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Cease-Fire Agreement in Lebanon May Fall Short of Perfection

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The cease-fire agreement brokered by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher may lack the far-reaching terms necessary to bring permanent quiet.

Despite all the pronouncements from Jerusalem and Beirut, it appears that a lasting Israeli-Lebanese settlement, one involving the effective neutralization of Hezbollah as a fighting force, will have to wait for more favorable circumstances.

Instead, the cease-fire agreement, which called on Israel and Hezbollah to avoid targeting civilians but allowed each party to continue "exercising the right of self-defense," was little different from the understandings reached with the assistance of the United States in July 1993, when the last major flare-up occurred.

True, the latest accord calls

for a "Monitoring Group" to keep track of violations and a "Consultative Group" to provide financial assistance for the reconstruction in Lebanon. But the overall shape of the ground rules for what is widely expected to be further Israeli-Hezbollah fighting in southern Lebanon remains the same.

Perhaps it was the imminence of Israel's May 29 elections that prevented the Peres government from exploring the possibility of a longer-term agreement with Lebanon.

Syria, the true power in Lebanon, is also not interested at this point in a long-term pacification of the Israeli-Lebanese border.

Syrian President Hafez Assad realizes that the nagging, sporadic miniwars in southern Lebanon and, periodically, across the border, represents to Israelis a solid argument for signing a

peace treaty with Syria.

But there is little enthusiasm in Israel for handing the Golan Heights back to Syria, even in the context of a full peace.

The prospect of a quiet border, stretching from the Golan across the Israeli-Lebanese frontier all the way to the sea, may convince Israelis to concede the Golan in a final land-for-peace deal.

The conventional wisdom in Israel is that the test of this latest understanding will be whether Hezbollah fires Katyusha rockets at northern Israel between now and election day.

If it does not, the Peres government will be able to claim that Operation Grapes of Wrath was a success.

If Hezbollah does fire more rockets, the Likud will brand the Grapes of Wrath a flop.

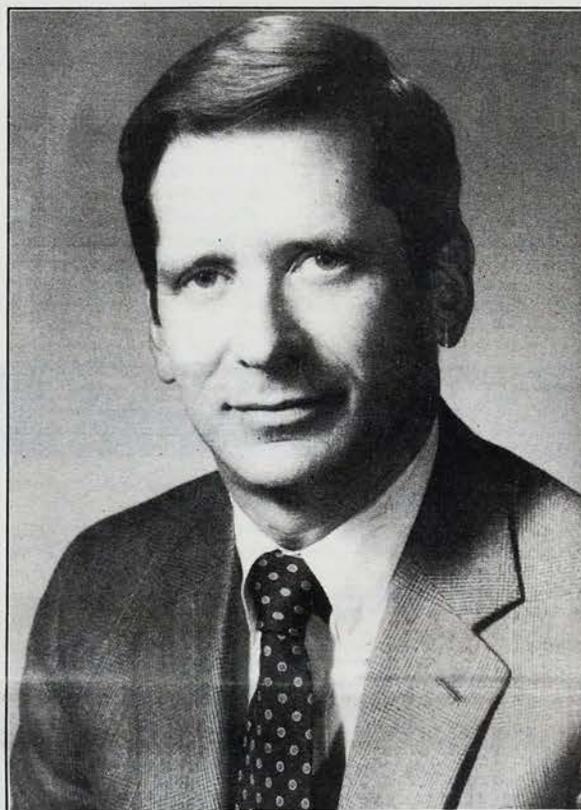
"The cease-fire agreement won't stand the test of reality," said Yitzhak Mordechai, a Likud candidate who recently retired from the IDF as head of northern command.

"It does not provide additional security for the residents of the north and certainly not for Israeli soldiers fighting in the security zone," he said.

For Peres, his electoral fate is now, to a large degree, in the hands of two militant Islamic groups, each vehemently opposed to the peace process.

Hamas, responsible for the

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Edward Feldstein

Photo by Eileen McClure, courtesy of the JFRI

R.I. Jewish Federation Installs New President

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

Attorney Edward Feldstein was installed as president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island on May 2, and he is enthusiastic about helping the community in his new position.

"I think we have been very fortunate to have inherited a wonderful community, and we need to develop it further for successive generations," Feldstein said.

The president's term is year-long, and it may be renewed for no more than three years.

Feldstein, a 53-year-old general practice attorney, is a native of Providence. He graduated from Hope High School, then went to Providence College and graduated in 1964. He received an L.L.B. from Boston College in 1967.

Feldstein's work with philanthropic organizations includes his present service on President's Council of Providence College and The Miriam Hospital board of trustees. Feldstein served as president of Temple Emanu-El from 1984 to 1987 and was president of Camp JORI in the early 1970s.

Feldstein and his wife, Barbara, reside in Providence, where Feldstein is a partner in the Providence law firm Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce. The couple have two children, Pamela, who resides in New York City, and Deborah, who is a student at Leslie College in Cambridge.

One area of the federation that Feldstein would like to strengthen is donor accountability.

"We need to be accountable to our donors, and to make sure that the agencies we fund are similarly accountable," Feldstein said.

To facilitate this process, Feldstein initiated the appointment of a seven-member independent auditing committee. Four of these individuals are not federation board members.

The federation will have an outside annual audit. The committee will work with the agencies on a quarterly basis to make sure their finances are "in good shape."

Additionally, Feldstein hopes to strengthen Rhode Island synagogues.

"Some of the synagogues are

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What the Cease-Fire Says:

- Armed groups in Lebanon will not carry out attacks using Katyusha rockets — or any kind of weapon — on Israel.
- Israel, and those cooperating with it, will not fire any kind of weapon at civilians or civilian targets in Lebanon.
- The two parties commit to ensuring that under no circumstances will civilians be the target of attack, and that civilian-populated areas and industrial and electrical installations will not be used as launching grounds for attacks.
- Without violating this understanding, nothing herein shall preclude any party from exercising the right of self-defense.
- A monitoring group — to consist of the United States, France, Syria, Lebanon and Israel — will monitor the application of the agreement.



Alperin Schechter Says 'Kumsitz'

Alperin Schechter Day School recently celebrated Israel Independence Day with a "Kumsitz." Students and teachers gathered around a "campfire" and sang Hebrew songs under the direction of music teacher Laura Berkson and Hebrew language coordinator Ruthie Adler.

Photo courtesy of ASDS

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Have a Ball to Benefit Children's Museum

On May 18, the Children's Museum Council will host a gala black tie event chaired by Christina Ardent and Kimberly Dimeo at the Westin Hotel in Providence.

The evening begins with cocktail parties before the gala at the home of one of the museum's board or council members. There will be dinner and dancing, to the music of the Drifters, at the Westin.

A live auction will highlight the evening, featuring 10 spots-related packages, each valued above \$3,000, including box seats at a Boston Bruins game with dinner, cocktails and a personal visit by Bobby Orr for a group of 14; a round of golf and lunch with pro golfer Brad Faxon for three; a diamond tennis bracelet from Ross Simons

with tickets to the U.S. Open or two tickets to the *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Edition cocktail party in New York including super models, dinner and accommodations.

WJAR Channel 10's sports commentator Frank Carpano will join professional auctioneer Sal Corio to help with the bidding. Forty sporting good items, tickets and signed memorabilia will be offered during the silent auction.

Cocktails parties begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person. Reservations are necessary. Call 726-2591 to reserve tickets.

All proceeds from Have a Ball 1996 benefit the Children's Museum of Rhode Island, a non-profit organization.

Gator Games

A celebration of the new baby American alligator exhibit is being planned at Roger Williams Park Zoo. Activities for all ages will be included. Visitors can play gator golf, listen to alligator storytelling, run in an alligator juice race and "Do the Gator" dance.

This event is free to the public, with the cost of zoo admission, which is adults — \$5, children 3 to 12 and seniors — \$2.50, children under 3 — free.

Gator games will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A rain date has been set as May 19. For more details, call 785-3510.

Book Club to Meet on May 13

Books on the Square will hold its regular Second Monday Book Club on May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

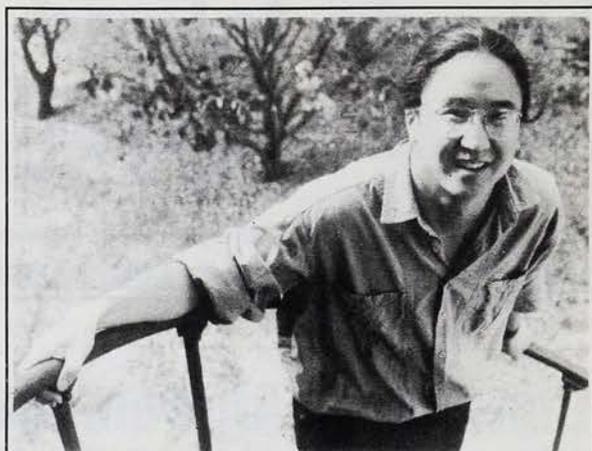
This month, the discussion will center on David Guterson's best-selling *Snow Falling on Cedars* (Vintage paperback, \$12), the "compelling... heart-stopping" story of a 1954 murder and the ensuing trial of a Japanese American man in a small island community north of Puget Sound.

Books on the Square is located at 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence (331-9097).

Two Compassionate Friends Meetings Scheduled

The next meeting of The Compassionate Friends (a self-help group for parents who have suffered the death of a child) will be held on May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan's Church Hall, 33 Turner Ave., East Providence.

This will be a general sharing meeting. For directions or further information, call Carol Smith at 885-2900.



Poet to Appear

Poet Timothy Liu will be at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Providence, for a poetry reading and book signing on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Call 331-9097 for details.

Authors of Book for New Moms Will Sign, Read

Sandra K. Basile, co-author with Jean Kunhardt and Lisa Spiegel of *A Mother's Circle: Wisdom and Reassurance from Other Mothers on Your First Year with Baby*, will deliver a talk and sign books at the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St., Cranston, on May 15 at 7 p.m. in the library's program room.

Basile, a resident of Pawtuxet Village, has written for television, including documentaries for HBO and ABC TVs "20/20."

Kunhardt and Spiegel are the founders and directors of the

Soho Parenting Center in New York.

A Mother's Circle chronicles the experiences of nine women in a typical, new mothers' discussion group. These women openly discuss their babies' sleep habits and stranger anxiety, and their own sex lives and difficulties with the shifting balance of power and love, now that a baby has arrived. The book, *A Mother's Circle* should help new mothers to be more confident and assure them that they are not alone.

Advocacy for Children

A conference on Advocacy for Children will be held May 17 at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, Warwick, bringing together professionals from several disciplines who are involved in providing services for youngsters in state care.

The conference — limited to the first 200 professionals who register — will focus on advo-

cacy efforts in the school, court and legislative arenas.

Panel discussions will examine issues impacting children in state care and will explore effective advocacy strategies to address those issues.

Specific attention will be given to coordination of advocacy efforts and to collaboration between involved agencies.

Afternoon panels on various topics will be conducted.

Cost to attend is \$30, which includes lunch. Make checks payable to Rhode Island College and mail to RIC's Office of Continuing Education, Forman Center, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, R.I. 02908 by May 10.

For registration information, call 456-8091; for conference information, 277-6650.

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FEATURE



They Can't Take That Away

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing
Reporter

"Look up at the aeroplane!" my father called as he pointed upward into the sky above the river. I don't know why, but I thought it was "herringplane," and I figured some net was thrown down to catch the silver fish. Planes were rare and wondrous sights. By now so many incredible devices have been tossed down from beyond the clouds, that I find, in reverse, it's the things that last which impress me.

Here are a few items, fragile by now, but enduring. How about pencils and pens? Remember, before keyboards, the dignity of a piano in the parlor? The thoughtful wood-pecker-like tapping of a typewriter? Some among us dash off round the corner before supper or a movie to grab some money from the lobby machine of the block bank, but others, like me, enjoy a weekly chat with the teller of flesh and blood. These men and women know my name, look at

my face, take note of how things are going.

When I go to an antique store I am softly shocked to see all the shining marvelous miracles of my childhood, suddenly reduced to relics of a bygone era.

But of course this only enhances their charm. They are mine. They belong to me, because I know their history. Even



identify with them. I, too, was once the hope of my family. My ideas have been absorbed and taken for granted. They have become my siblings, my cous-

ins, who share the 20th century with me.

We move along together. And then, in the year 2000 I will be entering another phase of my own lifetime, G-d willing.

I had a talk with my daughter last night. She didn't seem to mind what I said. "I can't hand down my memories to you. You didn't know my mother. A snapshot can't capture her beauty, her kindness." "You are wrong," Lily answered me. "Maybe it's not the photograph that tells me who she was, but I can see her in her own paintings."

So maybe among my favorite things of the century I can find little facets of my own personality. Many of them get lost. Only glimpse them by accident from time to time. I examine that plane over Hoxie, turning over the memory in my mind. I make a metaphor out of the early souvenir. The plane becomes the power of recall, and the fish in the river, the fleeting thoughts you try to grab hold of in the net of your language. I hover over the disappearing little comforts outdated by the rush of high-tech, and hope that I have trapped a few pleasant moments in words.

Rhino and Reich Celebrate Success

U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich stopped by the offices of Rhino Records in West Los Angeles recently to honor the multi-faceted entertainment organization and present its owners and employees with a plaque for their positive and proactive corporate responsibility and service to the community.

The secretary began his visit with a brief tour of the Rhino offices, and then proceeded to the company's Open Forum area where he joined the entire staff — as well as the media on hand — for a roundtable discussion. Joining in were Rhino co-founders Richard Foos (president) and Harold Bronson (managing director), and six Rhino staffers representing different divisions of the company.

Reich touched on such topics as employees having a voice in the company, maternity/paternity leave, benefits programs, healthcare, education and training, and non-discriminatory practices within the workplace. The roundtable lasted for approximately 30 minutes with each participant explaining how they came to work for Rhino, and what in particular Rhino means to them.

"I'm here because the president and I, and the rest of the administration, want to highlight companies who treat people as assets instead of costs to be cut," said Reich. "Companies do better when they treat their employees well, and I've heard great things about this company."

Reich told about his own experiences as a college disc jockey in 1964. The station where he worked played only the Top 10 records of the day, so after a couple of months of the same records day-in-day-out he decided to break up the monotony by offering \$25 to the first person who called in.

He didn't receive any calls, so he increased the bid to \$40. Nobody called.

It was at that point he realized no one was listening to him.

(Ed. Note: The moral of this story must be "Don't get discouraged. Don't give up." This man is now a cabinet member.)

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EDITORIAL

'When People Take Risks for Peace...'

Excerpts from remarks by President Bill Clinton and Chairman Yasser Arafat in a photo opportunity in the Oval Office on May 1.

The president was asked what the United States would do to endorse the creation of a Palestinian state.

He said, "We are going to do everything we have done — we can do, just as we have since I took office, not to get in the way of these parties making a permanent peace that suits them. That's what we want to do."

Arafat was asked how Palestinian relations with Israel were, after Israel's action in Lebanon.

He said, "What is important is that the efforts to stop all the military activities has succeeded and the two sides have retained back to the agreement of 1993, which is very important, and this is also because of His Excellency's efforts and Mr. Christopher's shuttling visits."

A reporter asked, "Could President Assad learn anything from your example, sir?"

Arafat responded, "I am sure that President Assad will follow up in his Syrian track the same line so that we can achieve a comprehensive, lasting peaceful solution in the whole area."

Questions were raised about a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

Clinton said, "Let me begin by making a statement if I might. I am delighted to have this opportunity to meet with Chairman Arafat. When we met at Sharm el-Sheikh he said that there would be a revision in the Palestinian Covenant by the first of May. Under difficult circumstances, he kept that commit-

ment. And now it's time for us to discuss the continuation of the peace process, what we can do to help improve the welfare of the Palestinian people, which I know is uppermost on his mind, and we are very concerned about that, and what we can do together to improve the security for all the people in the region. So we're going to discuss all these issues.

"My position from the day I got here is still the same position. I believe that those matters are going to have to be worked out by the parties in the region. I do not believe the United States can serve any useful purpose by getting in the middle of decisions which have to be resolved by the parties themselves.

When people take risks for peace, we want to minimize those risks, and we want to do what we can to help improve life for ordinary people in the region.

President Bill Clinton

"Our purpose is to try to speed the peace process along and to help those like Chairman Arafat who take risks for peace. When people take risks for peace, we want to minimize those risks, and we want to do what we can to help improve life for ordinary people in the region. And we intend to do

that, and that's what we're going to discuss here."

The president and Arafat were asked if Abu Abbas would be extradited? Abbas was behind the Achille Lauro hijacking. Arafat answered quickly, "We should not forget that Abu Abbas came and attended the PNC and voted to change the Covenant of the PLO and to support the peace process."

A reporter said, "Mr. Arafat, Mr. Peres said this week that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel forever and Mr. Savir said the right to return is not going to be given to the Palestinians. What are you going to talk about in the final talks of negotiations, only the settlement?"

Arafat said, "No, according to what has been agreed upon and what had been signed in Washington and in Cairo and in Washington, that this has to be discussed with other matters — Jerusalem — settlements, borders, and relations with neighbors."

It's in the Book

To the Editor:

If you saw the politically correct movie, "Schindler's List," you may not have heard of Uri Bejski. He held Oskar Schindler's life in his hands. Not only did Schindler keep Jews alive by giving them jobs, but he also got these very same Jews — assault weapons! Uri Bejski's job was to take care of these assault weapons. This fact is in the book *Schindler's List*, but not in the movie! On page 347, you get the truth of how Schindler put his life on the line. Why do so many Democrats now want to disarm the lawful, sovereign citizens of this nation?

Don Schwarz

One Picture Worth A Thousand Words

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island held its annual meeting on May 2 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

A week beforehand, some of us found fliers on the windshields of cars parked on Elm Grove Avenue, advising us that the meeting would take place and urging us to protest as federation members showed up for the meeting.

The language of the flier was crude and passionate. It used terms that would offend many Jews, and would overshadow the basic message, which was outrage at the sale of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

It asked why local rabbis hadn't done more to protest the closing of the home...why the community didn't force the federation to answer basic questions and renegotiate the sale of the home or stop it altogether.

Came time for the meeting,

and the only people who showed up were federation members and one policeman. There are no protesters in the picture below, taken at 6:50 p.m., May 2.

The main purpose of the home was to provide physical care and spiritual comfort to infirm or vulnerable elderly Jews.

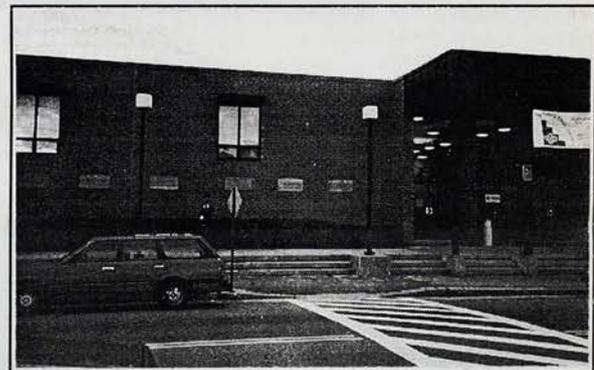
That need for care and comfort still exists.

Let there be no confusion about the home — it's gone.

Let there be no confusion about the vulnerable elderly — they are still here, spread across the state, and they still need help.

Those who regret the home's closing still have work to do. We urge them to see if Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island (JERI) has a volunteer job they could handle — or if there is a lonely Jew in a nursing home near them whose life would be brightened immeasurably by visits every week.

Time to move on.



WAITING FOR TROUBLE — An officer stood outside the JCCRI prior to the Jewish Federation's annual meeting, but there was no protest.
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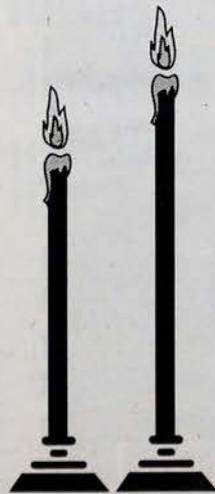
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The Meaning of Counting the 'Sefirah'

These days between the festivals of Passover and Shovuos are marked by the custom of "Sefirah" — counting the days of the "Omer."

We begin counting immediately after the day of the liberation from Egypt, and we count for 49 days, at the end of which we celebrate Shovuos — the festival of Receiving the Torah, marking the climax of the liberation.

There is a famous teaching of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism: "A Jew should always attempt to find, in everything he sees or hears, a lesson and guide towards better service of the A-mighty."

This is true of "everything one sees or hears," and is certainly so with regard to the festivals of our Torah, which contain important instructions for us in our daily lives. Let us examine one such vital lesson that is taught by the Festival of Pesach and the observance of "Sefirah."

For centuries the children of Israel were enslaved in Egypt, in a bondage of body and spirit and were in great danger of as-

simulation. In fact, they had descended to such a low spiritual level that when Moses brought them the message of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, they did not listen to him, "because of lack of spirit and hard labor."

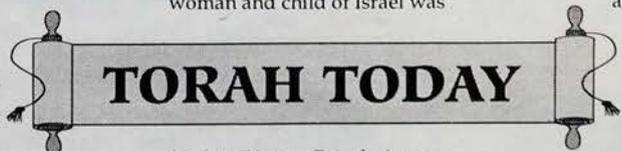
However, after their liberation from enslavement, they attained, in a comparatively short time, the highest spiritual level man can reach. Every man, woman and child of Israel was

of the Torah at Mount Sinai, they were impatient for that moment and counted every day in eager anticipation of the event.

For this reason we, too, count the days of Sefirah, re-creating the feelings of our fathers in our own hearts.

The aforesaid has an additional encouraging message for everyone: When a person displays a resolute will to rise above his level, G-d helps him to achieve his goal by freeing him from all handicaps which stand in his way, so that every Jew can fulfill his soul's mission on this earth.

Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer of Chabad House.



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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Israeli Arab Support for Peres Shaken by Conflict in Lebanon

by Gil Sedan

BAKA EL-GHARBIYA, Israel (JTA) — A man stopped near a group of Israeli Arabs, holding his 3-year-old son in his arms, waiting for his turn to speak.

"What you have done in Lebanon is worse than what the Nazis did," he told a visitor to this Arab town in the heart of Israel.

The speaker, Salah Harzallah, regional coordinator of the Communist-inspired Hadash Party, an Israeli Arab grouping also known as the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, repeated himself to emphasize the point. "Yet, it is time that we say it loud and clear," he said. "They are worse than the Nazis."

Abdullah Abu-Moh, an elderly man in the group, disagreed.

"This is exaggerated," he said. "Nothing can be compared to Nazi crimes, certainly not Premier Shimon Peres. But, then again, they haven't done away with the Hezbollah, have they?"

It is not clear how many Arab residents in Israel agree with Hezbollah. Israeli shelling of a U.N. base in southern Lebanon killed at least 75 Lebanese refugees, and this type of incident has, beyond doubt, shaken Israeli Arab support for the Labor party. These events could have a profound impact on the race for prime minister.

"Many Arabs believe that Peres should be punished," said Meretz activist Najib Abu-Rakia. "He cannot take our support for granted. Many of us believe that he can regain our support only once we see him again protesting Israeli violence, at Rabin Square in Tel Aviv — as head of the opposition."

Members of the group, which had gathered here to share views, had feelings of genuine sadness over the unnecessary loss of life in Lebanon, and frustration over the impotence of Israel's Arabs to influence the course of events in Lebanon.

"The mourning is in the heart, even if there are no black flags on top of the buildings," said Jalal Abu-Tuameh, mayor of Baka el-Gharbiya.

For Israeli Arab parties competing in the Jewish state's May 29 national elections, events in Lebanon have provided added ammunition for their efforts to expand their parliamentary representation.

Some 440,000 registered Israeli Arab voters have the potential to elect 14 members of Knesset. Only five seats in the Knesset area currently held by Arab parties — Hadash and the Arab Democratic Party.

Hadash, which recently forged a partnership with the National Democratic Coalition, has adopted a militant approach, terming last week's shelling of the U.N. base the "Sabra and Shatila of the Peres government," in reference to the massacre by Christian militias of Palestinians in Beirut refugee camps during the 1982 war in Lebanon.

The National Democratic Coalition branded Peres a "war

criminal" and demanded that he be brought before the international tribunal in The Hague.

A day after the shelling of the U.N. base, a committee of Israeli Arab political leaders, including Knesset members and mayors, decided not to meet with Peres until the conflict on their Israeli-Lebanese border ended.

At their own meeting, they declared a general strike and two days of mourning by Israel's Arab community.

When the strike took place, resentment against the Peres government boiled over, particularly in Nazareth, where Arab youths clashed with Israeli police, and several were arrested.

Growing resentment made it possible that the support of Israel's Arabs for the Peres government was about to vanish entirely.

The National Democratic Coalition has urged its supporters to boycott the voting for prime minister, though it was perfectly clear that this could mean a victory for Likud candidate Benjamin Netanyahu.

Until recently, it was assumed that the Zionist parties, notably Labor and Meretz, would absorb about half the Arab votes and that virtually all the Arab voters would support Peres for the premiership.

Abu-Rakia of Meretz has estimated that on election day, 25 percent of Arab voters would

cast a blank ballot for the premier.

Asked whether he would boycott the voting for prime minister, Abu-Rakia hesitated for a moment, then said: "I don't know, I am confused."

Even if the Arab parties can draw votes away from Labor and Meretz in the voting for the Knesset, which takes place separately from the ballot for prime minister, they still have a formidable barrier to overcome to achieve the goal of expanding their own Knesset representation.

With several Arab parties in the running, there are just too many contenders for any one to win a significant number of parliamentary seats.

Some of them recently merged in an effort to strengthen their chances at the polls.

There are hardly any ideological distinctions between the various parties: All stress equal rights for Israel's Arab citizens, and demand the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Wadie Abu-Nasser, a political scientist at Tel Aviv University, believes that despite current resentments, 40 percent of Israeli Arabs will nonetheless vote for the Labor Party in the Knesset balloting and that at least 80 percent will support Peres for the premiership.

If they do not, there is a good chance that Netanyahu and the Likud will win come May 29.

Labor May Bend

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's labor party has approved a platform that no longer rules out the creation of a Palestinian state.

Voting recently to change the party's 1992 platform, which

expressly opposed Palestinian statehood, party members also withdrew a 1992 plank that the Golan Heights is crucial for Israel's security, even in a time of peace.

Elections in Israel and U.S. Take Center Stage at AIPAC Conference

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Farley Weiss sat in his seat at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual policy conference and cringed when President Clinton spoke glowingly of Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

"His clear endorsement of Peres was outrageous," said

Weiss, a pro-Likud activist from Phoenix. "Clinton should not be so involved in internal Israeli politics."

Weiss clearly had a minority view of the president's speech.

Clinton received thunderous applause when he addressed the more than 2,000 delegates gathered for the pro-Israel lobby's annual conference.

Agreeing on ABCs of Terrorism Control

U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry and Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who also carries the title of defense minister, have announced a cooperative program that will provide Israel with virtually immediate warning of any missile firings.

Peres and President Bill Clinton signed a terrorism accord April 30 that will:

- expand the sharing of intelligence;
- exchange counterterrorism experts;
- provide for the extradition of known terrorists;
- enable the sharing of technology to combat terrorism; and
- establish a joint committee on counterterrorism.

Israeli Comptroller Criticizes IDF, Religious Affairs Ministry, Road Safety Council

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli State Comptroller's Office has issued its annual report assessing the successes and shortcomings of government and government-related bureaus.

Among the ministries and institutions that were sharply criticized in the report were the army, the Religious Affairs Ministry and the authorities responsible for road safety.

Regarding the army, the report found that between 1992 and 1995, the number of reserve soldiers who failed to show up for duty rose by 54 percent, while desertions rose by 14 percent.

The report also noted a drop in the motivation of reserve combat soldiers to fulfill their military duties.

A spokesman for the Israel Defense Force said the IDF's manpower division was already dealing with the issues before the report was published.

Reporting on the Religious Affairs Ministry, the State Comptroller's Office questioned what it called political appoint-

ments of staff members.

Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet countered that the staff members in question had been hired to help with the reforms the office has implemented.

The Likud Knesset faction responded to the report by calling for Shetreet's immediate resignation.

In last year's report, the Comptroller's Office was also critical of the Religious Affairs Ministry, saying that it had failed to allocate public funds, earmarked for religious learning institutions, in a fair manner.

Regarding road safety, the report called for a re-evaluation of the role of the National Council for Prevention of Road Accidents, noting that its activities have dropped in recent years, while road casualties have risen.

One-third of the country's new roads are of substandard quality and will only last two to five years, as opposed to the expected 20 years, the report added.



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OBITUARIES

ALAN HOROWITZ

WARWICK — Alan Horowitz, 58, of 123 Glen Brook Rd., vice president of sales at RIS, a division of Mass Cash in Warwick for seven years, died May 4 at home. He was the husband of Toby (Elsenberg) Horowitz.

Born in the Bronx, a son of the late Harry Horowitz and Esther (Blum) Horowitz-Joskow, he moved to Warwick 27 years ago.

Horowitz was a former vice president of Temple Am David. He had been a vice president of the temple's Men's Club and a former chairman of its blood bank. He was cited for his service to Temple Am David by the City of Warwick.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Stuart Horowitz, and a daughter, Cheryl Horowitz, both of Providence; and a sister, Carolyn Austin of Mount Sinai, N.Y.

The funeral service was held May 6 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

BESSIE LIPSON

WARWICK — Bessie Lipson, 95, of Pocono Drive, died May 2, in the Pawtucket Village Nursing Home. She was the widow of Louis Lipson.

Born in Attleboro, a daughter of the late Morris and Nellie (Livingston) Sholes, she lived in Pawtucket before moving to Warwick 45 years ago.

Lipson was a graduate of the former Bryant Stratton College, Providence. She served on the Red Cross Motor Corps during World War II. She was past president of Ladies Aid/Hadassah of Pawtucket and vice president of the Rhode Island Congress of the PTA.

She was previously a member of Temple Emmanuel and most recently a member of Temple Beth-El and its sisterhood. She established education scholarship funds in the Life Member Group of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs and the Providence Hebrew Day School.

She was a life member of the following: Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society, Hadassah and the Women's Associations of the Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged. She

was a former officer of the Council of Jewish Women and a member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and the Chopin Club.

She leaves a daughter, Janet L. Friedman and a son, Edward H. Lipson, both of Warwick; a brother, Leonard Sholes of Cranston; two sisters, Evelyn Kagan of Quincy, Mass., and Alyce Guthart of West Hartford, Conn.; her grandchildren, Judith Rubin, Susan Bander, Robert Friedman, and William Friedman; her great-grandchildren, Meredith Friedman, Alexander Friedman, David Friedman, Michael Friedman, Adam Bander, Gregory Bander and Zachary Rubin. She was the sister of the late Bertha Aron, Esther Harris and Sampson Sholes.

The funeral was held on May 5 at Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

HARRIETTE EVA MYERS

PROVIDENCE — Harriette Eva Myers, 84, of 111 Elton St., president of North American Shoe Co. in East Providence, died May 4 at home. She was the widow of Reuben Myers.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Isaac and Fannie (Muck) Weinstein, she moved to Providence 75 years ago. She was a summer resident of Narragansett for 20 years.

Myers was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood.

She leaves a son, Myron Myers of Potomac, Md.; a daughter, Gayle Sock of East Greenwich; a brother, Alvin Weinstein in Florida; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held May 6 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

'We Cannot... Hasten Death'

Euthanasia — or any form of assisted suicide in the case of terminally ill patients as recently enacted by the state of New York — is not permitted under tradi-

Hartford's Jewish Cemeteries Recorded

by Susan Stoppelman

Connecticut Jewish Ledger
WEST HARTFORD (JTA) — Louis Goldfarb says genealogy is habit-forming.

A few years ago, he and Ed Cohen, both members of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Connecticut, set out to research their family trees for themselves as well as for future generations of their families.

They began by visiting the graves of their relatives, gathering names and dates from sometimes old and worn gravestones.

But after seeing the wealth of information contained on Jewish gravestones across the state, the two began collecting information from every Jewish cemetery they visited.

They now have a database of information from 45,000 Jewish graves in Connecticut, and have published *Jewish Cemeteries of Hartford, Connecticut: The Cohen/Goldfarb Collection*.

In this first volume, Cohen and Goldfarb have listed material from 50 Hartford cemeteries. They plan to publish four more volumes, using the statewide information they gathered.

Cohen, who estimated that there are 70,000 Jewish gravestones in the state, said the two hope that their work will be useful, especially to people researching their genealogy.

"By publishing this book, the names will be alive again," Cohen said. "People will know they existed and remember them. People won't be forgotten. This is another way to perpetuate our families and the Jewish people — a way of saying thanks to them."

The process Cohen and Goldfarb undertook to collect information from the gravestones often painstaking, sometimes requiring several visits to a single location at different times of day, so that changing shadows from

the sun would help them read the worn engravings.

Sometimes a little snow — or even shaving cream — rubbed onto a stone would settle into the etchings and clarify the letters. They did not use the more widely known technique of stone rubbings to transfer impressions to paper, because this method sometimes damages the stone.

Cohen said older stones had much more information than contemporary ones, even though they were engraved by hand. Older stones often carry both the English and Hebrew birth and death dates, the father's name and sometimes, even a poem or acrostic about the deceased.

Illustrations also were more prevalent among the older stones, with the traditional symbols of ten indicating the appropriate tribe, such as hands for Kohanim. The tombstones of deceased children often depict broken trees.

From the early 1900s to the 1930s, people often embedded pictures of

evil eye on his tombstone and many have been afraid."

Goldfarb and Cohen discovered some interesting stories through their research because dates on stones often lead to death certificates at the town hall, or even newspaper obituaries.

Through census records, Goldfarb discovered some relatives in California who had no idea they had family in Connecticut. The census data showed that one of the California kin had lived with his family in Connecticut for a time.

Cohen confirmed a family legend and filled in some dramatic details when he uncovered a 1903 newspaper account of a house fire that trapped and killed one of his aunts. She had been cooking dinner when a spark ignited her clothing.

A man from the Waterbury ice company tried to throw the burning stove out of the window but he dropped it, forcing gas to jump out at them.

The man jumped to safety, but Cohen's aunt was not so lucky.

When she realized that she was going to die from her burns, she asked for mercy on her soon-to-be motherless children.

"They don't write newspaper accounts like that anymore," Cohen said.

Through the research, Cohen and Goldfarb also learned about a small cemetery that disappeared in Portland, Connecticut.

When Cohen visited a small, hard-to-find plot of land there, he learned that all the bodies that had been buried there had been relocated and the gravestones stolen.

It turns out that at the turn of the century, a small company nearby had hired coppersmiths from "the old country," including several Jews. The company took the responsibility of burying the nine Jews who died while in their employ.

But when it was learned that the company did not have clear title to the land, the caskets were dug up and reinterred in Moodus, Middletown, Colchester and other nearby towns.

Cohen and Goldfarb are now amassing an even larger database, with related maps, indicating the location of every Jewish burial plot in the state, and including as much information as possible on the person buried in each plot.

Information from Jewish graves in army cemeteries and other non-Jewish locations also is included.

"People will know they existed and remember them. People won't be forgotten. This is another way to perpetuate our families and the Jewish people — a way of saying thanks to them."

Ed Cohen

the deceased in the tombstones. Goldfarb said most of the pictures where his great-grandfather is buried are now broken.

"My great-grandfather's picture is in surprisingly good condition, though," he said. "People may have thought he had the

"While we may refrain from undertaking extraordinary measures, we cannot take active steps to hasten death," Rackover said in a lecture titled, "Human Rights vs. Human Values: A Jewish Law Perspective on Human Dignity, Protection of Life and Privacy."

Under current Israeli legislation, for example: a person who assists another in dire straits is entitled to compensation from the victim for any expenses incurred in the course of the rescue. U.S. law has no such a provision.

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Jewish Healing — An Old Discipline Revisited

by Kim Miller
Brandeis University

There is more to healing than medicine and science, according to Rabbi Meir Sender, who together with Jewish oncologist Melvin A. Krant will tell you it's also "a major way in which G-d shows himself to the world."

Krant, an adjunct professor at Brandeis University and lecturer at Harvard Medical School, met Sender when he found himself pondering the question, "How do the Jews heal themselves?"

Krant had looked around at the explosion in alternative medicine, Pentecostalism, and charismatic Christian healing. Sender helped to satisfy Krant's curiosity about Jewish healing, which is itself garnering increased interest nationally.

"The budding Jewish healing movement answers a popular desire to see the concrete impact of spiritual life," said Sender.

In addition to being an expert in Jewish medical ethics, Sender is an Orthodox rabbi at Young Israel in Sharon and holds a doctorate in medieval Jewish history from Harvard. Together this spring, Sender and Krant taught what is believed to be a first-of-its kind course, in the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies department at Brandeis, called Judaism and Healing.

The Sender/Krant course strikes a balance between the scientific knowledge of the mind/body relation and the text-rooted tradition of healing from Jewish history to the present.

From contemporary medical philosophies to Jewish law, ethics and mysticism, "Judaism and

Healing" explores a new frontier of an old discipline revisited — Jewish healing.

"Modern medicine is not devoid of religious content," said Krant. "Neuropsychology, the study of the mind/body relationship, has come strong onto the cancer scene. Medicine and the notion of healing is an interdisciplinary study combining science, law, ethics and spirituality."

The course material ranges from contemporary medical philosophies to Jewish law, ethics and mysticism, covering such topics as shamanism, the mind/body connection, placebo effect, meditation and visualization of the Jewish mystics, Jewish theology and the obligation to heal, and a study of biblical texts with an historic perspective on methods of healing and the role of G-d in the healing process.

"The tradition of healing predates Hasidism (an earlier branch of Judaism), and goes back to the Bible itself," said Sender.

Krant and Sender illustrate that tradition with examples in biblical texts and ancient prophets, and rabbis that performed healing techniques on the sick.

According to Krant and Sender, the "new age" healing techniques in alternative medicine, including visualization, religious meditation and prayer, are finally being recognized by many medical professionals.

"The trend towards alternative medicine is filling in the spaces of modern medicine and the emptiness a patient feels in spiritual and emotional issues that medicine does not address in the healing process and the

fight against disease," said Sender. "Healing and health is a concrete expression of putting spiritual awareness to practical use."

The doctor and rabbi agree that people are once again looking for the warmth and support of community in dealing with illness.

"Community involvement in aiding and visiting the sick is a Jewish commandment," said Sender.

While community support and spiritual meditation play a large role in the healing process and psychological well-being of a patient, the course does not advocate a denial of modern medicine. The trend in Jewish healing, as they explain, "fills in the void for emotional wellness that modern medicine does not really focus on, and a religious community is a natural place for this support."

According to Krant, "Brandeis seemed to be a natural place for this type of course. The longstanding historical connection and high level of consciousness made Brandeis the perfect platform to be open to this type of learning."

Approximately 20 students enrolled in the class this semester, among them undergraduates majoring in near Eastern and Judaic Studies, students interested in public health, and graduate students in Judaic studies.

Three professionals in the field audited the class.

When they teach the course again next year, Krant and Sender hope to broaden its objectives to appeal to the large number of pre-med students at Brandeis.

63-Year-Old to Attend Rabbinical College

George Driesen, who just retired as a partner in a Washington, D.C.'s law firm, won't be spending his "golden years" traveling, sitting on a beach or playing chess.

Instead, the 63-year-old Driesen will spend the next five years at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pa., in order to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a Reconstructionist rabbi.

Driesen commutes from his Chevy Chase, Md., home to suburban Philadelphia to study classic Hebrew and Aramaic texts, Jewish history and civilization, to discuss ethical and philosophical issues, and to participate in rabbinic internship programs that provide firsthand experience in his chosen profession.

He is the oldest of the 75 students at the college, and one of the oldest ever to begin training for the rabbinate anywhere.

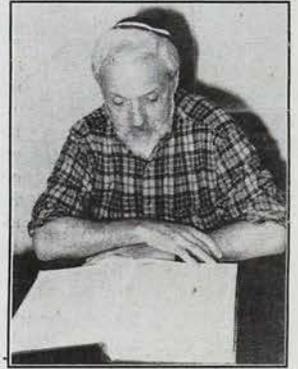
Though new to the college, Driesen is not new to Reconstructionism. He succeeded his father Irving Driesen, a founder of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, as a member of the board of governors where the "younger" Driesen has served for the past 11 years. Driesen said he wanted to become a student at the college from the day he began his board service.

Before his retirement, Driesen specialized in labor law and employee benefits. Driesen graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College, studied for a year at the Jewish Theological Seminary, served in the Army, and worked as a securities analyst before going to Yale Law School, where he graduated with honors. Driesen's long legal career included both government service and private practice.

He taught public sector labor law and Supreme Court labor litigation part-time at Yale, University of Virginia, Georgetown

and George Washington University Law Schools.

Driesen said his wife Sue has supported his career change not only by agreeing to his being gone three days a week and spending most of his waking hours studying, but by pitching in to help him with the practical business of keeping up with his studies.



George Driesen

The Driesens have three married children and two grandchildren.

And how do the students respond to a grandparent in their midst? "They have been simply wonderful to me, inviting me to study in hevruta (pairs) with them, helping me to learn the ropes, giving me practical and academic advice and even providing transportation to get me to class on time. They are as bright, dedicated and informed a group of colleagues as I have come across anywhere," Driesen said.

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Destiny and a Donkey

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

It feels like an early American habit. I pick up a Bible and read a tale from its treasure to myself, and think about it among the minor events of my day.

Remember Balaam, like another Jonah, who tries to take a road away from his rendezvous with destiny?

He rides his patient little burro among the lanes, trot trot. But an angel blocks the path, and only the beast of burden can see it. So Balaam's burro balks, clinging to the walls, squeezing his master's foot against the stones.

"Ouch!" he cries, and takes his staff to his small horse.

The child in me that loved the little seder goat, the kid in us all, likes the animal stories in the Torah. I follow the humble fortune of Balaam's ass with a sad smile. The poor thing just can't defy the angel.

In a flash it gets the miracle of speech, turns its mild head and speaks to Balaam. Something like this: "Haven't I served you well since we've been together? Have I ever defied you before? Why do you strike me? Trust me, I had a reason."

Balaam backs down, and fate takes over once the right messages have been delivered. You cannot escape your way or sneak out on your appointed job.

I like both the literal and the figurative meaning of these passages among my sacred pages.

The story warns us not to abuse animals, to listen to them. It also says, be kind to those who work for you. Beyond the obvious, it suggests, maybe the fellow creature on four feet is already a part of you—your best

instinct, your true nature.

Balaam, like each of us, tries to run away from his true human responsibility, but his selfish will conflicts with his quiet inner voice of duty and good will. We must let go of our ego and go with the heart, the kindly and gentle plodding habits of care and obedience that carry the human enterprise round the cobblestone curve of history.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Professor Barbara Fishman Shows How American Jews Are Depicted in Film

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

According to Professor Barbara Fishman, part of American Jewish life really can be the way it is in the movies.

When Fishman addressed the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association at its annual meeting at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on May 5, she entertained the audience by tracing images of Jews in American films to show how the country's Jewish community has gone from resisting to embracing its own heritage and traditions.

"There has truly been a renewed interest in being Jewish," said Fishman, an assistant professor of contemporary American Jewish life and a senior research associate at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

Fishman kicked off her talk by pointing to the strong assimilationist tendencies in "The Jazz Singer," made in 1927. In the film, protagonist Jackie Rabinowitz becomes a successful entertainer only by turning from his Jewish identity to become Jack Robbins. Only by rejecting his traditional father, a cantor garbed in old-world black who only wants him to sing traditional Jewish melodies, does Robbins secretly en-

ter saloons to sing the jazz that makes him famous.

When Robbins rejects his father's spiritual music, he rejects his father's world.

"At that point in history, Jews did not consider assimilation a bad thing," Fishman explained. "Soon after emigration, Jews believed that the only way they could become real Americans was to look, dress and be educated like real Americans."

Alternately, in 1992, when Melanie Griffith starred in "A Stranger Among Us," she entered a Lubavitch community in Williamsburg and embraced the tradition she found there.

As Emily, a female cop who enters the enclave to solve a murder, Griffith slips out of her micro-mini to don the modest clothes of a Ba'at Teshuva, or a person who has elected to become an observant Jew.

When Emily enters a household that is sitting shiva in its stocking feet with draperies covering the mirror, she is impressed by the way these observant Jews care about each other. Driven to despair by her new and Jewishly derived understanding of the family warmth that is missing in her own life, Emily, a blonde and shapely gentile goddess, is drawn to a religious Jewish man who rejects her.

"The characters no longer



MEMBERS OF THE RIJHA with speaker Professor Sylvia Fishman on May 5. Pictured from left: Judith Cohen, editor of RIJHA Notes; Fishman, Eleanor Horvitz, librarian/archivist; Anne Sherman, office manager.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan

want to assimilate," Fishman explained. "By the 1990s, Jews and other ethnic groups have become fascinated by their own cultural heritage and traditions."

This sharp shift toward cultural identity may be seen by examining the entertainment of the 1970s, Fishman said.

In 1971, Sholom Aleichm's "Fiddler on the Roof" stunned American moviegoers.

"The original character of Tevye has been marketed toward a distinctly American audience," Fishman said. "Stick a cigar in his mouth, and he could entertain in the Catskills."

Fishman also pointed to Barbra Streisand as Katie in the

1973 "The Way We Were." As the passionate, socialistic Katie, Streisand shows the American public another American Jewish persona, one who tries to save the world.

Katie, said Fishman, represented a dramatic change from the nagging Sophie Portnoy who drove her son Alex insane in "Portnoy's Complaint" during the 1950s.

"Katie is not an overbearing mother or a JAP," said Fishman.

Fishman paid tribute to Woody Allen, saying that he had put his finger on American Jewish life in a way that no one else ever had.

"Annie Hall is semi-inarticulate

and genetically blonde," Fishman said. "She eats lobsters and has an anti-Semitic grandmother."

Fishman ended her talk about embracing traditional values in Jewish American film by pointing to "Crossing Delancey."

In "Crossing Delancey," Amy Irving is Izzy, a New York City uptown snob whose grandmother finds her a wonderful man and a better life by going through a matchmaker.

"Her bubby has to trick and manipulate her, but she gets the right man," Fishman said. "It's part of the complex heritage of the American Jews. Once they have assimilated, it becomes time to sing another tune."

RIJHA Chooses Officers

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

Herbert Rosen, chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association announced at the association's annual meeting May 5 that the following individuals will serve one-year terms as officers:

President — Aaron Cohen; 1st Vice President — Eugene Weinberg; 2nd Vice President — Robert Berkelhammer; Secretary — Sylvia Factor; Treasurer — Jack Fradin.

The following individuals will

serve two-year terms as members of the Executive Committee:

Kenneth Abrams; Charlotte Penn; Herbert Brown; Dr. Alfred Jaffe; Anita Fine and George Goodwin.

Milton Lewis will serve a one-year term on the Executive Committee.

Individuals were appointed to the following positions:

Assistant Treasurer — Herbert Rosen; Assistant Secretary — Lillian Schwartz.

Dr. Mel Topf and James Goldsmith will serve on the Executive Committee for one year.

'Mitzvah Day' A Huge Success

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

Julia Leavitt, a kindergartner at Temple Beth-El in Providence, enjoyed sprucing up the paths at the Roger Williams Park Zoo on May 5 despite the hard work involved.

"It made me feel wonderful and good," Leavitt said about

the raking and sweeping she did as a participant in the Beth-El Social Action Committee's third annual Mitzvah Day.

"Mitzvah" is the Hebrew word for a blessing or a kind deed, and a group of about 80 Beth-El Sunday School students, their family members and members of the Social Action Committee did good deeds at 22 different sites across Providence.

On the balmy spring day, some went to Traveler's Aid, where they made sandwiches to feed the homeless. Others went to Boys and Girls clubs across the state to do outdoor work, such as picking up broken bottles and doing heavy yard work.

Some participants sang to the elderly at a nursing home, some made gifts for volunteers at South Providence Neighborhood Ministries, some donated blood for the Rhode Island Blood Center Blood Drive and still others participated in different charitable activities.

Temple Beth-El Assistant Rabbi

Michael Cahana described Mitzvah Day as an opportunity for students and congregants alike to apply the concept of charity that is taught in the religious school throughout the year.

"A mitzvah is the act of giving of yourself to help others," Cahana said. "It's one thing to talk about mitzvot, and another thing to actually do it. Doing it is far more important."

Social Action Committee member Rich Rose described Social Action Day as a great success.

"I can say that without any reservations or qualifications," Rose said.

In just three years, with guidance from event organizer Barbara Walker, the Social Action Committee has transformed Social Action Day from a small event that started with one site and about 16 committee member volunteers to a temple-wide event.

"Every temple member was notified in the mail," Rose said.

The Social Action Committee was ready to handle the large number of volunteers, for members have spent six months preparing for the day.

Preparation included site selection, creating registration forms, organizing logistics, and more.

"All the work was worthwhile," Rose said. "The volunteers were just terrific."



JULIA LEAVITT of Pawtucket holds the rake she used on Temple Beth-El's Mitzvah Day on the temple grounds.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

JWV Announces Contest

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA invites school students to participate in a poster contest which honors Americans of the Jewish faith who have served in this country in the armed forces.

The theme of the contest is Jewish American Patriots. Through poster designs youngsters are being asked to create an expression of Jewish American patriotism in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

The entry must be on paper no larger than 20"x24", in any medium, such as watercolor, crayon, pencil, oil paint or multimedia, such as collage.

The contest will be divided

into three levels: ages 5 to 8; 9 to 12; and 13 to 16. Grand prize winners in each category will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond.

The top 12 posters will be published in *The Jewish Veteran*, the national publication of JWV, and displayed at JWV's 100th Anniversary Convention to be held in our nation's capital in November 1996.

All entries must be mailed to: JWV 100th Anniversary Poster Contest, 1811 R St., NW, Washington, DC 20009. Entries must be received by July 1.

For further information, contact the JWV Centennial Department at (202) 265-6280.

Hadassah Plans Bus Trip

The public is invited to join Rhode Island Hadassah on May 29 for a unique experience.

Chairwomen Goldie Greene and Fran Sadler will lead a trip to West Hartford to see "From the Ends of the Earth: Judaic Treasures of the Library of Congress." Many items in this rare Judaica collection are on public display for the first time.

The trip also includes lunch

at the 1877 Club and a tour of Congregation Beth Israel, the oldest congregation in Connecticut. If weather permits, a surprise visit will complete this venture into Jewish life.

A \$36 charge includes transportation, lunch, and entrance fees. If you wish to participate, call Goldie Greene at 738-6956 to reserve your place.



Celebrating the Arts

These were just a few of the dozens of artworks made by 170 children at Temple Torat Yisrael recently, to be sold to benefit Jerusalem 3000.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Parenting As A Spiritual Journey

Rabbi Nancy Fuchs, authors of *Our Share of Night, Our Share of Morning: Parenting as a Spiritual Journey*, will be the featured speaker at a special program at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro, May 17, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

The evening will begin with a pot luck dinner, followed by a short Kabbalat Shabbat service especially for young children. Child care will be provided following the service during Fuchs' presentation on spirituality and parenting.

In her new book, Fuchs explores how children provide a crash course in love, forgiveness, grace and mystery. Through interviews with parents, Fuch discovers that, amid elation and exhaustion, parenting is a spiritual path that "raises" the souls of both parent and child in often unexpected ways.

Fuchs is the director of the

religious studies program at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia and the mother of two children. Her presentation promises to enlighten parents, prospective parents, grandparents and all who view

parenting as a sacred task.

All are welcome to attend this special program. Contact Congregation Agudas Achim at (508) 222-2243 for further information.

Benjamin Abraham Safferson

Alan Safferson welcomed home his baby brother, Ben, who was born March 26 at Fairfax Hospital, Fairfax, Va.

Benjamin is the son of Paul and Rivka (Hyatt) Safferson of Oakton, Va.

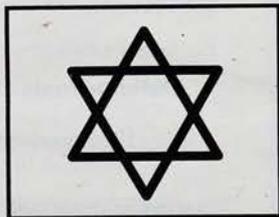
Maternal grandparents are Abraham and Rachel Hyatt of Brookline, Mass., and his paternal grandparents are Nat and Sylvia Safferson of Warwick, R.I.

Benjamin is named in honor of his maternal great-grandmother and paternal great-great-grandfather. The name Abraham honors Benjamin's maternal grandfather.

Daniel Joseph Moverman

Dr. and Mrs. David Moverman of Taunton, Mass., announce the birth of a son, Daniel Joseph, on Jan. 2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Moverman of Warwick, R.I., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swisa of Migdal H'emek, Israel.



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It's essential to protect yourself from skin cancers caused by overexposure to the sun's rays. A good protective measure is to make regular screenings part of regular skin care regimen.

The Miriam Hospital in Providence has scheduled four evenings of free skin cancer screenings, from May 13 to 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the hospital's Fain Health Centers.

A primary cause of skin cancer is overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet radiation. Fair-skinned people who work outdoors are particularly vulnerable. If there is a history of skin cancer in your family, or if you

suffer from any genetic disease (such as albinism) that makes exposure to sunlight discomforting, you are at higher risk.

When detected and treated in time, at least 90 percent of skin cancers are curable.

Limit unprotected exposure to the sun, and apply a protective sunscreen regularly during any outdoor activity, and have a skin check-up.

Appointments for the free screenings are required, and available by calling the Lifespan Health Connection at 444-4800, or toll-free at (800) 927-1230.

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Get Your Medication Checked

Are you taking more than one pill? Do you need to know how it affects another? How do you talk to your health care provider about prescriptions?

In association with the University of Rhode Island's School of Pharmacy and their Brown Bag Prescription Project, the Comprehensive Adult Day Center is offering the community an opportunity to discuss their medications with a registered pharmacist.



The pharmacist will check your medications for possible drug interactions, inappropriate dosages, and proper times for taking your medications.

The free community service will be held at the Comprehensive Adult Day Center, 99 Hillside Ave., Providence, on May 15.

Appointments will be held between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 351-2440 to schedule an appointment.

How 'EQ' Can Change Your Life

Noted psychologist and author Daniel Goleman, Ph.D., will discuss his groundbreaking theory of emotional intelligence, or "EQ," on May 13 at the Knight Campus, Community College of Rhode Island.

On the New York Times Bestseller List since its publication last fall, Goleman's book, *Emotional Intelligence* discusses the importance of developing emotional competency to help achieve future success both individually and collectively.

According to Goleman, a person of modest IQ can do extremely well in relationships

and at the workplace, often surpassing someone of high IQ. The difference is emotional competency. Goleman includes self-awareness, emotional management, self-motivation and empathy as the hallmarks of "EQ."

He believes that high emotional competency can avert problems like violence in the schools, divorce, failure in the workplace and even physical health problems.

To register, call 726-2285. Seating is limited. The program will begin at 8:45 a.m. There is a \$15 registration fee.

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CCRI Organizations Sponsor Mental Health Conference

The Community College of Rhode Island's Knight Campus student government and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society are hosting a mental health conference on May 14, from noon to 5 p.m. at the college's Warwick campus.

"Beyond the System: Building Community Partnerships for Persons with Mental Illnesses" is being sponsored by the CCRI groups along with the Mental Health Association of R.I., the

Alliance for the Mentally Ill of R.I. and Compeer at the Kent County Mental Health Center.

The conference will answer questions about the mental health system and discuss services that can be assessed. Participants will be able to learn what happens outside the formal mental health system.

For more information, call Laure Turn at 726-2285; Bill Emmet at 331-3060; or Valerie Topp at 738-4300, ext. 233.



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HEALTHWISE

Complex Genetic Disorder Is Being Tracked Down

by Christine Stutz
Baltimore Jewish Times

BALTIMORE (JTA) — To the untrained eye, there is nothing unusual about children with Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome. Yet as many as 40 different symptoms are associated with it, ranging from cleft palate to heart defects to learning disabilities.

This little-known genetic disorder, which is as common as Down Syndrome, is just beginning to be diagnosed by American doctors. Adults are even discovering that they have VCFS after learning that their children have the syndrome.

It occurs in the general population about once in every 2,000 people, and apparently follows the same rate of occurrence in the Jewish community.

Dr. Robert Shprintzen and his colleagues at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, have spent the past 20 years studying the syndrome and are considered the foremost experts in the world on VCFS.

The disorder has come to be known as Shprintzen Syndrome because of his pioneering research.

VCFS patients have a tendency to have a variety of psychiatric problems, including attention-deficit disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and bipolar affective disorder, commonly known as manic depression.

This discovery is exciting, Shprintzen said, because it represents "the very first, very hard link between a known genetic

disorder and psychiatric illness."

Although VCFS has been around for generations, it was a little-known syndrome because most children born with it died in infancy, he said.

Now that their life-threatening heart and breathing problems are being corrected surgically, he said, VCFS patients are living longer and coming to the attention of the medical community.

VCFS is unique, he said, in the number of abnormalities associated with it and in the range of severity of those symptoms. Because so many of the symptoms are mild and because many are detectable only through X-rays and ultrasound, it is a difficult syndrome to identify.

Diane Holland's 7-year-old daughter has VCFS. Although she did not have heart problems or an obvious cleft palate, Christina was sick with colds and sinus infections for most of her infancy, and routinely spit formula out of her nose after feedings.

She has speech problems and a short attention span. It was not until last year that any professional even suggested VCFS as a possibility. The diagnosis was confirmed through genetic testing.

"I didn't want this answer, but I'm relieved that I have an answer," Holland said. "You expect your pediatrician to know everything. We had been to lots of specialists, but nobody ever breathed a clue of this."

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The walk is a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) pledge walk, and Rhode Island's largest pledge event.

Its route winds through Providence neighborhoods and business districts: historic and modern, lively and di-

verse. Along the route are streets and intersections festooned with banners; balloons; water stops; and a variety of performing artists and entertainment. Walkers returning to India Point Park will find a post-walk celebration with snacks and a concert.

Volunteers are needed to participate in Walk for Life preparation, planning, operation, and cleanup efforts. To register for the walk, form a team, or volunteer in any capacity, call the project's walk line at any hour: 831-5595.

Slim Down for Summer

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island will sponsor a six-week weight loss and fitness program beginning on May 22 and concluding on June 26.

The program, entitled "Slim Down For Summer," will be held Wednesdays from 5 to 6:15 p.m. in the hospital's Sayles I Conference Room.

The fee for this class, which

includes all written materials, food samples, and body-fat analyses, is \$64.

Registration deadline is May 20.

The class will be limited to 25 participants.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Rabbi Small Goes Astray

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Harry Kemelman is known for his Rabbi Small mysteries.

To quote the *New York Times*, "A rousing toast should welcome the advent of Rabbi David Small... a master of detective disputation." The *Chicago Tribune* said, "Kemelman may be America's finest living creator of the good-old puzzler of a detective story." The Associated Press said, "When Rabbi David Small finally pins down a killer, the reader's only regret is that it's all over."

Several local rabbis, whose literary judgment I trust, have told me he's one of their favorite authors.

So how come I was so disappointed — irritated, even — by his latest book, *That Day the Rabbi Left Town* (published by Fawcett Columbine).

Although this book is a mystery, you don't have even a hint of a crime until you get to page 155, in a book 245 pages long.

The earlier pages are filled with: a monologue on what's wrong with college education

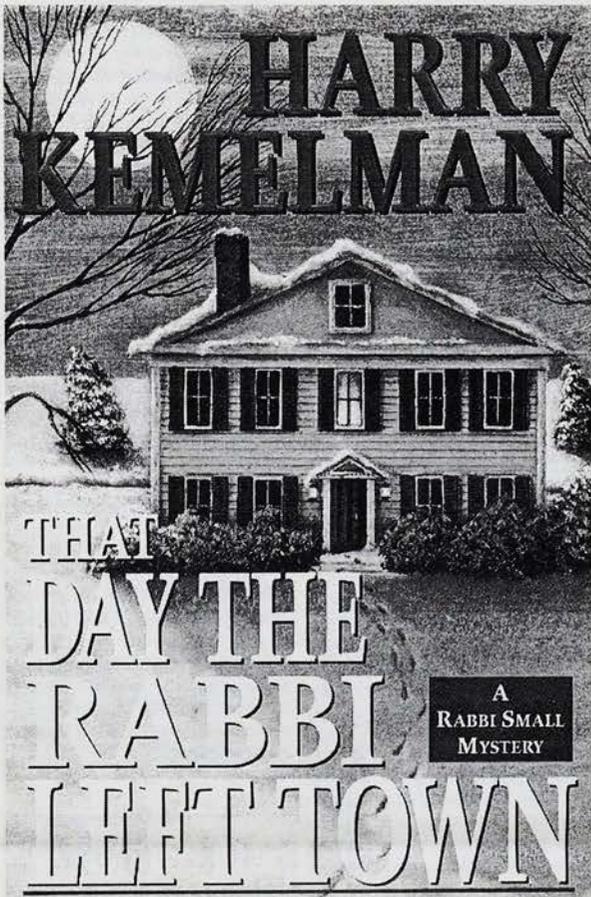
today on page 6; three or four repetitive descriptions of the same piece of real estate, where, eventually, the crime(?) takes place; a three-page dissertation on the history of Judaism starting on page 72; a long, out-of-the-blue flashback in Chapter 14, which leaves the reader in the dark for several pages.

There's nothing wrong with dissertations on subjects dear to the heart of the detective figure in a mystery, as long as they have some bearing on the plot, and will matter, later.

There's nothing wrong with flashback, except that sometimes, as is true here, it is clumsy, and frequently the same information could be given in small, more digestible chunks as the story unfolds.

So, in spite of the critics' rave reviews of Kemelman's work in general, in spite of an overwhelming feeling that I'm desecrating what is practically a more literary shrine, I have to say, give this one a miss.

You should have no trouble picking up one of Kemelman's earlier books — the ones the raves were based upon: *Sunday the Rabbi Stayed Home*, Monday *the Rabbi Took Off*, Tuesday *the Rabbi Saw Red*, Wednesday *the Rabbi Got Wet* and so on.



RIC Presents Art Show

The Department of Art at Rhode Island College will present its annual exhibition of works by graduating bachelor of arts and bachelor of fine arts seniors on May 9 to 18 in Bannister Gallery in the RIC Art Center.

Exhibit opening is May 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The exhibit will feature artworks from all department concentrations including ceramics, fibers, metals, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

A related event on May 15 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. will be a gallery talk, "Art and the Real World," by David M. Spat, co-author of *The Artist's Friendly Legal Guide* and adjunct faculty member at Fisher College in Massachusetts.

Regular gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 456-9765.

Art Show in Wickford

The works of three Wickford Art Association artist members, Adele Gizzarelli, Providence, Phyllis Sheehan, Wickford, and Dorothy Fox, Pawtucket, will be on display at the Wickford Art Association Gallery from May 10 to 23.

The Wickford Art Association Gallery is located at 36 Beach St., Wickford. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday (closed Mondays). The gallery is handicapped accessible; shows are free and open to the public.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Magic Marks on Paper

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

To take a heavy piece of white paper, some water, a brush or two, and a handful of tubes of paint, and combine them to form a window view of the English countryside is the magic called art.

To do it so that the viewer, looking into a painted area about 8"x10", feels as if he could step right through that paper and walk across a misty field and into a neighboring farmhouse, that's art of a high order, a combination of magic and hypnotism.

Lori Surdut Weinberg, is exhibiting her watercolors and oil pastels at Gallery 401, at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island on Elmgrove Avenue, from now until May 22.

If you can visit the gallery for 20 minutes, I strongly urge you to do so.

There are big, tender, lush paintings of irises, waterlilies and other flowers. There are scenes of Jerusalem. There are French market scenes (my favorite features a most charming

pink pig, and I hope that tone does not sell, but remains with Lori so I can see it again, from time to time).

There are beach still lifes done on rice paper that invite slow, peaceful contemplation... the subtleties of color and texture reveal themselves only with time and attention.

I could say a lot about Weinberg's credentials — her degrees from Rhode Island School of Design where she now teaches, and her one-women shows at distinguished galler-

ies up and down the East Coast, her contributions to art magazines, etc. But the reason you might want to buy a Weinberg will have nothing to do with Weinberg's history, and everything to do with the painting that appealed greatly to the artist in you.

The paintings are all framed with museum quality materials. If you want to invest in one, visit the gallery soon. The crowd at the reception on May 5 appeared to be in a buying mood.



Lori Surdut Weinberg
Herald photo by Alison Smith

Learn About Calligraphy

Calligraphy, the art of beautiful writing, will be the topic of discussion at the May meeting of the Wickford Art Association. WAA member Sharon Eisman, a practicing calligrapher for more than 20 years, will demonstrate the tools and methods used in this decorative writing style.

The meeting is scheduled for May 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Wickford Art Association Gallery, 36 Beach St. The event is free and open to the public.



Judy Frankel
Photo courtesy of the Striar JCC

Judy Frankel Presents 'Songs of the Sephardim'

On May 11 at 9 p.m. the Striar Jewish Community Center, 445 Central St., Stoughton, Mass., will present Judy Frankel and "Songs of the Sephardim."

Frankel presents authentic Judeo-Spanish music, also known as Ladino music which comes from the Jewish communities of Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria, Greece, Egypt, Rhodes and Salonika as she sings and plays the guitar.

Making her home in San Francisco, she has collected her music and developed her style from extensive travel and contact with original sources of this particular musical heritage. She has appeared in concert across the country and around the world.

Tickets are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Call (617) 341-2016, ext 294. Ask about group rates.

Theatre-By-The-Sea Box Office Opens

The Theatre-By-The-Sea box office will open 10 a.m. on May 13.

To accommodate patrons on the ticket line (a line that often extends far beyond the theatre's gardens) the producers will offer donuts and coffee to make the waiting more pleasurable.

Tickets will be available for all five of the season's shows:

May 29 to June 16 — Barbara Eden (TV's "Jeannie") in the glitzy musical "Nite Club Confidential"; June 18 to July 6 — "Little Rhody's Big Burlesque '96"; July 10 to Aug. 4 — "Singin' in the Rain"; Aug. 6 to 25 — "Evita"; Aug. 27 to Sept. 15 — "Late Nite Catechism."

Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$27.

To order by phone after May 13, call 782-8587 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Theatre-By-The-Sea's Children's Festival tickets also go on sale at the box office on May 13.

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SCHOOLBEAT

South County Hebrew School Appoints Ethan Adler

The board of directors of the South County Hebrew School has announced the appointment of Ethan Adler to the position of educational director of the school's programs.

Adler brings many years of experience in Jewish education to this position. Most recently, he has served as the director of the Hebrew school programs at Temple Am David in Warwick, where he provided leadership for the past six years. Adler has also been the spiritual leader at Congregation Beth David in Narragansett, for the past 10

years. As director of South County Hebrew School's educational programs, Adler will continue the efforts of the school in bringing pride in Jewish identity and strength of community to the families in South County.

In welcoming Adler, the school would like to take the opportunity to thank Rabbi Benjamin Lefkowitz for his contributions to the school over the past two years and to wish him well in all of his future endeavors.



Check Out This Stuff

Rebecca Kerzer (left) and Eva Gliberman look over the Israeli goods during Providence Hebrew Day School's Israel Independence Day celebration.

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The Green Sesame Street Gang, a seventh grade advisory group at Alperin Schechter Day School, join advisors Steven Jablow and Colleen Booth in wearing their advisory group T-shirts (green, we presume) with pride.

Schechter Scores in Math League Contests

ASDS Middle School students have performed very well in this year's New England Mathematics League contests.

Judah Jacobson placed second out of all competitors in the state of Rhode Island, and Daniel Sternberg placed third in Rhode Island for individual scores in

the eighth-grade contest.

The sixth-grade team, consisting of Adam Beraha, Anna Cable, Henri Engle, Ari Savitzky and Artem Staviskiy placed fourth in the Providence and Northern Rhode Island region, and seventh in the state of Rhode Island.

Experience the Renaissance

The All Children's Theatre's first annual Renaissance Festival will be an experience of history, theater and fun for everyone.

In collaboration with The Music School, 46 ACT Ensemble members and 23 Music School musicians, will recreate the Towne of York on May 11, 12, 18 and 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. General admission tickets are \$5, tickets for a family of five are \$20.

The ACT Renaissance Festival will present one-act plays including "Maide Marian," "Pyramus/Thisby," and "The Trunke Show." There will be dancing around the maypole, a peasant dance and a court dance. Games of sport and games of challenge will be held for amusement, and hot and cold refreshments will be sold.

For more information, call 331-7174.



Sing Along

At Temple Am David's open house on April 28, Cantor Stanley Rosenfeld led the students of the Eunice Zeidman School in singing a number of songs.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

CCRI to Host Summer Sessions

Community College of Rhode Island will offer more than 200 courses this summer during two, six-week sessions. Credit courses can be taken during part 1, which begins May 20 or part 2, which begins July 1.

A brochure outlining course offerings for the summer session and registration procedures may be obtained through the Office of Admissions and Records at the Knight Campus (825-2125) in Warwick, the Flanagan Campus (333-7097) in Lincoln or the Providence Campus (455-6017).

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Cease-Fire

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wave of four suicide bombings in February and March, has said repeatedly that it will strike again.

Hezbollah has demonstrated dramatically — and contemptuously — that it, too, is by no means crushed, despite 16 days of IDF pounding.

At 3:58 a.m. April 27, precisely two minutes before the cease-fire went into effect, Hezbollah lobbed a Katyusha that went straight through the roof of an apartment in Kiryat Shmona, causing extensive damage.

For Israelis, it is chilling to think that either of these fanatical fundamentalist organizations may yet be able to turn the tide of history by directly influencing the outcome of the Israeli elections.

With Israel's pollsters saying that only some 5 to 6 percentage points separate front-runner Peres from Likud challenger Benjamin Netanyahu in the race for prime minister, this is a real possibility.

New President

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going through difficult times financially and with leadership," Feldstein said. "We need to help, because if you do not have strong synagogues you do not have a strong community."

The federation will also work to complete its mission statement, Feldstein said.

According to Feldstein, three areas of the Continuity Commission's work have been identified as requiring further planning.

These are: working with the elderly, Jewish life on campus and Jewish education.

Additionally, Feldstein hopes to develop a comprehensive plan to help allocate monies generated by the federation's endowment.

Storytelling Via CD-ROM

On May 15, between 3 and 5:30 p.m., the Children's Museum of Rhode Island celebrates the opening of an exciting addition to the "Storymakers" exhibit.

Thanks to Microsoft Home, museum visitors can experiment with a multi-media CD-ROM computer and interactive software. The new installation features Rudyard Kipling's classic *How the Leopard Got His Spots*.

Children may listen to the story as narrated by actor Danny Glover or read at their own pace. Many surprises are hidden throughout the program that will appeal to a variety of ages.

The program's hosts surprise sounds and animated characters, puzzles, games and helpful hints to improve a child's vocabulary and reading ability.

Same day registration required. Call 726-2591 beginning at 9 a.m. to register. There is no additional fee beyond the \$3.50 price of admission.



Look Into My Eyes

City Nights Dinner Theatre will present "South Pacific" from May 10 to June 23. Pictured are Jeanne Sullivan (left) as "Nellie Forbush" and Brian Evans as "Emile de Beque." Call 723-6060 for more information.

Thousands of Books on Sale

The Cranston Public Library will hold a spring booksale at the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St., on May 10, from 7 to 10 p.m.; on May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and on May 12, from 1 to 4 p.m.

On the 12th, all books will be sold at half price. May 13 from noon until 5 p.m., remaining books will be given away free.

On the 10th and 11th, most hardbound books will be priced at \$1 each or three for \$2, paperbacks at 50¢ each or three for \$1.25, children's books at 50¢ each or three for \$1.25.

In addition to the thousands of books available, phono recordings, videocassettes, and reference books will be for sale.

Other special items, such as plastic videocassette cases, audiovisual materials, and computer software, may be purchased as well.

A silent auction of Imprint Society books and books of a collectible nature will be held. Bids will be accepted throughout the booksale.

They will be opened at 3 p.m. on May 12.

On Friday and Saturday, some hardbound fiction will be selling for \$3 a bag. Mass market paperback books will sell for \$4 per tray.

The collection is especially strong in hardbound fiction, mysteries, social sciences, and paperback books.

The sale will be held in the auditorium and program room of the library. It is accessible to people with physical handicaps. For directions or further information, call John Bucci at 781-2450.

This sale is the only general booksale the Cranston Public Library is planning for 1996.

Honest Abe to Appear at Trinity

In a special benefit for the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society, Abraham Lincoln will appear at Trinity Repertory Company on May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Robb Dimmick's uncanny portrayal of the 16th president has been called one of the best in the nation. Dimmick has performed it for 12 years to critical acclaim and to standing room crowds, including those at Brown University, the Naval War College, off-off-Broadway and Woonsocket's Harris Hall,

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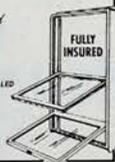
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A Mother's Day Tribute

by Cary Eichenbaum
 Another Mother's Day is approaching and I decided to listen to my mother's advice: since I wrote an article about her last year and couldn't possibly do it every year, I should write about another mother who is very special to me. So I decided to honor a dear friend of mine, Marian Golditch.

I've only known Marian Golditch for 10 years, but felt like I've had the pleasure of knowing her all my life. From the first time I met Mrs. Golditch, through a friendship with her youngest son Jason, I noticed the outstanding attributes that make her a unique and wonderful person. Her genuine sincerity and warm, heartfelt feelings for not only her family and friends, but also people and life in general, set her apart from others.

Formerly Marian Mallenbaum, she was born in Providence after the war, the only child of a salesman and saleswoman. She once told me that her mother had to have a special operation to get pregnant — what a glorious blessing you brought to this world, Mrs. Golditch!

Marian's father sold rags and wiping cloths downtown and was a very hard worker, but always entertained cantorial

aspirations. He played roles in several Jewish plays.

Marian's mother was a saleswoman at the Boston Store in Providence.

Marian grew up on what was then a very prestigious East Side of Providence. She attended Hope High School, graduating a year before my father Ray.

She met Bill Golditch in March 1956, and the two were married eight months later on Nov. 18, 1956. They had their first son, Neil, in 1961 and would have two more, Gary and Jason, over the next seven years.

Mrs. Golditch has accomplished very much with her life. She has been the bookkeeper and done all the paperwork for her husband's furniture repair business. She has also done volunteer work for many Jewish organizations.

However, in this age of overly busy mothers and women who wear pinstripe suits and carry briefcases, Mrs. Golditch has been grind-it-out wife and mother who has willingly done all the little things necessary for her family to be successful in life — whether it be cooking supper, shopping, washing dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the house, or picking up things for the house or family.

Like my own mother, Alice, Mrs. Golditch never once complained about her lot in life. She smiled throughout life, saying that one has to play the hand that he or she is dealt.

This philosophy has also en-

abled her sons to grow up to be splendid human beings, as hard-working, good-natured and caring as any young men you'll see.

According to her sons, the one thing that stands out about their mother is that she always went above and beyond what she had to do.

Jason especially remembers growing up in a warm house. There was always a chicken cooking and his mother was always there for him. Even if she was sick she would get out of bed, cook supper, and then return to bed.

Today, she always stops what she's doing and either comes home to cook or picks up something to eat. The boys consider their mother a role model as for how to treat others, and as a Jewish mother.

She always made sure they went to synagogue and Hebrew school, got bar mitzvahs, celebrated the holidays, and lit Shabbos candles.

As for me, I feel blessed by G-d a thousand times over for having had the opportunity to get to know and befriend Mrs. Golditch. She has always been there with a compassionate ear and a shoulder to cry on for any problem I might have. I really appreciate all that she's done for me. I hope she knows that there's not a thing I wouldn't do for her if she ever needed me.

May G-d bless her and give her nothing but nachas and blessing all the days of her life. Happy Mother's Day, Mrs. Golditch!



Pizza and Queens

Alperin Schechter Day School third grade students Aaron Abrams and Molly Goodwin show the fantastic display their class made after discussing the book, *How Pizza Came to Queens*, with school librarian Karolyn White. Photo courtesy of ASDS

JFS Invites Nominations for 'Family of the Year'

For the second year, members of the community are invited to submit names of families who typify family values to Jewish Family Service for its annual Family of the Year award.

What strengths and values do we admire in family life? Is there a family which typifies these values? JFS is asking those interested to name a family which exemplifies the best in family life. What are the everyday qualities that we take for granted, yet provide the basis for a strong family unit? The rules for eligibility are:

1. A family is defined as more than one person.

2. At least one member of the family must be Jewish.

3. There can be only one nomination submitted per individual.

4. Relatives of the staff of Jewish Family Service are not eligible.

5. Relatives of the Family of the Year committee are not eligible.

The deadline for entries is midnight, July 1. Awards will be announced at the JFS annual meeting in October. Entries must be mailed or brought to Jewish Family Service at 229 Waterman St., Providence, R.I. 02905. For additional information, call JFS at 331-1244.

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Crazy Hat and Hair Day

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