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Temple Emanu-El to Present Yom HaShoah Service and Award

The lost culture of Jewish communities destroyed by the Holocaust will be the focus of a community-wide, interfaith Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service on April 15, at 7 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence.

The Never Again Award, presented by the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island to a member of the community who has made a significant contribution to creating a climate of understanding and tolerance, will be given to Carol Taschereau by JFRI president Harris N. Rosen.

Taschereau, a teacher at Ponagansett Middle School in Foster-Glocester, has created an interactive curriculum that helps pupils understand what it is like to be a member of an unaccepted minority.

Three Holocaust survivors and a child of survivors will present their recollections of the rich heritage that was either entirely destroyed or diminished by the murder of 6 million European Jews.

In addition, Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El, who will lead the service, said that two pairs of songs will contrast the cultures and demonstrate the shifts in emphasis in the Jewish community before and during or after the Holocaust.

Following the service, participants will walk down Sessions Street, carrying lighted candles to the garden of the Holocaust Memorial Museum where members of the community will honor family members who perished in the Holocaust.



Honoring the First Lady

The National Council of Jewish Women recently honored first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton with the organization's 1996 Faith and Humanity Award. Pictured from left: Susan Katz, outgoing NCJW national president, Clinton, and Nan Rich, the newly elected NCJW national president.

Photo courtesy of the NCJW

Local Philanthropist Sees Dream Come True

Carolyn Cohen of Cranston, Rhode Island, was not just a tourist on her first trip to Israel.

A daughter of ardent Zionists, Edle and Sophie Cohen, Cohen had come as a guest of Jewish National Fund to dedicate one major gift to Israel and to plan another.

High on her agenda was actually seeing a parcel of land in Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv, that her father bought in the early

1900s. He had bequeathed it to his children in the hope that they in turn would donate the land to JNF, which all three did.

"My parents were totally immersed in the dream of building a homeland for the Jewish people," said Cohen, who was present at the dedication of the Edle and Sophie Cohen Forest in JNF's American Independence Forest in the Judean Hills.

"From early childhood, I

naturally imbibed their intense love for Israel and JNF."

After reading the Planter's Prayer, Cohen planted a cypress seedling at the park's Nes Harim Tree Center, where Zevi Kahanov, director of JNF's American Department, presented her with an embroidery showing principal elements of JNF land development activities.

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Call For Referendum on Palestinian Agreement Irks Some on Both Sides

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Shimon Peres' proposal to hold a national referendum before signing a permanent-settlement agreement with the Palestinians has drawn sharp criticism from the Israeli right and from the Palestinian Authority.

Peres' surprise announcement marked the first time that an Israeli leader offered to bring the results of the final-status negotiations with the Palestinians directly to the Israeli people.

It parallels Peres' promise to hold a referendum before signing any peace agreement with Syria.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, Peres' opponent in the May 29 national elections, immediately condemned the declaration. "I am puzzled by the attempts by Mr. Peres to bypass the real referendum. A real referendum is the elections."

Palestinian leaders also criticized the idea, saying that it represented a bad-faith negotiating posture. "It completely goes against everything that was agreed upon" in earlier accords with the Jewish state, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said.

Palestinian Authority official Freih Abu Medein described the idea as a "death blow" to the peace process.

Peres said he was surprised at the Palestinian reaction. "There was no agreement with the Palestinians on how we would ratify the accord," he added. "We did not promise them that it would be done in Parliament."

Final-status negotiations with the Palestinians on such issues as Jerusalem, borders, and the fate of Jewish settlements are scheduled to begin in May.

Both the Likud and Labor parties have launched election campaigns with promises of peace with security, which has a timely ring for Israelis, shaken by a series of suicide bombings.

The Hamas fundamentalist group, which carried out the bombings has vowed to renew suicide attacks against Israel.

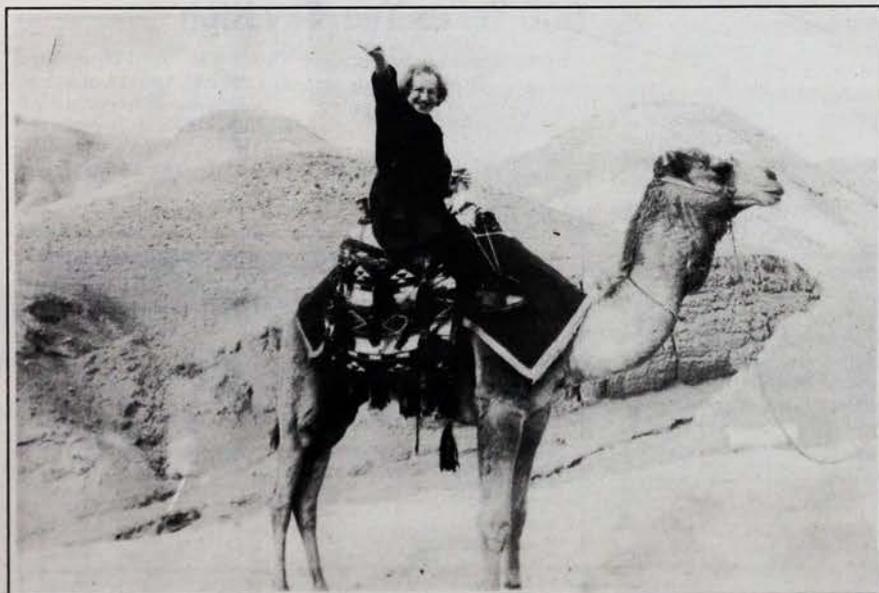
Peres made the referendum proposal in the wake of charges by Likud that he was reaching secret bargains with the Palestinian leadership.

The Likud launched its election campaign earlier this year with the slogan, "Peres Will Divide Jerusalem" — a claim the prime minister has heatedly denied.

Meanwhile, Labor Party officials were supportive of the referendum.

Peres called for the referendum "in order to give a hint to

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CAROLYN COHEN OF CRANSTON goes camel riding in Israel. She appears to have gotten it right the first time. Giddyup, Carolyn!

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE



Lee Sharkey

A Book and a Poet of Significance

Books on the Square will present a reading and book signing with poet Lee Sharkey and her newest volume, *To a Vanished World*, inspired by photos taken by a Russian Jewish doctor, Roman Vishniac, who lived in Germany in the 1930s.

Unlike most of his contemporaries, Vishniac took Hitler's threats to annihilate the Jews at face value and set out to create a photographic record of his people and their culture, before they disappeared, entitled *A Vanished World*.

Between 1933 and 1939 he traveled obsessively throughout Eastern Europe, risking his life to take thousands of photographs with a hidden camera, and persisting even after he was thrown into prison.

Each of Sharkey's poems in *To a Vanished World* was written in response to one of Vishniac's photographs, adding a powerfully moving poetic record to the already existing photo-

graphic one. The reading and signing will take place on April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence (331-9097). This event is free and open to the public.

The Brown-RISDHillel Foundation has announced that Lee Sharkey, poet, editor of *The Beloit Poetry Journal*, and assistant professor of English at the University of Maine at Farmington, will present her poetry at the new annex of Brown-RISDHillel, located at 106 Angell St. in Providence, on April 16 at 8 p.m.

Sharkey will share poems from her recently published book *To a Vanished World*.

Sharkey's presentation at Brown-RISDHillel will mark this year's Holocaust Commemoration Day at Brown.

For more information, call Hillel at 863-2805.

Project Kid Care Coming

Hospital Trust National Bank and the Providence Police Department have teamed up to bring a nationally recognized child safety program to Providence.

Project KidCare® events will be held at the following Hospital Trust branches: 280 Atwells Ave., on April 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 176 Angell St., on April 15 from noon to 3 p.m.; 1 Hospital Trust Plaza, on April 16 from noon to 3 p.m.; 501 North Main St. on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 131 Elm Grove Ave., on April 17 from noon to 3 p.m.; 1025 Smith St., on April 17 from 3 to 6 p.m.; 520 Elmwood Ave., on April 18 from noon to 3 p.m.

Parents who bring their children to the event will receive free passport-style booklets

complete with color photographs of their children. Providence police officers will photograph each child, process Project KidCare® identification booklets, and provide parents with important child safety information.

The single most important tool to find a missing child is a recent, good quality photograph.

United States Department of Justice research shows that, nationally, nearly 1 million children run away or are reported missing each year. According to Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing &

Dress Right!

Dress Cheap!

The famous/notorious Wheeler School Clothing Sale will be held this year from April 24 to 27.

This is the sale where you might pick up (as some have) a new Brooks Bros. shirt for \$5, or a designer dress for \$25.

This is the sale where the *Herald* editor got a magnificent old floor lamp, five years ago, for \$8.

This is also the sale where you have to try on \$10 slacks in a jammed, tiny room, perched on one leg like a flamingo while trying to locate the opening for the other pant's leg without tipping over and crashing to the floor.

Plants, books, jewelry, old typewriters and hideous or beautiful vases — Wheeler's got them all.

The sale is at 407 Brook St. in Providence, on April 24, 6 to 10 p.m.; April 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; April 26 (half-price day), 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and April 27 (stuff it all in a big bag — \$25) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

See it to believe it!

Miriam is Calling

The Miriam Hospital is searching for volunteers for the following position.

Patient information desk receptionists will greet patients and visitors, escort customers and answer incoming patient information calls.

Volunteers are needed for Saturdays noon to 4 p.m., 4 to 8 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m.

Volunteers receive a meal ticket (when they contribute at least four hours of service), free parking, and pharmacy discounts.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact the volunteer office at 331-8500, ext. 2510, for an interview.

Picture 50,000 Daffodils

During Daffodil Days at Blithewold (from now through mid-May), self-guided tours of the 33-acre estate grounds may be taken daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

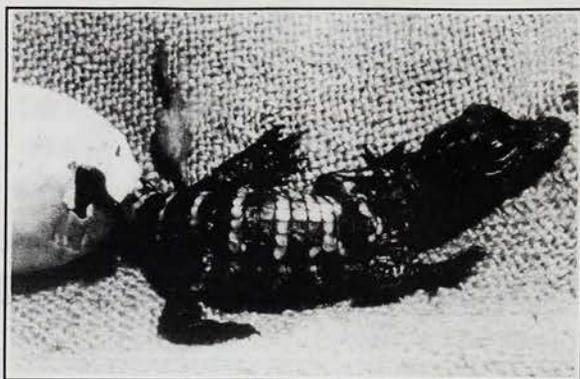
Guided tours of the mansion and grounds will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except Mondays when the mansion is closed. There is an admission charge.

More than 50,000 daffodils have been planted at Blithewold over the years, plus baskets full of scilla, crocuses and tulips.

It is impossible to predict exactly when the period of peak bloom will occur, so call first — 253-2707 — for updated information.

Exploited Children, the single most important tool to find a missing child is a recent, good quality photograph.

For more information about the seminars, including a listing of locations and dates, call (800) 686-9465.



NEWBORN — "The Swamp Thing" arrives at the Roger Williams Park Zoo on April 13. Photo courtesy of the Zoological Society of San Diego

Baby 'Gators Swim to the Zoo

On April 13, a half-dozen miniature American legend alligators will arrive for an extended stay in the state's capital city. Opening that day: the new Baby Alligator Habitat at Roger Williams Park Zoo's totally redesigned Tropical America Building.

The public is invited to meet the pint-sized versions of America's most fearsome swamp denizen... as six colorful baby alligators take up residence in their new glass-front environment. Underwater viewing offers even the smallest child a fascinating peek into the hidden world of the alligator.

Visitors will learn to appreciate one of America's most interesting native creatures. Baby al-

ligators hatch from eggs and can swim at birth. Baby alligators display bold yellow stripes on a gleaming black background, a camouflage that imitates bands of light and shade and helps them hide from predatory raccoons and fish.

There will be plenty to see and possibly hear at the new exhibit. American alligators are known as the "loudmouths" of the reptile world, and the babies make a distinctive high-pitched grunt. When they grow into adults, their mating calls can drown out a revving motorcycle.

Roger Williams Park Zoo is located beside Interstate 95 in Providence. The zoo is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hasbro Children's Hospital Sponsors Reading Aloud to Children

The Read to Me program at Hasbro Children's Hospital is sponsoring a free event focused on the joy of reading to children on April 17, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the George Auditorium at Rhode Island Hospital.

"The Wonders of Reading Aloud to Children" will be presented by Brendan Walsh, D. Ed., an educator and advocate for the importance of reading to children.

To inspire the audience to read aloud to children, the evening will include Brendan reading aloud from many books

that children and adults enjoy, and an introduction to new authors and new titles.

The Read to Me program at Hasbro Children's Hospital arranges for volunteers to read aloud to children in the waiting area. Children are encouraged to select a favorite book to take home and read. The program is funded through donations and grants.

For more information on this program or on the April 17 event, call the Hasbro Children's Hospital volunteer office at 444-6577.

BCC Takes You Sky High

Bristol Community College will open its planetarium for four free shows during public school vacation week.

The show is geared for any age level, children and adults. Shows are offered on April

17, at 1 p.m., April 18, at 10 and 11 a.m., and April 19, at 10 a.m.

Admission is free, although seating is limited. To make reservations, contact Claudette Smith at (508) 678-2811, ext. 2207.

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EDITORIAL

The Juggernaut — What Is Next?

To the Editor:

An apocryphal story is told about "intermarriage" between a church and a synagogue which was recently negotiated in a nearby community, necessitated by the economy. Leaders of both institutions deemed the "intermarriage" a novel idea because it would eliminate duplication.

Sounds impossible and completely messhugenhah? In my opinion, however, there is a very similar situation occurring in our very own state.

Lifespan was created approximately two years ago with the vision that it would create a hospital alliance to serve the community through all phases of life. Lifespan began with three institutions in Rhode Island: The Miriam Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital, and Bradley Hospital.

A short while afterwards, Lifespan acquired The Visiting Nurses' Association and Hospice. In addition, talks were recently conducted with Newport Hospital.

This past week, the public was informed of Lifespan's most recent negotiations with St. Joseph's Hospital. Originally, when Lifespan was created, there was no mention that it would take on this new composition.

I believe that as health care evolves, more surprises will follow. Would the Jewish community have allowed The Miriam Hospital to enter into such a marriage knowing what this juggernaut, Lifespan, has metamorphosed into?

St. Joseph's Hospital is run by the Catholic Church which has actively been part of the medical decisions that occurred

at the hospital. Both the hospital and the Catholic Church wish to maintain their religious identity if they are to join Lifespan.

This religious identity can be seen simply by walking into the patients' rooms, all of which contain a crucifix over the patient's bed.

As I understand it, St. Joseph's Hospital, which automatically gives representation to the Catholic Church, will sit on Lifespan's board, along with all the other institutions that are part of the Lifespan alliance.

With each merger, Lifespan is becoming a more dominant member in the hospital community, but at the same time more assimilated. The hospitals will be better able to provide care to patients by keeping costs down through elimination of duplication of services at the various hospitals.

In Rhode Island Hospital, as is the case at many of the hospitals throughout the country, there is downsizing of the number of beds in the facility. Other health care reports, not related to Lifespan, indicate that in the future, the downsizing will mean some hospitals will have to close. This is the same situation as with non-health care facilities; once a merger occurs then factories lay off hundreds or thousands of workers.

Now that Lifespan has acquired these hospitals, I am afraid of The Miriam Hospital losing its identity. Miriam is going through a "Jewish renewal," presently affixing mezuzahs to all of the patients' doorposts. The hospital is attempting to bring back its Jew-

ish identity, which is something it let slide even before it joined Lifespan. This renewal was precipitated because of its alliance with Lifespan.

I fail to see how each hospital will be able to maintain its own identity if they are in an alliance with Lifespan.

If Lifespan decides there is duplication of services between a division at St. Joseph's and at the Miriam, then, as in all mergers, it is going to eliminate a division at one of them.

How will Jewish patients feel about staying in rooms with a crucifix above the bed or Catholic patients about staying in rooms with mezuzahs on the doorpost? A worst case scenario is that Lifespan can decide in the future, that the economic feasibility of operating all of these hospitals is not justified, and one entire hospital should be eliminated. Which one will it be? The Miriam Hospital, our dear friend?

Lifespan's vision does not encompass the preservation of Judaism.

It is a health care business, and like all businesses, it is fighting to maintain a dominant presence in the community and to provide the best possible services to its clients, the patients.

We have already watched and agonized over the Jewish Home of the Aged closing its doors. Will the Jewish community be forced to watch as it loses another one of our fine Jewish institutions, The Miriam Hospital?

In some ways, since the Miriam is an affiliate of Lifespan, we have already lost a part of our Jewish identity.

Richard A. Cohen
Cranston, R.I.

Reverence for Traffic Lights

by Dr. Stanley M. Aronson

The next time that you stop voluntarily before a red light, reflect for a moment upon this wondrously unique contrivance. True, it is merely a simple mechanical device, consisting of an elevated box visible to the various roads converging upon the intersection.

On each of its faces there is a cluster of colored lights — red, green, and sometimes amber — that undergo a continuing cycle of changes such that green signals are conveyed to but one road at a time. The system thus maintains an unconflicted flow of vehicular traffic. But a traffic light is substantially more.

It allows the driver to avoid either the arbitrary tyranny of the traffic officer or the lethal anarchy of the open intersection. To get the system to work requires no advanced preparation. One merely approaches the intersection, without prior appointment, at any hour or day, and abides then by a few simple rules. It is, in truth, a totally egalitarian system, working equally for all participants regardless of political preference, gender, religion, age, economic station in life or even model of automobile.

It bestows no preference to the privileged and is neither arbitrary, capricious nor malicious.

It is efficient; repairs are rarely needed; it works effortlessly, at minimal cost, as long as electricity is available. It works effectively even for the color-blind driver, who has learned that the red light is always in the highest position.

While there is no monitoring at street-crossings, cheating becomes virtually pointless; the maximum waiting time, some 35 seconds, rarely exceeds the human threshold for irrational behavior. Similarly, bribery is quite ineffective since there is no local agent to bribe; furthermore, it is quicker to wait the 35 seconds than to complete a bribery transaction.

Purchasing legal tickets exempting one from traffic rules runs into similar problems: To whom do you give the tickets? And would not the ticket transference consume more time than the unadorned 35-second wait?

It is a self-policing system —

except in rare instances of gridlock when some human intervention may be needed. It is also one of the very few social entities respected by the overwhelming majority of participants. Most drivers, even those bereft of reason, recognize the obvious safety features of a system that efficiently expedites the movement of autos. They recognize, too, that if by some edict all traffic lights were abolished and the law of the jungle were allowed to prevail on the roads, the transit time to the office would be speeded up only if one drove a Sherman tank.

On those very rare occasions when electrical power is lost and all traffic lights fail, an interesting situation is often observed. An unbidden, collective concern arises in drivers; some will volunteer to direct traffic; while the others will exercise uncommon respect and caution. A subconscious appreciation of the traffic light ethic miraculously emerges.

Imagine a future when all college students determine their own grades, when clients establish their own equitable fee schedules and when taxpayers each calculate their own yearly assessments, all without outside intervention and with each decision final. This is an innocent vision unlikely to be realized in our lifetimes. It may indeed be millenia before natural selection brings about those moral forces needed to institute such a sense of reciprocal responsibility.

The traffic light, however, may be the one harbinger of this future and it provides the only setting, thus far, where the natural laws of the competitive market place do not operate; where by common consent of a mature society an enlightened self-interest prevails.

The traffic light may therefore be much more than a clever contrivance; it may represent the first faltering step toward a bright new moral world of fairness and civility. So, the next time that you approach a traffic light, do so with reverence. The light that you see may be at the end of a long amoral tunnel.

Stanley M. Aronson, M.D., a weekly contributor to the Providence Journal, where this article first appeared, is editor of Medicine & Health/Rhode Island.

Taking a Stand

These are the principles held firmly by the Orthodox Union, and clearly articulated to Israeli leaders, on current struggles in Israel:

We believe that... Jews have the right to live, learn and travel safely in any part of Israel.

All holy sites, including Kever Yosef and Me'arat Hamachpelah must be retained under Israeli control.

Jerusalem is not negotiable. It must be the undivided, eternal capital of Israel.

Palestinian political activity must cease within Jerusalem.

Yasser Arafat must annul the Covenant, cease inflammatory

rhetoric and publicly encourage true peace among his people.

Raising children as Israelis rather than as Jews, without Torah education and values, will lead to the destruction of Israel faster than any external enemy.

The status quo in religious legislation is a mandatory condition for tranquility between all groups in Israel.

Political discourse and differences must be conducted in a civil manner, demonstrating respect for the democratic principles of Israel.

The above manifesto was part of a recent Orthodox Union publication.

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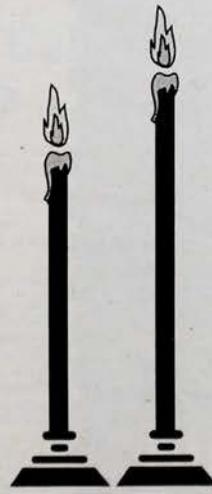
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FEATURE

Jesse and the Jews

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter
Our East Side journalist cafes are only a point of departure for Jesse's journeys round the world in quest of pictures and captions.

Troubleshooter Jesse Nemerofsky moved from Montreal to Providence. "You look like the European Jewish type in the focus of my camera," says my coffee chum, and he hands me a packet of his portraits of other Jews from here and there.

Just a year ago, Jesse published an account of his research among the "Black Hebrews" of Dimona, in Israel. The editors of *Society* magazine mistitled his group of photographs under the cover promise, "Ethiopian Jews." In fact, of course, the Black Hebrews and the Ethiopian Falashas, or Beta Israel, are by no means the same group of Israeli immigrants.

The Black Hebrews, an American community, made their way to the Holy Land after a sojourn in Liberia.

Health conscious vegetarians with a yearning for family values and home birth habits, they have made a place in Israel after nearly 30 years of controversy and contradiction.

They came illegally, without work permits, and were often indicted for shoplifting and other petty crimes.

Nevertheless, the leadership sought high moral standards, and one of Jesse's favorite images of their headquarters

shows a macrobiotic cafe on Tel Aviv's Ben Yehuda Street.

"Over the years, the government has accommodated itself to their presence. The American government sponsored a school, where Israeli and Black Hebrew young people study together.

I tried to show the positive side of the story, the playgrounds, sewing circles, construction sites, and gardens. But in truth, I have mixed feelings. They brought an attitude with them. They claim they are the only true Jews."

Jesse Nemerofsky is a fine fellow, outspoken, forthright, fairminded like an honorable photo-journalist.

My report is an attempt to print one of his excellent snaps, to repeat one of his ironic insights, and to suggest how full of surprises is the land of Israel.

Far more flexible and various than most folks realize, the promised land holds its appealing promises to all sorts of pilgrims. The Black Hebrews came to seek peace among turmoil.

They are building with their hands, memorizing Hebrew letters, raising their children under the Judean sun, and offering an example of natural virtue.

Just as Quebec is closing a chapter of its Jewish history, Jesse brings along with his camera and passport a lively eye and mind into the heart of this town. I trust the light that shines honestly through his lens:

Whither Thou Goest

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter
Ruth had been my student decades ago, though she looked pretty much the same, smiling serenely. "I need your help with some writing," she told me, and away we did go.

It seems the Spielberg Holocaust project is sponsoring a display of images of Jewish life before this waning century. You can't grieve for the end of European Jewry if you don't know what it was. So the question Ruth and I had to work out was, "What is a Jew?"

We had to deal with the dilemmas primarily in pictures and maybe phrases of prayer and music. Our sentences could only make some promises and sum up some thoughts.

The permanent exhibit would go in the lobby of a museum-archive.

We had a one-week deadline to get the proposal in. Mostly, we just talked, scribbling a few key ideas or tapping lightly on a laptop.

Ruth brought me a couple of metaphors and analogies. Is Judaism a journey? Could we send a crew of photographers around the world to track the trail of exiles and dispersions, roads of silk, sail and rail?

Should we fold in the amulets and fetishes that helped to remind the wandering Jews of their lost temple and homeland? Earth, air, fire and water, the four elements, all figure one way or another in our rituals. The earth of human life and death, the breath of the Creator within us, and the sky over the succah. The fire of the burning bush and the tiny flames of our candlelight, the water of the mikveh and the rivers to carry away our sins and make us part of all creation.

Fabulous beasts keep us company on our voyages, even if only among the calligraphy of our letters, like the tree symbols that grow in miniature forms.

We played with all sorts of

poetic possibilities to make a fancy presentation.

When I told Ruth about the silver sands spread on the floors of Caribbean synagogues, she decided to scatter some fine crystal grains among the pages of the packet to be shown to the Spielberg judges.

The special challenge was to stay away from the 20th century! What were we before the war and the new state, perhaps even before most of us made our way to America? And not just we ourselves, but the shapers of our culture and destiny, our values, when we can afford to live by them?

"We may be the sons of ragdealers, but we are the grandsons of prophets," declared Chaim Weizmann.

We delved into some lovely passages from Ecclesiastes, in praise of the laboring man who sleeps sweetly, who warned against the burden of riches.

And we could not help but look inward, to find within our family memories the echoes and flavors of the Jewish quest.

Ruth ended up placing a lot of emphasis on Jewish faces, their variety and their expressiveness.

But of course the countenance of today must suggest and sum up the features derived from all our yesterdays.

My own obsession is with originality. Jews keep records. We have no lack of books, photographs and film clips. I like to seek out some obscure detail to bring it all to life again for me personally, or just dig out a thought or a phrase half forgotten.

I want kids to know that Bambi is a Jewish fawn, that Jewish writers have loved nature. It's 20th century of course, but the pogroms of which wild-life was the victim in Felix Salten's story or analogy stretch

back throughout the history of the Pale of Settlement.

I raided my kids' junior encyclopedia of Jewish lore, and ransacked shelves from my every nook and cranny. I hope we came up with a few fine and dandy hints about the Jewish adventure.

Frankly, I find Jewishness within every single Jewish friend I make along my own path, the zest and zeal, the pathos and the intimacy.

We finished and printed out our pages. I went home to let it all go by. My son said, "I have to write a legend for school. Can you help?" Here we go again.

I came up with a tale of a magic horse. My mother had a horse in Rumania. They had a horse also in Canada. In Providence she liked to ride in Lincoln Woods, where you could rent a horse from a nearby stable. Then, she would draw horses, on cups, as tabletops, on letters and postcards.

"It was one enchanted horse," I told my boy. "It brought her round the world like a Jewish Pegasus, flying with the rhythms of poetry."

I have to admit, he didn't go for my high-falutin' legend. He wrote his own, about his magic new patent leather sneakers. It was a better yarn than mine.

But it's all a road, winding and twisting, going and returning, actual and fanciful.

"The very word 'road' means 'Jew' according to some sources" I told Ruth.

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GIVING JEWISH-ARAB COEXISTENCE A HAND, are Dr. Mahmud Abbassi, Amram Mitzna, Yitzhak Navon and Alan B. Slifka at a recent ceremony when the Abraham Fund awarded \$826,000 to 68 Jewish-Arab coexistence initiatives.

Abraham Fund Awards Grants to Jewish-Arab Coexistence Programs

At an especially poignant ceremony in Haifa in March, coexistence activists, members of the diplomatic corps, judges, mayors and public figures, gathered to witness The Abraham Fund award a record \$826,000 to Jewish-Arab coexistence initiatives in Israel.

The awards were presented to 68 projects by Abraham co-founder and President Alan B. Slifka and Yitzhak Navon, chairman of The Abraham Fund's Israeli board.

This is the fourth consecutive year that The Abraham Fund has awarded these grants with support from individuals, foundations and federations.

Selections were made following a review of 237 proposals.

Among the projects receiving support in 1996 are:

- Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development for expansion of Small Business Development Centers in Rahat and Sakhnin, to provide technical assistance and courses for Arab entrepreneurs;

- Aid for Women and Girls Against Violence for programs that will educate more than 2,500 students on preventing violence against women including abuse and rape;

- Institute for Advancement of Education in Jaffa for a drug prevention program for fifth- and sixth-grade students; and

- Rosh Pina Mainstreaming Network for in-service training for disabled children.

An additional 54 projects, 42 to be funded and 12 partially funded through The Abraham Fund's regular grant-making program, have been placed in the newly developed Adopt-A-Project Program, created to help secure funding for all these projects.

The projects in the program have all been approved by The Abraham Fund and are being offered to individual donors, families, community groups and foundations interested in sponsoring a project in 1996 through donor-advised grants.

Jenny Klein Receives Lifetime Recognition

The Pawtucket Group of Hadassah has announced that Jenny Klein will be their Scholar in Residence for this year's Education Day program.

Klein has chosen the title "Old Wine in New Bottles" for the morning's discussion, which will be held in the senior adult lounge of the Jewish Community Center on April 21 at 10 a.m.

Klein, a teacher of children and adults, was born in New York City and rapidly advanced through public schools. She received her B.S. degree from Teachers College of Columbia University in English, and graduated in the first class of the Teacher's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1926.

In honor of her 70th anniversary of that graduation she has been asked to write an article for the *Teacher's Institute Bulletin* which will be available in May.

She received a master's de-

gree in English with Shakespeare her field from McGill University.

Klein came to Rhode Island when her husband was named director of the religious school at Temple Emanu-El. She planned to be a housewife and a mother to her two sons. However, she was called to duty at Temple Emanu-El to teach in the religious school and has been giving of her talents there for the past 53 years.

She has been a member of Hadassah for 70 years and along the way she served as president of the Providence Business and Professional Group of Hadassah, president of the Pawtucket Chapter of Hadassah, education chairman of Junior Hadassah in all of Canada, and vice president of education for Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah.

She is vice president of the Jewish Community Center and chairperson of the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum.

Among her many honors is

being named "Woman of the Year" by the Jewish Community Center and receiving the "Never Again Award" from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Following the morning's study session, a luncheon will be served in honor of Klein. To attend this outstanding program, a reservation must be made by April 16, by calling Rosalind Bolusky at 723-5841.

A Women's Service Planned in South County

The Rhode Island Chapter, South County Group of Hadassah, along with the South County Hebrew School and Congregation Beth David of Narragansett will sponsor the

fourth annual "Women's Service: for Family and Friends."

The service will be held at the temple, Kingston and Watson roads, on April 19 at 8 p.m. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, call Diane Jewett at 364-0503.

Majestic Seniors Anticipate Summer

Majestic Senior Guild will meet on April 16 at 1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

The speaker for the day will be newscaster Barbara Morse, of Channel 10 TV.

Members are asked to come prepared to make reservations and deposits for the day and overnight trips planned, which will include: a day at Lincoln Park, with racing and video slots on May 1; on June 25, the annual installation at Venus de Milo; on July 29, a day trip to Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass., to hear Itzhak Perlman, Israeli violinist, in rehearsal with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, shed seating and lunch included; in August the annual visit to the Pines in Fallsburg, N.Y.; and the fall highlight event on October 13 to 17 in Wildwood, N.J. (by the sea), including time at Atlantic City (with bonus), for \$206 per person.

Leisure Club Meets April 14

On April 14 at 2 p.m., Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will present Dr. Michael A. Ingall, a psychiatrist in private practice with a subspecialty in geriatric psychiatry.

Ingall is also a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at Brown University Medical School.

He will speak to the group on the subject of memory.

Jewish 49ers Host Event

The Jewish 49ers, for Jewish singles 49 and up, will host a dessert/social at Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward St., Newton, on April 14 at 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

For more information, call Jim at (508) 872-6533, Susan at (617) 969-5903, or Flo at (508) 877-0636.



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Rabbi Gail Diamond was one of several rabbis and cantors at the Seder of Hope.

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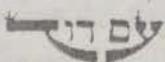
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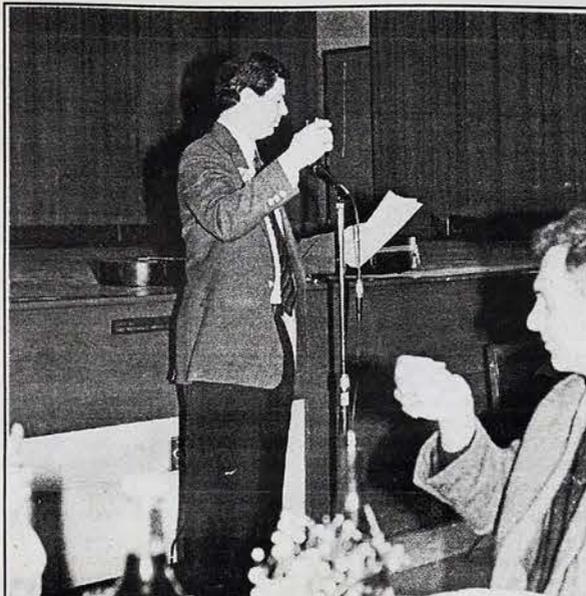
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Raise Your Glasses

Steve Rakitt, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, said the prayer for the wine at the Seder of Hope, held recently at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Temple Shalom to Host Interfaith Service, April 15

In commemoration of Yom HaShoah, the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust, Temple Shalom in Middletown will hold a community-wide interfaith service on April 15 at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will officiate at this 21st annual service, assisted by Cantor Fred Scheff.

The Rev. Roy Green of Trinity Church in Newport and the Rev. Vincent Thompson of Community Baptist Church will also participate.

Students from the Samuel Zilman Bazarovsky Religious School will offer a dramatic reading. They are: Jocelyn Anthony, Evelyn Anthony, Hannah Lichtenstein, David Reidy and Jordan Barry.

Heather Romanelli and

Meghan Franklin will read poems. Music for the service will be provided by Emily Anthony, violinist.

The community is invited to attend this annual service of remembrance.

Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club Will Hear Pine and Bakst

Attorney General Jeffrey B. Pine and *Providence Journal* columnist M. Charles Bakst will speak at the Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club Breakfast on April 14 at 10 a.m.

Admission to the breakfast is free, and open to the community.

Pine was elected attorney general in 1992 and was re-elected in 1994.

He grew up in Rhode Island, graduated from Moses Brown School and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Haverford College, and a law degree from George Washington University.

He has spent virtually his entire career in public service, working as front-line prosecutor in the department of attorney general for 10 years, beginning in 1979.

He has established a state-

wide task force to prevent violence in schools, a domestic violence task force and a task force to prevent the sexual and violent abuse of children.

Initiatives started by Pine include the introduction of a statewide whistleblower hotline, a statewide "zero tolerance" school violence policy, comprehensive new regulations for the awarding of state leases, and a more effective parole tracking system.

Bakst has been a *Journal Bulletin* political columnist since 1968.

He covered education until 1972, then politics, becoming government affairs editor in late 1987. In addition to editing duties, this included writing a Sunday column. He writes political columns for Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, and a separate

Sunday column.

He also appears weekly on "A Lively Experiment" on Channel 36, and "6 News on the Record" on Channel 6.

He is an alumnus of Phillips Academy, Brown University and Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

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Student Visits Israel for First Time

by Alison Link

From Israel, I sent postcards to friends and family all over the world. Now that I'm back in the United States after my first trip to this very special place, I send letters (through the mail and by the Internet) to keep in touch with the friends I've made from other colleges in Rhode Island, all over the United States and other nations.

Israel, followed by a zip code, precedes the addresses of the following individuals, plus more: Suhair Yussef Mawasse (Baqa-El-Garbeyah), Oren W. (Kibutz Shaar Haganan), Rolo Saied Kaedan (Baqa-El-Garbeyah), Rachel Yassu (Kiryat Motzkin), Reut Rom (Kibutz Masada).

These teen-agers, who are all Israeli citizens, are of very diverse backgrounds (Europeans, Ethiopian, Arab, etc.).

Having the opportunity to meet them enabled me to experience a more realistic and complex picture of Israel, by also seeing through their eyes.

Some of my new "pen-pals," who are new immigrants from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union (who have made aliyah), came off the plane at Ben Gurion Airport much like I did, except they joined the Israeli Jews and non-Jews as citizens.

When I stepped foot on the ground for the first time in Israel, I felt very warm, comfortable and safe. These initial feelings remained with me throughout the two-week United Jewish Appeal-sponsored college student mission over winter break.

Even when I think about it now, I still cannot believe that I was in Israel — far from home, on the other side of the world. Everything was so familiar, yet very much different (from what I'm used to).

The contrast of the "old" and the "new" impressed me the most. For example, while in Jerusalem, one minute you can be putting your note (of personal meaning—a hope, a wish, a dream) into the Western Wall, and later on be shopping on Ben Yehuda Street and eating an ice cream cone from Ben and Jerry's.

A new experience for me was to be in a country where English is not the first language of most citizens. All signs and graffiti were in Hebrew, English, or Arabic or two of them or even all three. I listened to the spoken languages of Hebrew and Ara-



ROAD TRIP — Alison Link enjoys a jeep ride in Israel with her friends. From left: Ellen Barth, Ariella Schlessinger, Link and Jordan Lite. All four students attend Brown University.

bic and surprisingly (a lot of English). Was I really a tourist?

I can't read Hebrew without vowels and I can only say a few words in Hebrew that I remember from my early Hebrew school years.

This was my first time in Israel, an unfamiliar place, yet I felt like there was a strong "connection" between myself and Israel, Israeli Jews, and Jews in the diaspora.

Furthermore, it was my surprise that during each day that I spent in Jerusalem, I saw at least two people I knew who were either traveling or studying in Israel. We all had something in common and while in Israel, we were probably seeing the same sights, eating the same foods and experiencing many of the same emotions. I felt like I wasn't such a tourist after all.

Besides enjoying the many scenes and the great falafel and Middle Eastern foods, I became more educated by spending time discussing issues with all types of people.

I am especially appreciative of the knowledge and personality that Yakov, our tour guide, added to the trip. (I'm still trying to absorb everything.)

From history to current events, visiting the Holocaust Museum and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's grave site, to the old city of Jerusalem, Yakov shared his feelings as well as facts.

We traveled with Yakov as our guide and friend (greeting us every morning with a "Boker Tov!") all over the north — Golan Heights, Sea of Galilee, south — Negev, New Year's Eve in a Bedoin village, the Dead

Sea (you have to try this!).

We also climbed Masada and spent time in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and areas in between.

I haven't even touched upon more than half of the things that we did. From our very first activity of planting trees, I knew that I was already looking forward to my next trip to Israel and that I would share my experiences and new knowledge with all those around me whenever I have the opportunity.

Alison Link is a senior at Brown University. She was one of 37 students from Rhode Island who went on the UJA Winter Student Mission.

Rare Holocaust Films Document Rise of the Nazis

Brandeis University will show two of the most significant films of the pre-Holocaust era as part of this month's Holocaust Remembrance activities.

"Le Golem," a French film critically alluding to the Nazi movement, and not seen since its release in 1935, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. April 16, in the Silver Auditorium at Brandeis.

The film depicts life in Prague's Jewish ghetto circa 1600, when to right the injustices of the regime, the community brings back to life a powerful golem. The filmmakers' use of the golem myth warns of the events yet to occur in Nazi Germany.

"Jud Süß," considered the most infamous of Nazi propa-

ganda films, will be shown on April 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Silver Auditorium.

The film, released in 1940, was designed "to help pave the way toward resolving the Jewish Question." In the film, Jews are portrayed as parasites preying on healthy Germanic values.

The films are being shown for their historical significance, and to stimulate discussion of how remembrances of the Holocaust have evolved in contemporary society. An introductory talk will precede each film.

Discussions and films are free and open to the public. For information, contact Steven Mook at (617) 562-0466.

Brandeis Lecture: 'Zion, America, and American Jewish Writers'

The Stephen S. Wise Memorial Lecture in America-Holy Land Studies will present the first lecture in a series of three annual lectures on "America and the Holy Land: Culture, Religion, and Jewish Community in Contemporary Perspective."

Speakers will include Brandeis University President Jehuda Reinharz; Alvin Rosenfeld, professor of litera-

ture and director of Jewish Studies at Indiana University; Moshe Davis, the Stephen S. Wise professor emeritus of American Jewish History at Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, and director of the America-Holy Land Project.

The lecture will take place on April 24 at 4 p.m. in Rapaport Treasure Hall, Goldfarb Library, Brandeis.

Decisions... Decisions

"For most American high school students, making decisions can often be torture," said Ari Kadish, of West Hartford, Conn.

Miriam Pliskin of Providence, R.I., comments that, "the minutia of everyday issues like what to wear, who to be friends with, and what stuff to tell your parents, or not tell them, can be overwhelming." How often can teen-agers just sit back, relax, and talk about the big questions in life with others their age? Questions like where they're

heading spiritually... or how to be better human beings and how to be better Jews.

The upcoming National Conference of Synagogue Youth Spring Regional Convention, from May 9 to 12, entitled, "Decisions... Decisions..." will be a weekend of thinking, feeling, learning and having a wonderful time with Jewish high school students from across New England.

The convention will be held at Tamarack Lodge in the Catskill Mountains.

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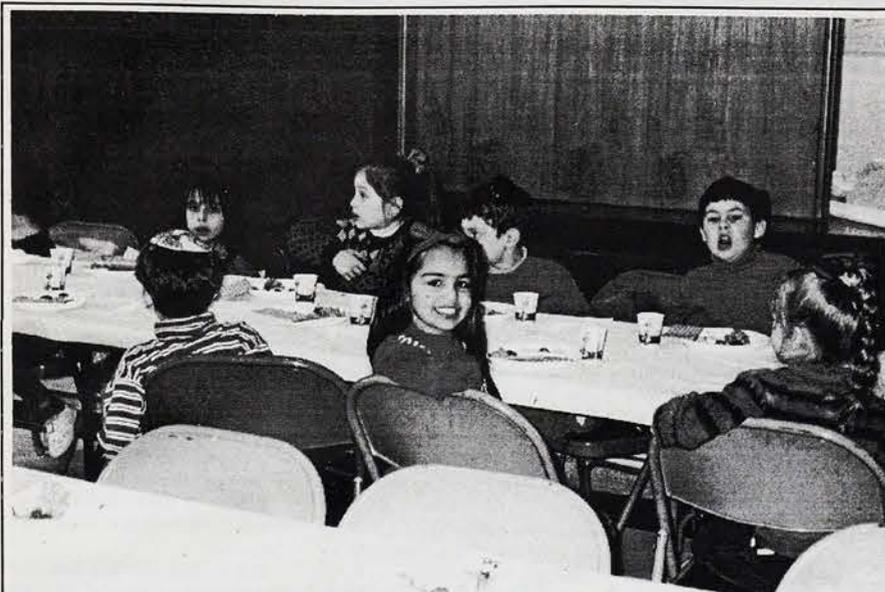
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Smiling For The Camera

Alperin Schechter Day School kindergarteners are obviously enjoying their model seder held recently at the school.

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Alton Jones Campus to Hold Open Houses

The University of Rhode Island's W. Alton Jones Campus will hold summer camp open houses on April 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An open house gives parents a chance to speak with the Farm & Forest Day camp manager, the Environmental Overnight camp manager, the Teen Expedition manager, and other staff, about the summer camping programs available for children of all ages.

Refreshments, tours of the main lodge, cabins and property, and the opportunity to register a child for camp will be available both days. (Some programs may be full before the open houses are held.)

The W. Alton Jones Summer Camp Program, accredited by the American Camping Association for five consecutive years, meets strict standards established by the camping industry for health, safety, personnel, and administration.

The Woodvale Farm day camp for children 5 through 8 years old involves participants

in feeding and caring for farm animals, harvesting fresh vegetables from the garden, swimming, and playing pioneer games.

The new Field and Forest day camp for youngsters 9 through 11 will take place at the campus' Nettie Marie Nature Preserve. During the day, campers will explore the preserve's forests and ponds, and they will have the option of spending Thursday night camping out in tents.

The Environmental Overnight camp is a residential program for children ages 8 through 15. Campers can choose to participate in the following themes: Earth Discovery, Waterworlds and Farmsteading.

Specialty themes for ages 11 through 15 include outdoor skills, night camp, and earth work.

The Teen Expeditions program for 12- through 17-year-olds focuses on safety, leadership, cooperation, and minimum impact camping skills. Teens can kayak or canoe down the Pawtuxet River, backpack



in the Arcadia Management area or the Berkshires of Massachusetts, go mountain biking or rock climbing.

The 2,300-acre W. Alton Jones Campus is located in West Greenwich, R.I. To reach the campus, take exit 5B Rt. 102 North off Route 95 for two miles and follow signs to the campus.

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desert cacti and potted sugar cane to orchids and hibiscus in bloom.

Visitors are also encouraged to bring house plants they wish to re-pot (wrapped for weather protection).

The greenhouse is located at the rear of the science building. For more information, call (508) 286-3943.

URI Theatre Presents 'Earnest'

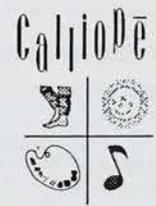
The University of Rhode Island theater department will present "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde on April 18 to 20 and 24 to 27, at 8 p.m.

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theme and the clever, dense language only adds to the silliness.

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Explaining the Significance

Rabbi Wayne Franklin, of Temple Emanu-El, discussed the significance of the mezuzah at Miriam Hospital recently. Students from Providence Hebrew Day School and Alperin Schechter Day School were in attendance.

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The Three Faces of Jerusalem

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by Alan Mairson
National Geographic
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From a distance the hills of Jerusalem seem to roll like waves in a stormy sea. New Jewish settlements crown the hills like whitecaps. In the middle of it all, bordered by palm trees, stand the high stone walls of the Old City, the heart of Jerusalem that holds monuments sacred to Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

Here the weight of history and the power of memory create a kind of cosmic eddy that often forces people to confront the big questions about the meaning of life and the existence of G-d.

...When I arrived in Jerusalem last year, I was drawn again toward people who speak of peace not in political terms but in spiritual ones. So I turned to

rabbis, ministers, and muftis and the people they lead for a vision of Jerusalem's past, present, and future.

It's easy to be a cynic here. History almost demands it. In the past 4,000 years these hills at the edge of the Judean desert have been soaked in blood with monotonous regularity.

The city has been conquered by pharaohs, Jebusites, Israelites, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, crusaders, Ayyubids, Mamluks, and Ottomans. Each time the newcomers reshaped the city in their own image.

Ya'akov Billig, archaeologist and Orthodox Jew, helps lead a team of archaeologists that is slowly revealing layers of this past in the Old City. The excavation touches the Western Wall, a retaining wall of the Jewish Temple begun by King Herod in 20 B.C. and destroyed by invading Romans 90 years later.

...For Billig, the Wall and his

work are physical reminders of spiritual hope and faith. "I view the events of the past few decades as some sort of foreshadowing of a G-d-guided destiny," Billig said, referring to the Jews' return to the Old City after Israel's Six Day War in 1967.

After almost 2,000 years in exile, after generations of closing the traditional Passover meal with the words "Next year in Jerusalem," the Jewish nation had been restored to its ancient homeland and capital.

"The Temple Mount has been the focal point of Jewish hope — coming back to the homeland and rebuilding the Temple — for hundreds of years," Billig said. "It's like a dream come true."

...After the war's end in 1949, Israel proclaimed Jerusalem its capital, but most nations still refuse to recognize it as such and keep their embassies in Tel Aviv.

Jerusalem was divided, with the west governed by Israel, the east by Jordan. Since the 1967 war, it has been uneasily re-

united under Israel.

...If Arab sections of the city are given to the Palestinians, Jerusalem would be divided once again.

But the split is already there. West Jerusalem is a modern array of neighborhoods radiating from an older downtown of shops, office buildings, museums, parks, and hotels.

The Arab districts of East Jerusalem are poor by comparison. The cars are old and rusty. Paint is peeling off the buildings.

On the outskirts, the houses of new Israeli settlements stand shoulder to shoulder, set back from the streets. The sight lines are long, as if to protect the inhabitants from attack.

To many very religious Jews, who believe the land of Israel was given to them by G-d, the idea of giving up East Jerusalem is infuriating.

For the religious on each side, resolutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict are often found not in politics but in a mutual history that goes back 1,000 years to Abraham, the patriarch of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. In the ideal ending to this story, the children of Abraham, Muslim and Jew, find common ground and learn to live together.

...For Jerusalem's growing number of Orthodox Jews, history and the traditions of Abraham are essentially the same thing. Devotion to the rules of the Torah and to rabbis are at the core of their lives.

The tone and politics of this once-tolerant city are changing as Orthodox Jews replace the secular Zionists.

One cool, cloudless evening on Ben Yehuda Street, Jerusalemites enjoyed a night on the town. Young couples strolled arm in arm, and parents bought ice cream for their kids, while off-duty soldiers, guns slung at their sides, lounged at outdoor cafés.

But religion entered the scene when a young man with glassy eyes and a green knit skullcap unfolded a small table on the sidewalk and carefully laid out prayer books, skullcaps, and prayer shawls. Every few minutes a pedestrian stopped at the table to put on a cap and shawl, open a prayer book, and murmur a prayer.

Hadar Mlihi, the man with the folding table was there to share his discovery of the Torah, the five books of Moses that are the centerpiece of Judaism, by offering passersby an opportunity for prayer.

He told me that he had been in the army, had traveled around the world, but the only thing that mattered to him now was his spiritual life and the Torah.

"With Torah you go up, up, up," Mlihi said blissfully. "It's like too much coffee, all the time."

Mlihi is part of Jerusalem's increasingly powerful community of religious Jews, which includes the Orthodox and the even more restrict ultra-Orthodox, many of whom have flocked here from around the world.

With an average birthrate of

six children per family, the ultra-Orthodox population in Jerusalem is surging. Today roughly 30 percent of the city's 420,000 Jews are ultra-Orthodox, as are 50 percent of the school-children.

If trends continue, the ultra-Orthodox population will increase by 70 percent here by the year 2010 and will exert significant influence on the city's destiny.

No one knows this more clearly than Teddy Kollek, the legendary mayor who ran Jerusalem from 1965 until 1993. He worked tirelessly to turn the city into a safe, forbearing, world-class hub of cultural attractions.

But Kollek learned too late that increasing numbers of ultra-Orthodox voters were not interested in liberal universities and big-name opera stars....

Tired of being on the outside under Kollek, ultra-Orthodox Jews wanted the power to pass laws enforcing their conservative religious views, which forbid activities such as driving or working on the Sabbath or eating non-kosher foods. They demanded the establishment of a Torah Culture Department and a Torah Education Department, with a combined annual budget of more than 20 million dollars.

They wanted more money for their religious schools, and they wanted all roads shut down on Saturdays.

...The friction between the secular and the religious is particularly evident in Ramot, a neighborhood perched on the hills in Jerusalem's northwest corner.

Ramot was a secular community until religious Jews began moving in 10 years ago. Back then the ultra-Orthodox in the neighborhood wanted to close the main road on Saturdays. Motti Winter, a secular Jew who is the chairman of the neighborhood community organization, led a local battle to keep it open.

The secular residents won that victory, but since then Winter has watched as more Orthodox families moved into Ramot and began to dominate parts of the neighborhood.

"The Orthodox move to a secular area," he said. "They settle down, step by step, 10 families, 20 families. The young couples have a lot of children, and they always need more apartments, more religious schools, more synagogues, more and more and more. They have self-confidence in their power because they have a lot of children. They say, 'We are the future of Jerusalem.' The only possibility that could work is for us to be separate."

Living separately is unthinkable for Kollek, who has spent most of his life trying to build an amicable Jerusalem.

"I only know that we have to try everything in this city to make people get along," he said. "We opened the zoo two years ago, and 300,000 people have visited each year: ultrareligious, free thinkers, Arabs, Jews — all mixing."

...When I asked Kollek for
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AN OFF-DUTY SOLDIER shares a phone bank with members of an ultrareligious Jewish sect in Jerusalem. "The Three Faces of Jerusalem," in the April National Geographic magazine, examines the city where Christianity, Judaism and Islam worship on common ground. The magazine is available by calling (800) NGS-LINE. Photo by Annie Griffiths Belt © 1996 National Geographic Society

JERUSALEM 3000

State of Israel Bonds Offers One-of-a-Kind Tour of Israel

The State of Israel Bonds North American New Leadership Division is well known for its unique delegations to Israel. In addition to the usual accommodations and line up of events, this year's "Jerusalem 3000" excursion, July 28 to Aug. 7, includes a new idea — separate itineraries for first-time and repeat visitors.

No matter how many times you've been to Israel, the New Leadership Delegation presents a one-of-a-kind experience, blending education and fun with the beauty and culture of the land.

Most of the evening dining will be held outdoors in a variety of exotic settings: along the shores of the Kinneret after a sunset cruise, under the Dead Sea stars with white-glove service, on a private beach in Nitzanim with a barbecue and moonlit dancing, and Oneg Shabbat at Jerusalem's Western Wall.

The most impressive meal will be the one shared with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, atop the fabled Old City walls enclosing David's Tower. The

eyes and ears of everyone present will be serenaded by the spectacular view and classical music from Russian and Ethiopian immigrants.

Israel Bonds New Leadership Division also offers the following Jerusalem 3000 event: world-renowned conductor Zubin Mehta leading the Israel Philharmonic and famed international soloists, including Barbara Hendricks and Jose Carreras, in a gala performance of King David's Psalms, surrounded by the outdoor magnificence of the Sultan's Pool Open Air Theater. Set against the grandeur of the Old City, it's the hottest "Jerusalem 3000" ticket there is.

Not all the excitement happens at night. Delegates can exchange their views with political leaders at breakfasts with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Israel's Finance Minister, and private receptions with President Ezer Weizman and Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu. The more somber side of Jewish heritage will be remembered with visits to Yad Vashem, the Har-Adar monu-

ment, and Mt. Herzl military cemetery for a moving tribute to Yitzhak Rabin.

While staying at five-star hotels and traveling by deluxe motorcoach (Israel Bonds even provides the bottled water), delegates will kayak down the Jordan River, hike up Masada, ride camels, swim in the Dead Sea, and explore caves and archaeological digs. In addition, they will learn about life at a kibbutz, watch elite paratroopers at an Army base, and relax at one of the Dead Sea's world famous spas with health and beauty treatments.

Prices include airfare to and from New York, travel and hotel accommodations, most meals, tips and gratuities, touring via deluxe motorcoach with licensed guides, and entrance fees to all sights. Special discounts are available to the first 200 people who sign up. The New Leadership Division is also offering an optional pre-trip to Greece, which includes a four-day cruise of the Greek islands.

For further information about the delegation, call (800) 229-9650, ext. 500-503.

Stars to Perform in Jerusalem

Ever since it was first mounted during the 1960s, the annual Israel Festival has been considered one of the world's major cultural festivals.

The 1996 festival, which runs from May 20 to June 15 and is part of the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations, brings together great performers, dancers, singers, actors and musicians from every continent.

Highlights of the 1996 Israel Festival include:

Orchestras and Choirs

☆ London's Philharmonic Orchestra with Russian maestro, Gennadi Rozhdestvensky and American cellist, Lynn Harell (May 25)

☆ The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra with Yefim Bronfman playing Brahms' two piano concertos (June 12)

☆ England's Gabrieli Consort, playing all-Bach early music (June 2, 3)

☆ The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra with the Hamburg Monteverdi Choir, playing new works and a rare performance of Mendelssohn's Lobgesang (May 30)

☆ The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (May 25, 26)

☆ Emerson String Quartet (June 8, 9)

Solo Recitals

☆ Wolfgang Holzmair — baritone (June 1)

☆ Thomas Zehetmair — violinist (June 6, 8)

☆ Boris Pergamenschikow — cello and François-René Duchable — piano (May 29)

☆ Ingemar Melcheson (June 3, 7)

Jazz, Rock and Ethnic Music

☆ Paul Motian, Joe Lovano and Bill Frisell jazz trio (May 25)

☆ David Sanchez Quintet plays Afro-Cuban hard bop jazz (June 1)

☆ Brazilian Music Evening (May 30, 31)

☆ Zakir Hussain and Percus-

sion Ensemble and the Hari-Prasad Chaurasia Trio, featuring two of India's most famed musicians (June 8)

☆ X-Legged Sally — big band - rock - jazz - Funk (May 27)

☆ Cro Magnon & Dennis Fournier (June 4)

☆ "The History of the Last Five Minutes" — cartoons, electronic, Latin and Oriental music (June 8)

☆ Israeli Jazz All-Night Marathon (May 26)

☆ Alternative Music Marathon (May 28)

Theater

☆ Deutsches National Theater, Weimar and Israeli actors perform "The Merchant of Venice" — the setting, an SS officers club at Buchenwald (June 2, 3)

☆ The Beersheba Theatre performs "The Jew Süss" (May 30, 31)

☆ New York's Reduced Shakespeare Company (June 4, 5, 6, 7)

☆ Itim, Israel's internationally renowned alternative theater group (June 5, 6, 7)

☆ South Africa's Handstrung Puppet Theatre (May 31, June 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)

☆ Catalonia's Semola Theatre (May 25, 26)

Dance

☆ La Gala Des Etoiles — Ballet performances by principal dancers of the New York City Ballet, the Bolshoi Ballet, Kirov Ballet and Joffrey Ballet (June 6)

☆ Ultime Vez: Two startlingly modern works by Belgian choreographer Wim Vandekeybus (May 27, 28, 29)

☆ Liat Dror and the Nir Ben Gal Company premiere "The Land of Rape and Honey" (June 8)

☆ Jam on the Groove — pyrotechnics, street music and dance by Ghettooriginal.

Tickets for performances are available in Israel at theater-ticket agencies and through hotel concierges. For details, call the Israel Tourism Information Center at (800) 596-1199.

The Three Faces of Jerusalem

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his view of the future, he balked, but finally said, "I think that the ultra-Orthodox society will break down in the next 10 or 15 years. Women will start working and will not have 10, 12, or 14 children. Should we be successful in solving the problem of people getting along here, then the world would come out of Jerusalem again."

And what, I asked, would that word be? "There's hope. There is a future."

But what do "hope" and "future" really mean in Jerusalem? For Muhanna Arab, a Palestinian who was driven from his home by Israelis in 1984, those abstractions may be all he has left to cling to. His family home was razed to make way for new housing, mainly for Orthodox Jews and thousands of Jewish immigrants.

"The original owners of this land left for America in 1930, and that's when my family settled here," he said. "Jordanian law said that if you cultivate the land and live and work on it for 30 years, then you are entitled to half the land if the original owners return." But in the 1967 war, Israel captured East Jerusalem, and Jordanian law no longer applied. Arab took his case to court, but his claim was rejected. When the bulldozers came to destroy Arab's home, there was nothing he could do...

...He shows me a photo album with pictures of his mother and father, of himself tilling his fields years ago, and of bulldozers demolishing his house. There is a sympathetic letter from Kollek. On page after page Arab has written the same question, "Why was my house destroyed?" Arab's house was destroyed

to make room for people like Israel Silman, a 75-year-old who lost several family members in the Holocaust and for whom the Jews' prophetic dream of returning to Jerusalem became a reality.

...On days when Jerusalem's endless contradictions seemed too much to bear, it was a relief to retreat to the city's secular side.

Eating a cheeseburger, watching a movie, or reading a trashy novel was an escape from the city's relentless spiritual crush.

One Sabbath evening I found a small indoor mall in Talpiot, on the city's south side. Though most of the shops were closed,

Seattle, Washington, for instance, has roughly the same population as Jerusalem, but a murder rate seven times higher.

Kapulsky's restaurant was doing brisk business.

A little before 10 p.m. most of the diners headed upstairs to the Rav Chen multiplex to see "Miami Rhapsody," "Pulp Fiction," or "Dumb and Dumber." I could have been in any city in the United States.

But unlike most American cities, Jerusalem, despite its reputation for political violence, is surprisingly safe. Seattle, Washington, for instance, has roughly the same population as Jerusalem but a murder rate seven times higher.

...Such contradictions between what I expected Jerusalem to be and what it is were often depressing. But other

times daily life in Jerusalem was a blessing, a way to keep from floating away on the city's spiritual updraft.

The distance between the ideal and the real in Jerusalem can often be painful, and the gap leads some visitors down the path to an illness known as Jerusalem syndrome...

"Jerusalem is a magnet," explained Yair Carlos Bar-El, who specializes in the syndrome at Kfar Shaul Hospital, a small psychiatric facility on the northwest side of the city. "For a lot of people who grow up in the Judeo-Christian culture, it is the center of the world. Jerusalem compels people to make some form of introspection about life. And Jerusalem is the catalyst, the detonator."

Patients admitted to Dr. Bar-El's hospital exhibit several different types of behavior. A visitor might arrive with a tour group but soon become nervous. He seeks solitude at his hotel, where he bathes to purify himself. Then he puts on white clothes and walks to one of the city's holy places to sing psalms or plead for world peace.

"All my recent patients were from families that were very religious," said the doctor. "We suppose that they developed an ideal subconscious image of Jerusalem, and the shock between this ideal image and Jerusalem today causes a break. They are unable to cope..."

...Sometimes in Jerusalem — on those afternoons when waning sunlight strikes the buildings at dusk, painting everything in gold — I had the feeling that Wiggins had it right. The gap between reality and perfection was there, but you could still savor the fleeting perfection of a moment's peace.

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Rabbi to Lecture at Butler

Butler Hospital in Providence will present both a professional lecture program and a free public information program on "The Spiritual Dimension of Mental Health and Substance Abuse" on April 15, to honor the memory of Irving M. Rosen, MD, founder of the hospital's Religion and Psychiatry Program.

The professional lecture program will be held from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the Ray Conference Center on the Butler Hospital campus.

Abraham J. Twerski, MD, psychiatrist, ordained rabbi and international authority in the chemical dependency field, will be the keynote speaker.

Twerski is the founder and medical director of the Gateway Rehabilitation Center, a not-for-profit drug and alcohol treatment center in western Pennsylvania.

The lecture is geared to clinical professionals and has been approved for four credit hours for nurses, social workers, psychologists, and physicians. The registration fee is \$60.

The free public forum will begin at 7 p.m. and will also be held at the Ray Conference Center. Twerski will be the featured speaker and will be joined by other clerical and clinical professionals who will address the role of spirituality in mental health and substance abuse.

A question and answer period will follow.

Although the forum is free to the public, seating is limited and reservations are necessary.

For more information or to make reservations for either program, call the public relations office at Butler Hospital at 455-6264.

Epstein to Speak on Hepatitis

Roger Williams Medical Center, in cooperation with the New England Chapter of the American Liver Foundation, is sponsoring a free public health education program entitled "Hepatitis: Ask An Expert" on April 18, 6:30 p.m. at Roger Williams Medical Center's Kay Auditorium.

Alan Epstein, M.D. director of gastroenterology at Roger Williams Medical Center, is the guest speaker.

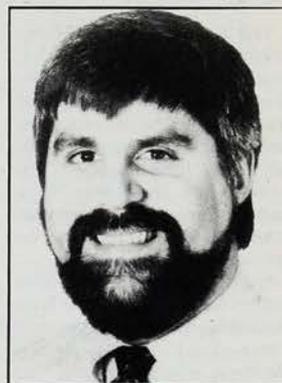
Roger Williams Medical Center was recently listed among the country's 100 top hospitals in eight specialties, including gastroenterology, which was ranked 68th nationally.

Considered an expert in the specialty of liver disease, Epstein will discuss how to prevent, detect, and treat hepatitis.

A question and answer session will follow the lecture.

The program supports "Liver Awareness: April '96," a lecture series sponsored by the New England Chapter of the American Liver Foundation. Roger Williams Medical Center is the only site in Rhode Island participating in the series.

To register for the program, call Roger Williams Medical Center's public health education line at 456-2055.



Dr. Alan Epstein

Memorial Sponsors Nutrition Lecture Series

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island will hold programs on preparing healthy and simple foods, and on comfort foods, as part of its Springtime Nutrition Lecture Series. The programs will take place in Sayles Conference Room 1, located in the hospital's main building.

On April 25, from 6 to 7:15 p.m., a program will be held on "Healthy Meals in Minutes." This one-night course will help participants discover the secrets of quick and healthy meal preparation.

Those attending the program will be given recipes for quick, low-fat and tasty dishes.

Memorial Hospital nutritionist Lyn Schwartz, M.S., R.D., will share tips on making smart selections in the market for one person or the whole family.

On May 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., a program will be held on "Comfort Foods." Have you noticed that sometimes nothing makes you feel better than a sundae or potato chips?

Schwartz, M.S., R.D., and licensed clinical social worker Lauren P. Canuel, L.C.S.W. (who lost 150 lbs. herself) will share their personal and professional experiences to help you take charge of your life without letting food dependency get in the way.

The cost for each class is \$10, payable at the door. To reserve a space, call Schwartz at 729-2574.

Registration deadline for "Healthy Meals in Minutes" is April 24. The deadline to register for "Comfort Foods" is May 7. Both classes will be limited to 40 participants.

Cosmetic Surgery Lecture

Roger Williams Medical Center will sponsor a free seminar on cosmetic surgery on April 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Kay Auditorium.

Board certified surgeon Howard S. Sturim, M.D., FACS, chief of plastic surgery at Roger Williams Medical Center, will talk about today's techniques for improving faces, brows, noses, eyes, breasts and body contours. The program will offer facts about procedures that can change the way you look to others.

To register for this program, call the Roger Williams public health education line at 456-2055.

Bike to Bay for ADA

On May 19 thousands of riders across the country will be riding for a cure, in the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure.

Participants can choose between 25, 50 or 100 kilometer routes through the scenic back roads of South County.

Entrants may ride solo, organize a team of co-workers, volunteer to help or join the tour by becoming a community sponsor. Sixty thousand Rhode Islanders live with diabetes. For more information, call 1-800-TOUR-888 or 431-1900.

Get Your Hearing Checked

The University of Rhode Island Speech and Hearing Center (Kingston Campus and Providence Center) announces a service for people 65 and older who have Medicare — a complete hearing evaluation at no cost.

The service is free to seniors with Medicare because the center is now a provider, and ac-

cepts Medicare reimbursement as full payment.

The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with some evening hours available. Services are provided by appointment only.

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Members of the Colorado-based Team Xcel national competition karate team will give a half-hour demonstration of their art for the children at Hasbro Children's Hospital at 1 p.m. on April 12, in the hospital's lobby.

The team, in town for the Ocean State Karate Grand National competition, will visit with hospitalized children after the demonstration, and present a monetary donation to the hospital.



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Epilepsy in Children Subject of Conference

A half-day intensive conference on seizure disorders and epilepsy in infants, children and adolescents is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 27, at Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital.

"Epilepsy: What's Happening?" is designed for parents, families, friends and interested professionals. Sessions to be offered include an overview of epilepsy, new developments in clinical management and in research, treat-

ment options, adolescent issues, epilepsy and the school-age child, recognizing seizures, and community services and resources.

The registration fee is \$5 per person, or \$10 to include a luncheon following the conference wrap-up. Conference scholarships are available for persons needing financial assistance. Free parking will be provided for attendees.

For more information, call 444-4800 or 1-800-927-1230.

Memorial Offers Diabetes Program

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island will sponsor a six-week program for people with diabetes starting May 1 and ending June 5.

The program, "Diabetes Out-patient Education," will be held on Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the hospital's Wood 6 classroom.

The program is designed for anyone with pre-existing or new diabetes, and will cover nutrition education, use of medications, blood glucose monitoring, foot care, eye care, exercise, and stress management.

Early education and ongoing

education are important in keeping diabetes under control, and can prevent several long-term side effects.

Memorial's program will be taught by a team of nurses, a dietitian and a physician, and will be presented in a relaxed and informative manner.

The fee for the six-week program is \$65. Some health insurance plans will cover the cost of the program for those who are referred by a physician.

For more information or to register, call Donna Newton, R.N., at 729-2258. Registration is required by April 15.

Event Will Honor Running Champ, Benefit VNA Hospice

Rhode Island's running community will honor one of the state's great runners during an April 27 five-mile road race to benefit VNA of Rhode Island Hospice Program.

The third annual Les Pawson Memorial Road Race will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Lincoln Woods State Park, and will follow the same loop that the marathon winner and Olympian often used as a training run.

Pawson's dedication and

love for running made him an inspiration for many people. Before his death from cancer in October 1992, he and his family were cared for by VNA Hospice. The Pawson family has asked that proceeds of the memorial run benefit VNA Hospice.

Walkers are also welcome to participate in the event.

More information is available from VNA of Rhode Island at 444-9400.

Get Ready to Roll for MS

On April 28, the Rhode Island Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold an MS 150 Kick-Off Event at Columbia Blackstone Valley Surgicare, a free-standing ambulatory surgery center, 333 School St., Pawtucket, at 9 a.m.

This event is for anyone interested in finding out more about the annual MS 150 bike tour or for those wanting tips on getting in shape for the tour.

During the kick-off, people can ask questions about the tour, learn training techniques, and participate in a 20- or 40-mile training ride.

After the training ride, a slide show about the MS 150 bike tour will be shown, and a complimentary lunch will be served. Participation in the event is free.

The MS 150 has bicycle riders traveling for two days across Rhode Island into Connecticut, and back.

The MS 150 will begin on June 8 at the Coventry High School, and finish the next day. Riders are asked to make a pledge to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more information, call Lisa Desbiens, 738-8383.

URI Helps Aging Caregivers

A University of Rhode Island project team has learned how to use education and support to make brighter futures for aging parents and their adult sons or daughters with developmental disabilities.

Two years after winning a \$200,000 grant for the Rhode Island Developmental Disabilities Council, URI Professor of gerontology Phillip G. Clark said he and his team have learned that families need assistance in planning to improve the lives of both generations.

Families, project staff and human service workers will

share the results of the project at a conference on May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at URI's W. Alton Jones Campus in West Greenwich.

Professionals in the fields of aging and developmental disabilities and families including relatives with disabilities and advocates are invited.

Fees vary. So call Family Futures Planning Project coordinator Connie Susa at 874-2690 for information. The TT number for individuals with hearing impairments is (800) 745-5555. Registration deadline is April 12.

Allergic Rhinitis This Spring

"Allergic rhinitis is a very common, and easily treated condition, yet it often is mistaken for a common cold, or not treated at all," explained Michael Kaliner, M.D., medical director, Institute for Asthma and Allergy at Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C. "Unlike the common cold, allergic rhinitis usually occurs at the same time each year, during peak pollen season. Early preparation for allergies and a proper treatment regimen are essential to overcoming allergic rhinitis."

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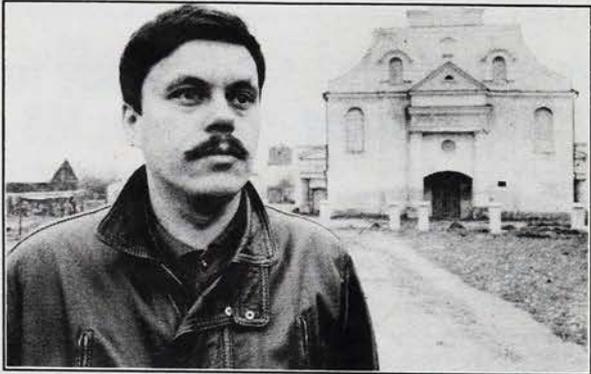
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PBS to Air 'Shtetl' on April 17

On Nov. 8, 1942, Nazi soldiers rounded up the Jews living in a shtetl, a small village, in Bransk, Poland, and ordered the town's farmers to provide horse wagons to transport them to a nearby train station. Within 24 hours, Bransk's 2,500 Jews died in Treblinka's gas chambers. Their shtetl died with them.

To commemorate National Holocaust Remembrance Week, "Frontline" embarks on a four-year-long journey to search for what happened to the shtetl in Bransk and to uncover the origins and depth of Polish anti-Semitism.

In "Shtetl," airing April 17, at 8 p.m., on PBS (check local listings), filmmaker Marian Marzynski, a Polish-born Jew hidden as a child by Catholics, and Zbyszek Romaniuk, a 29-year-old Pole with a curiosity for Jewish history, confront the memories of Nazi terror and

explore the state of Polish-Jewish relations.

Filmed in Poland, the United States, and Israel, "Shtetl" is a universal tale of Jews and those who lived around them.

Jews had lived in Bransk for more than 400 years. In fact, Poland was home to the world's largest Jewish population for centuries.

There, Jewish culture was bound together by firm spiritual ties, by a common language, and by a sense of destiny, and shtetls existed as communities to its inhabitants and societies in a larger population. But Jewish existence in Poland was nearly destroyed by the Holocaust when nearly 6 million Jews perished.

For more than 50 years, many have searched Poland's haunted world of Jewish ancestry looking for understanding of history.

Stay Tuned!

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

WGBH is planning to observe Holocaust Days of Remembrance with special programming, particularly in its Frontline series. It is at times like this, when we are dealing with a subject which may not have universal, popular appeal, that "public radio" and "public television" provide a valuable service. They tackle controversy the other media may avoid.

APRIL 15, 10 p.m., WGBH/44 will offer "The Journey of Butterfly," a concert by the American Boychoir performing "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," composed by Charles Davidson, in commemoration of the experiences and testimony of children imprisoned at Terezin.

APRIL 16, 9 p.m., WGBH/2 will feature "Memory of the Camps," a record of the horrors Allied troops discovered when they entered Dachau, Buchenwald and Auschwitz. Alfred Hitchcock directed part of this film. (It will be offered again on April 21, 8 p.m., WGBH/44.)

APRIL 17, 8 p.m., WGBH/2 will air "Shtetl," which follows "Frontline's" producer Marian Marzynski's return to his birthplace village in Poland, and his subsequent attempts to understand what happened there, and why.

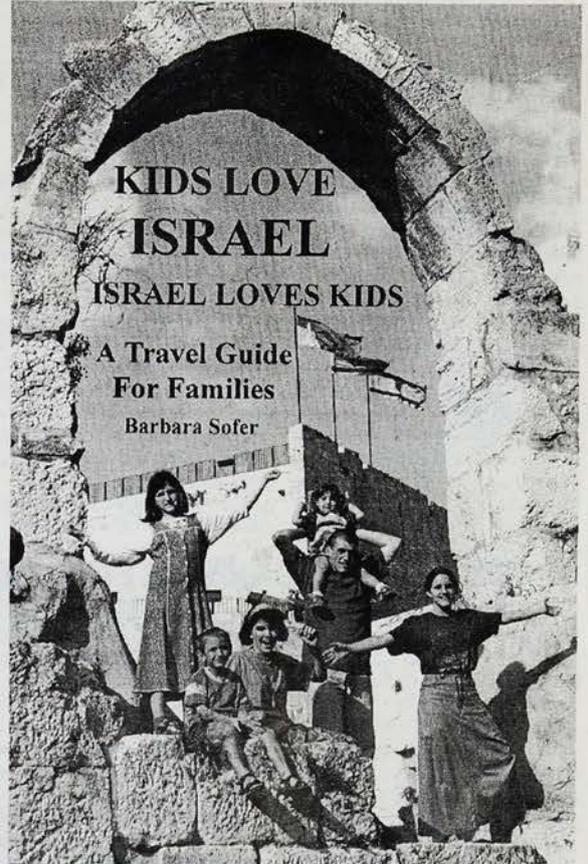
APRIL 23, 8 p.m., on WGBH/2, "Nova" will show "Nazi Designers of Death," created from secret archives which reveal the complicity of German architects and engineers who converted Auschwitz from a prison camp into a death camp. This will also be shown on April 25 at 9 p.m., and April 27 at 5 p.m. on WGBH/44.

On APRIL 28, 1 p.m. on WGBH/2, there will be a program called "The Wannsee Conference," which recreates the collaboration between Nazi leaders to make Hitler's Final Solution a reality. The program is based on actual minutes from a January 1942 meeting of Nazis.

Watch one of these programs, then take the kids out for a walk under the wide starry skies of America, or stroll with them along a beach and watch the nearly eternal seas roll in and out.

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You're All Going to Israel?

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Barbara Sofer has written a travel guide for families entitled, *Kids Love Israel — Israel Loves Kids*.

The book opens with general chapters on solving laundry problems, renting a car, traveling with a baby, etc.

Then it goes by area — Haifa, the coast, Tel Aviv, the Old City, etc.

Certainly if you are planning to go to Israel with children you're going to benefit greatly from the advice in this book, or one like it.

Sofer tells you what to avoid — certain destinations or tours that small children, for instance, will find almost unbearable. She points you toward money saving, special opportunity organizations like the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, which sponsors day tours and camps for kids over 10. There are cautionary notes — against hitchhiking PERIOD, against a too-casual approach to parking tickets, against allowing too little time for touring certain highpoints, like the Old City. And Sofer tells you about little-known delights that you would drive right past without a second glance, otherwise.

I cannot vouch for the accuracy of every bit of information in the book. Sofer's credentials are excellent, and the first edition of this book was published seven years ago, which means lots of people found it a good buy and recommended it. But it was from this book that we learned that camp fires were an unacceptable risk because losses to the national forests from fires had just about equalled gains made by new planting, a statement which the Jewish National Fund vigorously denies. The whole truth probably lies somewhere in between Sofer and the JNF.

At any rate, were I in a position to tour Israel with a family of children, I'd take this book along...in my carry-on luggage. It's published by Kar-Ben Copies, 6800 Tildenwood Lane, Rockville, Md. 20852, and should be available at your local Judaica or book store.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



HOLLY HUNTER applauds Oscar results on the other side of the planet.

Holly Hunter Celebrates in Tel Aviv

Movie-star Holly Hunter, star of "Broadcast News" and winner of Best Actress Academy Award for "The Piano" visited Israel last month to promote her new movie, "Copycat."

During her visit, she also took part in the live "Oscar Night" celebrations at Tel Aviv's glamorous new Planet Hollywood

restaurant. The owner-stars of the Planet Hollywood restaurant chain—Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore — will be in Tel Aviv soon for the restaurant's official opening.

A Herald subscription makes a great gift! 

Puppet Show at the Library

The Oak Lawn Library Neighborhood Association will sponsor "Sparky's Puppets" at the Oak Lawn Branch Library, 230 Wilbur Ave., Cranston, on April 16, at 10 a.m.



'The Sisters Rosensweig' Presented at Newton JCC

Jewish Theatre of New England will present the regional premiere of Wendy Wasserstein's award-winning play "The Sisters Rosensweig," at the Levanthal-Sidman Jewish Community Center in Newton Centre, Mass.

The Equity production, with a cast of eight, is directed by Daniel Gidron. The play opens on April 13 for a six-week run

that ends on May 19.

Selected by the Outer Critics Circle as the best Broadway play in the 1992/93 season, "The Sisters Rosensweig" explores three women's quest for love, self-definition, and fulfillment.

Often called a post-feminist writer, the focus of Wasserstein's plays is an exploration of the contemporary woman's struggle to balance her career

with a personal life and motherhood.

Now in its 13th season, Jewish Theatre of New England has produced a series of critically acclaimed and popular plays.

General admission prices are \$20, students and seniors \$18, Sunday evenings/Thursdays \$18, students and seniors \$16.

For reserved tickets, call the box office at (617) 965-5226. The JCC is located at 333 Nahanton St., Newton Center.

A Common Saudade

The Jewish Community Center of the Federation of Greater New Bedford continues an exploration and celebration of the shared culture of the Portuguese, Cape Verdean, and Jewish peoples. On April 21 at 2 p.m. this event will take place in the main auditorium of the campus of UMass-Dartmouth. Music, art and dance will interweave with scholarly and personal accounts.

Fado songs will be performed by Maria Alves. Joli Gonsalves, director of the Cape Verde Cultural Center, will sing traditional Criolu ballads. The Madeiran folkloric group of S.S. Sacramento Club from New Bedford will provide colorful dances.

Two members of the widely recorded and highly regarded Voice of the Turtle, vocalists Jay Rosenberg and Lisle Kubach, will also explain Ladino, the unique language and lyric of the Jews of the Iberian peninsula.

Warren Teixeira, president of the Aristides de Sousa Mendes Society, will speak, and Evelyn Schultz, her daughter Maria Van Anglen, and Yoffa da Costa will bring a personal message of their closeness to both Portuguese

and Jewish roots.

Dr. Peter Cressy, Chancellor of UMass-Dartmouth will welcome the guests. A special showing of photographs of the Azores

by Ron Caplain will be dedicated at 1 p.m. To make a reservation, call 508-997-7471. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Pizzazz Coming to Children's Museum

The Children's Museum of Rhode Island hopes to delight children of all ages with special school vacation week performances from April 16 to 18.

On April 16, at 10:30 a.m., the Ninots Folk Theater will perform "The Princess and the Dragon." Ninots Folk Theater combines hand-crafted masks, puppets big and little, costumes and live music to bring children

colorful and dramatic performances from around the world.

On April 17, at 10:30 a.m., David Parker will mesmerize children with his performance of popular songs and the magic of signing.

On April 18, at 10:30 a.m., the comic duo Beau Jest Junior will perform a zany adaptation of Mark Twain's novel, *The Prince and the Pauper*.

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Reconstructionists Publish Prayerbook

The Reconstructionist movement takes seriously its belief that Judaism should evolve with the times.

Witness the publication of *Kol Haneshamah: Limot Hol*, its first daily prayerbook in more than 40 years.

According to the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, this is the only daily prayerbook in the Jewish world where the terms for G-d in English translation are rendered in an inclusive, non-sexist way. Terms such as "King" and "L-rd" are replaced by appellations such as "Sovereign," "Awesome One," "The Redeemer," "The Eternal" and "The Magnificent."

Published by the Reconstructionist Press under the auspices of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, the congregational wing of the Reconstructionist movement, it is the third in the movement's *Kol Haneshamah* series.

A Shabbat and holiday book and a volume with rituals and songs for the home have already been published, and a High Holiday prayerbook is in preparation.

Kol Haneshamah can be translated as either, "Let every soul..." as in Psalm 150 or "voice of the soul..."

Among the valuable features of the volume are: extensive commentary on the prayers providing both a historical and

spiritual perspective; a poetic translation of the Hebrew by award-winning poet, Dr. Joel Rosenberg; original artwork by noted Jewish artist, Betsy Platkin Teutsch; readings and prayers for Jewish and secular holidays that fall on weekdays; extensive English readings, with an expanded section for houses of mourning; a newly written home ritual for the conclusion of shiva (the traditional period of mourning.)

For those interested in meditation there is a special guided meditation as an alternative to the Amidah prayer and a Shviti (a Jewish mandala) focused on healing.

"I'm looking forward to using the prayer book in the shiva house, as well as during the regular service," said Rabbi Gail Diamond of Temple Agudus Achim in Attleboro. "The book is a contemporary reading with transliteration," said Diamond, "which will be very useful for the shiva in the case of family members who don't read Hebrew."

The book's formal publication date is Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, which this year falls on April 16.

Aaron Ziegelman, general chairman of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, dedicated the siddur to his family and the Jews of his hometown of Luboml, Poland, who were mur-

dered during the Shoah, numbering 108 relatives and more than 8,000 Jewish men, women and children.

Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, executive director of the JRF and himself the son of Holocaust survivors, remarked, "I think that it is particularly appropriate that we chose this day to publish a new prayerbook. Prayers are an expression of faith and hope, a remembrance of the past and looking to the future, an affirmation of our connection to all Jews who have ever lived and a commitment to the Jews of the future."

Some might be surprised that a liberal movement is publishing a daily prayerbook.

Reconstructionists have a strong commitment to the importance of prayer in Jewish life. At a time when many Jews are spiritually searching, the movement felt that there was no daily prayerbook that reflected modern sensibilities. Jewish spiritual practice has always included daily prayer.

"This prayerbook allows people to enter into prayer through the head or the heart," said Liebling. "As I travel around the country I am frequently told by people that our Shabbat prayerbook allowed them to pray for the first time. We think that our daily prayerbook will provide even more opportunities for prayer."

For ordering information, contact the Reconstructionist Press at (718) 945-3000.

Auschwitz Survivor to Speak at Agudath Achim, April 19

The 27th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which falls in the middle of April, has for some time now been observed as Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Congregation Agudath Achim, 36 Winthrop St., Taunton, will remember the Holocaust with a program at the Sabbath evening service on April 19 at 8 p.m.

Sidi Natansohn was living in eastern Czechoslovakia which was occupied by Hungary in 1939. In June of 1944, at the age of 15, she was deported to Auschwitz. She was later sent to Plaszow, a forced labor camp in Poland where much of the action in the movie "Schindler's List" took place.

After several months, she was shipped back to Auschwitz, which meant facing the infamous Dr. Mengele and the se-

lection process upon arrival in Auschwitz a second time. At the end of World War II in May of 1945 Natansohn was liberated from Theresienstadt.

Natansohn came to America in 1948 where she continued her education and met her husband, Sam. They have been married for 45 years and have four children and three grandchildren. The Natansohns live in Sharon.

We are privileged to have the Natansohns come to Taunton to speak at Agudath Achim and to share their story with us.

At the service on April 19 we will pay our respects to the Six Million and demonstrate to the world that they will not be forgotten.

Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg welcomes the general community to attend the program. For additional information, call (508) 822-3230.

Friends of Bezalel Academy Select Bauer

Harry Bauer of Lawrence, N. Y., has been elected president of the Friends of Bezalel. He succeeds Romie Shapiro, who continues as chairman of the board of directors of the Friends of Bezalel and as chairman of the board of governors of Bezalel Academy of Jerusalem.

A member of the board of directors of New York UJA Federation and former chairman of UJA Federation's South Shore Division, Bauer is also a member of the board of trustees of the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law and of the international

board of governors of the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem.

Israeli Population at 5.6 Million

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israel's population has reached 5.6 million, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The bureau, reporting preliminary results of a 1995 census, said recently that Israel's population increased by 40 percent since 1983, when the total population stood at 4 million.

Honoring Rabbi Silver's Career

Scholars from around the world will gather at Brandeis University on April 21 to discuss and honor Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's contributions to Zionist strategy and thought.

Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz, with rabbis and professors from across the nation and Israel, will focus on Silver's

career and on how his Zionist vision and leadership compares with and differs from contemporary Zionism.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Hassenfeld Conference Center on the Brandeis campus. A symposium will take place April 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., also in Hassenfeld Conference Center.



**Sarah
Lauren
Krieger**

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Krieger (formerly Gayle Krakowsky of Cranston) of Elmwood Terrace, Rochester, N.Y., announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Lauren Krieger on March 5.

Maternal grandparents are the late Sarah and Louis Krakowsky of Cranston.

Cranston Senior Guild Considers Nominations

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its next meeting on April 17 at Temple Torat Yisrael, Cranston, at 1 p.m.

At this meeting a slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee will be presented to the membership, and nominations from the floor will be accepted.

This is a chance for members to get involved in the leadership of the group.

It is hoped that all members will have received the newsletter, and are aware of the coming events and planned trips of the organization.

The guild looks forward to welcoming all returning members from Florida, and hopes they will attend this meeting.

Entertainment will be provided by "The Harmonaires."

Kim Blomqvist to Wed Scott Friedberg

Michael and Estelle Friedberg of Miami, Fla., announce the engagement of their son, Scott Louis Friedberg, of Miami, Fla., to Kim Blomqvist, daughter of Anita Andersson, both of Simrishamn, Sweden.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Olle and Inga Mansson. Her fiancé is the grandson of the late Florence and Max Bezan and Fay and Mort Friedberg of Del Ray Beach, Fla.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in economics. Her fiancé has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Florida and will attend Nova Southeastern University Medical School in the fall.

The date of the wedding is May 26, 1996.

David V. Kahn Re-Elected

David V. Kahn of Chicago has been re-elected president of the American Jewish Congress, following completion of a two-year term.

He was re-elected at the organization's recently concluded biennial meeting in New York.

At the same time, AJCongress announced an important change in its governance. Following the example of many national organizations, it has created the post of president-elect to assist the president in running the agency and to provide for an orderly transition in preparation for ultimately assuming the top position.

AJCongress officials are currently engaged in a search for the first president-elect.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Arafat Responds to Fax Barrage

by Natalie Weinstein
Jewish Bulletin
of Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — A local campaign to bombard Yasser Arafat with faxes after the recent series of terror attacks yielded an unexpected result — a reply.

The San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council has received a two-page letter in Arabic signed by the Palestinian Authority leader.

In the letter, Arafat condemned recent bombings against Israelis, but also charged that right-wing Israelis were tied to the attacks.

Rabbi Doug Kahn, executive director of the JCRC, offered a mixed reaction to Arafat's missive.

"I'm pleased that we received a response from Mr. Arafat. I believe that reflects the fact that he is at least somewhat sensitive

to public opinion," Kahn said. "On the other hand, I'm troubled by most of the content of the letter."

The translated letter "denounced these criminal attacks" by "enemies of peace" and reaffirmed a commitment to the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords, statements Kahn welcomed.

Arafat also assured the JCRC that "we have taken all the necessary security measures to deal with these terrorists acts."

But Kahn said he sees substantial room for Arafat to do more to combat terrorism.

The Palestinian leader also reproached Israel for imposing a closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip after the string of suicide bombings.

Arafat called the closure a "collective punishment against the Palestinian people" that did not serve the peace process.



Soaking Up Sunshine In Peru

From the left, Janet Zurier, Dorothy Licht, Pearl Nathan and Mel Zurier pause in their sightseeing in Peru, last year.

Reform Rabbi's Remarks Trigger Sparks

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen
NEW YORK (JTA) — These days nearly every time the head of an American Jewish religious movement speaks, his remarks aren't complete, it seems, without an attack on some other segment of the religious community.

Most recently, Rabbi Simeon Maslin, president of the Reform rabbinical organization, compared contemporary Orthodox to the Sadducees, and Liberal Judaism to the Pharisees.

The Sadducees were a sect of Jews — wealthy and upwardly mobile — who rejected the Talmud and said they were bound only by the Bible. They disappeared with the destruction of the Second Temple, in the year 70.

Their enemies, the Pharisees, focused on study, developed the Talmud and are regarded by contemporary Orthodox Jews as their predecessors.

"What the Pharisees created 2,000 years ago was actually a mutation of Judaism. It was the Sadducees who represented 'Torah-true' Judaism.

"But the Pharisees convinced the people that there was a second Torah — an Oral Torah — given at the same time as the first," Maslin said in an address to Reform rabbis at the annual gathering of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"And through this mutation called the Oral Law, a revolutionary shift from the Jewish orthodoxy of the day, they absolutely abrogated certain provisions of the Written Torah that were impossible to live by in their modern world," Maslin said.

He said that "while claiming to be the sole heirs of the Pharisees, [the Orthodox] totally misunderstand what Pharasaism was all about, that it was a revolution against scriptural literalism and that it preserved Judaism by creating a virtually new Torah."

Maslin neatly turned on its head a formulation long used rhetorically by some in the Orthodox community who have

derided Reform Jews as assimilationist Sadducees.

In the process, he enraged the leaders of the Orthodox Jewish populace.

The Rabbinical Council of America, which represents some 1,000 centrist Orthodox rabbis, in a statement called Maslin's remarks a "truculent and indiscriminate assault" with "disingenuous historical reconstructions (e.g. the Orthodox are 'Sadducees')."

A spokesman for their colleagues to the right, represented by Agudath Israel of America, an organization representing the fervently Orthodox community, said: "Such an orgy of name-calling and ill will is clearly a last gasp, the desperate cry of a movement confronting its own spiritual bankruptcy."

Maslin also said in his speech that, as a Jewish people, "we have ceased to be one."

In response, the Rabbinical Council of America wrote in its

statement, "We reaffirm our commitment to the oneness of the Jewish people.

"We shall endeavor to continue to work with any and all Jews who are committed to the future and survival of the Jewish people, despite any profound differences we may have with them, provided that we are not asked to sacrifice that which we regard as sacred principles."

In an interview from his synagogue office in Elkins Park, Pa., Maslin said recently, "If that's the case, I would like the RCA to instruct its rabbis to rejoin boards of rabbis, to rejoin what was the Synagogue Council of America and in other ways to show that they recognize the validity of Reform and Conservative rabbis.

"It's not we who are pulling away, it is they who are and who have branded anything not Orthodox as illegitimate," he said.

Jewish Women International Change Requirements

All female offspring of interfaith marriage, as well as any woman who has had a "lifepartner" of the Jewish faith, are now eligible to join Jewish Women International.

The unanimous decision took place March 25 during the organization's international convention, which kicked off the celebration of its founding 100 years ago in San Francisco.

The landmark vote, which required a change in the organization's constitution, now opens membership to "any woman of the Jewish faith by birth or choice, and/or any woman who has/had a life-part-

ner or parent of the Jewish faith." Membership was formerly limited to "women of Jewish faith by birth or conversion or any women who has married a member of the Jewish faith."

"We have always been an organization on the cutting edge — ready to confront the changes in our world," said Susan Bruck, JWI president. "Since 93 percent of Jewish families don't fit the conventional family model, this latest decision reflects our willingness to welcome individuals of differing lifestyles and backgrounds who share our organization's values."

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OBITUARIES

JANET COLVIN

CRANSTON — Janet Colvin, 49, of Soprano Circle, died April 3 at the Eleanor Slater Hospital in Cranston.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Solomon and Miriam (Fabricant) Selinker of Pawtucket, she lived in Cranston for many years.

She provided spiritual counseling under the name Sarah Baker. She was a member of Temple Sinai in Cranston and a member of Hadassah. She was a member of Al Anon, OA and AA.

Besides her parents, she leaves a son, Jason Colvin of Cranston; a brother, Larry Selinker of London, England, and a sister, Lea Schneider of Cranston.

The funeral was held April 7 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ROSE FEUERZEIG

JOHNSTON — Rose Feuerzeig, of Briarcliffe Manor, Johnston, died April 6. She was the wife of the late Ernest Feuerzeig.

She survived by a son, Larry Field of Cranston; a sister, Lillian Rosen of Chicago; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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

MORRIS GOLDBERG

SEEKONK, Mass. — Morris Goldberg, 70, of 48 Marlaine Drive, a member of the finance committee and founder of the Greater Seekonk Kiwanis Club, died April 1 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of the late Susan L. Goldberg.

A self-made man who quit school in London at the age of 14 and served in the Royal Air Force during World War II, he came to this country via Canada and rose through the ranks as a union tool and die maker to become division president of a semiconductor manufacturer.

He became president of Career Personnel Services Inc. in Providence, retiring in 1992.

He was perhaps best known for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Kiwanis Club. As lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Division 25 of Rhode Island, he succeeded in his goal to "set a record for new members in Kiwanis in New England" by attracting more than 50 people to join the Seekonk club.

"I'm glad I'm retired so that I have the time to put into it," he said as the club was being organized.

Born in London, he was the son of the late Solomon and Lena Goldberg. He was a graduate of City College of New York.

He entered politics in the belief that "we need people in government who have had to make a profit, not just raise taxes." He was unsuccessful in two bids for a seat on the board of Selectmen.

He was founder of the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Association of Personnel Directors.

He leaves a sister, Anita Parr of Toronto, Canada.

The funeral was held April 3 in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Old Montefiore Cemetery, Queens, N.Y.

DR. MONTEFIORE S. HOFFENBERG

PROVIDENCE — Montefiore S. Hoffenberg, M.D., 71, of President Avenue, an electrical engineer for AECL, Johannesburg, South Africa, retiring in 1984, died April 4 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Muriel (Holtz) Hoffenberg.

Born in Spring, South Africa, a son of the late Sully Naphtoli Hoffenberg and Rachel (Wizriekowitz) Hoffenberg, he lived in Providence for seven years.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El. He was a fellow at the International Institute of Electrical Engineers and a member of the South African Medical Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Mark Hoffenberg of Washington, D.C., and a daughter, Lynne Hoffenberg of Chicago, Ill. He was the brother of the late Helen Brodke.

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ROBERT L. POSNER

PROVIDENCE — Robert L. Posner, 86, of 14 Brookway Road, founder and president of Rolo Mfg. Co., Inc., from 1947 to 1979 when he became chairman of the board, died April 3 at the Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Lotte (Hirschorn) Posner.

Born in Pforzheim, Germany, a son of the late Rudolph and Eoni (Eber) Posner, he lived in Providence since 1939.

He was involved in many charitable endeavors, including the Miriam Hospital, the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Holocaust Museums in Providence and Washington, D.C. The Jewish Federation of New York honored him as its Man of the Year. He was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Ralph Posner of Barrington and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held April 5 at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Liturgy for Loss of Gay Lover Included in New Prayer Book

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Many things distinguish the new daily prayer book published by the Reconstructionist movement from prayer books put out by the other movements.

But perhaps the most unusual new element of *Kol HaNeshama* — *Daily Prayerbook* is the inclusion of two special readings — one short piece of prose and one poem — dedicated to the loss of a gay or lesbian lover.

Although gay and lesbian synagogues have long included similar readings in their own liturgy, this is the first time that

a denominationally published prayer book includes such a feature, said Rabbi David Teutsch, who headed the editorial committee that produced it.

Inclusion of the readings was a response to "the demographic reality of having many permanent, Jewishly active gay and lesbian couples in the community," said Teutsch, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pa.

"And morally, we want to encourage gay and lesbian people to be in those kinds of family units," he said.

Remember the Titanic

On April 18 at 7:30 p.m., The Marine Museum at Fall River, as part of its annual weeklong remembrance of the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic on her maiden voyage, will have a videocassette showing of the 1958 English production of "A Night To Remember."

This 122-minute black and white movie is based on the best selling documentary book by Walter Lord.

The museum has on exhibit a one ton, 28-foot wood and steel mold of the Titanic as the centerpiece for one of the premier exhibits of Titanic artifacts and memorabilia in the United States. It includes photographs, a recorded account of the tragedy by a local survivor, and a videotape of the vessel's discovery.

The admission for the movie is \$2 for adult non-members, \$1 for pre-teen and free for the members. The museum is located in Battleship Cove, 70 Water St., Fall River. Parking is available at no charge.

Remembering a Classmate

A year has passed since Brandeis University student Alisa Flatow was killed on a bus in Israel, but students at Brandeis have not let her memory fade.

A recent student-initiated fund-raising effort concluded with a garden of 1,000 trees that will be planted in Flatow's memory. The garden will become part of a forest in Israel that is dedicated to American students who have died in Israel.

"We got a garden in memory of your daughter," said Reuben Liber, a student involved with the effort, to Flatow's parents, who live in West Orange, N.J. "The campus came together for the sense of a common good."

At a private presentation on March 25, at Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz's office, members from the Jewish National Fund presented the students with a plaque, marking their efforts and the garden that would be planted in memory of their late friend and classmate.

'Deceit and Indifference'

The film "America and the Holocaust: Deceit and Indifference" will be presented at Brown University at 7:30 p.m. on April 18, in Room 1418 of the Sciences Library, 201 Thayer St., Providence.

This 1994 documentary analyzes the reasons why the United

States government chose not to intervene on behalf of European Jewry during World War II. The 90-minute film is part of the History of the Holocaust Film Series sponsored by the Program in Judaic Studies.

Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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FAY NEUSTEIN

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Fay Neustein, 91, of Abrahms Boulevard, West Hartford, died April 4 at the Hebrew Home and Hospital, West Hartford. She was the widow of Albert Neustein.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Esther (Sperling) Parness, she had lived in West Hartford for nine years, previously living in Providence.

She leaves a son, Barry Neustein of New York City; a daughter, Sheila Drao of Newington, Conn.; and a brother, Harry Parness of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Providence.

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They Add Spice to Your Life

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The India Cafe and Grill, at 758 Hope St., in Providence, 421-2600 is not your average Indian restaurant.

It's better. The word is getting out, so after reading this review, if you are thinking of dining there on a Friday or Saturday evening, go early or go late, but don't go right at the dinner hour unless you are prepared to wait a while for a seat.

When you enter the cafe, you realize that it is quite small, but that it has been decorated to avoid any feeling of crowding. Every detail, from the soft lighting given off by the lamps hanging overhead to the diminutive pattern on the material covering the seats, has been chosen and scaled to fit this dining room. Even the Indian music is softer on the ear, and more mellow, than you may have heard before.

The same attention to the finishing touches is evident in the presentation of the food.

Ah, the food. Well, to start with, for an appetizer we ordered Paapri Chaat — "Indian-style nachoes topped with chick peas, pineapple, onions, almonds, yogurt, tamarind and cilantro." (\$2.95)

One order was plenty for both of us.

When you read the list of ingredients, you may not find them very exciting. When you see the dish — a small platter of crisp, tender "nachoes" topped with swirls of a creamy white dressing and a rich brown dressing, you sense that this may be something different. And it is. Describing tastes is difficult, so I'll just say that the toppings for the nachoes were alternately cooling and subtle, and spicy and fruity. This dish was like nothing I've ever had before. I could have made a meal out of it. I highly recommend it.

We always have tea with Indian food, but we have rarely had a chance to choose an additional flavoring: cardamon, anise, ginger root, cinnamon, or masala (mixed spices). The tea was served freshly made in a French press.



Basically it is a Darjeeling tea. The spices make the difference. I chose cardamon, and found it an intriguing taste.

If you have never had tea from a French press, your waiter will be delighted to show you how a press works.

For a main course, I had Curried Mango Chicken (\$6.95) and my daughter had Baingan Bhurta (\$6.95), a favorite of hers.

The food arrived surrounded by a ring of freshly cooked rice, encircled with another ring of bright green peas. Visually, the impact was terrific. Tastewise, both dishes lived up to their presentation. Excellent.

For dessert, which we decided to order one serving of and divide, we had Gulab Jamun (\$2.95).

The dough balls were so tender, they must have just been made. Frequently we have had dough balls which were a little rubbery. The syrup covering them made this forgivable, but at India Cafe, the difference in freshness was obvious. And that syrup! I have decided that, for me, that stuff could be a beverage!

The owner of the cafe came over to chat with us, and I learned so much about real Indian cooking, particularly curries, in 10 minutes, that I suggested, in all seriousness, that lots of people in Rhode Island would sign up for a talk or two on his subject, particularly if they were allowed to sample the results after the class.

He is justifiably proud of his restaurant. But when I asked him what he felt his greatest asset was, he answered imme-

diately, "My staff."

I would have to agree with him. His staff knows the perfect balance between solicitous attention and allowing diners the necessary privacy to enjoy a meal.

He came from India 10 years ago, intending to study "hospitality" at another college. He'd already worked at internationally known hotels in India. However, once here, he realized that Johnson and Wales offered exactly the kind of hands-on education he was looking for, so he went to Johnson and Wales instead, and got his bachelor's and master's degrees there.

He said, "We would say this restaurant is very much catering to American taste. Our recipes are not authentic. It is essential to adapt to American food tastes. When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

"When a customer comes in, we try to get a feel for his experience. He may say, 'Yes, I like spicy food...' but we try to find out how spicy. Does he consider Mexican, or Tex Mex food spicy? If he says, 'Well, I like Italian food...' then we know how to help him order. There's spicy, and there's Indian spicy."



He told us that for quite a while, he walked or jogged every day along the Blackstone Boulevard with a Jewish friend, who was dedicated to the idea of healthy food. This friend had quite a big influence on Amar, and now, for instance, he uses only canola oil in his cooking, and he uses very little oil, compared to most restaurants.

It is his conviction that when you see food served swimming in a pool of oil, the chef is trying to extend the shelf life of that food.

India cafe will use only white chicken meat, which is healthier for the heart.

The menu at India Cafe is extensive. You will find all your familiar favorites, and some items you may never have come across before. And if the restaurant isn't too busy, ask Amar to sit down and tell you about curries.

Israel Gambles on PNC and Arafat

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — On Sept. 6, 1970, a young couple boarded El Al Flight 219 en route from New York to Tel Aviv at Amsterdam's Schiphol International Airport.

A few minutes after takeoff, the couple charged the cockpit, threatening to blow up the plane with hand grenades unless the crew followed their orders.

A security officer shot and killed the man; the woman was overcome by passengers and later handed over to the British authorities at Heathrow airport. She was released a few days later, in exchange for a British airplane that had been hijacked to Damascus, Syria.

But even before the abortive hijacking of Flight 219, the woman was considered a heroine of the Palestinian cause.

Leila Khaled, then 26 and a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, had successfully hijacked a TWA flight traveling from New York to Tel Aviv on Aug. 29, 1969, and forced it to land in Damascus.

Now, Khaled, who at 52 and the mother of two is still a delegate of the PFLP, may return from exile in Jordan to the Palestinian self-rule areas.

She will do so with the explicit approval of Israel.

Israeli authorities recently agreed to her return because she is a member of the Palestine National Council, the 540-member parliament in exile.

Under the terms of the agreement signed in September, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat agreed to convene the PNC to vote on amending portions of the Palestine National Covenant that call for the annihilation of the Jewish state.

Israel, in an effort to ensure that the vote is held, has so far approved the entry of every PNC member whose name has appeared on lists provided by the PLO.

In addition to allowing the PNC members to convene for the vote, Israel has promised to Arafat that any member of the PNC who chooses to remain in areas under Palestinian control will be permitted to do so.

Israel has taken this calculated risk so as not to be accused of blocking the convening of the PNC.

Arafat, too, has taken a risk. Although he has expressed confidence that the requisite two-thirds of PNC members will

vote for amending the anti-Israel passages in the covenant there is no guarantee that this will happen.

"Only after the establishment of the independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, shall we amend the covenant," Khaled said.

"True, Arafat has accomplished a political advantage but the occupation exists de facto. I return to my homeland by power of an Israeli permit not by my country," she said.

A recent public opinion poll conducted by the Palestine Jerusalem Communications Center showed that the majority of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza oppose amending the covenant.

Arafat has a dilemma. On the one hand, he would like the PNC to amend the covenant so he could present the vote as an election bonus to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, before Israel's national elections.

On the other hand, he is aware that among his own people, amending the covenant is viewed as a capitulation to Israel.

Meanwhile, a senior Defense Ministry official denied reports in the Israeli media last week that the government had changed its mind regarding permits for some members of the PNC, who were quoted as endorsing the recent wave of terrorist attacks in Israel.

"True, some of these people said some nasty things recently," said the official, "but if we content-analyze the statements of every Palestinian politician, then we may have to throw 90 percent of them out."

Arafat would prefer to annul the current covenant altogether and enact a new one that would no longer call for the destruction of Israel.

The new covenant would express Palestinian national aspirations, including an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

He also hopes that once the controversy about the covenant is over, the PNC will have outlived its usefulness.

It was formed in 1964 as the parliament of all Palestinians, including those living in exile.

Just as the Zionist Congress lost much of its importance after the establishment of the State of Israel, the PNC may suffer a similar fate now that the Palestinians in the territories elected their own representative body, the Palestinian Council.

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