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IN LOVING MEMORY — Sena H. Yamuder stands with the "shin" she sculpted in memory of Steven Andrew Shatz. The sculpture was unveiled following a special ceremony at Temple Am David in Warwick on Nov. 26. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

Sculpture Unveiled in Memory of Steven Shatz

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

When Steven Andrew Shatz was tragically killed in an automobile accident on March 3, 1992, at the age of 27, his family and friends were shocked and devastated.

To this day, the many people whom Shatz touched can't believe that the young man has died.

On Nov. 26, a sculpture, in the shape of the Hebrew letter "shin," was unveiled at Temple Am David in Shatz' memory.

Sena Yamuder, a longtime friend of the Shatzes and fellow congregant at the Warwick temple, worked on the sculpture since early 1994. It was displayed for the first time in the temple's foyer, following a touching ceremony in which loved ones remembered Shatz.

"As time has gone on, I've wondered if people will still remember Steven," said Frank Shatz, Steven's father. "But I continually find that people have put things on his gravestone.

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Fink Wins Metcalf Award

Michael Fink, contributing reporter and regular columnist for *The Rhode Island Jewish Herald* received a Michael P. Metcalf Award on Nov. 28 from the local chapter of the National Conference.

Each award carries with it a \$500 stipend to be donated to the nonprofit organization of the recipient's choice.

Fink, who won the award for a story on Aristides de Sousa Mendes, a Portuguese consul who saved 10,000 Jews from concentration camps in the Holocaust, stipulated that his award be divided between the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue and the Touro National Heritage Trust.

The award is in recognition of efforts to fight bigotry and promote understanding between diverse groups of people.



Story on Accused Rabbi Changes From Day to Day

Hecht On Vacation
by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Brooklyn rabbi who said Jewish law permitted the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been publicly isolated by his congregation for his remarks.

But, contrary to previous news reports here and in Israel, Rabbi Abraham Hecht has not been fired from Shaare Zion Congregation.

There are conflicting reports over whether the congregation is looking for a way to force Hecht to retire.

The controversy continued as reports surfaced in Israel that rabbis there had issued similar edicts against Rabin.

Leaders of the Brooklyn synagogue have presented a letter to the Israeli Consulate in New York, saying that the statements uttered by Hecht were "his own personal views and not those of Congregation Shaare Zion."

But Morris Franco, the congregation's president, dismissed widespread reports that Hecht had been ousted. "I deny everything regarding Rabbi Hecht's dismissal from the synagogue at the present time," he said.

At the same time he refused to discuss what course the synagogue might next pursue with Hecht.

Hecht, who is in Florida, could not be reached for comment. But his son, Rabbi

Yehoshua Hecht, said his father's character was being assassinated and he had become an easy target for all the "anger, chagrin and pain" of the Rabin assassination.

"My father is not a Khomeini," he said, referring to one of the epithets that have been directed at the senior Hecht. "He is a prince of a man. He has always had the interest of the Jewish people and the State of Israel foremost in his mind."

Hecht made headlines in June when he said at a news conference that by conceding land for peace, Israeli leaders fall into the category of "moser," or people who betray Jews to gentiles.

According to Maimonides, Hecht said, such people not only deserve the death penalty, but should be killed before they can perform the deed.

In late October, Hecht, the president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, penned a letter to Rabin expressing regret for his earlier statements. The alliance is a group of a few hundred fervently Orthodox rabbis.

According to an open letter from Hecht to his congregation after the assassination, Rabin had read the letter and "expressed his satisfaction and acceptance and my apology to those present."

In the letter, Hecht said, "My remarks have been twisted and misconstrued and I have been

quoted totally out of context." Nonetheless, he said, "I wish to publicly apologize to my community for causing any unintentional aggravation and pain that I may have caused them."

Ambassador Colette Avital, Israeli consul general in New York, welcomed the apology at the time that it was issued, but in the wake of the assassination, she has accused Hecht and others who used violent rhetoric of creating a climate of intolerance and hatred that made the killing possible.

The New York Board of Rabbis, with 800 mostly non-Orthodox members, issued a similar condemnation of the harsh rhetoric.

One of the other rabbis at Hecht's synagogue, who asked not to be identified, said there had been several closed-door meetings of the congregation's executive committee since Rabin's assassination.

Although he was not invited to attend the meetings, he said it was clear that the congregation had been concerned about the "public relations aspect" of the matter.

Many in the community were "very upset about the comments" after they were made in June and "did not identify at all with the sentiments of Rabbi Hecht," said the rabbi.

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Reconstructionist Movement Changes Name

by A. Engler Anderson
Jewish Exponent

PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — Leaders of Judaism's smallest religious denomination have tossed out their group's wordy and unwieldy moniker, the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot — abbreviated FRCH and called "Firch" by movement insiders and picked a briefer title: the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

"We wanted to get Jewish in the title and we wanted a shorter name," said the group's executive director, Rabbi Mordechai Liebling.

For many Reconstructionists, though, the rationale for a name change went deeper than the multiplicity of words and syllables. The appearance in fundamentalist circles of "Christian

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The Man With The Golden Heart

Richard Oster, on the right, accepts the American Heart Association (RI affiliate) Annual Gold Heart Award from Lawrence G. Sadwin, AHA chairman of the board. Story on page 2.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Oster Honored by AHA Compassionate Friends to Meet

More than 500 business and community leaders attended a luncheon at the Westin Hotel on Nov. 21 in honor of Richard M. Oster.

Oster was presented with the American Heart Association, R.I. Affiliate's first Gold Heart Award by Larry Sadwin, chairman of the board of the AHA.

Oster, group chief executive of Cookson Group plc, the international specialist industrial materials group, received the award at the luncheon which raised more than \$65,000 for the research and education programs of the American Heart Association.

The award was presented in recognition of Oster's commitment and contributions to the community, and for his leadership role with numerous local organizations. He has been active in Big Brothers, Inc.; Bryant College; Meeting Street School; Providence College; Rhode Island Convention Center Authority; Rhode Island Philhar-

monic Orchestra; The Jewelry Institute; The Miriam Hospital; University of Rhode Island; and Volunteer Services for Animals.

"Richard Oster exemplifies a winning culture," said Mark Weiner, chairperson of the Gold Heart Luncheon. "Here reflects success in all that he does... from leading a publicly held, \$3 billion corporation to shaping the future of Rhode Island by his many trustee and board memberships. He believes, and is proof that, people have the power to grow, to refine and perfect their skills and expertise," Weiner added.

Larry Sadwin, chairman of the board of the American Heart Association, Rhode Island Affiliate, added, "The American Heart Association is driven by individuals like Richard Oster who understand that one person can make a significant difference to the well-being of others."

Chairpersons of the Gold Heart Award Luncheon were Mark and Susan Weiner.

The next meeting of The Compassionate Friends (a self-help group for parents who have suffered the death of a child) will be held on Dec. 11 at St. Brendan's Church Hall, 33 Turner Ave., East Providence.

This will be a special candlelight memorial ceremony and dinner meeting where members will be able to remember their deceased children with those who truly understand. Members are asked to bring a candle, any size, shape, or color and a candleholder. Pastry and snack food donations would be appreciated.

The cost of the dinner will be \$8 per person; siblings will be admitted free. Members are reminded that this dinner meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations should be made by calling Carol Smith at 885-2900 before Dec. 8.

Be There or be Square

Author Daniel Pearlman will visit Books on the Square on Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m., to read from and sign copies of his new collection of futuristic short stories, *The Final Dream & Other Fictions* (Permeable Press).

The program is free and open to the public.

Books on the Square is located at 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence.

Call 331-9097 for more information.

Jon Land, author of *Kingdom of the Seven*, will appear at Books on the Square on Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., for a reading/book sign-

ing of his newest thriller, *The Fires of Midnight*.

Kirkus Reports called *Fires* "...a triumph of suspense fiction if ever there was one."

Gita Brown will also be at Books on the Square Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., to read from and sign copies of her new novel, *Be I Whole*. The book is regarded as a celebration of the storyteller's art and of the value of oral traditions which preserve family lore. It also speaks to the difficulties of survival for people of color in 1950s America.

The event is free and open to the public.

Open House at Lincoln School

Lincoln School, the state's only all girls' independent school, preschool through grade 12, will hold an open house on Dec. 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. Located at 301 Butler Ave., on Providence's East Side, the school will be open to the public.

Roger Williams Plans New Surgical Center

Roger Williams Medical Center announced plans for a new surgical center at a campaign kick-off celebration held at the home of Kathleen Hittner, MD, chairwoman of the department of anesthesiology at Roger Williams Medical Center.

The comprehensive renovation and expansion of existing operating suites will honor Harold J. Wanebo, MD, the surgical oncologist who is chairman of the department of surgery at Roger Williams.

Star Gazing

The Orion Nebula will come into view this month at the Wheaton College Observatory. Visitors to the observatory's open houses on Dec. 7 and 14 should be able to spy the Orion Nebula, Saturn, the Andromeda Galaxy, and the Pleiades star cluster in the night sky, weather permitting. On Dec. 7, visitors should also be able to view the moon. (The observatory will not be open on Dec. 21 and 28.)

The college's observatory open houses, which run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday that the college is in session, are free and open to the public. The facility's seven computerized, 12-inch telescopes and two computerized, 14-inch telescopes are available for the public's use.

Because the observing deck is outside, visitors should dress appropriately for the weather. If conditions appear doubtful, call (508) 286-3937 for cancellation information.

World AIDS Day Observances

On Dec. 1, from dusk to midnight, the Mount Hope Bridge will be lighted in observance of World AIDS Day. The bridge usually is lighted only on national holidays.

That same evening, 800 candles will be lit along the campus walkway at the Roger Williams University in memory of Rhode Islanders lost to AIDS. And at 6 p.m. that evening, Project Aware will hold a candlelight vigil at the Fall River Government Center to remember loved ones lost to AIDS. A reception will follow the vigil ceremony.

At 7 p.m. on the Dec. 1, an Interfaith Service of Healing and Reconciliation will be held at St. Anthony's Church, 128 Green St., in Woonsocket.

And from 7:45 to 8 p.m., there will be a unified observance of World AIDS Day consisting of dimming lights and ringing bells throughout the state. Government buildings, businesses, religious centers and community organizations will participate. It is best viewed from the south terrace of the R.I. State House.

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FEATURE

A Family Pharmacy My Last Uncle

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

It was the index finger of my right hand, the digit that holds the pen and forms the letters, my primary tool for survival. I cut it somehow and the wound got infected.

The swelling climbed like sap upward to the wrist and arm, until I wore a sling.

My dad didn't take me to any doctor to lance the boil. Instead, he bit off a heel of rye bread, chewed on it, and spat the wad just above my knuckle. "We'll let it dry. Saliva disinfects and kills the germs. The sponge of dough will suck up the pus."

I guess the harmless folk remedy worked, although I can still make out a tiny scar at the spot. My father also believed in the magic power of raw onion to drive away bad blood. His faith went beyond reason by today's standards, because it submitted to the magazine ads that featured experts in white lab coats.

Yes, medics claimed that cigarettes were good for your health. You light up a Camel and your spirits get a lift. Your passages clear out. You face your day with a head full of nicotine-sharpened wits. At 16 we got pipes and lighters as a starter gift.

Mom didn't share this take on tobacco, but she didn't lade up the medicine chest with store-bought bottles and jars either. She just squeezed fresh orange juice each dawn, put up a pot of hot perked coffee, and got us going uphill to enter the fray of the day.

Her first years were passed among the pastures and orchards of rural Rumania. Fresh fruit and alien corn were good for what ailed you.

Her teens took place in Montreal, and she valued deep snow as a restorative against the vapors. My mother loved shoveling snow, or just climbing the hill through snowdrifts.

It drove the other women of her family and neighborhood up the wall that separated their values. "I like to bake, wash, rake, move," she would say with a smile.

She had a theory that sickness came from sloth. She never stopped doing things, like gathering up the fallen crabapples from behind our property line, cooking them on the stove, hanging muslin bags from chairlegs, and making sweet jelly to keep us going through the winter on bedtime tonics of toast and cocoa.

The house smelled unbelievably delicious during those late autumn afternoons. The aroma finally drove off the lingering perfume of mothballs that preserved the health of the woolen rugs and curtains of the parlor.

If one of us had a fever, we would sit by the open fire on the hearth, with a bathrobe warmed specially by hanging over the screen. They claim these days that a chimney only pulls the heat out of your house. It didn't work that way then.

Of course, household hints for safeguarding the soul through the long dark days and

nights after Chanukah, so you'd last like the light by the miracle of good luck and goodwill, only take you so far.

One shot of penicillin cured a sore throat in an hour, not a week. The pace picked up in the postwar world of new drugs.

I almost miss the slow simmering of my parents' tricks though. Their creed said, if you feel comfy and cheery, your body will heal itself.

I suppose I am inventing this memory just a bit. My mother wasn't a Gypsy, and my father wasn't an Indian medicine man, though he did look a little like the profile on the old nickel. I'm the one who feared needles and nasty spoonfuls of purple syrup.

I would lie abed in a delirium and imagine that my mother's cool hand and soft voice could make me well by telepathy, without anybody prodding and poking my person.

We make up our parents out of our childish needs, and they go along with us.

And in fact, their naive notions didn't save them from the invasive hospital techniques of their last days. They, too, went the grim gamut from surgeon's knives to shelves of prescriptions and piles of bills and forms at the end.

But in their strong years they set out a model that alternative medicines are only just lately rediscovering. Whether you use massage or crystals, herbs or aromas, yoga or numerology, you are turning away from the authority of experts and back to gentler wisdom.

Cure thyself, even if it means sip your glass of wine, sniff that jar of vanilla, swim in the salt sea, munch that clove of garlic that chases the vampires from your portal.

Laugh off the blues, or put on an old record and weep away your worries.

That finger that bears the reminder of my father's gesture of concern, the pointer that thrusts itself into sweet and sour and sways like a compass toward sun and moon, to cite an Anderson tale, it touches base and looks at me like a puppet. "Love burns off all the poisons," it tells me, and that's the simple truth.

Israelis, Palestinians to Import 'Sesame Street'

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Bert and Ernie have a special message of peace to bring to Israeli and Palestinian children.

As a result of a meeting recently in Israel initiated by the American Children's Television Workshop, some 65 shows of the children's television program "Sesame Street" will be shown to Israeli and Palestinian kids.

The segments will stress promoting tolerance and braking down stereotypes.

Israel Educational Television and a Palestinian production company will participate in the venture.

Ahuva Fainmesser, Israel Television Director general, said the series would air in 1997.

Part 2

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"Non-soldiers talk of glory. What I really remember is being cold, hungry and very tired all the time. I didn't dream about women, but about food, and my poor feet were so painful."

But he adds a paragraph about his foxhole, a candle inside his helmet serving as a stove. "Dig a deep hole bathtub size. Throw all the dirt you dug around the sides as protection from shell bursts. Pile the hole high with hay and put a pup tent over the whole thing. Crawl in. Very cozy and warm. But a death trap if attacked."

"So, do you want to be warm, or permanently cold?"

My artist relative never loses his Homeric humor, even whimsy. He became company translator with prisoners and adds. "It must have grated the Germans to have to talk Yiddish to an American Jew. I got a big kick out of that."

Like a lot of visually talented people, my renowned relative has a problem with spelling. He doesn't think of himself as a writer.

But I have never read a military diary with the verve and variety of this letter.

My excerpts hop skip and jump among some remarkable accounts that spare nobody. He finds his fellow combatants cruel and mindless and makes little distinction between the sides, but his pacifism, such as it is, is never sentimental.

"We were shocked when young kids in oversized uniforms (costumes?) shot at us."

"But after a few Americans were wounded by these rotten little bastards, no one felt any compunction about killing the murderers."

He hates claptrap cheap heroics, even though he calls the enemy "subhuman vermin." On patrol in a German forest he hears what he fears is a German army unit. When he looks, he finds instead a big black wild boar with several of his lady pigs.

"The boar had never done anything to me, so I wasn't about to become the mighty hunter. Finally he moved away, and sometime later I was relieved."

And he sketches in words the happy sight his unit shared, of a bra, panties and dress hanging to dry on a clothesline!

Finally, my G.I. uncle reviews the leg wounds that won him that Purple Heart.

"My jacket looked like a piece of Irish lace. I knew I'd been hit but the shock was delaying the pain."

He writes about flying



Herb Fink
Boy Scout

through the air, hoping his head wouldn't be hit by pieces of the tank, that he wouldn't be run over.

Since he wore no uniform at that point, he was at first treated in hospital as an officer, far better care than he got when they asked him his rank.

"The one redeeming quality was the light flooding in through lovely 18th-century windows, for it had gotten to be springtime. "With that light, he started drawing every day. "The drawings got better all the time."

The final scenes were more familiar to me. His first army hospital meal back stateside was a sirloin steak, rationed and rare at the time.

His mother worried that his

leg inside the cast was of wood, not flesh. But his father and sister wanted to dig into that steak.

He reflects on his life today, at a seacoast home in New England. "It all happened so long ago to a very young boy/man. No, I do not have nightmares about it. I had only one dream when I woke up screaming, a month or so after my discharge. Sleeping in the Summit Avenue house in Providence, I dreamt that rats were eating me."

He leaves me, and his daughter, and whoever reads his account, with a legacy. "What I have taken away from the war, my war, is a very high regard for creature civilized comforts, and a disgust for the military mind with its stupid arrogance, imagined aristocratic caste system and total disregard for life."

"Did I say how disappointed I was when they had a non-ceremony to give out medals? Just distributed them out of a box, the cheap bastards. Not even a small parade."

"Sorry to get preachy at the end. But this is the reason I

refuse to do certain time-consuming pointless chores and silly errands."

I don't need to sum up, but I can't help catching glimpses of my own childhood in my uncle's reflections. He has cast me into the role of family historian.

I place his dazzling descriptions along the V mail

(not E mail) moments I have of letters we sent abroad to our cousins and uncles at war.

I see so many sides of The Duration. They whirl like oak leaves around the storm center I discover among the loose sheets of Herb's epistle.

"Some of these events are out of proper order, the sequences jumbled up in my mind. As a lowly infantryman I never even was altogether sure where we were at any given time or day."

I place these papers as best I can as testimony before the close of the 50th anniversary of war's end.

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EDITORIAL

Earthly vs. Heavenly 'Moses, Too, Was Once a Marginal Jew' Jerusalem

by Yosef I. Abramowitz
I remember entering the open compound area at the Western Wall and being greeted by a sea of white sneakers juxtaposed against dark pants. I was 7 or 8 that Yom Kippur when my father took me and a tattered prayer book to the kotel.

We shared the prayer book, my father patiently waiting to turn the pages when I indicated that I, too, was done reading. In truth, the feeling of guilt has remained with me that more than once did I nod affirmatively for him to turn the pages even though I didn't read all the prayers.

What I remember most, however, is the intensity of the crowd and the religious energy that was directed at a bunch of Second Temple stones.

After Kol Nidrei, we made our way out through the winding alleyways to our pale blue VW bug and started to drive home to Ramat Eshkol, a new area that was recently liberated from the Jordanians.

And then I saw a young kid, dressed in black, sidelocks dangling down, pick up a rock and throw it at our car. THUD! It hit the side and others started raining down, as my father sped away.

When I think of Israel — its magic, its history, its meaning — I think of Jerusalem, the city infused with the energy of Jewish prophets, scholars and kings.

I think of Naomi Shemer's "Jerusalem of Gold" and of the Bible's "City of Peace."

What I miss most about Jerusa-

lem is Shabbat in the spring. The sound of the horn ushering the Sabbath, the disappearance of traffic, the multitudes of birds that sing at the cue of the shofar, the setting sun highlighting the gold of the Jerusalem stone, the candles glowing through windows, the white dinner tablecloths, the people walking to their neighborhood shul, the sounds from all directions of prayer and song, and the twinkling heavens above.

As my sister, Miriam, discovered during one visit, "in such a holy place, the air is cleaner and the challah simply tastes better." I miss the challah. What Jerusalem misses about me, I hope, is how open I was to her spiritual dimension.

But these non-tangible aspects of the holy city do not stand alone, untouched by the cruelty of people and nations or by the stones of a young Hassid.

The Jerusalem I read about, the Jerusalem I argue about, the Jerusalem I am prepared to compromise with is the earthly Jerusalem, the one that houses the Israeli parliament, that hosts countless demonstrations, the one that often rejects, exploits, impedes and simply ignores its spiritual destiny.

The only time I have ever been beaten up by police at a demonstration was in Jerusalem; I was calling for the reunification of Ethiopian Jewish families.

My friend Hillel Novetsky, who is a rabbinical student studying in Jerusalem, was recently set upon by police at a peaceful demonstration calling for the release of Rabbi Shlomo Riskin.

Rejecting the idea that the Jewish community should focus its limited resources on the "faithful few," the president-elect of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is calling for a campaign to bring Jews on the periphery back into Jewish life.

In the current issue of *Reform Judaism* magazine, Rabbi Eric Yoffie argues that the Jewish community cannot afford to forsake the unaffiliated, estimated to be more than half of the American Jewish population.

Rabbi Yoffie's position is directly opposed to those who propose a kind of "Jewish Darwinism" — the view that the select few will keep Judaism alive — and who therefore argue that the community should concentrate its funding on programs and institutions which serve the deeply committed and

motivated, such as day schools and yeshivot.

While such programs are worthy of support, he argues, the community must also find ways to rekindle the *pintele yid* — "the eternal spark of Yiddishkeit that can rekindle in every Jew the spirit of faith and teshuvah — return."

In the magazine's cover story, titled, "Moses, Too, Was Once a Marginal Jew," Rabbi Yoffie rejects the elitist notion that unaffiliated Jews "have nothing to offer," citing historical examples such as Theodore Herzl and Solomon Ansky, author of *The Dybbuk*.

He also notes that synagogues and other Jewish institutions are "naturally prone to inertia and inclined to fight the problems of today with yesterday's solutions," and therefore must adapt new and

innovative perspectives if they are to appeal to the unaffiliated.

"Among the alienated are large numbers of creative, intellectual, compassionate, spiritual and energetic individuals who are capable of revitalizing American Judaism," said Yoffie.

Still, recognizing that reaching out to the unaffiliated is only the first step, he adds, "ultimately, our synagogues must be so vibrant and joyful that it will never occur to born Jews not to affiliate or ask 'why be Jewish?' The richness of Jewish living, the grandeur of Jewish ethics, and the majesty of Jewish faith will speak for themselves."

Yoffie's article is followed by seven personal stories by people who made the journey from marginal Jew to affiliated and committed.

Reader Returns From Israel

To the Editor:

I just returned from a memorable trip to Israel with a small group. Prior to our departure, we learned that the prime minister had been killed. We were in a dilemma whether we should travel and intrude on Israel's mourning period, but we did leave the United States on Nov. 7.

When we arrived in Tel Aviv, we lit a candle for Yitzhak Rabin at the place he was assassinated. Again, when we visited his grave, we lit another candle. There was an enormous outpouring of love and support for

the late prime minister.

I was tremendously moved by the support that the Israelis showed. I am sure that the Israelis were left heartbroken, just as we were when President Kennedy was assassinated.

I did explain that one of the reasons we came to Israel was that we felt deeply about Rabin's assassination and we wanted to cry with the Israelis.

Here's to peace, shalom, in our time.

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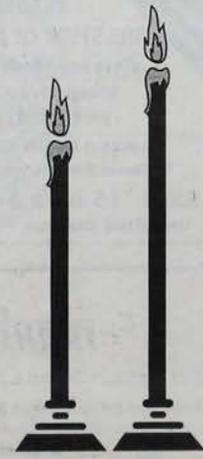
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Candlelighting

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In Jerusalem there are more Jews studying text than ever before in her history. There are more houses of worship, and there are more observant Jews than during the first or second temple eras.

There are more people in search of meaning and mates than ever and there are more spiritual rebirths and romantic matches. The stones rejoice and reverberate, like they did when President Chaim Herzog read Torah at the Wall in front of thousands of Jews, renewing the ancient gathering ceremony of Hakeel.

Yet in the shadow of holiness, elbows push people off buses, police stampede against women and children in demonstrations, and the mayor, Ehud Olmert, threatens massive demonstrations against the peace process.

Jewish Jerusalem must be reclaimed not by peace negotiations, but by our deeds; not by force, but by spirit; not by celebrations, but by spiritual innovations.

Jerusalem must not allow herself to be defined by the many extremists who dwell there. Therefore, every federation should build an apartment building in Jerusalem so that its contributors can stay a week at a time and live the land.

Every American Jewish high school student, not just the Orthodox, should study Jewish

A Gentile's Farewell to Yitzhak Rabin

(to Nat and Marilyn, Warren and Joyce, and G-d's People of Israel)

by Michael J. Moakler

I knew you, Yitzhak, in my boyhood years,
Not as I knew Sol and Shelden and the Rosen boys
When stickball was our battleground
And "Take the spin off!" was our worst command.
What could a sabra know of stickball and New Utrecht High?
"Sticks are for fuel and the sacrifice,
For altars on some mountain
Where THE LORD SHALL SEE."
(The Rosen's altar was a Saipan beach.)
FATHER, HERE IS WOOD, BUT WHERE THE VICTIM
FOR THE HOLOCAUST? G-D WILL PROVIDE, MY SON.
I knew you then when Boro Park
Was holy on a Friday eve.
I was the Shabbes goy whose chore of love
Saw mitzvah as the furnace flamed
And braved my Mother's wrath
When I brought coins along with challa home...
"You took a payment for a holy deed?"
You were in Cantor Cutler when he took my part:
"So, Mrs. Moakler, Shabbes tips we shouldn't give
In these Depression times?" (Oh, Abe could give her!)
You were Shalom through all the hell of war,
And now THE LORD SHALL SEE where David's star
Waves mourning from the world's half-masts.
Sleep, Yitzhak, there on Hertzl Hill.
The shofar calls us to your sacrifice,
Dear Victim whom the L-rd provides.
Shalom! Shalom! Shalom!

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The End of Democracy in Israel

To The Editor:

When I came home from shul last Saturday night, I was feeling fine following a fine Shabbos (11/25/95). A little while later, I opened the national news. After that, I wasn't feeling so well. A news item shocked me to the core.

The Labor Party (Socialist-Communist Alliance) of Israel was recruiting all the nation's students to "inform" on any teacher who spoke to the right of the Socialist-communist ideology.

My mother, who was a teenager at the time of World War II, told me that it reminded her of stories told in America (during the war) about German children who turned in parents who did not accept Nazi Party ideology.

It seems that the feared civil war between Jew and Jew is off and running. At the same time Jewish leaders are worrying more about Croatia and Bosnia ... two nations that aided the Nazis in the genocide of the Jews. When reading the only Jewish right-wing weekly in the United States, *The Jewish Press*, I am shocked by [stories about] plotting of the Jewish left. Its Israeli and U.S. counterparts do dastardly things to stay in power.

Just some weeks before his death, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was informed of a certain

man who kept speaking against his peace plan (etc.) on the Israeli radio.

When Rabin found out that the man was a security guard, he contacted the gun licensing board to have the man's gun license revoked. The security guard was no wimp, and went to court. He received his gun license back. This was one in a long line of such political low blows.

Hiring special police to give fellow Jews a good beating (since some regular police couldn't stomach it) was another tactic. While the Women in Black (a Leftist group) was able to demonstrate on Friday afternoons against the Israeli Army (referring to them as Nazis), the Women in Green (a Right-Wing group) was assaulted by Rabin's special police with night sticks for chanting against Rabin's land giveaway.

U.S. politicians were asked to look into this human rights' abuse. It seems that the U.S. Congress is more worried about Israel than the Knesset.

Even American Jewry's left is no bargain.

When PLO President Yasser Arafat came to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's bash, uninvited (the United Nation's 50th anniversary), and was kicked out... guess who praised Giuliani and who condemned him?

The Christian and Jewish

political conservatives praised him, while Mayor Koch (self-proclaimed king of the Jews) and his left-wing Jewish buddies created a shandeh (a disgrace) by denouncing the bouncing of Arafat by this proud Christian (who also didn't invite Castro, a known murderer of Arafat's ilk).

Since the time of Rabin's death, the media has given the false impression that the slaying is the first time a political leader of Israel has been slain by a Jew.

I made sure to call the Arlene Violet talk show and inform listeners that this was not the case. Back in the 1940s, I believe Rabin was a hitman for David Ben-Gurion, murdering one of his political opponents with a hand grenade. He also was among those in recent Israeli history to try and cover up (and in a very sloppy way) the facts about the kidnapping of Yemenite children by the Ben-Gurion regime.

The facts must be known. The revisionist history by liberal Jewish writers must cease.

Leah Rabin brought up old revisionist history after her husband's death. In 1933, a Socialist Jewish leader in colonial "Palestine" was murdered by the Arabs. To gain points with future voters in an independent Israel, the Socialists told the world that it was a hit by right-wing Jewish forces. They knew he had been slain by Arabs.

Over a decade ago, one of the old revisionist Socialists (an old man who wanted to come clean) told the truth.

Leah Rabin still uses this false history to make the right-wing (including the Orthodox) look like a group of thugs. Leah, please stop it and let the healing begin.

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TORAH TODAY

Help in Overcoming Temptations

This week's Torah portion, Vayetzte, begins: "And Jacob went out from Beer Sheba and went towards Haran."

The Torah offers two reasons for the name Beer Sheba: one is because of the oath Abraham made in his covenant with Abimelech; the second is because of the seventh well dug after Isaac's peace treaty with Abimelech.

Both of these explanations indicate a condition of tranquility for Israel. But the name Haran is the reverse, as our sages interpreted it to indicate "the fierce anger — charan af — of the world."

There are those who wonder: "G-d has given us so many mitzvot. Wherever we return there is either a positive precept for us to observe or a prohibition against which we must guard ourselves.

At the very least, shouldn't G-d have removed all our worries in order to make it easier for us to observe the mitzvot? In fact, we should be altogether freed of worldly concerns so that we can spend more time doing mitzvot and studying Torah, if this is what G-d truly wants of us.

The Torah shows Jacob's behavior, through which we can understand how to conduct ourselves.

Before Jacob was to marry, that is, to build the House of

Israel, he was told to leave Beer Sheba and the study halls of Shem and Eber where he had learned for the past 14 years. He was to come to Haran, a place where G-dliness and holiness were concealed.

In Haran, it was very easy to sin and very difficult to be virtuous. Yet, it was precisely because he was steadfast when exposed to temptation that Jacob was able to build the House of Israel so that "his offspring were perfect"; not one of his children straying from the Torah path.

This offers a lesson for every one of us. Part of our Divine mission involves being exposed to temptations.

To be tempted and prevail raises man to higher levels.

It is understood, though, that we are speaking of tests and temptations with G-d places before us: it is a fundamental belief that man has the capacity to remain steadfast in the face of all difficulties and tests imposed upon him by Divine Providence.

Man, however, is not to subject himself to temptations as a test.

By overcoming these temptations, it is possible to build a Jewish home which is both radiant and warm.

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

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Lo yisa goy el goy herev

National shall not lift up sword against nation.

You can't know the unspoken feeling of deep dark despair

It is a feeling that sits in your mind a bum on a sidewalk

The feeling sits with you and there is no fulfillment, no end to the sorrow

Zoo's can live longer with no animals than theft with no sorrow

Hear, I tell you, this is not the theft of a possession, but of a necessity

A father being taken from his baby, a pen away from a writer

Killing this necessity, this father or this pen is the theft

Rare it is for a great thing to move with no friction
And stranger than rare it is for this same great thing to stop moving

But why after it was moving smoothly on the tracks was it derailed

It finally placed first and was curtly stopped by the three piercing problems

Now as the "Song of Peace" lay shredded and bloody in his pocket

What do we have to say for ourselves?

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Hadassah Finds Jewish Women Feel Isolated

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
BOSTON (JTA) — American Jewish women feel "completely removed from today's Jewish world," according to a new study underwritten by Hadassah and researched by sociologists at Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

"Disincentives to getting involved, and the everyday demands of family and work prevent many Jewish women from taking advantage of opportunities to enhance and enrich their lives through Jewish affiliation," the study said.

The results of the study, "Voices for Change: Future Directions for American Jewish Women," show that "American Jewish women yearn for a connection to Judaism," said Marlene Post, Hadassah's national president.

"It isn't fine to wait until you're 39."

Anne Roiphe

Some women believe that Jewish organizations are not welcoming to newcomers or outsiders. Others perceive that Jewish organizations are overly preoccupied with fund-raising

and insufficiently concerned with community building.

Neither Hadassah nor the Cohen Center would release the cost of the work.

"It's an embarrassment how little solid information there is about the American Jewish woman," said Shulamith Reinharz, chairwoman of a Hadassah-convened commission, as well as director of the women's studies program at Brandeis.

The goal of the study, which was not designed to be statistically valid, was to put faces on numbers, according to its authors.

"We wanted to hear what women had to say in their own words about their Jewish identity and spirituality, their involvement in Jewish and non-Jewish communities, family and work, philanthropy, feminism and Israel," said Sylvia Barack Fishman, the Cohen Center's senior research associate, who worked on the project.

The results revealed "these women's pleas for welcome into the Jewish community," said Orthodox feminist and author Blu Greenberg, a member of the commission.

Women participating in the study spoke about feeling neglected by the Jewish commu-

nity and wanting to be asked to participate in communal activities, said Greenberg.

The commission suggested establishing a mentoring program for Jewish women on college campuses throughout the country, increasing funding of formal Jewish studies programs and creating a national network of Jewish women's student groups.

It proposed a clearinghouse of information on women's employment in Jewish organizations and agencies, which would compare positions, pay, tenure, rates of hire and rates of promotion for men and for women, and use the results to advocate for gender equity in Jewish groups.

According to novelist and essayist Anne Roiphe, another member of the commission, a central lesson of the study is that "we've got to make more children" if there is to be such a thing as Jewish continuity. "It isn't fine to wait until you're 39" to start thinking about children, she said. "Women have to have their families earlier."

The Jewish community must "provide day care and the men who will be in there doing the fathering," she said.

"This is not a Jewish women's problem, but a Jewish people's problem," said Roiphe.

United Synagogue Takes Issue With Current Continuity Efforts

At its recently concluded biennial convention, United Synagogue leaders, as well as leading Conservative Jewish scholars and educators, told delegates that Jewish survival was in their hands.

In a message repeated over and over during the meeting, synagogue leaders were told that unless members of their congregations adopt Jewish behaviors now, they cannot expect their children to do so in the future.

Rabbi Jerome Epstein, executive vice president of The United Synagogue, told delegates that the American synagogue's most important task is to train Jews to live Jewish lives. He then listed eight behavioral expectations toward which each Conservative Jew should strive.

First, the ideal Conservative Jew must support a Conservative synagogue by participating in its activities.

Second, he or she must engage in Jewish study a minimum of one hour per week.

Third, Jewish learning must

guide behavior — even when it conflicts with personal feeling or inclination.

Fourth, Conservative Jews must add to their lives a minimum of three new mitzvot every year.

Fifth, the Conservative Jew must employ the value of *tikkun olam* to help in the world's continual repair.

Sixth, in making decisions about Jewish behavior, the Conservative Jew must consider the effect that decision will have on Klai Yisrael.

Seventh, Conservative Jews must increase their ties to Israel in concrete ways, whether through political action, visits to the Jewish State, or other activities.

Finally, Conservative Jews must not only maintain Hebrew in their services, but must also increase their knowledge of Hebrew.

Epstein concluded that "Conservative Jews are a people with a mission: the creation of souls — Jewish souls."

L.A. Proposes 'Rabin Square'

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — A proposal to rename a major traffic intersection Yitzhak Rabin Square has come before the Los Angeles City Council.

City Councilman Joel Wachs, who made the motion of the name change, said the slain Israeli prime minister was "beloved not just by the great majority of his nation's people, but by people around the world who desire peace and oppose ceaseless warfare, racial and religious hatred and terrorism."

Rabin Square is slated for the intersection of two major traffic arteries in the Studio City neighborhood of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The site is near Universal Studios, one of the city's biggest tourist attractions.



Rededicating A Torah Scroll

Jews in a small Ukrainian town have a Torah scroll, at last, after 70 years of being without. Their scroll is 75 years old, has crossed the ocean several times, and finally, under the auspices of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, was repaired and delivered to its new home, where it was welcomed by an unprecedented and emotional crowd.

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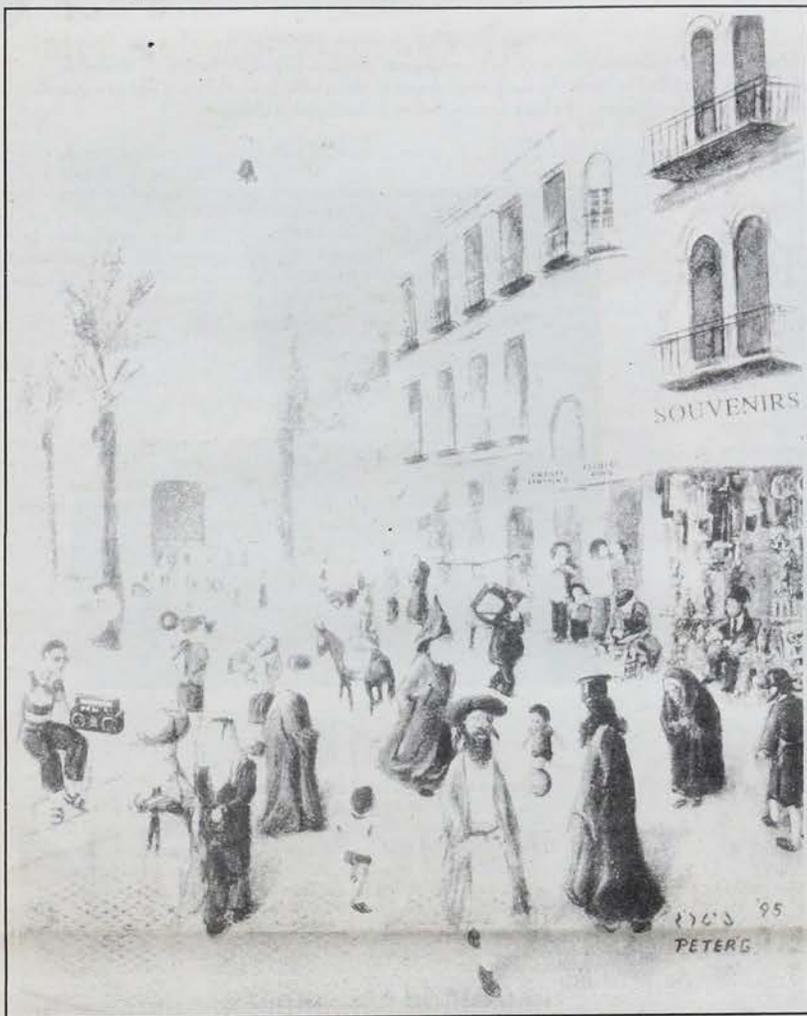
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A Picture Book For The Whole Family

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Jerusalem 3000 is that rare thing, a book which will educate everyone, young and old, and delight everyone—with illustrations that are even better than the text...if you can imagine.

The book will take you through the history of Jerusalem from the Jebusite Period in 1300 B.C.E. to the present day, and provide connecting links from the past to 1995 every step of the way.

Tamar and Shalom, small bubble-riders, float through nine pairs of large, full-color illustrations that compare sites like the Jaffa Gate then (1907) and now.

Preceding each set of illustrations are pages of large print text giving simplified background for the pictures to come.

Tamar and Shalom discuss the view from their bubbles, and ask and answer the kind of questions most children would ask.

With the celebration of Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary upon us, this book is the perfect gift for a child, a parent, a grandparent, or anyone else who would like to know more about Jerusalem.

It is designated as the Official Jerusalem 3000 Children's Book. ("Official" anything is usually the kiss of death, and a guarantee of dullness, but not in this case.) *Jerusalem 3,000* was printed in Israel, and the artist, Peter G, and the writer, Alan Paris, live in Israel. It was published by the Pitspopyan Press, 555 Chestnut Street, Cedarhurst, New York 11516.

Isaac Bashevis Singer — Storyteller Supreme

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Isaac Singer's stories were originally written in Yiddish, so almost every thing we read of his has been translated, which can dim the brilliance of any written word. But Singer won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1978 and is considered a master of American short story writers...maybe the THE master.

He selected 47 of his own stories to be included in *The Collected Stories*, so we know that these were the ones he was most proud of.

Cynthia Ozick, of the *New York Times Book Review*, says, "There are whole fistfuls of masterpieces in this one volume..."

Jonathan Yardley of the *Washington Post Book World* says, *The Collected Stories*, like the life that Singer so exuberantly celebrates, are themselves a gift—one to be treasured for years to come."

Singer was born in Radzymin, Poland, on July 14, 1904. After a very traditional Jewish upbringing, he came to this country in 1935, and began to write for the *Jewish Daily Forward*, a Yiddish paper, soon afterward. He said, in 1970, "I still work for this paper. I publish there articles, book reviews, and also most of my fiction."

He died on July 24, 1991, in this country.

Singer remained a Yiddish writer all his life. His work is always Jewish, and set in the Jewish communities in this country or Eastern Europe. It flashes with humor and eroticism, and wails from the depths of the Jewish soul in pain before, during and after the Holocaust.

But in the end, his work is not just about the Jewish condition—it is about how it feels to be human.

In "The Fool," we pull for Gimpel, the fool of the title, even while we feel a strong urge to shake him till his teeth rattle. We've all loved Gimpels, and they are among the most exasperating of all G-d's creatures.

Gimpel's rabbi says something quite touching to him. "It is written, better to be a fool all your days than for one hour to be evil. You are not a fool. They are the fools." But then, as Gimpel leaves the rabbi's house, the rabbi's own daughter makes a fool of him.

In the end, Gimpel figures out where his freedom lies, and goes in that direction.

In "Joy," a dying rabbi and his friends are discussing why the moon is obscured on Rosh Hashanah, and he says, "The

answer is that on Rosh Hashanah one prays for life, and life means free choice, and freedom is Mystery.

"If one knew the truth, how could there be freedom? If hell and paradise were in the middle of the marketplace, everyone would be a saint."

Sometimes, as in "The Spinoza of Market Street," people whose lives appeared to be locked into a downward spiral, are given the opportunity to reverse the spiral and ascend again. The emotional suspense is gut-wrenching. But even at those moments the descriptive passages are perfectly crafted, "...He could see a long strip extending from Yanash's market to Iron Street with the gas lamps lining it merged into a string of fiery dots...Thieves, prostitutes, gamblers and fences loafed in the square which looked from above like a pretzel covered with poppy seeds."

Near the conclusion of "Spinoza," "...In his nightshirt, he approached the window...and looked out in wonder. The black arch was thickly sown with stars—there were green, red, yellow, blue stars; there were large ones and small ones, winking and steady ones...the myriads of fixed stars continued to travel their destined courses in unbounded

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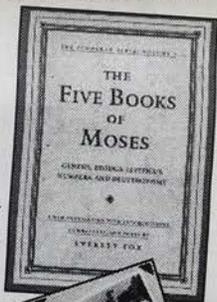
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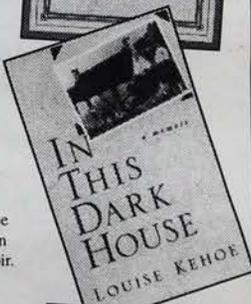
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MORE REMARKABLE JEWS



On these pages are eight "remarkable" Jews — from the pages of *Remarkable People*, by photographer Stephen Brigidi of the Bristol Workshop. Brigidi's subjects are all Rhode Islanders. He says he felt compelled to create the book as a rebuttal to those who deride the state and its residents. He has succeeded in showing us some truly remarkable Rhode Islanders. The book is published by Sunningdale Publishers.

More Remarkable Jews Discovered!

BY ALISON SMITH
HERALD EDITOR



No sooner had our Nov. 10 issue appeared, with its centerfold of eight remarkable Jews from Stephen Brigidi's new book, "Remarkable People" than we began to hear from readers who thought we'd overlooked someone they knew to be in the book, and Jewish.

We called Brigidi, and he very graciously agreed to send us more pictures of more remarkable Jews as soon as we could identify them.

The winnowing process has been completed, and we now add eight more illustrious characters to our original eight (which makes a total of 16 Jewish subjects, out of over 100 pictures, a remarkable fact in a nation with a population of two to three percent Jews).

In pursuing this project with Brigidi, we learned something or were reminded of something that passed by us by the first time round.

To quote Brigidi, "Sunningdale Charitable Foundation is the publisher (of the book) and will donate 100 percent of book profits to Amos House, Rhode Island Community Food Bank, and other non-profits.

"I donated my time and materials to the project and will not receive any royalties.

"The theme of this book is about GIVING, therefore the book itself should be a vehicle for giving in Rhode Island."

(ED. NOTE: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE BOOK AND OUR REMARKABLE JEWS, THIS IS THE END OF THE SERIES FOR NOW. IF WE'VE OVERLOOKED SOMEONE, WE APOLOGIZE.)

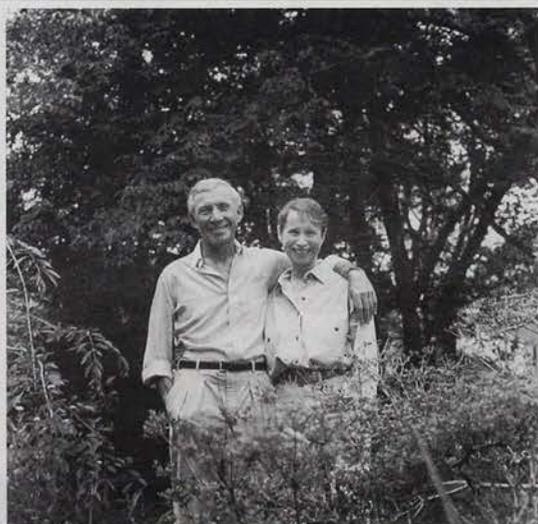


Nancy Mayer

GENERAL TREASURER, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

I admire Nancy Mayer's outspoken independence and responsible approach to her office. She is a new breed of politician. In her short tenure as General Treasurer, she had defended the taxpayers' rights against pension abuse and sponsored legislative change to eliminate back-room dealing. Mayer has also reformed the Treasury's investment practices, bringing a greater return for taxpayers dollars.

BRISTOL 22 JANUARY 1994



George and Lois Graboys

ACTIVISTS

Individually, George and Lois Graboys have each accomplished a substantial record of achievement from which the state community has benefited. Together, they are an awesome duo of tireless energy, constant in their commitments to the various services they perform. George has generously offered his knowledge to boards, including the United Way Campaign, and the Children's Crusade for Higher Education. George has been recognized for his charitable endeavors with the ADL Torch of Liberty Award and the NCCJ Brotherhood Award. Lois founded and worked for 13 years at Volunteer Services for Animals, to assist animals impounded in municipal shelters. She has received an award from the RI Women's Political Caucus, and in 1985 was awarded a Jefferson Award for Public Service.

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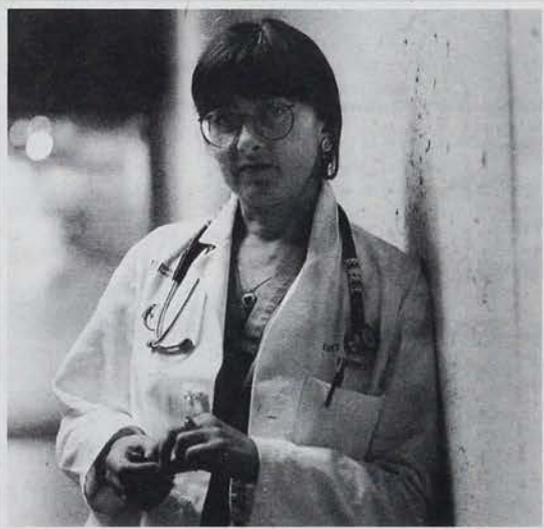
Peter Geisser

ARTIST, TEACHER, RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Imagine yourself having commissioned 10,000 ceramic tiles, then coordinating several hundred children to make them, and then arranging for their installation among hundreds of other artworks. What you have might seem to be an insurmountable task. For Peter Geisser, it is what comes naturally, like a labor of love in working with children and art. The Circle of Clay project at Hasbro's Children's Hospital is one of Geisser's many achievements, as he is well known for his many murals of glass and ceramics installed throughout the state. Geisser has been recognized for his work with the Humanitarian Award for Very Special Arts by the Business Volunteers for the Arts. This dedicated teacher and artist has also been included in *Who's Who in American Education* by the National Reference Institute.

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IN RHODE ISLAND



Lucy Brown, M.D.

PEDIATRIC RESIDENT, WOMEN AND INFANTS HOSPITAL

I would call Lucy Brown an inspiring person. She has had two careers. Her first career was as a mother raising three children, and by the time they were self-reliant, this determined woman launched her second career: working with still more children, caring for them as a doctor. It was a realization of a great dream by Brown to become a children's doctor, and by age 50 she had well succeeded. Her rewards became the demanding hours, the enormous debt, the sacrifices of a personal life, but also came the satisfying gratification that she could help a little child. Lucy Brown is a gifted healer doing her part.

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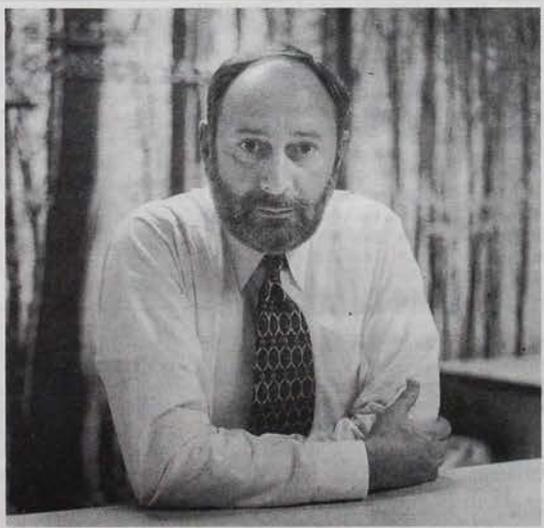


Sara W. Weiss

ACTIVIST FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

Sara Weiss knows about the difficulties involved with being disabled as she herself was stricken with polio at age 25. She is interested in helping others to become self-supportive and independent. Sara Weiss is an active board member of Meeting Street School and a peer counselor for the disabled at Rhode Island College. She also is a member of the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council and works with the RI Protection and Advocacy System in providing free legal services for the disabled.

NEWPORT  10 JULY 1995



Peter Cotton

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Chanukah Encounter With Lasting Significance

by Rabbi Mordechai Nissel
December can be a challenging month for those of us who don't want Chanukah to get lost in the glitter of the holiday season.

As many Jews know that Chanukah doesn't need to compete with all the department store windows and TV specials; that it isn't a consolation prize, but rather their own special and meaningful holiday, of which they can be proud.

But when it comes to explaining it to their children or to the neighbor next door, they are often at a loss for words because they might not understand the reasons themselves.

The Partners in Torah Chanukah Encounter was designed to address this challenge.

The Chanukah Encounter is a one-to-one learning program which will give participants and their hand-picked study partners an opportunity to explore the deeper meaning of Chanukah and how it relates to our lives today, so that they can come away with exciting new insights to share with their family and friends.

Chanukah Encounter participants will meet in a central location for an hour a week of stimulating discussion, for two consecutive weeks. They can either follow the study materials provided, or focus on the points that interest them most.

"One-to-one study" — which allows partners to bounce ideas off each other — is an age-old Jewish learning tradition that has unfortunately been missing from the modern experience of Judaism," said Rabbi Mordechai Nissel, coordinator of the local Chanukah Encounter program.

"The 1990s Partners in Torah revival has met with overwhelming success. It is just the type of engaging, interactive and individualized approach to learning that Jews today are craving for."

The idea behind the Chanukah Encounter is simple. People who have a background in Jewish literature and tradition are matched up with partners who have not had the benefit of an intensive Jewish education, but are eager to give it a try.

The choice of topics is wide enough to embrace any facet of Judaism which may appeal to participants, including theory, practice, prayer and the deeper meanings behind Chanukah's symbols and rituals.

"It is inspiring to see Jews running the entire gamut of Jewish educational and affiliational backgrounds getting together to delve into the wisdom and beauty of their heritage," said Rabbi Nissel. "When you walk into a Partners in Torah program, there's an electrifying hum of voices filling the room — the animated, inquisitive voices of Jews involved in a meaningful dialogue with each other and united by the transcendent striving to learn more about their spiritual legacy."

The Chanukah Encounter is unique in that, unlike other Jewish adult-education programs where educators, usually rabbis, serve as "teacher," it works solely with lay people, none of whom are paid.

Although two people may be matched up because one person has expressed an interest in a particular subject while the other has a level of proficiency in that same area, the nature of their relationship is peer-to-peer, not teacher-to-student.

"Large classes can be intimidating and people are often hesitant to ask questions for fear of sounding ignorant or holding up the rest of the class," says Rabbi Abraham Jakubowicz, Judaic principal of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

"The one-to-one approach allows participants to go at their own pace and raise questions on topics they might not feel comfortable discussing in a classroom setting."

To sign up for the Chanukah Encounter, or for more information, contact Rabbi Mordechai Nissel at 331-5327.

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Book Fair to be Held at Temple Torat Yisrael

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, Temple Torat Yisrael will hold its 12th annual book fair from Dec. 3 through 7.

A wide selection of hardcover and paperback titles, that appeal to every age and interest group will be featured. In addition to the latest fiction and non-fiction, many traditional favorites will be available for purchase.

The public is invited to browse in the synagogue's library, or to visit the gift shop.

The fair is a good opportunity for those who are thinking

about expanding their own library, or purchasing books as gifts for others. If you decide to buy books as Chanukah gifts, the temple's school committee will provide free Chanukah gift-wrapping.

Temple Torat Yisrael is located at 330 Park Ave. in Cranston.

Hours of this year's fair are: Dec. 3 — 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Dec. 4 — by appointment; Dec. 5 — 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 6 — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 7 — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Would You Like Some Yiddish With Your Bagel?

Perspectives — The Rhode Island Jewish Young Adult Project — will host a Bissel Bagel Brunch on Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Learn Yiddish with David Kaplan and munch on some bagels.

A \$2 donation is requested for this event. R.S.V.P. by Dec. 7 by calling Marcie Ingber, Perspectives director, at 521-3541.

Recently, Perspectives held a shabbat dinner in Warwick and Rock-N-Bowl in Cranston. Upcoming events include an in-

door board game night on Dec. 16, visiting the elderly for Chanukah on Dec. 17, a trip to Foxwoods Casino on Dec. 24 and helping out at a soup kitchen on Dec. 25. Call Ingber for more information about any of these events.

Perspectives is committed to programming in the following areas: philanthropic/social action, sports/social, religious/educational. The group is open to adults in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts who are in their mid-20s to mid-30s, either single or married.

Adoption Expert to Speak at Temple Beth-El

Sharon Kaplan Roszia, BSW, MS, will speak about adoption on Dec. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, in a program sponsored by Jewish Family Service. The recipient of several awards in the field of adoption, Roszia presents programs at conferences throughout the United States and abroad on a multitude of adoption-related issues.

For the JFS program, Roszia will address topics of interest to Jewish families who have

adopted or are considering adopting children from non-Jewish backgrounds. These topics might include conversion, identity and cross-cultural or cross-racial difference.

Program director of The Kinship Alliance, a licensed California adoption and foster care agency, Roszia has been a recognized expert in adoption for over three decades.

She is the co-author of *Cooperation Adoption*, a how-to manual detailing the topics in

Pre-Chanukah Crafts Workshop on Dec. 4

A pre-Chanukah "Make it — Take it" craft workshop will be held in the vestry of Congregation Agudath Achim at 36 Winthrop St., Taunton, on Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Sisterhood of Congregation Agudath Achim, the workshop will offer participants their choice of two projects: one involving making, painting and decorating two Shabbat candlesticks and two beeswax candles, the other, the creation of challah covers.

The cost of each project is \$8 which includes all materials. Extra kits will be available for purchase to be given as gifts or completed at home.

The Judaica gift shop will be open for those who wish to purchase Chanukah or other items.

Tennis Anyone?

Chai Productions (Jewish singles ages 25 to 45) will host a tennis party on Dec. 9 at the Waltham Racquet Club, 249 Lexington St., Waltham at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$15. R.S.V.P. by Nov. 29.

All levels are invited for an evening of round-robin from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., followed by a gathering at the club's cafe.

Mail checks payable to: Chai Productions, P.O. Box 534 Sudbury, Mass. 01776.

Call (508) 650-1829 or (508) 443-7834 for more information.

Women's League Holds Conference

For the second time, Women's League for Conservative Judaism will sponsor a four-day conference to include a Shabbat experience.

Delegates from across the United States and Canada will convene in Dallas from Dec. 8 to 11 to enjoy a traditional Shabbat and then continue with a national conference and open board meeting. Delegates will be staying at the Grand Kempinski Hotel, Dallas, with sessions at area Conservative synagogues.

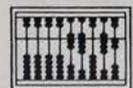
The scholar-in-residence for Friday and Saturday, at the hotel, will be Rabbi Debra Orenstein,

senior fellow, Wilstein Institute of Jewish Policy and instructor at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. Orenstein will speak on the theme of "Living in Two Worlds: Blessing or Burden?"

Mark Briskman, director of the Anti-Defamation League in Houston, will address delegates at the open board meeting on "The Separation of Church and State." In addition, there will be a presentation from the newest of the Conservative movement's Ramah camps, Ramah Darom, which will serve the Jewish community of the American South.

That evening, Dr. Perrin White, director of pediatric endocrinology and professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, will present "Jewish Genetic Diseases, An Introduction."

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MILESTONES

Lisa Rocha and Carl Weinberg Wed

Lisa Ann Rocha of Cranston, R.I., and Carl Weinberg, of Cranston, R.I., were married in Cranston on Nov. 11. The bride is the daughter of Silvino and Norma Rocha and the bridegroom is the son of Samuel and Lillian Weinberg.

Judge Maureen McKenna Goldberg officiated at the ceremony. A reception was held at the Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk, Mass.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Tiffinie Herzon was matron of honor and bridesmaid was

Maria Ruvalcaba.

Best man was Dean G. Weinberg, son of the bridegroom. Ushers were Joseph S. Rocha, brother of the bride, and Dr. Marc Weinberg, brother of groom.

The bride is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy Bay View and University of Rhode Island and is self-employed.

The bridegroom is a graduate of University of Rhode Island and Babson College. He is managing partner of Carl Weinberg and Co., CPAs.

Their wedding trip was to Hawaii.



Mrs. Carl Weinberg

Suddenly Spring

by Cindy Halpern

Spring has ended,
Fall has begun,
But where has summer gone?
I felt the promise of summer
When I saw a robin perched on a tree branch
And heard her sing a merry tune.
But the tree's leaves began to die,
As they yellowed, then turned brown.
The bird flew off its branch
As it felt the frost of winter
When there should have been a lovely breeze.
Now the tree is lifeless,
Its branches broken off,
Its limbs becoming buried beneath the frozen ground.
There is no sign of life anywhere,
As far as the eye can see.
Suddenly, there is spring.
The seed planted during a winter's storm
Has sprouted new life.
For over there,
Beside the lifeless tree
Is another tree full of life.
The promise has been kept,
as the bird makes a new nest.



Mrs. Richard S. Smith

Alison Nabilow Weds Richard Smith

Alison Beth Nabilow and Richard Samuel Smith were married on Nov. 11 at the Providence Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R.I. The bride is the daughter of Marilyn and Leonard Nabilow of East Greenwich, R.I., and the bridegroom is the son of Jill and Stephen Smith of Voorhees, N.J.

Rabbi George Astrachan officiated at the ceremony and Cantor Rennie Brown participated in the ceremony. The reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the Providence Biltmore Hotel.

The matron of honor was April S. Guilbault. Bridesmaids

were Sharon Pidgeon, sister of the bridegroom, Susan London and Cindy Yeh.

Best man was R. Andrew Shore. Ushers were Scott Nabilow, brother of the bride and Russell Klein.

The bride graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and received a master's degree from Harvard University. She is a high school French teacher in Bedford, New York.

The bridegroom graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a buyer for the Lord & Taylor division of The May Company.

Congregation B'nai Israel Honors George and Edith Woled

On Nov. 17, a Sabbath service honoring George and Edith Woled was held at Congregation B'nai Israel, Woonsocket.

Edith Woled, a retired school teacher, holds life memberships in Hadassah, Congregation B'nai Israel Sisterhood, Brandeis Jewish Home Women's Association, and the Miriam Hospital Women's Home Association.

She was recording secretary of the Woonsocket chapter of Hadassah for 27 years. She is an honorary member of the board of directors of Congregation B'nai Israel.

For many years Edith Woled had the responsibility of administering the memorial notices and is on the Sunshine Committee of Congregation B'nai Israel, sending notes of congratulations

and condolences.

George Woled, a retired institutional food salesman, is a member of B'nai B'rith and the Lodge of Masons.

A world War II veteran, he served in three campaigns in the Pacific Ocean and was attached to the 31st infantry division headquarters.

He is a vice president of Congregation B'nai Israel and as chairman of the finance committee, he monitors the finances of the congregation. He oversees the congregation's property.

Rabbi Vicki Lieberman led the service and addressed the congregation. Honorary President Joseph Shorr chanted the service.

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SCHOOLBEAT

Alperin Schechter to Hold Open House

On Dec. 8 the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Ave., Providence, will hold its annual recruitment open house from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Bohnen Vestry of Temple Emanu-El.

Tours of the school will be led by school director Myrna Rubel, assistant director Marcia Kaufner, Judaic studies coordinator Rabbi Andrea Gouze, and admissions director Penney Stein.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet with administrators and faculty. Parents will get an overview of the Schechter program. Topics to be discussed include: the application procedure, extracurricular activities, busing, and opportunities for financial aid.

The school with grades kindergarten through eight is fully

certified by the state of Rhode Island and is one of a network of Conservative Jewish day schools across the United States. It is a member of the Independent School Association of Rhode Island.

Schechter and its faculty have won awards for innovation and achievement in education.

Schechter eighth-grade graduates attend a wide variety of area high schools, both public and private, and Schechter graduates have been accepted to many of the country's finest colleges.

Those who are considering a Jewish day school education for their children are invited to attend the open house. Information on lateral entry (grades one to six) will also be available.

For more information, call Penney Stein, admissions director, at 751-2470.

Wheaton Wins Lecture Grant

Wheaton College recently received a grant to fund a lecture series on current issues in marine ecology and conservation biology from the national Sea Grant program administered by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Mass.

The Marine Ecology and Conservation Biology Lecture Series, which began on Oct. 24, will bring marine biologists and ecologists to the Wheaton campus to discuss their current research interest and findings. The series complements Wheaton's new

major in environmental science and minor in environmental study as well as majors in biology and other natural sciences.

The first lecture, held earlier this fall, featured Les Kaufman, a scientist from Boston University, discussing threats to species diversity on tropical coral reefs and the great lakes of Africa.

The lectures in Wheaton College's Marine Ecology and Conservation Biology Lecture Series will be free and open to the public, and will be held throughout spring 1996.

Poet to Read at Wheaton

David Ferry, prize-winning poet, translator and literary critic, will read from his poetry and translations at Wheaton College at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 in the Cole room of the Madeleine Clark Wallace Library. The reading is free and open to the public.

Ferry's most recent book of

poetry, *Dwelling Places: Poems and Translations*, was published in 1993. Following its publication, Ferry received an Ingram Merrill Foundation Award. In 1994 he was elected a Fellow of the Academy of American Poets, and in 1995 he received the Teasdale Prize for poetry.

December Vacation Camps and Programs Sponsored by JCCRI

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Vacation camps will provide working parents with the answer to the December school vacation dilemma. Programs, run by the center's professional staff, will provide a variety of activities and special field trips for children in preschool through grade seven. Options for early drop-off and late pick-up times assure the flexibility necessary to

accommodate the professional needs of parents.

Individual camps offered include: Preschool December Vacation Camp, for ages 3 to 4; KidSpace Camp, for grades kindergarten to three; Preteen December Vacation Camps, for grades four to six; Basketball Camp for ages 6 to 9, and Travel Camp for grades four to nine.

Registration and pre-payment for all camps are required

by Dec. 8. Additional children in the same family will receive a 20 percent discount on the less expensive camp.

Registration forms are available at the JCCRI reception desk.

No spaces will be held without payment and registration form. The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is located at 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

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

Blackman Attending Convention

Benjamin Keir Blackman, a junior at Toll Gate High School in Warwick, is attending the 63rd General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations through Dec. 3 in Atlanta.

He is a voting delegate to the convention representing Temple Sinai of Cranston as well a youth delegate representing the National Federation of Temple Youth Northeast.

Representatives from UAHCC member congregations across North America are attending the convention, making contributions to the immediate and future goals of the Reform Movement.

Besides the regular biennial activities, the youth delegation are having specific NFTY-oriented workshops, services and programs.

Blackman, as a part of this group, is not only touring the Jimmy Carter Library, but is helping build a home that is part of Carter's Habitat for Humanity.

Many dignitaries are participating in this convention of Reform Judaism. Scheduled speakers include Vice President Albert Gore and acting Prime Minister of Israel Shimon Peres.

Blackman is the co-president of CRAFTY (Cranston Federation of Temple Youth) at Temple Sinai. His extra-curricular activities at Toll Gate High School include the academic decathlon team, model legislature, the math league team, the cross country team, and the drama club. He is also working toward the rank of Eagle Scout.



Benjamin Keir Blackman

Valori Chair Dedicated

"We are making a moral choice, not one of political expediency," said acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres recently, referring to the peace process policies being pursued by the government of Israel.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Art Bloc to Exhibit at Cranston Public Library

A group of artists called Art Bloc will exhibit their work from Dec. 3 to Dec. 29 at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road.

Work will include abstract, figurative, portrait, and landscape art in a variety of media, including oil, acrylic charcoal, and watercolor.

There will be a collaborative work involving each artist's in-

terpretation in his or her style of two parts of the Mona Lisa painting. The parts prepared by the artists will be pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle to produce a "new" Mona Lisa.

An opening reception will be held on Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. The library is accessible to people with physical handicaps.

Providence Art Club to Hold 'Little Pictures' Sale

From Dec. 10 to 22 in the main gallery of the Providence Art Club, there will be an exhibit called "Art for the Holidays" featuring small work by art club members in all media, priced at \$125 or lower.

At the Dodge House, the New Members' Show — recent work in all media by artist members accepted during the past two

years — will be held.

An opening reception for both shows will be held on Dec. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Main), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Dodge House), Saturdays noon to 3 p.m., and Sundays 3 to 5 p.m.

All exhibits are free and open to the public.

Bridgewater Presents The Women of Troy

Bridgewater State College Theater Arts continues its 1995-96 season with another original work — Laboratory Theatre's "The Women of Troy."

This new adaptation written by director Dr. Stephen Levine, is based on Euripides' "The Trojan Women." The show premieres on Nov. 30 with performances through Dec. 3.

All performances are at 8 p.m. at the Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium. All seats are \$3.

For ticket reservations and more information, contact the theater box office at (508) 697-1321.

"The Women of Troy," set in the present day, reflects situations similar to the Bosnian Conflict.

Winter Celebration is Coming to URI Providence Center

The University of Rhode Island's College of Continuing Education will be holding a Winter Wonderland program on Dec. 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Providence.

This will be the first event held at CCE's new location at the URI Providence Center in the Shepard building on Washington Street.

The program is open to the public free-of-charge, and will feature storytelling by Len Cabral; a performance by the CCE choir including a sing-along session, face painting, holiday ornament making, and visits from Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman.

Guided tours of the new facility will be available, and refreshments will be served.

Dean Walter Crocker of the College of Continuing Education said, "We are very excited about beginning our spring semester at the new URI Providence Center. Our students and staff have worked hard at planning this first event at our new home. We hope that the community joins us in our Winter Wonderland celebration on Dec. 3, and takes advantage of this opportunity to learn more about CCE's new home and the other amenities URI's Providence Center has to offer."

The Shepard building, a 120-year-old former department store located between Washington and Westminster streets in downtown Providence, was recently renovated to house URI's Providence Center, which in-

cludes its College of Continuing Education, Graduate Professional Center, Urban Field Center and some units of its Cooperative Extension.

The new facility will have more than 50 percent more classrooms than CCE has at its current Promenade Street location, a bookstore, a 25,000-volume library, worldwide communication capabilities and much more.

Established 53 years ago, the University of Rhode Island's College of Continuing Education is dedicated to providing quality educational experiences for adult learners in innovative ways in varied settings during the academic year and throughout summer terms.

Calligraphy on Display

Ann Elliott will be exhibiting her calligraphy in the Rear Gallery of the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, from Dec. 1 through Jan. 3.

The show includes a traveling exhibit called "Dialogues with G-d" that is a series of Old Testament texts. Her work includes embossed designs and watercolor with calligraphy.

Elliott has produced and taught calligraphy for 10 years. She owns Silverleaf Arts and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a B.A. in art. Her work is carried in numerous gift stores throughout the state.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during library hours. The library is accessible to people with physical handicaps.

For more information, call John Fox Cory at 943-9080.

CCRI to Stage 'Anne Frank'

"The Diary of Anne Frank," dramatized by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, will be presented by the Community College of Rhode Island Players, on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2 at 8 p.m., Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at the

Knight Campus, 400 East Ave., Warwick.

Tickets are \$6 general admission, \$5 for students and seniors.

For reservations, call 825-2219.



A FAMILY IN HIDING is portrayed by Community College of Rhode Island Players in "The Diary of Anne Frank." From the left are: Bonnie MacKay (Mrs. Frank); Laurie Anne Rauch (Anne); Annette Burgess (Margot); and Jake Smith (Mr. Frank).

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OBITUARIES

MORRIS BERMAN

FALL RIVER — Morris Berman, 97, a resident of the Jewish Home for Aged, 538 Robeson St., Fall River, died there on Nov. 22. He was the husband of the late Mae (Epstein) Berman.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Joseph and Ida Berman, he had been a resident of Fall River for 80 years. He was a fruit produce dealer in Fall River for 50 years, retiring in 1980.

He is survived by two daughters, Edith Gold and Avis Berman, both of Fall River, and by two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service took place on Nov. 24 at the Hebrew Cemetery in Fall River. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

ANITA CHERNICK

PROVIDENCE — Anita Chernick, 45, of 111 Ruggles St., died Nov. 24, at Rhode Island Hospital. She worked for the International Insignia Corp. in Providence for several years, and previously worked at the former Jeremiah Jewelry Co.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Tina (Korner) Chernick-Jordan of Cranston and the late David Chernick, she had lived in Providence since 1972, previously living in Cranston. She was a graduate of Arthur Angelo's School of Cosmetology & Hair Design. She was a volunteer for the Jerry Lewis Telethon, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Heart Fund and the Cancer Society.

Besides her mother she leaves a stepfather, Francis "Frank" Jordan of Cranston; a sister, Cynthia "Cindy" Halpern of Providence; a stepbrother, Mark Jordan of North Franklin, Conn.; and a stepsister, Nancy Hecker of Newport News, Va. She was the sister of the late Russell and Stuart Chernick.

The funeral was held Nov. 26 at the Chapel of Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

NORMAN GREENBERG

FALL RIVER — Norman Greenberg, 71, of 342 Stetson St., Fall River, a clothing salesman for Nobby Men's Shop, Barnes, Paul Woltman, the Hub, and Anderson-Little for many years before retiring several years ago, died Nov. 20 at the Rose Hawthorne Lathrop House.

Born in Fall River, he was a son of the late Israel and Nellie (Rabinovitch) Greenberg.

He was a member of Congregation Adas Israel.

He leaves a brother, Henry Greenberg of Fall River.

The funeral was held Nov. 22 at Congregation Adas Israel, Robeson Street, Fall River. Burial was in the Hebrew Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

EDITH B. HILLMAN

RIVERSIDE — Edith B. Hillman, 59, of 876 Bullocks Point Ave., Riverside, owner of Philatelic Consultants the past 12 years, died Nov. 20 at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Pawtucket, she lived in Riverside since 1987. She previously lived in Barrington for 27 years.

She was a member of the United Brothers Synagogue, the League of Women Voters, the American Philatelic Society and the Town of Barrington Bicentennial Committee.

She leaves two sons, Harold S. Hillman of Pawtucket and Daniel C.A. Hillman of Cambridge, England, and a sister, Rhoda Fry of Scottsdale, Ariz.

The funeral was held Nov. 22 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.

HELEN RUTH HORVITZ

NEW BEDFORD — Helen Ruth (Feinstein) Horvitz of 242 Parker St., New Bedford, died Nov. 26. She was the wife of the late Hyman David Horvitz.

She is survived by a son, Louis Horvitz of Redlands, Calif., and a daughter, Barbara Glicksman of South Dartmouth; three brothers, Jerome Feinstein of Auburn, Maine, Ralph Feinstein of Fall River and Elliot Feinstein of Westport, Mass.; and three grandchildren, Laura, Cheryl

and Elizabeth Glicksman.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28 at Tifereth Israel Congregation, New Bedford. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

MOLLY KOSOFSKY

FALL RIVER — Molly Kosofsky, 86, of 1314 Meridian St., a buyer for the F.W. Woolworth Co. for 40 years before retiring, died Nov. 22 at the Charlton Memorial Hospital.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Harry and Ida (Novak) Kosofsky, she lived in Fall River since youth.

She was a member of Congregation Adas Israel. She was a member of the Rolling Green Senior Club. For many years, she was a volunteer worker at the former Truesdale Hospital, now Charlton Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves four nieces, Harriet Klar of East Providence, Gloria Kolodoff of Warwick, Evelyn Brown of Pawtucket, Elaine Lieberman of North Providence and three nephews, Howard Kosofsky of Warwick, Frank Kosofsky of Cranston and Harris Greenstone of Nashua, N.H. She was the sister of the late Gertrude Greenstone, and David, Charles and Jack Kosofsky. She leaves a friend, Myra Pacheco, with whom she made her home.

The funeral was held Nov. 26 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

MAX LIFRAK

FALL RIVER — Max Lifrak, 84, of 230 Winter St., died Nov. 25. He was the husband of Ella (Siegel) Lifrak.

He was born in Fall River, the son of the late Thomas and Ida Lifrak. He was a lifelong resident of Fall River.

Worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a clerk for the State Department of Public Works in Swansea for 10 years. Prior to working for the state, he was the owner and operator of the former Harry Siegel Furnishings Co. in New Bedford. He retired 14 years ago.

He was a member of Temple Beth El and the Men's Club, Con-

gregation Adas Israel and the Fall River Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Eric Lifrak of Alhambra, Calif., and Richard Lifrak of Cheverly, Md.; and a brother, Hyman Lifrak of Fall River.

The funeral was held Nov. 28 at Temple Beth El in Fall River. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

SHIRLEY R. PINA

NORTHSCITUATE — Shirley R. Pina, 86, of Carroll Tower, 243 Smith St., died Nov. 25 at the Oakcrest Manor in North Scituate. She was the wife of the late Alfred F. Pina.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Harris and Pauline (Berger) Friedman, she was a lifelong resident of Providence. She was a member of the Carroll Tower Tenants Association.

She leaves two sisters, Jeanette Griffin of Warwick and Lillian Pierce of Foster; and a brother, Elmer Friedman of Wichita, Kan. She was the sister of the late Dorothy Brooks and Leo Friedman.

A graveside funeral service was held Nov. 27 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Burial followed. Services were coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

CHARLES DAVID PULNER

EL PASO, Texas — Charles David Pulner, died on Nov. 1 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Gay.

He was the son of Warren and Claire Pulner. He was preceded in death by his mother Theresa (Tery) Pulner.

He graduated from NMSU with a degree in computer science and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He was a computer scientist and a small business owner. He was an instructor in computer science at UT El Paso and was the president of Thunderbird Gems, Inc., Crystal Insights and Nature's Magic.

Beside his wife and parents, he is survived by a daughter, Amber; two sisters, Ellen Hunt and Rachel Grossman; one brother, Douglas Scheiner, in-laws, Caroline and William Fuller; and two nieces, Tess and Maya Hunt.

Graveside services were held Nov. 2 at B'Nai Zion Cemetery with Rabbi Stephen Leon officiating. Arrangements were by Harding-Orr McDaniel, El Paso, Texas.

HYMAN SACKNOFF

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Hyman Sacknoff of Hollywood, Fla., died Nov. 25. He was the husband of the late Eleanor (Obshatkin) Sacknoff.

He is survived by a son, Myron Saxon of Cerritos, Calif., and Sheila-Ann Horne of Hollywood, Fla.; a brother, Phillip Sacknoff of Fall River; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was the brother of the late David Sacknoff.

Graveside services were held on Nov. 27 at Temple Beth El Cemetery, Fall River. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ROUF VICEMAN

PROVIDENCE — Rouf Viceman, 67, of the Charlesgate Nursing Home, a college professor in Russia for 27 years, died Nov. 25 at the home.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Abram and Leah (Gurfinkel) Viceman, she had lived in Providence for the last three years, previously living in Russia.

She leaves a brother, Alexander Viceman of Providence and a niece, Julia Viceman of Boston, Mass.

A graveside service was held Nov. 27 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

HYMAN WEISSMAN

CRANSTON — Hyman Weissman, of 453 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, died Nov. 26. He was the husband of Lorraine (Kurzer) Weissman.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Gerald Weissman of Golden, Colo., two daughters, Karen Weissman of Wilton, Conn., and Beth Jerome of Tiverton, R.I.; and two grandchildren, Joshua and Lauren Jerome.

Graveside services were held Nov. 27 at the Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Ave., Providence. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

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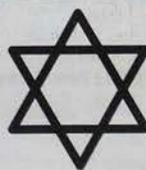


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A WELCOME SIGHT to those who need a little help right now is the Rhode Island Community Food Bank refrigerator truck. From the left, Joe Cournoyer, Bernard J. Beaudreau and William D. Sweeney pose with the truck.

Dress Down for Hunger on Dec. 8

Every week, the R.I. Community Food Bank's Prepared Food Program helps feed about 3,500 people throughout the greater Providence area. Yet, people still go hungry.

Rotary Casual Day for Hunger on Dec. 8 will raise funds to help support and expand the program, which delivers excess, prepared food donated from commercial facilities, like Temple Emanu-El in Providence, to agencies, including City Meal Site in Providence.

On Dec. 8, employees of businesses will pay \$3 to dress casually for the day. Each participant will receive a red-and-green sticker which says, "I paid \$3 to dress like this."

The sticker was designed and donated by Norwalk Communications in Providence.

Companies may call 826-3073 or fax a request for stickers and posters to the R.I. Community Food Bank at fax number: 826-2420. The Food Bank will send out the materials. After Casual Day is over, the company will be asked to send funds collected to the food bank program.

The Providence Rotary Club, Rotary District 7950 and B101-The Oldies Station are sponsoring Casual Day.

Bernard J. Beaudreau, executive director of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, said

hunger in Rhode Island is escalating. Since 1991, there has been an 81 percent increase in the number of children age 18 and younger who have been hospitalized with malnutrition in this state, according to statistics from the R.I. Department of Health. Such cases totaled 255 in 1994.

The food is transported in a Ford pickup, which contains a custom refrigerator unit. The truck, which cost \$25,000 18 months ago, was donated by the Providence Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 7950.

"We're able to get quality protein items like beef and chicken that might not be readily available at the Food Bank. It supplements the breadth of food we can provide," said Cournoyer, who works with the Department of Health to ensure food quality and safety.

More than 25 organizations provide good, edible, surplus food, such as chicken, beef, dairy products, orange juice, etc. Some donors make extra food, such as pans of lasagna, for the Prepared Food Program, said Cournoyer. Others call when they have extra food left over from a banquet or party. He provides donors with metal containers for the

food and picks up and delivers the donations.

"The logistics of donating food are simple and painless for donors," said Cournoyer, who notes that donors are protected from civil and criminal liability under the Rhode Island Good Samaritan Law.

To get stickers and posters for the Rotary Casual Day for Hunger, call Nancy Hoogasian at the R.I. Community Food Bank, 826-3073, or fax a note with your company name, address, phone number and number of stickers and posters requested to fax number 826-2420.

Companies are also encouraged to consider a matching program, where they contribute \$1 for every employee dollar donated.

To become a food donor, call Joe Cournoyer at the R.I. Community Food Bank, 826-3073.

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Addendum

Mrs. Henschel Cohen responds to Andrew Yarme's conversation regarding an interview with her husband (Andrew... with a Camera, Nov. 24).

Henschel Cohen was 28 when first married in Holland. He went directly from Amsterdam to Boston after the war, to stay for a year's sojourn with an uncle. By his American marriage, three children include Betsy, of Baltimore, Md., Howard, of Seattle, Wash., and Arthur, of New Jersey.

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Singer

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space. The comets, planets, satellites, asteroids kept circling these shining centers..." Dr. Fishelson, the Spinoza of Market Street, has begun to circle his shining center, and he is one happy old man.

Sometimes, Singer appears to become autobiographical, as in "A Day in Coney Island," and you meet the tormented man behind the talent. He struggled to find a morally acceptable way to stay in America and avoid annihilation by Hitler. Even the air and sky at Sea Gate reflected his inner conflict.

"Outside, it was dusk...The sun sank into the ocean, leaving a fiery streak. A breeze brought the smell of underwater decay. A cloud in the form of a huge fish appeared out of nowhere, and the moon crept behind its scales. The weather was changing; the lighthouse fog bell rang sharply."

I can smell the sea from here. The thing to remember about Singer's short stories is that they are like the very best dark chocolate — slightly bitter, tenderly sweet — so rich you can only dip into them a couple at a time. Enjoy! Enjoy!

The Collected Stories, published by The Noonday Press of Farrar, Straus and Giroux, is available in paperback for \$17.

Jerusalem

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texts in Jerusalem for a year prior to college.

Every UJA mission should bring two Torahs to the Wall, one for the men and, defying the chief rabbinate, one for the women.

Any place where innocent Arabs are beaten up by mobs after a terrorist attack should be memorialized with a plaque quoting the biblical and rabbinic texts affirming that everyone is created in G-d's image and that we must treat the stranger justly.

Every stone-thrower, whether Arab or Jew, should be arrested and forced to study texts about the value of life and the ways of peace that exist in our two traditions.

Every sleazy male who howls or hits on women should be reported to their wives or girlfriends and be made to attend a class on Judaism and dignity. They should be fined and the proceeds should go to the local battered women's shelters.

And every obnoxious American Jewish tourist should take a day to study about the limitations of money and the value of humility.

The Western Wall that so holds our imaginations is the only part of the ancient Temple that has survived time and wars. Why?

Our tradition teaches that when the time came to rebuild Jerusalem, the task was divided

Reconstructionist

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Reconstructionists" fueled the call for including the word "Jewish," they said.

Christian Reconstructionists believe in a reconstructed view of biblical practice that includes whipping as punishment for sins.

"We wanted to make sure nobody confused them with us," said Liebling.

The Reconstructionists are not alone in changing the name of their central religious organization.

Not long ago, Conservative Jews renamed the United Synagogue of America as the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Early next month, Reform leaders will take up a proposal to modify the name of their congregational umbrella group, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Reconstructionist Federation, with the admission of four congregations at the convention, now has 85 synagogues and chavurot with an estimated membership of 50,000 people.

Archaeologist to Speak About New Discoveries at Petra

Archaeologist and Professor Martha Joukowsky of Brown University's departments of Old World Art and Archaeology and Anthropology will speak about recent discoveries at the southern "great" temple of the rose-red city of Petra on Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.

Her illustrated lecture is entitled "1995 Petra Excavations."

Joukowsky has been director of the Brown excavation team at

among all the Jews. Yet the rich Jews paid for other to labor, while the poor struggled on their own.

The section that the poor Jews built is today where we pray and crumple up notes into cracks.

If we truly love Jerusalem, she must be rebuilt brick by brick with our own hands, and not only with the hands of those who push people off buses, beat up Arabs or throw stones. Only then will she merit the spiritual crown bestowed upon her by G-d's presence.

Rabbi

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or close to the congregation who refused to be identified said that since the killing, the community had been seeking a way to dissociate itself from Hecht and his remarks, and repair the "damage done to the synagogue's reputation."

"They wanted to clear their name," said one.

Another said the congregation was looking for a way to force Hecht to retire.

But Hecht's son said congregation members remained loyal to his father. He said their written repudiation of his remarks was a result of their coming under widespread attack with "their beloved rabbi out of town on vacation."

"They are truly like a ship without a rudder," he said.

Ed Note: Why was "their beloved rabbi" still "out of town on vacation" at a time when he, and his congregation were the subjects of such conjecture and controversy?

(JTA staff writer Debra Nussbaum Cohen in New York contributed to the report.)

Sculpture

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That's proof that people still think of him, just as they will when they look at the sculpture."

Yamuder took up sculpting in 1992 as a hobby. While working on the "shin," she began to think about Steven Shatz, who was a very popular and outgoing member of the temple community, as well as the Rhode Island community.

"I thought about Steven a lot as I worked on it," said Yamuder. "Having two children of my own, I couldn't even begin to understand the pain that Frank and Elaine (Steven's mother) have experienced."

The sculpture started to take on a whole new meaning, as Yamuder decided to dedicate the piece in Steven's memory. However, the next step was to introduce the idea to his father.

"I thought about it for a long time first. I didn't know how to approach Frank," said Yamuder.

"I told her that she could talk to me any time she wants," said Frank. "The worst possible thing has already happened."

So Yamuder asked if she could go through with the sculpture in Steven's honor, and his father was delighted by the idea. Yamuder carved the sculp-

ture out of a 300-pound block of African Wonderstone. One reason she chose the letter "shin" was because it's one of the only letters that stands alone, as its three arms extend toward the heavens. It's also the letter that appears on mezuzahs and tefillin.

Steven Shatz was bar mitzvahed at Temple Am David. For many years he was a United Synagogue Youth advisor and during the High Holidays, he served as a chaperone for Junior Congregation.

But according to Steven Sholes, who was the master of ceremonies in the tribute on Nov. 26, "Steven's devotion was not just to children, but to the elderly and all those who asked for help."

One example of this was when Shatz worked tirelessly to assist a young woman named Alison in getting a much-needed bone marrow transplant. Shatz didn't even know Alison, but he had heard that she needed help.

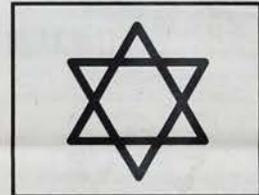
Several speakers followed Sholes, each with fond memories of Shatz and the hope that he will be remembered for a long time to come.

"It was very moving to listen to how Steven touched their lives," said Elaine Shatz. "I feel very honored."

"Steven's a person that's been missed immensely," said Frank Shatz. "I wasn't supposed to lose him, he was supposed to lose me. I wish he was here so I could talk to him."

The last time Steven's father did talk to him was the night before he was killed.

"He came over for dinner and we talked until quarter past 11. Then he walked out the back door — he walked out of my life," said Frank.



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