 to 8 p.m., and the instructor will be George Goodwin, Ph.D.

The Genius of Tova Reich — The third novel of Tova Reich, daughter and sister of rabbis, *The Jewish War* was called by the *New York Times Book Review* "political and religious satire of the highest order. The class will read the novel together, savoring the author's humor and grieving the grandiose and often futile violence of Israel today — and tomorrow. The novel is available at Books on the Square. Students are asked to start reading the first few chapters before the class. Afterwards, the class will discuss some of Reich's short stories and earlier novels. The class will be held 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. and taught by Blossom Kirshenbaum, Ph.D.

All classes will be held at Temple Beth-El. Course registration may be made by phone at 331-6070 or in person during business hours at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence.

Registration may also be made on the first night of the opening session, beginning at 6 pm.

There is a $10 registration fee per family per academic year. The Adult Enrichment Committee reserves the right to cancel any courses with inadequate enrollment.

Celebrate Sukkot at Congregation Agudas Achim

Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro, the area's only Reconstructionist Jewish congregation, is hosting several activities to celebrate Sukkot, the Feast of Booths.

This festive harvest holiday is a favorite with children and adults, providing many opportunities for eating, singing, dancing, and enjoying the beautiful fall outdoors.

Sukkah building and decorating will take place at the synagogue on Oct. 8, beginning at 10 a.m. Many hands are needed to help set up and decorate our sukkah.

A family service for Sukkot is planned for Oct. 9 (Columbus Day) at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend. A brown bag lunch will follow in the sukkah. Please bring your own dairy/vegetarian lunch.

On Oct. 12, the Older Adults group will hold its first meeting, with a brown bag lunch in the sukkah at noon. All adults are welcome.

On Oct. 14, regular services begin at 9:30 a.m., with a special Tot Shabbat program for children under 6, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A pot luck dairy lunch in the sukkah will follow.

Yizkor memorial services for Shemini Atzeret will be held at the synagogue at 6:45 a.m. on Oct. 16.

Our family Simchat Torah celebration begins at 7 p.m. on Oct. 16. The dancing and celebration will be led by Rabbi Diamond and Cantor Jane Myers.

The synagogue is located at 901 N. Main in Attleboro, off exit 5 from Route 95. For more information about these holiday programs, call the synagogue at (508) 222-2243.

Let's See Your Sukkah!

The *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* would like to include pictures of as many sukkahs as possible this year, with the help of our readers.

If you take a picture of your sukkah, we'll put it in the newspaper. If you include a person in the sukkah, please identify the person. Also, let us know who took the picture, so we can give a photo credit.

We prefer black and white pictures, but we will accept color photos. All pictures must be received by Oct. 9. Since that doesn't leave much time, you may want to drop your picture off at the *Herald*, at 99 Webster St. in Pawtucket (call for directions, 724-0200).

However, if you mail your picture by Oct. 6, we should receive it in time for next week's paper. Please indicate if you would like the photo returned.

Mail pictures to: *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940.

Sukkot Celebration

Mativ, Temple Beth-El's young adult group, will host a sukkah party on Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, R.S.V.P. by Oct. 6 by calling the temple at 331-6070. This event is free. The synagogue is located at 70 Orchard Ave. in Providence.

SYJP Announce October Event

The Society of Young Jewish Professionals has announced its October event, on Oct. 8, at Zanzibar, located at 1 Boylston Place in Boston.

The party begins at 8 p.m. For directions, call (617) 351-2560. Admission is $10 for SYJP members and those with an invitation and $15 without. This party will feature a DJ, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, dancing, and much more. Proper dress and valid identification are required.

For more information on SYJP's Boston area, call (800) 829-0404.

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Herbert and Judith Fogel with their children (left to right) Molly, Jared and Jenny.

In this photo taken shortly after the Margolins arrived in Providence from the Soviet Union twenty years ago, Leonid and Rayi Margolin and their children Irene and Alex pose with Rayi's uncle and aunt Zalman and Klara Azimov and her mother Khasia Rapoport.

Edward and Trudi Adler with their children Ethan, Elan and Susan, their daughter-in-law Wendy and grandchildren Jennifer and Dori.

JFS to Install Kaplan as President and Honor Three 'Families of the Year'

Richard Kaplan will be installed as president of Jewish Family Service, for a second term, at the agency's 66th Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers to be held on Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Roger Williams Park Casino in Providence.

On the same evening, JFS will honor three local families as "Families of the Year." Selected by a nine-member committee as exemplifying the best in family life, the families are the Edward O. and Trudi Adler family and the Leonid and Rayi Margolin family, both of Providence, and the Herbert and Judith Fogel family of Warwick.

The Adler family is in the words of the Bromberg/Rosenstein families who nominated them, "a wonderful example of a family unit committed to each other, to their Jewish heritage and community and most importantly to Jewish education and continuity."

Respect, love, a commitment to each other, to education, to their Jewish heritage and to their community — these are evident in the Adler family. The qualities handed down by their parents and grandparents have survived the Holocaust with them, and have now been handed down to their children Ethan, Elan and Susan and to their grandchildren Jennifer and Dori.

The Adlers' basic philosophy: "Money does not count. Understand each other before the other speaks. Swallow hard and a disagreement won't become a fight. Practice unconditional love. Be there for each other."

The Fogels were nominated for "Family of the Year" by Herbert Fogel's mother, Lillian Strauss, who said of her son's family and their community involvement: "Through the examples set by their parents, the children have learned to give back to the community for all they have earned. If more people would do this, we would have a much more caring society."

According to Sister Maris Stella, director of McAuley House, "They come early and stay late. They have been coming here on Christmas Day ever since the kids were little. They are such wonderful people, so friendly."

The Margolins were nominated by Ruth H. Wolf, who said, "They have accomplished in 20 years what it takes most American families a lifetime to do. That they have been inspiring to those of us who have had the advantages of being born Americans is irrefutable."

Leonid and Rayi Margolin came to America from the Soviet Union 20 years ago. Their hopes of a better life for their children Irene and Alex, and now their grandson Aaron, have been realized. Long hours of hard work have not dampened their optimism and positive attitude.

The strength of the Margolin family has been passed down through the generations.

Irene has an advanced degree in Jewish Studies. "My father was killed for being Jewish. Now some of my father's dream is fulfilled."

According to the Margolins, "Family values are the most important values in the world. If you don't have family, you have nothing."

The community is invited to attend the Oct. 11 ceremony

Temple Shalom Plans Sukkot Festival

To prepare for the festival of Sukkot, members and friends of Temple Shalom will join together in decorating the temple sukkah (hut), on Oct 8 at 5 p.m.

Participants are requested to bring fruits, vegetables and homemade decorations.

Following at 6 p.m. there will be a pre-holiday dinner in the social hall for those with prior reservations. A brief service, kiddush and Oneg Yom Tov reception will follow in the temple sukkah.

Services for the first day of Sukkot will commence on Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. with Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer and Cantor Fred Scheff officiating. Kiddush follows the worship in the sukkah.

Services for Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot will take place on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. with a special worship conducted by the rabbi and cantor.

Shemini Atzeret services and Yizkor will be observed on Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.

Simchat Torah services will be held that evening at 7 p.m. Members of the Alpeh Class of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School will be honored at a special consecration. They include: Craig Bazarsky, Haley Gerstein, Rachel Goldstein, Samara Martin, Sam Reiter, Eric Saunders and David Snydacker.

Children will join with the adults in the Torah processions with flags and apples. An ice cream bar Oneg Yom Tov will conclude the celebration.

Information about any or all of the above events can be obtained by telephoning the temple office at 846-9002.

Chai Center to Hold Celebration

Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center has announced that it will once again be holding its annual Simchat Torah-Hakafot celebration, and that the entire Jewish community is invited to attend.

The main event will be held Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at 29 Arrowhead Way in Warwick. After Ma'ariv (the evening services), a full kiddush will be served, followed by dancing with the Torah.

There will be a special program for the children.

The festivities will continue well into the night. You can come after your synagogue service ends. "Treat yourself and the kids to a simcha like you've never seen before," said Rabbi Eliezer Levy of the CHAI Center.

The Chabad custom is to hold Hakafot on Shmini Atzeret eve also. The evening will provide a double dose of Simcha.

The full schedule for the holiday is as follows:

Shmini Atzeret — Oct. 15, 6 p.m., Ma'ariv, Kiddush and Hakafot; Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m., Yizkor.

Simchat Torah — Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m., Ma'ariv, Kiddush and Hakafot; Oct. 17, 5 p.m., reading of the Torah (everyone gets called up to the Torah); Hakafot, Mincha; 6:45 p.m., Ma'ariv.

Everyone is urged to come, and bring friends. For more information, call 884-4071.

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SCHOOLBEAT

Bureau of Jewish Education Accepting Applications for 'March of the Living'

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island is now accepting applications for the fifth biennial international educational program, "March of the Living." Jewish teens from more than 40 countries including Israel, the United States, Canada, Mexico, France, Britain and other Western European countries, Morocco, India, Australia, Russia, Hungary, Rumania, and Poland.

From April 14 to 28, 1996, participants will share in a once-in-a-lifetime experience where they will march the three kilometers from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Yom Ha-Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

From Poland, participants will fly to Israel where they will celebrate Israel's 48th Independence Day, Yom ha'Atzmaut, on April 24. Two weeks of unforgettable experiences have been planned.

The program is open to 11th- and 12th-grade students, and selected 10th-graders. Students who are chosen to participate will also attend several educational seminars and an all-day retreat, specifically created to prepare them for the march.

More than 5,000 Jewish high school students from a variety of religious and educational backgrounds are expected to participate.

In Poland, sites to be visited include the concentration camps of Auschwitz, Birkenau, Treblinka, and Majdanek; also the historic Jewish sites in Warsaw: the Ghetto Memorial, 10 Mila, the Jewish Cemetery; in Cracow (the Jewish Quarter, Rema Synagogue); and Lublin (the famous yeshiva, now a Polish medical school). The highlight will be the "March of the Living."

In Israel, students will visit a number of exciting locations and ancient sites including Jerusalem, Masada, Tel Aviv, the Golan Heights, Galilee, the Negev, and more.

Cost for the program is approximately $3,000, and grants and scholarships are available to all qualified candidates. El Al and Lot (Polish Airlines) will be the principal air carriers.

For details about this program, or for an application, call or write Ruth Page at the BJE/RI, 130 Sessions St., Providence, RI 02906, 331-0956.

Vivaldi Orchestra of Moscow to Perform at UMass Dartmouth

The Vivaldi Orchestra of Moscow, a 20-member orchestra performing the works of Bach, Mozart and Vivaldi, will perform at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth main auditorium Oct. 12, beginning at 8 p.m.

The orchestra is the first in a series of cultural events which comprise the Centennial Performing Arts Series, part of the UMass Dartmouth Centennial Celebration.

Tickets are available at the university box office which is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tickets for the community are $10 for orchestra and $9 for balcony, $9 for orchestra and $8 for balcony for faculty, staff and senior citizens and student tickets are $8 for orchestra and $7 for balcony. For additional information, call (508) 999-8136.

During his lifetime, the great composer Vivaldi was best known for his operas. That he is revered today for his concertos, owes everything to the work he did with a student orchestra at a Venetian orphanage called the Pio Ospedale della Pieta.

The orchestra is led by the renowned violinist and professor of the Moscow Conservatory, Svetlana Bezrodnaya, who organized the group in 1988 from Conservatory and Gnesinyh Music College graduates.

FROM MOSCOW WITH LOVE — the 20-member Vivaldi Orchestra of Moscow will perform at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth on Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. Call (508) 999-8136 for details.

Two Major Concerts Scheduled at RIC

The Rhode Island College department of music will present the RIC Symphony Orchestra in concert on Oct. 16, at 8:15 p.m., in Roberts Auditorium. Violinist Cheri Markward will be the featured performer, and Edward Markward will conduct. The program will consist of Prokofiev's Violin Concerts No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 63 and Lt. Kijé, Suite, Op. 60, and by Mozart, Symphony #38 in D Major, K. 504, Prague.

Admission will be $8, $6 for seniors and non-RIC students, and $3 for RIC students.

On Oct. 19, at 8:15 p.m. in Roberts Auditorium, the orchestra will play selections from Debussy, Gershwin, Takemitsu and others, in a program entitled, "Shattering the Borders of Music." Michael Borisken will be featured on the piano. Admission will be $10, $8 for seniors and non-RIC students, $3 for RIC students.

Call 456-8244 for more information.

BJE to Offer Beginners Yiddish

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will offer a beginners conversational Yiddish class that will commence in November. It will meet two times per month, during lunchtime, at the BJE, 130 Sessions St., Providence, and will continue for eight sessions, through February.

Students may bring a dairy brown bag lunch; coffee will be provided. Tuition for the eight classes is $65 and first semester classes will be from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. on Nov. 2, 16, 30; Dec. 14, Jan. 4, 18 and Feb. 1, 15.

Master teacher, Lea Eliash will conduct the classes. A veteran language teacher, Eliash whose mamaloshen is Yiddish, is a native of Lithuania.

If you are interested in the beginners conversational Yiddish class, or want further information, call Ruth Page at the BJE, 331-0956.

Community Prep School Head Announces Open House and Visitors' Day

Community Preparatory School will hold an open house and visitors' day.

Open house at the school will be Oct. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Visitors' day will be Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

While the school welcomes guests at any time, during the open house administrators, faculty, parents and students have an opportunity to share their views about Community Prep.

Visitors days are informal times when people may drop by the school to observe classes.

Aside from the core academic curriculum, students at the school participate in art, music, drama, foreign languages, physical education and community service. They use computers with CD-ROM and Internet capability in the classroom.

The school especially prides itself on the participation of parents and teachers in quarterly goal-setting conferences, during which parents help students set individual academic goals.

Community Prep had an enrollment of 84 students, in grades four through eight, with the average class size being 17.

Seventy-two percent of the students are of color, and students live in all parts of Rhode Island.

While tuition is $6,600, 90 percent of the students receive financial aid.

Community Prep is accredited by the Association of Independent Schools of New England and is a member of the New England League of Middle Schools and the Independent School Association of Rhode Island.

If you are interested in attending Community Preparatory's open house or visitors' day, or you would like more information about the school, call Lamont Gordon at 521-9696.

"A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine"

Joshua Lentz and Sophie Kieffer, students at Alperin Schechter Day School, let us see the pictures they drew as part of an ongoing Tzedakah/Gemilut Hasadim project. Each week students make pictures and projects to send to someone who is in the hospital, in a nursing home, or recuperating at home.

Theater Director to Address Brandeis Women

Oscar Eustis, Trinity Repertory Company's artistic director, will speak about his life in the theater at the Fall River Chapter of Brandeis University National Women's Committee fall meeting.

This Oct. 12 annual, paid-up membership luncheon meeting of the BUNWC will be held in the vestry of Temple Beth El, Locust Street, Fall River at 11:30 a.m.

Rose Juda and Bea Forman will prepare the luncheon.

Eustis will speak at 1 p.m. All-occasion cards will be on sale, and a book will be raffled.

BUNWC supports the libraries and library services of Brandeis University. In June 1996 the 1 millionth book will be placed on the Brandeis libraries' shelves, an achievement which took less than 50 years. Funds raised in 1995–96 will establish a major endowment to build the American Judaica collection.

BUNWC welcomes new members who wish to support the libraries and participate in the Millionth Book Celebration.

SCHOOLBEAT

Controversy Over Rabbinical Schools Causes Crisis Among Conservatives

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Conservative movement in America faces a crisis centering on a bitter dispute between its two institutions of higher learning — which may result in a split between the East and West coasts.

Triggering the confrontation was the announcement earlier this month by the University of Judaism of the establishment of a full-fledged rabbinical school, whose graduates would be ordained as Conservative rabbis.

The Los Angeles-based university said an anonymous $22 million gift enabled it to expand its current two-year preparatory program at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies into a four-year program, starting next fall.

The move did not sit well with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, the parent campus of the university.

One week after the University of Judaism announcement, JTS Chancellor Ismar Schorsch sent a three-page letter to Robert Wexler, the university's president, with copies to 10 Conservative lay and professional leaders.

In the letter, Schorsch wrote that there is no need for another Conservative rabbinical school because the JTS, as well as institutions affiliated with other Jewish denominations, are turning out more rabbis than the market can absorb.

"There is a longstanding and well-known overproduction of rabbis in the Orthodox and Reform movements and many of the best graduates from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College end up in Conservative pulpits," Schorsch wrote.

With record enrollment at the JTS rabbinical school, now at about 185 students, and a growing number of graduates working in nonpulpit positions, "there is an unease in the Rabbinical Assembly over our growth," he added.

Schorsch also charged in his letter that curricular differences would "regionalize" rabbinical education and put the Los Angeles and New York campuses in direct competition.

The University of Judaism's plan to offer a four-year curriculum contrasts the five- to six-year program at the JTS, including a full year of study at the Conservative Beit Midrash in Jerusalem.

"The more you seek to differentiate our two institutions, the more you strain the delicate fabric of the [Conservative] movement," Schorsch wrote to Wexler.

"The existence of two rabbinical schools in an adversarial relationship and in unseemly competition can only redound to the profound disadvantage of the movement."

In addition, Schorsch complained that establishment of the rabbinical school in Los Angeles ran counter to longstanding assurances that no such move was contemplated.

Schorsch said in a phone interview that he had received such assurances from Wexler, who became president in 1992, and from the previous president, David Lieber.

Schorsch also said neither he nor the Rabbinical Assembly was consulted beforehand about plans for the new school, but that he was confronted with a "fait accompli" by the University of Judaism.

His letter ended with a plea for collaboration to establish joint guidelines.

Wexler acknowledged that the JTS was instrumental in founding the University of Judaism in 1947 and assisted the new institution financially in its first two decades.

But he stressed that he now considers the university an independent institution.

Wexler said he had alerted Schorsch earlier this year about pressure to establish a full-scale rabbinical school at the university. However, such discussions remained hypothetical, until the unexpected $22 million gift transformed abstract hopes into reality.

A source familiar with the background of the current friction pointed first to the university's longstanding, two-year rabbinical preparatory program at the Ziegler School.

This program, somewhat akin to a junior college, served as a feeder school to the JTS, and brought unprepared students up to speed to enter the seminary.

Despite perceived promises to the contrary, the JTS then established a similar program on its New York campus, drastically reducing the number of students entering the university's preparatory program, the source said.

The University of Judaism was left with little choice but to either close down its two-year program or evolve into a full rabbinical school, the source said.

Wexler said that far from splintering Conservative education, the expanded Ziegler School would serve not only the special needs of the West but the entire country.

More variety and choice would only strengthen the Conservative movement, Wexler said. "Nobody thinks that there should be only one law or medical school in the country," he added.

As to differences in the curriculum, including spending one summer in Israel rather than a full year, Wexler said his program was still evolving and would not take final form until next year.

Wexler said he understood Schorsch's concerns, adding: "We recognize him as our spiritual head and JTS as the primary school of the Conservative movement."

RIC Series to Look at 'Borders'

by George LaTour

Rhode Island College will launch a month-long look in October at the theme of "borders" in the context of political, scientific and artistic changes in our world.

The internationally acclaimed performance artists Guillermo Gomez-Pena and Roberto Sifuentes will open the series Oct. 5 with the only East Coast performance/installation of Gomez-Pena's work which tackles the impact of old and new borders — aesthetic, cultural and linguistic — as well as the geographic one between Mexico and the United States.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 5 to 27 — The Temple of Confessions: A performance/installation with Guillermo Gomez-Pena and Roberts Sifuentes, 4 to 9 p.m.; Bannister Gallery; live performances.

Oct. 5 to 8 — RIC Theatre's production of Lillian Hellman's "The Children's Hour," 8 p.m. Oct. 5 to 7; 2 p.m. Oct. 8; Roberts Hall auditorium; general admission $10 with discounts for students and senior citizens.

Oct. 10 — Patricia Pedrozo: "Sacalo," a one-act play about violence from Mexico, 8 p.m., Gaige Hall auditorium.

Oct. 11 — Lecture by Lisa D. Humphries of the RIC department of mathematics and computer science: "From Mountain Passes to Suspension Bridges: A Numerical Algorithm," 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., Gaige Hall 373.

Discussion led by Mexican actress Patricia Pedrozo: "Feminism in Mexico," 2 to 3:15 p.m., Alumni Lounge, Roberts Hall.

Oct. 12 — Doctors Without Borders: Film and discussion with Ghislaine Geloin of the department of modern languages as coordinator, 12:30 p.m., Alumni Lounge, Roberts Hall.

Film: "Fear Eats the Soul" (Germany, Fassbinder, 1974), 6 p.m., Horace Mann Hall 193.

Oct. 12 — Dangerous Border Games with Guillermo Gomez-Pena and Roberto Sifuentes, 8 p.m., Gaige Hall auditorium.

Oct. 13 — Borders Within the Asian Student Community with E.J. Minn of the department of communication as coordinator, 7 p.m., Unity Center.

Oct. 16 — Film: "Born in East L.A." (USA, Cheech Marin, 1983), noon, Video Den, Student Union.

Lecture: The Borders of European Integration by Jeffrey Anderson of Brown University, 4 p.m., Craig-Lee Hall 154.

Oct. 17 — Lecture: Immigration and European Integration by Primo Vanicelli of the University of Massachusetts/Boston, 2 p.m., Craig-Lee Hall 154.

Oct. 18 — Film: "Latcho Drom" (Yugoslavia, 1994), 4 p.m., Horace Mann Hall 193.

Oct. 19 — Lecture: The End of the Rainbow? by Jim Sleeper, author of *The Closest of Strangers*, 2 p.m., Gaige Hall auditorium.

Recital: Breaking Down the Borders of Music with pianist Michael Boriskin, 8:15 p.m., Roberts Hall auditorium, general admission, $10 with discounts for students and senior citizens.

Oct. 23 — Film: "Geronima" (Argentina, Tosso, 1985), 4 p.m., Horace Mann Hall 123.

Oct. 24 — Discussion: Transgressing the Boundaries of American Literature: African-American and Native American Writers with Daniel Scott and Jennifer Sergi of the RIC department of English, 2 p.m., Craig-Lee Hall.

Discussion: Viruses at the Border of Life with Jerry Melaragno of the RIC department of biology as coordinator, 4 p.m., Fogarty Life Science Building 050.

Oct. 25 — Discussion: Women in Mathematics and Science with Ann Moskol of the RIC department of mathematics and computer science, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., Gaige Hall 373.

Borders With the Latino Community with Xae Reyes of the RIC department of educational studies, 4 p.m., Gaige Hall 254.

Oct. 26 — Latin Jazz Concert, 4 p.m., Bannister Gallery.

Film: "Close to Eden" (Russia, Mikhailov, 1992), 6 p.m., Horace Mann Hall 123.

Oct. 27 — Discussion: The Making of the Opera, "Harvey Milk" with New York City Opera Company production member, Stephen Bryant, 2 to 4 p.m., Roberts Hall Recital Chamber, Room 138.

Oct. 30 — Discussion: The Politics of Environmentalism with Jeff Johnson of the Rhode Island Green Party, 4 p.m., Fogarty Life Science Building 050.

Oct. 31 — Discussion: Collaborative Learning/Service Learning and the Borders of Curriculum with Bruce Herzberg of Bentley College, 12:30 p.m., Board of Governors Conference Room, Roberts Hall.

Unique Sculpture on Display at Johnson & Wales

Johnson & Wales University, in cooperation with the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Boston and the Rhode Island State Council for the Arts, will present a wood sculpture touring exhibition by two master carvers.

This traveling exhibit, the first of its kind ever to be hosted by Johnson & Wales, will be on display Sept. 28 through Oct. 26 at the university library, 111 Dorrance St.

The exhibit will be open to the public, free of charge, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

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8	Cranston/Warwick — Women's Health	7:30 pm, Carriers Hall
8	Pawtucket Regular Meeting	7:30 pm, Highland Court
9	Cranston/Warwick Theater Trip	TBA, Newton Theater
12	RI Chapter Education Day	10:00 am, Sheraton Tara/Warwick
13	Cranston/Warwick Board Mtg.	2:00 pm, R.I. Office
29	Newport Tour of Hasbro Hospital	TBA
30	Kent County Whist	7:30 pm, Villa Del Rio

DECEMBER

4	Career Women — Judaica Crafts	7:30 pm, R.I. Office
5	South County Dinner Meeting	7:00 pm, Wiley's
6	Pawtucket Board Meeting	7:30 pm, Highland Court
6	Nurses Council Board Meeting	7:00 pm, R.I. Office
11-24	Gift Wrapping at Warwick Mall	
13	R.I. Chapter Board Meeting	7:00 pm, R.I. Office
16	Newport Progressive Dinner	TBA
18	Cranston/Warwick Hanukkah Party	1:00 pm, Letter Carriers Hall
18	Providence Hanukkah Party	1:00 pm, Highland Court

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The Gang's All Here

And they all had a good time. On their way home from Temple Torat Yisrael's "Hands-On," Oct. 1, from the left, Benjamin Hoffman, Sharon Hoffman (self-admitted leader of this gang) Aaron Hoffman, Dan Shapiro, Seth Goldenberg and Evan Davis pause, and smile.
Herald photo by Alison Smith

RUSTY MERSHON explains to a young friend that he is here, at the temple, helping out because he likes to. The rest of the week, Mershon runs a company that makes buckles, but not today.
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Everybody's Doing It at Temple Torat Yisrael

FACE TO FACE, they talk it over, while all around them the temple lobby buzzes with activity. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

WHICH END IS UP? Or does it even matter? Two heads are better than one, on this kind of project. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

CAN YOU FIX IT? Sometimes experience counts, and this was one of those times. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

ANDREA COHEN prepares a special bag for her holiday supplies, at Temple Torat Yisrael. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

SUCH CONCENTRATION. No one even noticed the photographer as they worked together, one holding, the other cutting. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

MILESTONES

Ina Bochner and Richard Land Engaged

Edward and Arlene Bochner, of Warwick, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ina Cheryl Bochner, of Warwick, R.I., to Richard Jay Land, of Brookline, Mass., son of Sheldon and Sheila Land, of Warwick, R.I.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Ruth Patz of Delray Beach, Fla., David Patz of Stoughton, Mass., and the late Charles and Ida Bochner.

Her fiancé is the grandson of Dorothy Land of Warwick, R.I., and the late David Land, and the late Irving and Alice Glantz.

The bride-to-be was graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology, magna cum laude. She is a staffing manager at Office Specialists, Inc. in Providence, R.I.

Her fiancé was graduated from Boston University School of Management with a bachelor of science degree in business administration/finance, cum laude. He is presently completing his final year of study at Boston University School of Law.

The date of the wedding has been set for Aug. 11, 1996.

Ina Bochner and Richard Land

Dr. Leeman to Lecture in China

Dr. David E. Leeman, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Saul Leeman, has been invited to deliver a series of lectures in China in the framework of the Sino-American Cardiac Conference which will take place in mid-October in Beijing.

The general theme of his talks will be "Recent Advances in Interventional Cardiology."

More than 200 Chinese cardiologists are expected to attend the conference.

The lecture, to be delivered in English, will be translated by the head of the cardiology department of the Beijing Hospital.

Leeman, an instructor at the Harvard Medical School, is the associate director of the Cardiac Catherization Laboratory at the Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

In addition to his three lectures, he will also be called upon to perform a number of angioplastic procedures upon Chinese patients in a hospital setting. As guest of the Chinese government, he and his wife, Ramona, will be given a 10-day tour of important sites throughout the country.

Leeman, who has lectured extensively throughout the United States, was called upon to lecture to the cardiology staffs of the Hadassah Hospital and the Shaare Zedek Hospital during a recent visit to Jerusalem.

The Leemans reside in Newton, Mass., with their four children.

Local Poets to Read at the Library

A poetry reading by Lee Glantz and Ada Jill Schneider will be given at the Barrington Public Library on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The reading is entitled "Marriage, Mothers and Mirrors."

Glantz, of Barrington, is a fabric artist and poet. She has given batik workshops, and her work has been sold in the New England area. her writings have been published in *Talking to the Moon, The Detroit Jewish News, What the Song Will Sing,* and *My Great Grandfather Never Died.*

Schneider, of Somerset, Mass., is the author of *Fine Lines and Other Wrinkles,* now in its second printing, published by Gratlau Press, 1995. She is a contributor to the anthology, *Her Face in the Mirror: Jewish Women on Mothers and Daughters,* Beacon Press, 1994, and editor of *The Heart of Somerset,* 1990.

The winner of a Galway Kinnell Poetry Prize in 1992, she was featured in *Good Life,* a publication of *The Providence Journal,* and has been awarded several grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Her poems have appeared in *Church House Anthology, Housewife-Writer's Forum, Lizzie Borden Quarterly, Muddy River Poetry Review, Nashama, The Newport Review, Spectator, Synaesthetic, Talking to the Moon,* and *Temper.*

Artist Chan Hoi-Ying to Present Program

Noted artist Chan Hoi-Ying will present a slide lecture on his works at the Barrington Public Library on Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Hoi-Ching is an internationally known artist and art educator. From 1933 to 1952, he studied art under Li Tiet-Fu (Laurel of Art in Asia, awarded by Dr. Sun Yat-Sen). His debut solo exhibition was held in Hong Kong in 1939.

He is the founder and president of the Hong Kong Academy of Fine Arts (est. 1952) and a consultant to various art organizations. His work is reminiscent of Rembrandt, Valesquez and John Singer Sargent, and some of the later impressionists. It has been exhibited in numerous shows, galleries and museums worldwide.

His repertoire is comprised of still-life, landscape, portraiture and figure paintings in oil, watercolor and Chinese ink. He is currently serving as visiting professor in art at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo.

This program is free and open to all.

For more information, contact Kathy Kwan at 247-2477 or Lauri Burke at 247-1920.

Social Seniors Meeting Twice in October

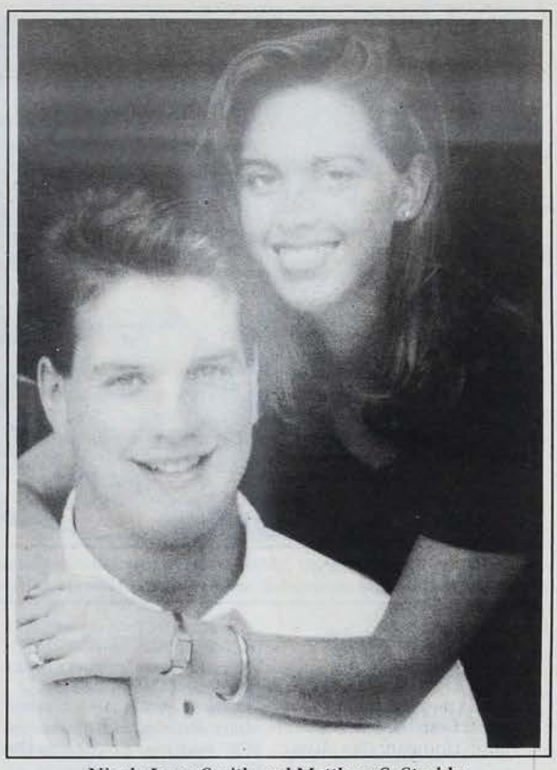
The Social Seniors of Warwick will hold a meeting on Oct. 11 at 1 p.m. at Temple Am David, 41 Gardiner St., Warwick.

The speaker will be J. Smalling Jr. and he will speak on "Love, Money and Justice."

On Oct. 25, members will go to the Whites of Westport restaurant.

Contact Sally Goldman, if you plan to attend.

Refreshments will be served at the Oct. 11 meeting.



Nicole Lynn Smith and Matthew S. Steckler

Nicole Smith to Wed Matthew Steckler

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, of Barrington, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Lynn Smith, of Boston, Mass., to Matthew S. Steckler, of Boston, Mass., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Steckler, of Hamilton, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Cantor Jacob Smith of Cranston, R.I., and the late Edith Smith, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Weinberg of South Orange, N.J., and the late Bertram Weinberg.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Lincoln School in Providence, and of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and will graduate 1996 from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Taft School in Connecticut, and of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and is presently employed by Eaton Vance Corp. in Boston, Mass.

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AT HOWARD JOHNSON'S ?!? Yes, City Nights Dinner Theatre is actually going to recreate a murder that allegedly occurred at some mythical Howard Johnson's. What's safe, any more?

City Nights Stages Another Murder

City Nights Dinner Theatre's next production will be a comedy, "Murder at the Howard Johnson's." The play, written by Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick, will be produced by David Jepson.

It opens Oct. 13 and runs every Friday and Saturday evening through Nov. 5.

In addition, there will be a Thursday evening performance on Nov. 2, and Sunday matinees on Oct. 24 and Nov. 5.

The show will be directed by Cait Calvo, and star Anna Drake, Richard Wilber, and WPRO talk show host Bruce Newbury.

In this love triangle at the Howard Johnson Motor Inn, a "dashing" dentist, a blundering used-car salesman and a middle-aged "femme fatale" become enmeshed in numerous plots turns and twists. "Enough laugh lines and sight gags to outfit two farces!" says *Variety*.

City Nights is located at the center of downtown Pawtucket at 27 Exchange St. (next to the Times Building) with easy access from Route 95 by Exit 29 (at the end of the exit ramp turn south onto Broadway, then at the first traffic light turn right onto Exchange Street).

Tickets for the dinner and show total $22 a person. The meal is a roast chicken dinner, served family style.

Seating is from 6 to 7 p.m., with dinner served at 7. Sunday matinee seating is from noon until 1 p.m. with dinner served at 1 p.m. Curtain is an hour and a quarter after serving time.

Venice in Providence

Books on the Square, 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence, will be displaying the photography of nationally known photographer Carl Keitner during the month of October. The show features photographs of Venice in black and white, and all photographs are framed and available for sale.

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NEH Awards Two Grants to RISD Museum

The Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design was recently awarded two grants by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The first award in the amount of $40,400 will be used for planning an exhibition entitled "Adolphe Braun: A Photographic Enterprise." The show, scheduled for late 1998 at the Museum of Art, RISD, will feature the pioneering commercial enterprise created by the 19th-century French photographer Adolphe Braun (1812 to 1877). Examples of his works will be drawn from American collections and from the Archives departementales du Haut-Rhin in France.

The NEH also awarded $39,000 to the Museum of Art, RISD to support its reinstallation of its classical galleries. The funds will go toward an interpretative, permanent reinstallation of the galleries, necessary didactic materials, an interactive video, and educational programs which will make the works more meaningful and pleasurable for the museum's diverse audience of students, scholars, and the general public.

There's Going to be a Masked Ball

Tickets are on sale now for a Masked Ball Gala following the Oct. 14 performance of "The Phantom of the Opera."

The event, which benefits the Capital Campaign for Stagehouse Renovation, includes reserved seating for the show, a Masked Ball celebration at the Westin Hotel, and free parking at the Convention Center garage.

Tickets, including a tax-deductible contribution, are $200 per person and are now on sale. Call 421-ARTS for ticket information.

Short Stories to be Discussed

A story discussion series, to be led by Joan Schaefer and Lauri Burke, will be given at the Barrington Public Library on Tuesdays evenings at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 10 to Nov. 28.

For more information, contact Lauri Burke at 247-1920.

R.I. Restaurants Fight Heart Disease in October

One hundred sixty-five restaurants throughout the state will help the American Heart Association, R.I. Affiliate, fight the state's number one killer, heart disease, in October.

Throughout the month, participating restaurants will be featuring heart-healthy foods and information for their customers and will ask their customers to support the statewide Have A Heart program.

Restaurant staff will be displaying materials and asking their patrons to purchase, for a $1 or more, a red or a gold paper heart in honor or memory of a loved one, or just to support the fight against heart disease in general.

For information on how you can Have A Heart or participate in the Have A Heart campaign, call the American Heart Association at 728-5300.

Water-Based Media Show Opens Oct. 6

The Wickford Art Association's annual members' water-based media show and sale is scheduled to run Oct. 6 to 19 at the Wickford Art Association Gallery.

The show will feature works executed in watercolor, gouache, acrylic, tempera and other water-based media.

Show registration is Oct. 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m., and Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Wickford Art Association members are invited to enter one work per member.

Herb Holland of Holland's Gallery and Framing, Warwick, will judge the show, and ribbons will be awarded. The opening reception is Oct. 5, from 7 to 9 pm.

The public is invited to attend and meet the artists.

The Wickford Art Association Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. The gallery is closed on Monday. The gallery is handicapped accessible. For more information, call the WAA Gallery at 294-6840.

The Zeiterion Does It All

The Zeiterion Theatre is launching its 1995–96 season of fine theater. Each of the scheduled shows is unique. The diversity of the programming is designed to satisfy the Greater New Bedford Community.

First comes Cirque Eloize, the electric French-Canadian troupe born of Cirque du Soleil. Opening night is Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. This youthful troupe challenges your perception of both the circus and the theater. Marrying movement and excitement, Cirque Eloize's performers bring simple objects to life to the strains of rap, rock, and New Age music.

Cleo Laine will fill the Z with bittersweet sound on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. With husband and musical collaborator John Dankworth, the "Queen of Jazz" sets fire to classic jazz standards. Both have played at the Newport Jazz Festival, and Laine has done it all from performing at New York's Blue Note Club to singing duet albums with Ray Charles and Mel Torme.

"The Marriage of Figaro," by Mozart, will open on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. Western Opera Theatre, of the San Francisco Opera Center will present this ageless story of love, despair and philandering. Fully staged and costumed, this opera is interwoven with comedic mayhem, and the music is sung in Italian and translated into English with supertitles, for the audiences full appreciation of a classic opera.

The strains of Hayden and Schubert arrive with the Polish Orchestra of Cracow, featuring violinist, Dylana Jenson, on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. The "Capella Cracoviensis," a 38-piece classic-sized orchestra, has performed in more than 200 concerts worldwide on more than 80 tours.

Jenson, its guest star violinist, is the first American woman to be designated Silver Medalist at the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow at 17.

Tickets for the 1995–96 fall season are now on sale. For group rates (10 or more people) call Chris Langlois at (508) 997-5664. Tickets are sold at all Ticketmaster "cash only" outlets, or by calling Ticketmaster in Massachusetts at (508)/(617) 931-2000 or in Rhode Island at 331-2211. Tickets are also available at the Zeiterion box office, which is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by calling (508) 994-2900.

PPAC Welcomes Two New Trustees

Joseph W. Walsh, chairman of the board of trustees for the Providence Performing Arts Center, has announced the appointment of Dean T. Holt and Wayne W. Juchatz to the theater's board of trustees.

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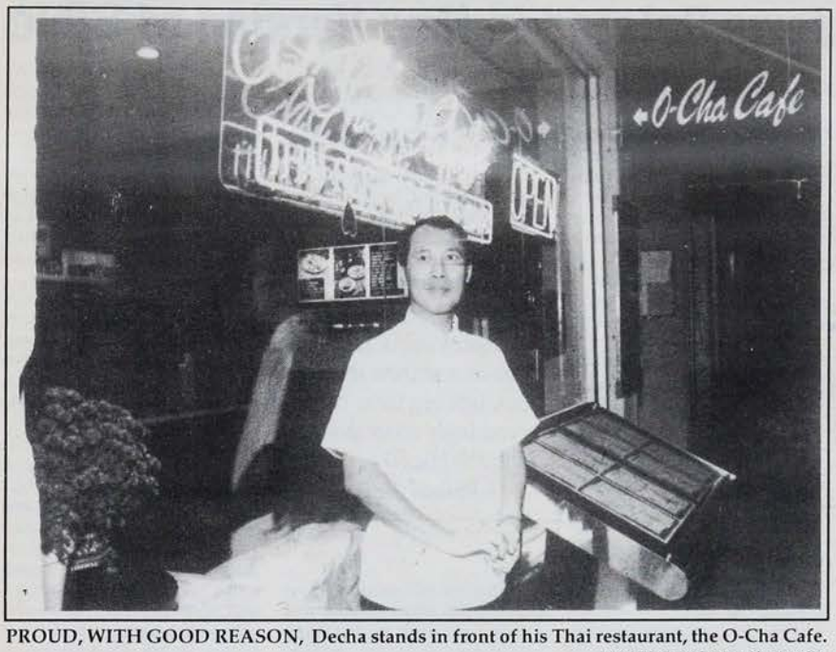


PROUD, WITH GOOD REASON, Decha stands in front of his Thai restaurant, the O-Cha Cafe.
Herald photo by Jennifer Botelho

Dining at the O-Cha Cafe

by Jennifer Botelho
Special to the *Herald*

The name "O-Cha" means delicious. The restaurant originally opened in the space next door four years ago —and moved to this (expanded) space this year. The owner, Decha, moved to Rhode Island from New York City with his family. He came to the United States from Thailand in 1984.

He has been able to use a greater variety of traditional Thai spices recently since finding sources in the United States, especially Florida.

His menu has many vegetarian entrées — an unusual one being Vegetarian Duck — which uses tofu.

The restaurant decor is very sophisticated and traditional. The placemats are pieces of laminated rice paper imbedded with flowers and leaves. Fresh flowers were on each table. Traditional instrumental Thai music played at just the right volume.

One corner of the restaurant had a group of traditional paper parasols hanging from the ceiling with tiny white lights behind them. Booths are available against the windows looking out on Thayer Street.

We started with soup. My dining partner had Tom-Yum ($2.25) with lemongrass, mushrooms, chili tofu, and lime juice — very spicy! I had Silver Noodle Soup ($2.45) — silver noodles with minced chicken, onions, carrots, and peas — very flavorful.

Then we shared the chicken Sa-te ($4.95) — four sticks of curried chicken with both a peanut sauce and a cucumber salad. The chicken was mildly spiced and very flavorful. After that, we had Tod Mun Pla ($5.95) — suggested to us by the owner —a dish of ground curried, fish patties with a slightly sweet cucumber and peanut dipping sauce that was fantastic!

We especially enjoyed the contrast of the spicy fish and the sweet cucumber. For dinner, my partner had Pad Thai ($5.95), a very popular dish at many Thai restaurants. It consists of Thai linguine noodles, panfried with shrimp and chicken, crushed peanuts, scallions and egg. It was a generous portion, very mild.

I had a dish recommended by the owner called Tamarind Duck ($10.95). I had never tried duck before but had heard that it was a very fatty meat.

The duck in that dish was very lean and tender. The owner explained that they slow roast the duck so as to drain off most of the fat.

The tamarind is a long brown pod-like fruit about the size and shape of a pea pod. The tamarind sauce was unique — a tangy flavor unlike anything I've ever had. The boneless roast duck was panfried with snow peas, mushrooms, baby corn and bamboo shoots.

For dessert we shared a dish called Honeyed Bananas, 6 small wontons filled with banana and honey and covered with toasted sesame seeds. As with all of the dishes, it was artfully arranged with a garnish of orange slices.

O-Cha Cafe is open Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to midnight.

They have a buffet on weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with 16 different items such as: eggrolls, fried rice, chicken wings, beef broccoli, tofu delight etc. The unique idea is that you pay for the meal by the pound — $3.98 lb. So if you're just a little hungry you're not forced into buying a large set meal. Chopsticks are offered to those who want to try using them.

O'Neill's Masterpiece Coming to Downstairs Theatre

Trinity Repertory's 1995–96 season, under the direction of Oskar Eustis, continues with "Long Day's Journey Into Night," the American tragedy often regarded as Eugene O'Neill's greatest play.

O'Neill's autobiographical masterpiece holds a mirror up to his own family's story as it unfolds and unravels in a single August day in 1912. Morning turns into midnight, the tortured secrets of the family's tragic history trickle and then flood into the diminishing light, as recriminations, confessions and apologies lead to a passionate epiphany in which family members understand, if not forgive, the betrayals of the past.

O'Neill's emotional investment in the play was so great that he stipulated that it not be performed until 25 years after his death.

His wife, Carlotta, however, was so impressed with the work of director Jose Quintero, that she authorized his production in 1956, three years after her husband's death.

Subscribers and patrons may join artistic director Oskar Eustis, and members of the artistic team involved in the production at LunchTalks, a free lunch-time discussion in the Downstairs Theatre on Oct. 16, from noon to 1 p.m. The signed performance for the hearing impaired will be on Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.

Performances of "Long Day's Journey Into Night" are in the Downstairs Theatre at Trinity's downtown Providence location. Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Wednesdays (except opening/press night) through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Sundays, 2 p.m. on selected dates.

Individual ticket prices range from $24 to $32, with student, senior citizen, disabled and group rates available.

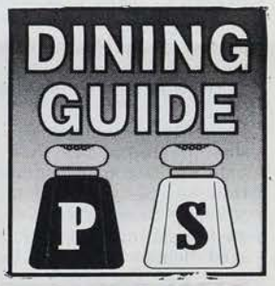
For ticket information and the exact schedule, call the box office at 351-4242. Visa, MasterCard and American Express holders may

The Lark Quartet Visits Brown

The Rhode Island Chamber Music Concerts will present The Lark Quartet on Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. in Alumnae Hall, Brown University, 194 Meeting St., Providence.

They will perform: Benjamin Britten "Allamarcia" (1933) and "Three Divertimenti (1936); Shostakovich, "String Octet, Op. 11," with the Charleston String Quartet; A. Borodin, "String Quartet No. 2 in D Major."

Tickets are available by writing to Brown University, Box 1903, Providence, RI 02912 or by calling 863-2108, and at the box office, Alumnae Hall, the evening of the concert.



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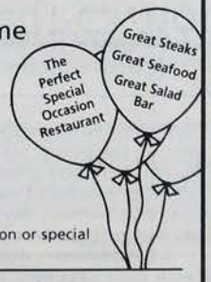

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FEATURE

Offensive References to Jews Deleted in New Version of Bible

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jews haven't been treated very well in the Christian Bible — until now.

The elimination of traditional New Testament language castigating Jews for the suffering of Jesus in an edition just published by the Oxford University Press is being well-received by most Jewish experts on Jewish-Christian relations — but not all.

Jesus lived and died as a Jew. But his followers, who authorized the books read as the Gospels, wrote them as they were making the final break from the Jewish people. They were eager to distance themselves from the people who they believed were responsible for the death of the man they viewed as G-d incarnate.

The New Testament condemnation of the Jews has been used by everyone from Martin Luther to Adolf Hitler and countless lesser-know despots through the centuries to justify tyranny against Jews.

Now the editors of *the New Testament and Psalms: A New Inclusive Translation* have changed that language in order to portray the story of Jesus' life and death in a way that is not offensive to Jews.

They also altered the G-d-language to make it gender inclusive, so that instead of "Father," the metaphor used for G-d is "Father-Mother." These and other changes in the new Bible reflect a heightened sensitivity during the past 10 to 20 years over the way language is used, according to the editors.

In the texts of Matthew, John, Acts, Corinthians and the other chapters of the Christian Bible, negative references to Jews are deleted.

> The Gospel of "John has been used to beat up on Jews for 2,000 years and this is a step forward."
> *Rabbi A. James Rudin*

Where it said "the Jewish leaders," the newly released Bible says "the leaders," or where it said "Jews," it now says "men," for example.

In the new version's introduction, the editors write: "When 'the Jews' is used to refer to the ethnic people, it remains unchanged.

"When it is used to refer to unbelieving people, it is rendered 'the religious authorities,' or simply 'the leaders' or 'authorities' to minimize what could be perceived as a warrant for anti-Jewish bias."

The language changes were welcomed by several Jewish experts on Christian-Jewish relations, though not all agreed that the new edition will be useful.

"I commend them for (taking out) the anti-Jewish stuff, which was originally mistranslated," said Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee.

The Gospel of "John has been used to beat up on Jews for 2,000 years and this is a step forward," he said.

Irvin Borowsky, who is chairman of the American Interfaith Institute, worked for a year with the Oxford University Press editors to eradicate the language hostile to Jews.

All "murder and abuse of Jews leads back to the inaccurate references in the New Testament," he said.

"We are very happy as Jews that they are aware of the need to modify the references to Jews made by other Jews in the first century," said Borowsky. "We are enormously encouraged," he said. "These changes are the very first in 1,800 years."

The American Interfaith Institute is a Philadelphia-based organization working to remove anti-Judaism from all Christian liturgy.

Not everyone was as pleased, however.

Rabbi Jacob Neusner, a professor of religious studies at the University of South Florida, in Tampa, and the author of more than 600 books, said the new translation is "thoroughly dishonest."

"I don't blame them for being embarrassed" by what it says about Jews, "but you don't get to rewrite history or the Bible," he said.

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> *Michael Signer*

"They have an enormous burden and this effort at evasion of a very ugly truth I don't think will make a whole lot of difference to anyone."

Neursner also charged that the eradication of broad anti-Jewish statements from the Christian Bible is, in fact, a negation of Judaism itself.

"They're erasing from history the fact that the Jewish people en masse did not accept Jesus's claim — not then and not ever. By removing the Jews from the status of his enemies they also remove from the Jews the status of having their own religion.

"We're not benign toward them nor they toward us. We deal with conflicting truths and to pretend that they're not conflicting doesn't remove the conflict," said Neusner.

"Those who want to draw murderous conclusions (from the Christian Bible) will not be fooled because the entire story is one that sets Jesus against the Jewish people."

What's more, even those who welcomed the language changes are concerned about whether the new Bible, with its radical brake from the traditional text, will be widely accepted by Christians.

Christian leaders' "public statements about Jews and Judaism and their theology about Judaism have become increasingly more positive over the last 50 years, but the use of Bible in liturgy is a much more conservative process," said Michael Signer, a professor of Jewish thought and culture at Notre Dame University, A Catholic institution.

According to Rudin, "If scholars use it that's one thing, but we're talking about what the people hear from the pulpit and read every day. This scholarship needs to be used in the First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, or wherever."

"I want to be sure that in their quest for amity with Jews and women, they haven't defeated their own purpose and that the book won't be used because it's not authentic enough," said Rudin.

Women Struggle for Role in German Jewish Community

by Miriam Widman

BERLIN (JTA) — Lara Damming overcame a tremendous hurdle when she came to synagogue last year wearing a skullcap.

Damming, a soft-spoken librarian from the former East Berlin, had approached the cantor at the local Rykestrasse Synagogue about her intention.

"He signaled that in principle he wasn't against it, but he didn't have the power to decide,' she said.

Then, Damming and a small group of women showed up at the synagogue wearing kipot one Friday evening last October — and have been doing so ever since.

Although the action was first greeted with raised eyebrows among some members of the congregation, it is now accepted, despite that in the broader Jewish community, women wearing kipot has prompted some controversy.

Those overseeing the some 45,000 members of the Jewish community in Germany insist that its Orthodox traditions be maintained.

Hence the outcry when two small Jewish communities in northern Germany appointed Bea Wyler as the country's first postwar female rabbi this summer.

But a growing number of women such as Damming say Germany's Jewish community has little to offer them.

During the past two years, alternative services have sprouted up in response to what critics say is the rigidity and lack of democratic structures in Germany's mainstream Jewish community.

"There is hardly any place for me in this community," said Salomea Genin, one of the co-founders of an egalitarian service that was formed in early 1994.

"There don't have to be new forms that turn the tradition completely around," said Elisa Klapheck, an American living in Berlin who is an active member of the group started by Genin. "But there must be possibilities in which I can relate my religiousness, my understanding of Judaism, to my life."

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Jewish women dissatisfied with the status quo, many of whom are from the United States and living in Germany temporarily, have not only organized an egalitarian Shabbat service, but also hold a study group to mark Rosh Chodesh, the start of each Hebrew month.

At one recent meeting, the study session focused on the shofar. Along with giving each woman a chance to blow the ram's horn, the session included readings and discussions about traditions surrounding the blowing of the shofar and whether women are allowed to do it.

Next month, the study session will focus on the mikvah, or traditional ritual bath.

California Rabbi Laura Geller helped the women established the group when she visited Berlin in November 1993. After hearing the women's complaints about what they felt were the lack of opportunities for them in the traditional community, Geller suggested the group as a practical answer to their discontent.

Community leaders have generally had a muted response to the formation of the women's group.

Jerzy Kanal, the chairman of Berlin's Jewish community, said he had nothing against the group — as long as they do not try to impose their ways on the established community.

But the group is growing increasingly activist, and some of its members recently challenged the established structures of Berlin's Jewish community.

Unlike the United States, where congregants pay membership directly to a synagogue, Jews in Germany must register with the community — and the government — and they pay a portion of their income tax to fund the community.

Local Jews are members of the community, not of a particular synagogue. But there is the option of buying a seat at a particular synagogue where one regularly attends.

In the complicated politics of Berlin's Jewish community, community members vote for a parliament, which elects the board of directors, which in turn have control over major community matters. In addition, each of Berlin's five synagogues has a board of directors.

> "We don't need to be taught from the United States. You tried to make things more open, and more people are not coming to the synagogue."
> *Jerzy Kanal*

The women's group is now opposing the Berlin community's rules over how the synagogues' boards of directors are elected.

According to its female critics, the community's rules do not allow for women to be elected as members of the synagogue boards. A chief responsibility of board members is calling congregants to the pulpit for an aliyah — the role of reciting blessings over the Torah, which women are not allowed to perform in traditional synagogues.

"Since women are not fully integrated in the service, they cannot exercise this function" of calling congregants to the pulpit, said Benno Bleiberg, a board member in Berlin's Frankelufer Synagogue.

But Bleiberg noted that the Orthodox-leaning mainstream of Germany's Jewish community has existed since the Holocaust and that it is hard to change something that is 50 years old.

"We were much more progressive before the war," he said.

The women who are active in the Rosh Chodesh group and the egalitarian service said that for the most part they do not want to break up the current structure of the community.

But venues for more progressive worship must be created, they said.

Officials of the Berlin Jewish Community say such diversity was possible before the war, when there were nearly 170,000 Jews in the city, compared to some 10,000 now.

Kanal noted that the city's Jewish community has more than doubled since 1989 because of the influx of Jews from the former Soviet Union.

Because these Jews know little about Judaism, Kanal added, it is important to introduce them to Orthodox traditions.

He also criticized the American Reform movement.

"We don't need to be taught from the United States," he said. "You tried to make things more open, and more people are not coming to the synagogue."

FEATURE

Twice As Disappointing

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

There is so much silent, and not-so-silent, animosity these days between two groups who used to be staunch comrades in arms, Blacks and Jews, that I was delighted to see a book that claimed to deal openly with this recent strife: *Jews and Blacks: Let the healing begin*. On the cover was a picture of Michael Lerner, speaking for Jews, and Cornel West, speaking for Blacks, in animated discussion.

The picture on the cover was the most animated thing about the whole book. I was severely disappointed in the contents.

Lerner, an author and the editor of *Tikkun*, is so well educated on this issue that when West referred to a certain speech or written statement by a Black, Lerner could actually pick up where West left off, and complete the paragraph. He wasn't showing off. He just knew his stuff, backwards and forwards.

West, an author and professor of Afro-American studies, and philosophy of religion at Harvard University, was equally well versed in his subjects.

They treated each other with respect; they volleyed back and forth on tough subjects, like Farrakhan; they covered the last several hundred years of history, and sometimes the last several thousand years; but after all that dazzling display of brilliant minds at work, what resulted? Nothing. Nada. Zilch. Everyone politely agreed to disagree. And the wording was such that most of us, who are tired when we sit down to read, and have fairly short attention spans now anyhow, due to our constant watching of television, would nod off after the first few pages.

And yet, what an explosive, incendiary subject this is. How could anyone make it dull?

By being too politically correct, that's how. By phrasing things too politely, too carefully, too soothingly; by not demanding that an opponent fish or cut bait.

Speaking of the rioting at Crown Heights, when Jews felt terrorized by crowds of local Blacks after two Black children were run over and killed by Rabbi Schneerson's caravan, Lerner said, "Of course, I did condemn Rabbi Schneerson and other leaders of the Lubavitcher community for not doing more to make a public statement of remorse at the loss of life of the two children."

So — does Lerner believe that the parents of those children have forgotten about that day? Does he believe that the subject is closed? — will ever be closed, in their minds? Why didn't he say, "Excuse me, I forgot to do something," and betake himself, then and there, to the children's parents and say, "I'm sorry. Please accept my sympathy. We would like to start a fund for the education of two children from this neighborhood, in memory of your children? Would that help, at all?"

At least that would be DOING something?

When Farrakhan refers to Hitler as an embodiment of some great value, when he calls Judaism a "gutter religion," when he says that Jews owned 75 percent of all the slaves, why can't people like West just come out, in print and in public speech, and say, "I repudiate this man and all he says and stands for. He doesn't speak for me. I don't believe he speaks for most Blacks. He is an embarassment to the Blacks in America."

Jews could understand a statement like that, instead of an intellectual pussyfooting around in terminology.

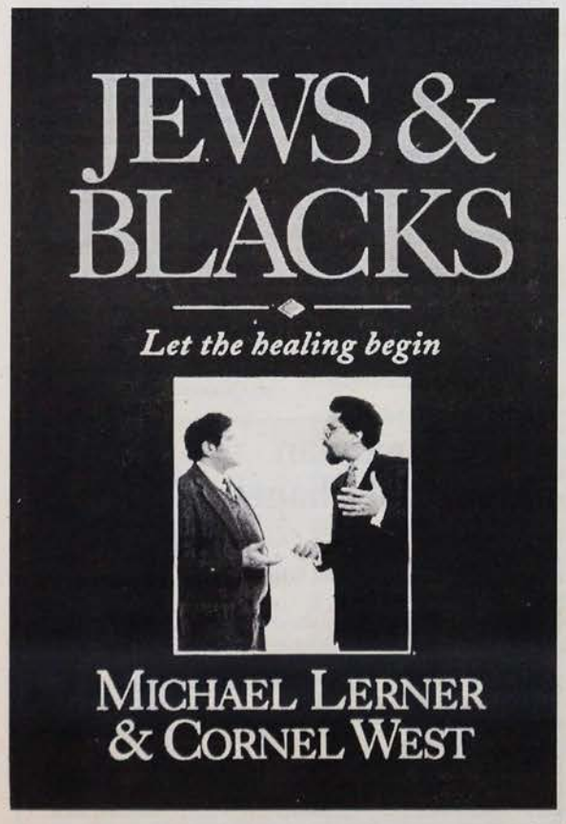
If people like West said it often enough and loud enough, Jews would begin to understand that they meant it. For fear of alienating his own people, West fails to do what he could to bridge the gap between Blacks and Jews.

If I were in a civic struggle of some kind, I would want comrades like American Blacks and Jews on my side...tough, determined, courageous, stoic even joyful... in the face of violent opposition. Each side can certainly use the other's assistance at this time. Plain talk, and even plainer actions, would help.

Take off the gloves, fellows. Lerner — demand more satisfaction on the things Farrakhan has said and still receive the support of the community he claims to speak for.

West — deal with Farrakhan, and then bring up the subject of Jewish intolerance. Make Lerner address that, and admit that it exists in some quarters. Take off the gloves, men, and say something we can remember, and quote, and even, G-d willing, act on.

Try again. Instead of looking into each other's eyes so much, turn, and look into ours, and speak to us.



NAACP Chief Appeals to Jews

by Stewart Ain
New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is "cleaning house," looking to renew its traditional alliance with the Jewish community and hoping to win its financial support to erase a $3 million debt, said Myrlie Evers-Williams, the NAACP's board chairman and chief executive officer.

"Jewish Americans have played prominent roles in our history," she said. "There is appreciation in our community for the solidarity and support from Jewish Americans over the years."

One issue that caused particular distress in the Jewish community was Rev. Benjamin Chavis' embrace of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

In the interview, Evers-Williams said she has "not extended a hand to him [Farrakhan], nor has he to me. My emphasis, time and energy is being put into rebuilding the NAACP. I have refused to get involved in a debate about the past relationship between Farrakhan and the NAACP.

"That is something that is in the past," she said. "I am into the future."

Regarding Chavis' charge that a "right-wing Jewish conspiracy" was responsible for his ouster, Evers-Williams said flatly: "No way. It was of his own making and doing. The board did not give him the authority to do what he did in terms of Mr. Farrakhan and in terms of using money not for the purpose of promoting the NAACP."

Jews Have Reason to Worry

Farrakhan is no Martin Luther King Jr.

by Murray Friedman

PHILDELPHIA (JTA) — There is no separating the so-called "Million Man March" on Washington scheduled for Oct. 16 from extremist Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and ousted National Association for the Advancement of Colored People head Benjamin Chavis.

And herein lies the dilemma for us as Jews. We are painfully aware of desperate conditions in black ghettos — the growth of crime, drug use, teen-age pregnancies and other social pathologies. We are also painfully aware of the indifference of government and the broader citizenry.

Normally, decent people everywhere would be expected to say "right on" to any attempt to draw attention to these problems. Clearly, something needs to be done. And certainly, blacks need to develop greater unity in dealing with these problems themselves. The time is long since gone when others, including sympathetic outsiders, can pick their leaders for them.

The sickening problem for us is that the prime sponsors of the march are declared and outspoken bigots.

Even as Farrakhan has lowered his rhetoric somewhat recently, both the Nation of Islam newspaper, *The Final Call*, and Farrakhan's lieutenants spew forth a steady stream of hatred toward women, gays, Jews and whites, aimed especially at young college students.

One recalls the infamous speech of Farrakhan spokesman Khalid Abdul Muhammad at Kean College in New Jersey to this effect and the organization's anonymous book receiving wide circulation on campuses and elsewhere declaring that Jews are responsible for foisting slavery on blacks in the Americas and other places.

The other convener of the march is Chavis, who blamed his ouster last year from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for sexual and financial irregularities on a "right-wing Jewish conspiracy."

It is important to remember that much of the rise in anti-Semitism in this country in recent years can be traced to the abandonment of the moratorium that existed on this subject after World War II.

The renewed anti-Semitism was created by the rise of black nationalism and radical separatists such as Stokely Carmichael (now Kwame Ture), Malcolm X and others who regularly began to attack Jews. Farrakhan is their progeny.

Black friends with whom I have discussed this issue seek to allay such concerns. They point out that a serious problem exists that no one is addressing. They say they are sympathetic to — a few are even joining in — the march, in order to identify with any effort to highlight the problem, not to support Farrakhan.

They pledge that if any hatreds emerge in Washington,

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SAMUEL CRAMER

NEW BEDFORD — 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, County Street. Burial was in Plainville Cemetery in New Bedford. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

LAWRENCE D. GAYNOR

PROVIDENCE — Lawrence D. Gaynor, 40, chief of the organized crime drug enforcement task force in the U.S. attorney's office in Rhode Island, died Sept. 27 at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. He was the husband of Brenda (Kaufman) Gaynor and lived on President Avenue.

He had been a federal prosecutor since 1989. From 1987 to 1989, he served in the Rhode Island attorney general's office as an assistant attorney general and deputy chief of the criminal division.

Born in Port Chester, N.Y., a son of Caroline E. Gaynor of Miami, Fla., and Albert J. Gaynor of San Diego, Calif., he lived in Providence since 1986.

He attended the Rye Country Day School and Phillips Andover Academy. He graduated from Harvard University and from the George Washington University Law School in 1981.

He was an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's office from 1981 to 1984, and was a lawyer with Sherman & Sterling in New York from 1984 to 1986.

Before his appointment to the Rhode Island attorney general's office, he was a lawyer with Tillinghast, Collins & Graham in Providence.

He served on the board of Temple Emanu-El and on the board of the United Brothers Synagogue in Bristol. He was a member of the Rhode Island and New York Bar Associations, and was a fund-raiser for Phillips Andover Academy.

In a statement, U.S. Attorney Sheldon Whitehouse said, "Larry loved America and its institutions, and lived out our highest principles of justice. He brought a gentleness and care to an often harsh profession that made him especially admired by all who knew him."

Besides his wife and parents he leaves a son, Adam Michael Gaynor; a daughter, Amanda Lee Gaynor, both at home; a sister, Robin A. Gaynor of Wellesley, Mass., and a brother, Alan E. Gaynor of Riverside, Conn.

The funeral was held at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial was Sept. 29 in Sharon Memorial Park in Sharon, Mass. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

HENRY GLASSMAN

HAMDEN, Conn. — Henry Glassman, 78, of 760 Mix Ave., Hamden, died Sept. 29 at the Arden House in Hamden. A vice president of sales for Gemsco Co., a manufacturer of uniform accessories in Milford, Conn., for many years, he was the husband of Ruth (Kerzner) Glassman.

Born in Woonsocket, a son of the late Harry and Mary (Bloom) Glassman, he lived in Hamden for a year, previously living in Derby, Conn., for 15 years and in Stamford, Conn., for 10 years. he had previously lived in Warwick and Cranston.

He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association in Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Sheila Gleckman of Windsor, Conn., and Debra Tobias of Monroe, Conn.; a son, Aaron Glassman of Trumbull, Conn.; two sisters, Adele Hellman of Inverrary, Fla., and Anita Elkies of Hamden; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held Oct. 1 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

SARAH GREENBAUM

PROVIDENCE — Sarah Greenbaum, 74, of 69 Sunset Terrace, a partner with her husband in the Imperial Furs in Providence for 40 years before retiring last year, died Sept. 30 at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Sidney Greenbaum.

Born in Lynn, Mass., a daughter of the late David and Rose Zimmerman, she lived in Providence before moving to Cranston 35 years ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence, and Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston, and its Sisterhood.

Besides her husband she leaves three daughters, Ronnie Schultz of Sharon, Mass., Daryl DeWolfe of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Nancy Votta of Roswell, Ga.; two sisters, Nora Kagan of Lynn, Mass., Anne Mintz of Lynnfield, Mass., and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Joseph Zimmerman.

A graveside service was held Oct. 3 at Temple Beth-El Cemetery in Providence. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

ETHEL LERNER

PROVIDENCE — Ethel Lerner, 80, of the Charlesgate East, 50 Randall St., died Sept. 28 at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the wife of Joseph Lerner.

A lifelong Providence resident, she had worked as a sales clerk at the former Spader's Department Store in Olneyville.

She was a member of the Westminster Senior Center and a member of the Jewish Community Center.

Besides her husband she leaves two sisters, Florence Kaplan and Sarah Goodblatt, both of Providence.

The funeral was held Oct. 1 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

IRVING I. MITTLEMAN

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Irving I. Mittleman, 87, of 546 Capri L Kings Point, Delray Beach, the owner and operator of the former Joseph Mittleman Kosher Meat Market in Providence from 1942 to 1967, died Sept. 28 at home. He was the husband of Marcia (Rosenzweig) Mittleman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Joseph and Rose (Kianovsky) Mittleman, he had lived in Delray Beach since 1977, previously residing in Providence.

He was a food inspector for the Rhode Island Department of Health from 1967 to 1977.

He was a member of Temple Emeth in Delray Beach, Fla., and a life member of its Men's Club. He was past master of Orpheous Lodge No. 36 A.F. & A.M. in Cranston. He was a member of Amara Temple of Shriners and Scottish Rites in Lake Worth, Fla. He was a life member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, a life member of the Knights of Pythias, What Cheer Lodge No. 24 and a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

He attended the University of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Richard S. Mittleman of Providence, Steven D. Mittleman of Framingham, Mass., and Sheldon A. Mittleman of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; two sisters, Dora Cohen of Newton, Mass., Irene Rosenzweig of Concord, Calif.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Faye Feldman.

The funeral was held Sept. 29 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MILTON PHILLIPS

WARWICK — Milton Phillips, 78, of the Villa Del Rio Apartments, 311 Greenwich Ave., died Sept. 26 at home. He was the husband of Ruth (Gomberg) Phillips.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Phillip and Anna (Kramer) Phillips, he lived in Warwick for five years.

He was a graduate of Providence College in 1939. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, held the rank of lieutenant, and served in the Pacific Theater.

For 45 years he was a public accountant with offices at 1525 Louisquisett Pike in Lincoln. He was a trumpet player for 50 years and had played with the Ray Belaire, the Ed Drew and the Ralph Stuart Orchestras in Rhode Island. He was a member of the Providence Federation of Musicians. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge F & AM.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Paul Phillips of North Providence and Gary Phillips of Buffalo, N.Y., and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 28 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

HARRY ROTH

MATTAPOISETT, Mass. — Harry Roth, of Mattapoisett, died Sept. 26. He was the husband of Naomi (Luskin) Roth.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Frederick E. Roth of Mattapoisett and Bruce L. Roth of North Dartmouth, Mass.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Sept. 29 in New Jersey. A memorial service was held Oct. 2 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, New Bedford. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

REVEKKA ZEMLYNSKAY

PROVIDENCE — Revekka Zemlynskay, 83, of 255 Glenwood Ave., an elementary teacher for many years in Russia, died Sept. 27 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of David Sirota.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Moishe and Razel Zemlynsky, she moved to Pawtucket for years ago.

She leaves a daughter, Dora Slutskina of Pawtucket, a son, Gregory Sirota of Providence, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 28 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

Rabbi Dies at 71

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Rabbi Yehuda Meir Getz, the rabbi of the Western Wall for the last 27 years, died recently after a major heart attack. He was 71 years old.

Getz was buried on the Mount of Olives.

After moving from Tunisia to Israel in 1949, Getz settled in the Galilee. He served in the army, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After one of his sons, a paratrooper, was killed in the battle for Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War, Getz moved to the Old City and settled in the Jewish Quarter.

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ward "black hats" and that there had been organized intimidation of the congregants of at least one Orthodox minyan, the federal district court ruled last year against both the Orthodox Jews and the Department of Justice, going so far as to overturn a jury's finding that the village had violated the religious rights of its Orthodox residents.

The court found then that the Airmont zoning laws would not unduly burden Orthodox residents and that there was no evidence of a concerted effort on the part of the village to exclude Orthodox Jews from residing there.

Subsequent to that decision, several groups, including Agudath Israel of America, the Anti-Defamation League and the New York State Attorney General's office, filed "friend of the court" briefs on behalf of the plaintiffs.

Agudath Israel's brief, authorized by its in-house attorneys David Zwiebel and Morton M. Avigdor, cited the First Amendment's protection of the free exercise of religion, as well as the recently enacted Religious Freedom Restoration Act, contending that the Airmont zoning code's severe restrictions on houses of worship violated applicable constitutional and statutory guidelines. The code's restrictions, Agudath Israel maintained, imposed especially severe burdens on religious worship for Orthodox Jews — who are religiously prohibited from traveling on the Sabbath and holidays, and must therefore have easy access to synagogues within walking distance of their homes — and are not justified by any compelling governmental interest.

Furthermore, Agudath Israel argued, the evidence clearly established that the village was formed, and its zoning code adopted, in a manner that discriminated against Orthodox Jews — indeed, for the specific purpose of discouraging them from residing in the community.

One Airmont resident, who eventually was elected as a village official, had referred to Orthodox Jews as "foreigners and interlopers," who were "an insult" to the community.

Another had stated that "the only reason we formed this village is to keep those Jews from Williamsburg out of here."

Evidence was introduced as well showing that zoning concerns have been selective, focusing only on Orthodox synagogues and not on other establishments that created considerably more noise and traffic.

In spite of the evidence of anti-Orthodox bias by key members of the Airmont village movement, the district court made the observation that if Airmont "has developed a reputation as a community hostile to Orthodox and Hasidic Jews, it is largely the result of these lawsuits brought against it by the various plaintiffs and the extensive publicity plaintiffs have intentionally generated."

At the time, Agudath Israel called that assertion "nothing short of astonishing."

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit apparently shared that astonishment. In its reversal of the district court, a unanimous three-judge panel cited the ample evidence that Airmont residents have voiced clear anti-Orthodox sentiments and that such bias had been the impetus for the incorporation of the village.

This evidence, wrote Circuit Judge Amalya Kearse on behalf of the panel, "supported a finding that the impetus [behind the formation of the village] was... animosity toward Orthodox Jews as a group."

The Appeals Court, moreover, concluded that Airmont had violated the plaintiffs' rights under the Federal Housing Act and the First Amendment, and went on to reject the lower court's substitution of its own conclusion for that of the jury, whose findings in favor to the plaintiffs, were indeed "adequately supported."

The case has now been sent back to the lower court for an assessment of court costs and nominal damages against the village, and for a determination of possible other remedies.

"The importance of this ruling extends well beyond the borders of Ramapo," Agudath Israel's Zwiebel noted. "It sends a message throughout Monsey — indeed, throughout the United States — that Orthodox Jews have every right to move into neighborhoods and form communities. This should go a long way toward alleviating what has become an all-too-common problem."

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they will be the first to disassociate themselves from them.

I don't doubt their sincerity. They will remain friends no matter how they respond.

But they miss something important to them and to us. The most dangerous thing for Jews is not that Farrakhan will spout his usual tirades against us. If he is smart — and he is that — he won't. Instead he will seek to come across as a statesman focusing on the very real plight of so many blacks, thereby enhancing his role as a black leader.

A march that will bring large numbers of blacks and moderate black leaders to Washington under his banner surely will provide a boost for Farrakhan's efforts to mainstream himself and his organization, which, no matter what, will remain what it always has been.

To some degree, this has already happened. As the prize winning *Washington Post* reporter Juan Williams, author of the magnificent "Eyes on the Prize" public television series, has stated, a "Farrakhan paralysis" exists among some, including politicians, because of the leadership vacuum in the black community and the sense that he commands a following that cannot be ignored.

Whether or not they recognize it, the threat is to black moderates as much as anyone else.

The further danger is not only that a known and practicing bigot is being elevated to a position of leadership and respectability.

Make no mistake about it. Farrakhan is no Martin Luther King Jr. and this is not 1963. King succeeded in gaining voting and other rights for blacks precisely because he encouraged coalitions of whites and blacks, blacks and Jews, and religious leadership in general to enlist behind the effort to make us one people.

Murray Friedman is Middle Atlantic States director of the American Jewish Committee, His book, What Went Wrong: The Creation and the Collapse of the Black-Jewish Alliance, *was published earlier this year by the Free Press.*

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Rabbi Lieberman to Speak at AIDS Benefit

The JASPER Ballet (Just for AIDS Support, Perpetual Care, Education and Research) will present "Moments to Remember" Nov. 25 at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall on the campus of Rhode Island College.

The company will present a selection of inspirational and spiritual dance works, and the evening will include guest speakers Ron Platt, executive director of Rhode Island Project/AIDS, Rabbi Vicki Lieberman of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket and the Rev. Douglas J. Spina, Ph.D., and the Rev. Sammy Vaughan.

This new ballet company is reaching out to help support families and friends whose lives have been touched by HIV and AIDS, and to help increase AIDS awareness in Southern New England.

The evening will include a reading of names in memory of those who have lost their lives to the virus. Anyone who would like a friend or loved one remembered can forward a note to The JASPER Ballet at P.O. Box 42, Manville, R.I. 02838. Designate the person's name being remembered, and include a contact name and telephone number in the event there is a question of pronunciation.

The JASPER Ballet is a non-profit ballet company. All of the proceeds of the company will benefit AIDS organizations.

Tickets for "Moments to Remember" are $10 for general seating and $15 for reserved seating. For information, call 276-6795.

Liquid Light

The Wickford Art Association will present a special slide show and demonstration on liquid light at its October meeting.

The demonstration will be given by Ken D'Ambrosia, a teacher at the Rhode Island School of Design, who developed the technique.

The technique, which is performed with the aid of a flashlight, uses light as a paintbrush. The results are stunning and eye-catching. Painters and photographers alike can incorporate this technique in their work.

D'Ambrosia has worked for Kodak, Sony, the U.S. Army, Chrysler Corporation, General Foods, Disney, and CBS Records. He has won 25 ANDY Awards and 5 Cleo awards for his artwork.

The meeting is scheduled for Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments are served, and guests are welcome.

She Closed the Sale

Ceil Katz smiles the confident smile of a born saleswoman after concluding another sale at the Giant Yard Sale held Oct. 1, following a two-week rain delay, to benefit the projects of the Dvorah-Dayan Club of Na'Amat/USA. The sale was held at the home of Ceil and Seymour Krieger.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

How to Revive Ophelia

Books on the Square Second Monday Book Club will discuss Mary Pipher's controversial and fascinating study of teen-age girls in America, *Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls*, on Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Reviving Ophelia explores the cultural and social forces which cause confident, ambitious young girls to turn inward during adolescence, becoming unsure of themselves, obsessed with their looks and with pleasing others, and in many cases, prone to a host of psychological disorders including expressions, anorexia and bulimia, and suicide.

The book ends with a number of prescriptions for social change aimed at eliminating, or at least reducing, these harmful effects on young women.

The program is free and open to the public. Books on the Square is at 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence.

Join the JCCRI Family for Succot Traditions

Holiday traditions that are held dear can be celebrated with a family feeling at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Everyone is invited to the center on Oct. 8, to help decorate the succah, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring leaves, branches, fruit and artwork to hang and enjoy for the week. Also on Oct. 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., there will be a hands-on workshop for parents and children to discover the significance of Succot, the fall harvest celebration, through informal discussion and projects to take home. Refreshments will be served. There is a $3 fee per child; all children must be accompanied by an adult.

From Oct. 11 through 15, fulfill the mitzvah of eating in a succah. Bring a dairy lunch and join others in this community celebration.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is located at 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence.

For more information, call the center at 861-8800.

'Finding Family' Sounds Like Fun

In recognition of Arts and Humanities Month, the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design will host an open house on Oct. 7, from noon until 3:30 p.m.

The highlight of the day's activities will be a specially planned program entitled "Finding Family: An Interactive Activity For All Ages."

The afternoon session will begin when visitors of all ages are given a handout identifying different themes to be found in the galleries. Inside the handout will be colored icons which those visitors will place in front of the artworks they believe to speak to the themes of "magic," "family," "beauty," and "loss."

The works identified by these visitors will then serve as the focal point of tours led by the museum staff. The tours will be held hourly at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

"Finding Family: An Interactive Activity For all Ages" is free and open to the public.

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