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JAI in Crisis

Assembly is Scene of Struggle and Compromise
by Cynthia Man

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Jewish Agency for Israel is struggling to survive.

It is seeking to reform itself in order to retain a meaningful role in Israel and stay attractive to donors in the diaspora who are increasingly selecting other philanthropic causes in Israel.

Many of the 400 delegates to the agency's annual assembly in June went home angry and frustrated that little of substance was achieved, at a time when the agency is in fiscal and identity crisis.

In an effort to ease the agency's crushing cash-flow crisis, the United Jewish Appeal and the federations have agreed to an emergency transfer of about \$20 million.

The JAI, the primary recipient in Israel of funds from this joint campaign, is facing a cumulative debt of \$76 million.

Many delegates complained that the agency's governance remains hogtied by political and ideological conflicts between assembly partners from Israel and those from the diaspora.

Both the Jewish Agency, and its partner, the World Zionist Organization, have drawn fire in the past for irrelevancy and waste. This fact, combined with dwindling campaign dollars and the changing relationship between Israel and the diaspora, has prompted long-range plans by Chairman Avraham Burg and others to downsize the agency drastically, reorganize it, and redefine its mission.

When pressed to defend and explain the agency's purpose, delegates invariably point to the success of the continuing aliyah from the former Soviet Union.

It has overseen the immigration of about 65,000 annually, about 700,000 during the past six years.

But many, including Burg, who tried but failed to win approval of the creation of a new planning unit, are looking for other roles the agency can play as a unique instrument of world Jewry.

"While focusing on this sacred mission" of aliyah, Burg

said in an interview, "we have to prepare the ground for the post-rescue era."

"The agency is in a tailspin," as one North American delegate put it.

A sense of flux and uncertainty seemed pervasive at the assembly.

Marlene Post, national president of Hadassah, which is represented in the WZO, told one forum, "The Jewish Agency has had a long and glorious history," but "it is faced with critical decisions about where it is headed." In the diaspora, she said, "it is not particularly relevant." The grass roots "doesn't understand it and it doesn't make a difference in their lives."

Many diaspora delegates still do celebrate the agency's role in rescue and resettlement and want to maintain it as vehicle for Jewish peoplehood, education and Israel-diaspora partnership.

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The highlight of the assembly, and the best showcase for the agency's expression of a Jewish voice, was a resolution unanimously adopted in support of Jewish unity, and calling on the Israeli government to preserve Jewish religious freedom as it now exists in Israel.

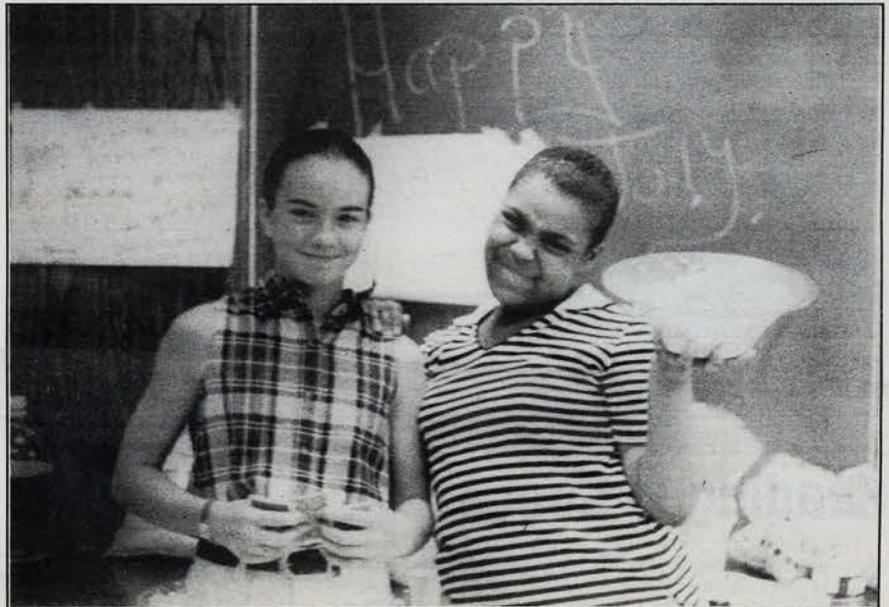
The highly charged resolution was fashioned in direct response to agreements made between the new Likud government and the Orthodox parties in the Knesset, which aim to reverse legal gains recently made by the Reform and Conservative movements through Israel's Supreme Court.

The assembly adopted the resolution only after heated debate and after agreeing to a series of compromises.

Although the word "pluralism" was deleted from the original draft of the resolution, in deference to the modern Orthodox members of the assembly, the passage of the resolution nonetheless was construed as a victory by supporters of non-Orthodox streams of Judaism.

The spirit of compromise, many said, was driven by an understanding that not endorsing religious pluralism would threaten the fund-raising campaign and the agency by alienating non-Orthodox donors.

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Are They Happy Campers?

You bet. They are, from the left, Anna Bennett and LaKeisha Rose, and they are enjoying snack time at the JCCRI Kibbutz Camp. See more on camp life on page 3. Herald photo by Emily Torjan

Horvitz Writes Major New Work

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Leslie Alan Horvitz, son of Dr. Abraham and Eleanor Horvitz of Providence, (Eleanor is director of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association) has written an absorbing book called *Level Four*, about the work done in Level Four labs, which handle the most virulent organisms known to man. The book is a blending of data collected by two intrepid doctors, and their personal recollections of life "in the field" in Africa and Asia.

Horvitz received the assignment, and met his two doctors, in mid-October of last year. That he was able to sift through all the information presented to him, condense it into a manage-



Leslie Alan Horvitz

able quantity, and then edit it so the average reader could grasp it easily, in less than six months, is amazing.

He traveled with Drs. Joe McCormick and Sue Fisher-Hoch to Karachi so he could meet some of the people mentioned in the book and witness the conditions under which these people lived and worked. He visited the doctors at their place in Vail, Colorado, and at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. The rest of the time, he worked with them by e-mail, sending text back and forth, over and over, till the doctors, Horvitz, and their editor at Turner Publishing Inc. were all satisfied. (Ted Turner's company also plans to make a documentary out of *Level Four*.)

This man is a quick worker. Even when you talk to him on the phone you get the feeling that, as rapidly as he speaks, he can still barely keep up with the thought processes going on in his brain. He talks and writes in a concise, forthright style, rapid-fire.

His interests are wide-ranging. One of the subjects he speaks with passion about is surveillance, to spot emerging problems before they become catastrophes and the acquisition and uses of information. There are so many ways to approach these subjects, but in our conversation, Horvitz stressed that simply learning something about the preven-

tion of disease is not enough. Knowledge about how a virus is passed from person to person is only going to be accepted by more primitive people if you gently unwrap layers of superstition or tradition surrounding their rituals, understand their fears, grief and uneasiness in the face of sudden change, and lead them, walk with them if you will, into new practices.

Even in our own modern society, so much has changed that the elderly frequently feel threatened and under siege. Dealing with an ATM machine instead of a friendly, familiar teller behind the counter creates unhappiness and anxiety in our parents. How much greater the anxiety if a bushman is asked to abandon burial rituals his tribe has relied on for centuries to see their deceased relatives safely into the next level of existence? But, if those practices mean the spread of hemorrhagic illness to all those present, and their subsequent deaths, it's hard to be patient.

Horvitz has written five scientific suspense novels, so he came naturally to this task of making science readable, and interesting.

We look forward very much to see what he turns his attention to next.

(You will find a review of *Level Four* on the page 11 — "Here Be Small, Bloodthirsty Monsters.")

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE



GET IN THE READING MOOD at one of the state's public libraries this summer. Pictured is one of the system's storytellers, Nancy Abbott, who will present a program on Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant branch library.

Reading is Cool

The Providence Public Library system will sponsor a wide range of programs for children all summer long.

There will be storytelling hours, magic shows, book and craft programs, poetry hours, and guest readers. All nine libraries will be involved:

Central, 225 Washington St., 455-8000; South Providence, 441 Prairie Ave., 455-8107; Washington Park, 1316 Broad St., 455-8109; Mount Pleasant, 315 Acad-

emy Ave., 455-8105; Olneyville, 1 Olyneyville Square, 455-8113; Wanskuck, 233 Veazie St., 455-8108; Rochambeau, 708 Hope St., 455-8110; Fox Point, 90 Ives St., 455-8112; Smith Hill, 31 Candace St., 455-8104.

Call the library of your choice for more information, or the library Children's Services Department at 455-8070.

There will also be storytelling programs in Roger Williams Park for ages 6 and up.

Sotheby's Comes to South County

Beginning in mid-July, Sotheby's International Auction House of New York, in conjunction with the Women's Resource Center of South County and The Washington Trust Company, will sponsor a series of summer evening lectures featuring experts from Sotheby's.

The first lecture, "Buying Fine Wines Affordably," will take place at The Dunes Club in Narragansett, on July 15 and again in Watch Hill on the porch of the Ocean House Hotel, on July 16. The featured speaker is Jamie Ritchie, head of the wine department of Sotheby's. Participants will have an opportunity to sample several interesting imported and domestic wines. Ritchie will be available for questions at the conclusion of his presentation. Tickets for the wine lecture are \$25 per person.

On July 23, Alastair John Stair will lead a discussion on the "Care and Restoration of Fine Furniture." Stair is the managing director of Sotheby's restoration. Aided by a staff of 30, he oversees the largest workshop in America devoted to the conservation and restoration of fine furniture. The lecture will take place at the Watch Hill Chapel.

On July 31, Diana D. Brooks, president and CEO of Sotheby's Holding Inc., will speak "The Lure of the Auction World." Brooks will share an insider's view of the auction world including a behind-the-scenes look at several of the most famous of Sotheby's auctions. She

was the principal auctioneer for the recent Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis auction. The lecture will be held at the Watch Hill Chapel. All lectures begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Restoration and Lure lectures are \$10 per person.

On Aug. 9, the center will present Sotheby's Heirloom Discovery Day and Auction at the Watch Hill Inn. The daylong event will include verbal appraisals of paintings, prints, drawings, furniture, decorative arts, jewelry and other collectibles by specialists from Sotheby's in New York. Other activities include a luncheon and lecture on "The ABCs of Auction" by C. Hugh Hildesley, executive vice president of Sotheby's. A silent auction of more than 100 items will begin

at 10 a.m. and a dinner and live auction will be held in the evening starting at 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds from this series of fund-raisers will support services to victims of domestic violence residing in Westerly and surrounding areas. The Women's Resource Center operates the county's only emergency shelter for battered women and their children. They also provide a 24-hour hotline, legal advocacy, support groups, therapeutic programs for children and adults and public education services. The agency operates drop-in centers at 240 Post Road in Westerly and 61 Main St. in Wakefield.

For more information about the lecture series or Heirloom Discovery Day and Auction call 782-3995.

Island Moving Co. Schedules Dance Series

The Island Moving Co. has announced a summer-long dance series to be presented at the Pavilion on Goat Island, in Newport Harbor. Sponsored by the Doubletree Hotel and Island Development Corporation, the series includes performances by Newport's residence dance company, the IMC, plus appearances by out-of-town troupes. The IMC will perform works from its repertory every Tuesday in July at 6:30 p.m.

Seating for the July 9, 23 and 30 concerts will be on the lawn.

Picnickers are welcome before and after all performances. Tickets for "Dance on Goat Island" are \$8, \$5 for children and seniors. They may be purchased in advance at the Gateway Center and will be available at the door. Goat Island is accessible by causeway from Washington Street in Newport. For more information about the series or about the Island Moving Company's outdoor summer dance concerts at St. George's School July 31 through Aug. 3, call 847-4470.

Green Animals Holds Children's Party on July 14

The annual Children's Garden Party at Green Animals in Portsmouth will take place on July 14, from 4 to 8 p.m., rain or shine.

The event is held on the grounds of the estate, overlooking Narragansett Bay. The party will include kiddie rides, a Dixieland band, a one-man band, magician, jugglers, pony rides, and more. There will be free lemonade, cookies and balloons. There will also be hot dogs, hamburgers and other refreshments for those who want

to have supper at Green Animals.

The Children's Garden at Green Animals includes cherry tomatoes, chocolate peppermint (mint), chocolate cosmos, sensitive plants, a strawberry tower of three layers with alyssum, miniature roses and boxwood, sunflowers, and a chicken wire house with a vine.

Children can touch all these to get the scent of the different plants on their fingers.

Admission is \$5 for members of the Preservation Society; chil-

dren 6 to 12 are admitted free.

Admission is \$10 for non-members, children 6 to 12, \$5. All children under 6 are free and must be accompanied by an adult. Members of the society must present their cards at the entrance.

The admission includes a tour of the gardens and the house, which features toy collections.

Green Animals is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call the society at 847-1000, ext. 140.

Slezak Gives Australian Travelogue

A slide-travelogue on Australia will be given by Regina Slezak at the Barrington Public Library on July 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Slezak lived and worked in Australia for a five-year period in the 1970s. She has been back twice for extended visits — most recently in 1995. This slide-travelogue, "Australia Redux: Revisiting the Land Down Under," explores the various parts of the continent seen during her most recent visit. She is currently the director of the Fall River Public Library.

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

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Enrollment At Camp JORI Rises by 75%

By Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Narragansett is hot in the summer, and so is Narragansett's Camp JORI.

This year, about 108 campers are attending the first session of the state's only Jewish overnight camp as compared to 65 last year.

Director Ken Abrams said the reason for the dramatic increase was simple as he walked across a grassy playing field and watched campers filter into the dining hall on July 7.

"We retained a lot of campers," Abrams said. "They had fun, and they wanted to come back."

The screen door slapped as campers came in chattering. The chatter turned to gleeful grimaces as all pulled their chairs back and listened to the scraping noise that echoed in the mess room. After a blessing, Abrams and the youngsters began a camp lunch of ziti, salad and cold chocolate milk.

Over forkfuls of ziti, Abrams said he was particularly proud

of the high retention rate.

"I met my wife, Susan, here," Abrams said, gazing at Susan as she fed their infant son Jake with a bottle. "We were both counselors."

Lori Greene, 18, also returned to JORI this summer because of good experiences.

"I came here when I was 7 and 8," Greene said. "Now I'm a counselor. Four of the girls who were in my bunk then are my co-counselors now."

Others have come back for more recent good memories.

"I like it here," explained Jessica Isaacs, an 11-year-old camper. "You can do a lot of sports. It's a small camp. The counselors are nice, and you can make a lot of friends."

Changes at the camp may also have contributed to its rapid rise in popularity.

In January, Michael Schuster became president of the board.

"He's been very involved, and there have been a number of changes and improvements," Abrams said.

Improvements include a re-



Campers at JORI take a break on July 7 (left to right) Jessica Isaacs, Laura Barkin, Stephanie Glasband, Sari Guttin, Rachel Furman.
Herald photo by Emily Torgan

working of the camp brochure, part of an aggressive marketing program adopted when board members realized many members of the state's Jewish population did not know about JORI.

In its 59th season this year, the camp has started a counse-

lor-in-training program.

Camp cabins got new doors and the dining hall received a lick of paint. After campers passed through the camp's new entrance further down on Clark Road, they found the swimming pool and sporting equipment

had been upgraded.

Despite recent improvements, Abrams maintained that it was mainly a good time that drew people to JORI.

"This camp is very small and traditional," Abrams said. "People get into the spirit here."

New Americans a New Presence At Camp JORI

By Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Rhode Island's Jewish community is growing more diverse, and so are its institutions.

At Camp JORI in Narragansett, new Americans who have arrived from Russia are a strong presence.

"About one-quarter of the campers are new Americans from Russia," director Ken Abrams said on July 7. "There is a lot of cultural sharing going on."

But the Russian-American campers and counselors at JORI identified themselves as integrated into camp life.

Dimitry Magidin, 14, said good times at the camp have led him back for his fourth season at JORI.

"I enjoy coming here," Dimitry explained on July 7. "The kids and counselors are friends,

and they treat each other well."

Dimitry said he had a number of camp friends who were also new Americans.

"We speak Russian sometimes," Dimitry said. "We laugh together and tell jokes. No one makes you feel bad about that."

Counselor Irina Goman, 18, is at JORI for her second summer. Her unpleasant memories of summer camp in Russia contrast dramatically with her warm feelings about JORI.

"Camps are very different there," Goman said. "Kids are not supervised all the time, and it was anti-Semitic."

Goman remembered a time when she and other Jewish campers were taunted.

"My dad had to call the camp about it," remembered Goman. "A mother of one of the campers came to camp to ask about

what was going on, but the camper threatened me so much that I couldn't tell her mother. It did not stop, and the counselors didn't care either."

Goman called JORI vastly different.

"Here, if a camper starts crying, it's a counselor's responsibility to find out what is going on and to get the problem cleared up. In Russia, nothing like that happens."

Although she works with new American and other campers, Goman said she has the same relationship with all of them.

"Sometimes (new Americans) ask me to help with games they are not familiar with, or they ask me how to say certain words. But the kids are very nice here, and they accept diversity. I have never seen any problems."

JCCRI Camps Strong This Season

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Late on Friday morning, hundreds of campers at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island poured into the auditorium.

As directed by counselors, tots and teens alike arranged themselves in rows in front of the stage, talking and jostling.

Soon the high buzz of the youngster's voices died down as they began their first Shabbat observance of the camp season. Some watched fellow campers perform on the stage, and some gazed at a challah-laden table nearby.

"We have a Judaic studies person here this year," explained Youth Camps Coordinator Dana Zucker. "Teaching Jewish values and tradition is part of our mission."

For more than 20 years, camp has been in session at JCCRI. At present, about 200 campers per week spend their summers at the center.

JCCRI offers camps K'ton and Yeladim for campers ages 2 1/2 to 3 and 3 to 5 years old. At Camp JCCRI, among other activities, the children swim, socialize, do arts and crafts and listen to stories.

For campers in kindergarten through fourth grade, Camp Haverim has a diverse program of field trips, arts and crafts, sports, music, Judaica and more.

At Camp Bogrim, youngsters in the fifth and sixth grades go on special trips twice a week. There is Sports Camp for campers who favor soccer, tennis, lacrosse, volleyball, track and more. Travel Camp for grades five to eight takes

campers on three trips this summer: to Washington, DC; to Club Getaway and camping in New Hampshire.

At Camp Kibbutz, new this year, students in grades seven and eight get a chance to form committees to determine what their activities will be this summer.

Kibbutz was started to meet the needs of the age group, for many members are too young for the CIT program.

"This gives them some responsibility and teaches them what kibbutzes are like," Zucker said.

The group leaves the center three days a week and spends one night per week at Camp JORI.

"This is a lot more fun," said Taya Feldman, 14. "Last year I was in the CIT program, and everyone was older. Now there are more people my age."

Both the campers at the center and those at JORI are enjoying a new joint programming that allows the groups to mix at JORI, sharing resources and interacting.

As campers from both camps join at daytime and evening activities, youth from the JCCRI are exposed to JORI and its overnight camp setting.

Despite the changes, some campers are coming back for things that were already in place.

"I've been coming here for about five years," said Meredith Rappoport, 10. "We go on a lot of exciting trips, and I have a lot of the same friends. And my best friend came back this year."



JCCRI campers performed at an assembly on the season's first Shabbat on July 5.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan

EDITORIAL

Agudath Israel Opposes 'Partial Birth Abortion'

Agudath Israel of America, Supports Legislative Efforts to Prohibit 'Partial Birth Abortions'

Agudath Israel has for many years opposed legalized abortion on demand. Informed by the teaching of Jewish law that fetal life is entitled to significant protection, with termination of pregnancy authorized only under certain extraordinary circumstances, Agudath Israel is of the view that society, through its laws, should promote a social ethic that affirms the supreme value of life.

Allowing abortion on demand, in contrast, promotes a social ethic that devalues life.

This devaluation is most strikingly evident in the context of a partial birth abortion — an abortion in which a living fetus is partially delivered, and then killed prior to completion of the delivery.

Indeed, depending on the circumstances, killing a fetus after it has partially emerged from the birth canal may more properly be deemed infanticide than abortion, and Jewish law might not even recognize a "life of the mother" exception that would permit the procedure.

It certainly behooves society at large to recognize the enormity of the moral issues surrounding this procedure, and to enact significant — if not absolute — restrictions on its use.

Accordingly, while Agudath Israel continues to call for even greater legal protections for fetal life, we welcome as at least a minimally appropriate step the enactment of legislation that would generally prohibit the destruction of life through the practice of partial birth abortions.

The laws of civilized societies reflect and shape the values of those societies.

Laws that allow abortion on demand, or the killing of partially delivered fetuses, are harmful not only because they lead to the taking of innocent and defenseless lives, but because they pollute the moral climate all around us. Let ours be a society that protects and cherishes life.

Mind Your Manners

There is a certain school of thought which proposes that manners are not an elitist imposition of pointless rules about utensil arrangements, but a path to world peace and survival. This point of view defines heroism as one outgrowth of manners, the act of placing concern for others above concern for yourself.

This appeal may have merit from a Torah perspective. This week's portion, Pinchas, relates the tale of a man who risked his life to save the children of Israel, defying a group he believed was out to destroy it by challenging the authority of Moses.

He didn't wait to be asked or commanded, but took the initiative himself.

Could you do the same?

Maybe you have. If you've ever expressed your dissatisfaction at a racist joke, or refused to serve a guest another drink when he has had too much, or even let your associates know that you won't go along to get along, you've exhibited bravery... and good manners.

We all know when an act will diminish the dignity of another, erode the quality of social interaction, or coarsen the level of discourse. But we often find ourselves in situations that demand willing participation in

such behavior — or social disapproval if we fail to go along.

Is doing the right thing an act of self-sacrifice on the order of Pinchas' courage?

Not always, but it carries the same meaning. But how can defying the social contract — standing up to the opinions of others — bind us together and make a better world?

It does, because they also know what the right thing is. They have temporarily given in to their physical desires, to the tug of the material world, and they have excused their indiscretion with the belief that "everyone does it."

But when reminded that they are wrong, and that not everyone agrees to cross the line, they are brought back to reality — the reality of mitzvot, of Torah, of what they know to be the foundation of morality.

They may object, may even vilify the one who refuses to descend with them, but they know.

When Pinchas acted, he was rewarded by G-d with a covenant of eternal priesthood.

When we act, we are rewarded with the knowledge that we have made the world that much better prepared as a dwelling for G-d. Just as good a deal.

Submitted by Rabbi Eliezer Levy of Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center.

Kids Who Kill

To the Editor:

A Scripps Howard News Service story entitled, "Number of Kids Who Kill Growing," appeared in newspapers May 19, 1996. It stated that the number of killings by teen-agers has been increasing and is about to explode.

It quoted James Alan Fox, dean of the college of criminology at Northeastern University in Boston as saying that, "It may get so bad by the year 2005 that the 1990s are remembered as the good old days of relatively low murder rates."

What is the cause of this and what can be done about it? Part of the cause could well be the 1962 Supreme Court decision

which made it illegal to teach the commandment, "Thou shall not kill," as one of The Ten Commandments in our public schools.

As pointed out in the editorial in the December 13, 1993 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, the murder rate among young people in the United States is over seven times as high as it is in any European country.

And, as pointed out in *The Encyclopedia Britannica*, no European court has ruled it illegal to teach religion in public schools which would include teaching the commandment, "Thou shall not kill," as one of The Ten Commandments.

We got along very well for 185 years prior to 1962, allowing prayer and the teaching of The Ten Commandments in public schools.

We also got by for 185 years without the enormous number of crimes now being committed by our young people and without the large number of youth suicides and unwanted teen-age pregnancies now occurring, and with far fewer abortions and without the high usage of illegal drugs and alcohol we now see among our young people.

Would it reduce the trend toward more juvenile murders if Congress would pass legislation to permit the teaching of religion in public schools, including the teaching of the commandment, "Thou shall not kill," as one of The Ten Commandments?

An effort is already being made to get Congress to pass legislation to make it legal again to teach religion in public schools. Much more help is needed.

Stephen Tarver

The Answer Is 'No'

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Much as I share his anxiety and need for a solution, I must disagree with Stephen Tarver's conclusion.

The answer to his question, in the next to the last paragraph of his letter, is "No."

I was a child when every school day started with a bible reading (Old and New Testaments), the pledge of allegiance, and a moment of

silent prayer.

I sat quietly, of course, because if I had misbehaved I would have faced retribution at school and at home. But the reading itself made no impression on me, or to my knowledge, on any of my classmates.

What I learned about morals, religion, ethical behavior and compassion, I learned elsewhere.

Schools cannot fill in for the missing pillars of this society.

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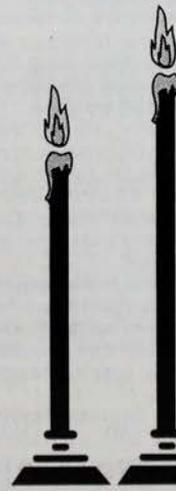
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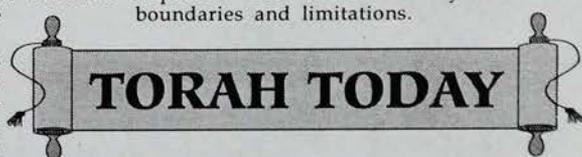
One Must Never Despair

This week we read two Torah portions, Metot and Masei. Masei, meaning journeys, delineates the various travels of the Jews in the desert.

When the Jews left Egypt, they were beginning one long journey. Their departure from Egypt and their travels in the desert were all so that eventually the Jews would enter the land of Israel. It would seem, then, that each of the 42 stops they made along the way between Egypt and Israel was not really that significant. The stops presented an opportunity for the Jewish camp, comprised of millions of people, to take care of their various needs.

Yet, each and every stop the Jews made in the desert is mentioned separately, and each one is considered its own journey. Didn't the Jews reach the desert — and freedom — immediately upon leaving the borders of Egypt?

In every generation, in each individual's life, there must be an exodus from Egypt, a departure from one's own boundaries and limitations.



However, simply "leaving" Egypt is not enough. We must know that even after working on ourselves and spiritually leaving Egypt, we are not finished. No matter what spiritual level we have attained, we can still go further, we are still bound by our "Egypt." We must begin a new journey, getting stronger and stronger as we go along.

There is a two-fold lesson from these journeys. Even when one has already attained a high level, one must never be content with what one has already achieved. Our whole purpose is to move in an upward spiritual

direction — never to stagnate and remain in the same place. Each day that is granted to us by G-d should be utilized

for fulfilling this mission. However, we must be cognizant that in relation to what is

above us and what we can still achieve, we are still in Egypt.

On the other hand, one must never despair of all there is left to achieve and of one's lowly, spiritual state. One must remember that it is possible, through work, to leave "Egypt" immediately, with only one journey. We must never think that our toil is in vain; with one move we can elevate ourselves and reach the "good and wide land" — the Land of Israel.

Adapted from Likutei Sichot of the Rebbe, vol. 2. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer of Chabad House.



The Kashrut of Poetry

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing
Reporter

"It's just about impossible to reach the truth with words." Rabbi Jim Rosenberg of Temple Habonim in Barrington startled me with these words. We met at an Indian cafe called Kismet and among the exotic spices we spoke of poetry and the soul, of Shakespeare and Freud.

"Poetry is akin to religion," said Rosenberg, who has translated *Bialyk* from the Hebrew into modern American English, written his own free verse, and this summer is studying lyric art and craft at Brown.

"I used to show my work to the Barrington librarian, but she was too kind. I craved harsher criticism." Rosenberg takes his task quite seriously, though with a good-natured grin.

Dressed in a summer suit and flowered necktie, silver-haired but with a youthful expression, my rabbinic companion shared many insights with me.

"Translations of *Bialyk* have been almost Victorian, they leave out the anger and soften the rage about pogroms and abuse. I hope to be remembered for my restoration."

He was carrying a book about "emotional intelligence," and showed me a map of the human brain. "You see, we often bypass thought through automatic emotion. We need to feel more thoughtfully, and perhaps think more sensitively." Later this warm season, he hopes to visit once again a tiny island in Maine where he takes his father on vacations. Their longtime guide has died, but he left them with a message. "This is my temple," he had said with a gesture that meant, the woods and the waters are sacred.

"People survived the northern winters with none of the comforts we take for granted, even indoor plumbing," Rosenberg takes you far and wide in his conversations, as open and curving as a country road or a

soliloquy.

"I have been at my pulpit over 22 years, and I try to take some time for myself. But the black-Jewish dialogue stays with me. We paid full tuition for our kids, and the quota-affirmative action controversies demands all our goodwill. Sometimes we meet at Norman and Sylvia Orodener's place in Cranston, and follow through. We have to get together after 5:00."

I added a footnote to Rosenberg's story. I had visited the Orodener home only a few days earlier, just after 5:00. It was to have a look at two giant copper beeches on their shorefront property. These magnificent oriental trees may date back over 350 years. They were brought as saplings on clipper ships as gifts for the early, enterprising colonists.

"Trees inspire poets and philosophers," I summed up for Rosenberg. "Maybe their peaceful contemplation and dignity help to bring harmony to the dialogue you and Norm make such efforts to keep going." Rosenberg once served in a deaf community and knows sign language; his interest in communication runs deep.

"Are you a poet?" asked the rabbi.

"No, but I seek poetry, every day, even every moment, and I find it in places nobody else looks," I answered him.

We promised to send work to each other, and we filled each other in on the kismet of our kids. Then we separated, to meet again.

Temple Habonim looks over at a superb view of river and skyline. It has great natural beauty, with woodland and lawn, estate and a nearby bike path. Rosenberg seems to have absorbed this noble vista. When I shook his hand, I called him simply, "Rabbi."

Here Be Small, Bloodthirsty Monsters: Communiqués From The Battle Front

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Imagine, if you will, that you are one of a company of knights who are charged with the welfare of the defenseless, everywhere.

Word reaches the castle that some villagers have been found dead or dying in a most horrible way from unknown causes.

You and your fellow defenders assemble and ride to the scene as quickly as possible, study the corpses, try to help the dying, ask all the people in the town what they saw, what they heard, what they ate, how they buried their dead... and, armed with this information, set out to track down whatever killed these villagers.

You are trying to identify and trace deadly tentacles that will lead back to a source that you can attack. Sometimes you come upon the bodies of those wearing the same castle uniform you wear, and you know the monster got them. It is terribly hard, and very important, not to lose your nerve at times like these.

At other times you must expose and distinguish the traces of your killer from those of other equally dangerous enemies. You must handle victims still bearing virulent cells that could drown you in your own body fluids if they could just find some way to get inside you... a tiny cut... a needle prick... perhaps just a breath of air they have floated into.

Along the way, the people you are trying to help are frequently hostile. They are so frightened they just want to escape or retreat into denial.

At times those who should be on the side of the castle are more interested building their own castles or getting richer, than they are in saving villagers.

If you get sick, you know that the chances are that you will die. If you don't get sick, you may end up so close to the monster you can feel his breath, but never manage to run your sword into him.

Your ultimate goal, an invisible, protective shield that you can provide to everyone who may meet him (vaccination) or a magic potion that will heal those he has crept into as they

nursed or mourned friends or relatives (drug therapy), may never be realized. Orders may come from the castle to drop everything and hurry to attack another monster somewhere else in the world.

These are the situations virologists who work with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., and for the World Health Organization, and for dozens of other similar groups, face all the time.

The people who do the fieldwork for these groups must be

with real life and death situations, politics, defeats coming one after another in crushing sequence, horrible sicknesses and deaths portrayed in graphic detail, and the celebration of negative information.

But we need to become conversant with this story so we can understand the daily news. For instance, I used to wonder just how it happened that man pushing into areas he'd never inhabited in large numbers before, was responsible for the appearance and spread of "new" and horrible viruses.

On page 184 of *Level Four*, I came to realize that these viruses have been with us, on the planet, for a long time... part of a balanced equation in their own ecology. A few people would be stricken with these viral illnesses from time to time, and they would die quickly, usually — if excruciatingly — and then the outbreak, if it even deserved that name, would subside. Natural limiting factors were in place, and did their job.

Our arrival in masses, and our refusal to respect the basic laws of life, destroyed the system of checks and balances that had operated for who knows how long. You could say mankind brought a lot of these problems on itself — not consciously, but through ignorance, and arrogance, greed, and most of all, over population.

Now the epidemiological situation in Africa is incredibly bad — so bad it seems hopeless in some countries — and it is getting worse every day and Africa is only hours away by plane.

Asia is like a viral bomb in the process of slow explosion, and Asia is only hours away by plane.

It didn't have to be like this, and miracles can still be invoked, but we'd better hurry. We've been lucky so far — due in great part to the work done by our knights in the Level Four labs.

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This is not a beach book. It has been made easy to follow and understand, but it deals



NCSY's New Board

The National Council of Synagogue Youth recently announced the elections of their regional board. From left: Aryeh Baronofsky, vice president of publications; Yosef Weinstock, president; Michele Kepnes, vice president of outreach; Kerry Simon, vice president of Junior NCSY; Keren Rosenbaum, vice president of finances; Tami Schwimmer, vice president of programming; Anna Zalesch, vice president of social actions; Yaakov Green, vice president of education; and Rabbi Ari Solomont, regional director.

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Lecture to Focus on the Journey of the Jews

Members of the Jewish community will have the opportunity to explore the deeper dimension of the journey of the Jews throughout history, at a special lecture, scheduled for July 15.

The lecture, entitled "Journey of a Nation," will focus on the mystical insights into the Jews' wandering throughout the ages.

Rabbi Eliezer Levy, who will be presenting the lecture, explained, "Our nation has a rich but oftensad history; a past with a G-dly imprimatur. This lecture will coincide with days commemorating significant tragedies in Jewish history, such as the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the expulsion of the Jews from England

in 1290, and the Spanish Inquisition in 1492. We will focus on the bearing these events have on our daily lives."

Levy serves as director of Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center in Warwick, the organization sponsoring this program.

The lecture will be based on selected Biblical and Talmudic text relating to the subject matter, which will be provided to all participants.

The lecture, "Journey of a Nation," will be delivered at the CHAI Center, 15 Centerville Road in Warwick, at 7:30 p.m., and is part of an effort to increase Jewish awareness, by Chabad Lubavitch institutions worldwide. For more information, call 884-4071.

Society of Friends Seeks Teitz Award Nominees

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue is asking for nominations for its annual Judge Alexander George Teitz Award.

The society presents the award each year at its George Washington Letter Ceremony. In his famous letter "[T]o the congregation in Newport," President Washington pledges that the new nation will give "...to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance..."

The recipient should be an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to religious freedom and tolerance, either by preserving the historic components of religious free-

dom and tolerance, or through active efforts to spread understanding and tolerance among all people of all religions.

These efforts may also include a commitment to eliminate religious prejudice through teaching and promoting the important role of religious freedom and tolerance in American history.

Past recipients of the award are Sen. Claiborne Pell, philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein and Charlotte Penn, former executive director of the Northeast Region of the National Conference of Christian and Jews.

Judge Alexander George

Teitz was a founding member and president of the society. He also served as counsel, co-counsel and as a member of the board of directors for many years. By his lifelong commitment to the society and its goals, he was a model for the ideals the award seeks to honor.

Nominations for the award should be sent to: Meira Max, president, The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro St., Newport, R.I. 02840 by Aug. 1.

The recipient of the award need not be a member of the society.

Genealogical Society Hosts Seminar on Jewish Genealogy

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston will host the 15th annual Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy, July 14 to 19, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

This conference offers research opportunities for anyone with Jewish ancestry. An extensive program is planned to meet the needs of genealogists of all levels. Newcomers to genealogy will be offered a step-by-step tutorial along with escorted trips to local research facilities.

All researchers will be offered a choice of more than 75 workshops and lectures presented by foremost experts in the field of Jewish genealogy, such as Jayare Roberts, head of the Ellis Island records project; Alexander Beider, author of *A Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire*; and Yale Reischer, director of research and archives at the Jewish Historic Institute in Warsaw, Poland.

Areas of interest will include British, German, Hungarian,

Polish, Russian, Lithuanian, Ukrainian, Argentine, Canadian, Dutch, South African, and Romanian research, as well as Holocaust research, translation workshops, computer and Internet use, and rabbinic and Sephardic research.

There will be a resource room, and vendors of all kinds of genealogical and Judaic materials.

Complete, up-to-date information, including registration form, schedule, lecture descriptions, speaker biographies, excursion information, and guide to Boston research is available at the seminar's World Wide Web site. The address is <http://www.jewishgen.org/seminar.html>

For more information, contact the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, Inc., P.O. Box 610366, Newton, MA 02161-0366. Phone: (617) 784-0387.

Garden Club to Meet

Tockwatton Nursing Home residents will be the guests of the Eden Garden Club at their meeting at Temple Beth-El on July 18 at 1 p.m. for a hands-on project to make small wall hangings.

The Garden Club members are asked to bring in basic supplies of dried or silk flowers, grasses, etc., to make their own swags, door hangings or small wall hangings.

Ribbons, some flowers, dried supplies, wire and a glue gun will be available for the members to use, for a small donation to the club.

Chairman of the day is Bertha Goldberg. Hostesses are Eleanor Bohnen, Claire Ernstof, Martha Finger, Corinne Lamchick and Lynn Silverman. Dessert and coffee will be served.

New Chief for Israeli Air Force

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Maj. Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu took over recently as the new commander of the Israel Air Force, replacing Maj. Gen. Herzl Bodinger, who is retiring from the service.

Cruise With Chai Productions

Chai Productions will host a Boston Harbor boat cruise on July 28 from 5 to 8 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Adelman of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Lauren Adelman, on June 11. Dr. Adelman, Annie's mother, is the former Laura Roiff of Cranston, R.I.

Also welcoming Annie is her sister, Madeline, 16 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Leah and Robert Roiff of Cranston, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Diane and Joel Adelman of Beachwood, Ohio.

Anna Lauren's great-grandparents are Faye and A. Milton Cohen of Beachwood, Ohio and the late Rae and Morton Young, Freida and Sam Roiff, and the late Shirley and Ben Adelman.

Anna Lauren is named in loving memory of Freida Roiff and Anne Cohen.

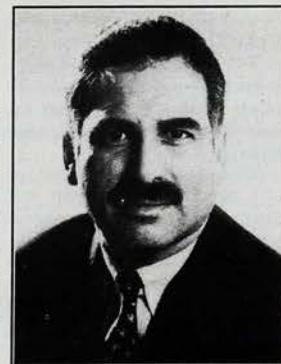
Mark I. Kalish has joined the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science as vice president and National Campaign director.

He will be in charge of all fund-raising activities throughout the country in the 17 regional offices.

Kalish spent 10 years as the director of the New York regional office of The Johns Hopkins Institutions, coordinating their capital campaign in the New York metropolitan area. He held development positions at New York University and the New York Hall of Science.

Kalish received his BA degree from the College at New Paltz, State University of New York and his MPA from Baruch College, City University of New

York. He is a member of the board of the Greater New York Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.



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Cantor Makes A Difficult Transition

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Two weeks ago, Stanley Rosenfeld officially became the cantor at Temple Am David in Warwick. As a result, Rosenfeld has made the transition from Orthodox Judaism to Conservative Judaism.

A few years ago, Rosenfeld served as the cantor of Congregation Ohawe Shalom, an Orthodox shul in Pawtucket. After much consideration, Rosenfeld recently accepted the position of full-time cantor at Temple Am David, a Conservative temple. The position had been vacant since Steven Dress was the cantor several years ago.

Switching from being Orthodox to Conservative may seem drastic, but Rosenfeld explained that he always had some beliefs that conflicted with Orthodox Judaism.

"There are certain things that I've always felt, even growing up in an Orthodox home," said Rosenfeld. "One thing is sexism as it's manifested in the Orthodox community. The idea of egalitarianism has always appealed to me intellectually. But there were many curves against that in my upbringing.

"I believe that women have the right to participate in the rituals of religion, as long as they are willing to take on the responsibility that goes with it," continued Rosenfeld. "I've known many women who said, 'Thank G-d they don't count toward a minyan.'"

Rosenfeld was first introduced to Temple Am David through its Hebrew school.

"I had a friend who was a teacher in the pre-school," said Rosenfeld. "I asked her who teaches the kids songs. Then I volunteered to come in to teach music."

One day, the president of the congregation, who had two children in the school, stopped by and saw Rosenfeld working with the students.

"The temple was looking for someone who would be here on Shabbat, teach the bar mitzvah students and lead junior congregation," said Rosenfeld. "Someone suggested me (to the

president)."

Because of his background in education, Rosenfeld was hired as the cantor and director of the Hebrew and Sunday school. Ethan Adler was the most recent director.

Rosenfeld attended temple services a few times before he felt completely comfortable in a Conservative synagogue.

"I was uncertain when the temple approached me, especially since the rabbi is a woman," said the cantor. "I was pleased to find that it didn't bother me, but I was still uncertain how it would feel on a regular basis, as opposed to a one-shot deal. Soon, however, what I believed intellectually turned into emotional feelings."

The cantor said he looks forward to working closely with Rabbi Nechama Goldberg.

"She is one of the most devoted, dedicated Jews I know," said Rosenfeld. "She's a highly educated, brilliant woman. She prepares her Torah talks in great depth."

As for the reaction from the Orthodox community on his decision to work at a Conservative temple, the cantor said, "My colleagues in the Orthodox community were surprised, but at the same time, they wished me success."

Rosenfeld moved to Rhode Island five years ago, after always living in New York City. When he first came to the Ocean State, he experienced culture shock.

"In New York City, there is a synagogue on every corner and five kosher delis in a three-block radius," said Rosenfeld. "Rhode Island is a very sobering experience. The real diaspora is in Rhode Island, as opposed to New York, where Jews are the majority."

Rosenfeld worked for a caterer in New York. When the business folded, he decided to move to Rhode Island.

"I was over 50 and nobody was knocking down my door," said Rosenfeld. "My mother's sister and her daughter lived in Pawtucket, so we would visit Ohawe Shalom once in a while.

After moving to Pawtucket, I was offered a year-round position as cantor."

Unfortunately, Ohawe Shalom decided that it wasn't feasible to keep a full-time cantor.

Temple Am David is not Rosenfeld's first experience with a non-Orthodox temple. At one time, he taught at Temple Sinai, a Reform congregation in Cranston.

"I believe being on the faculty was a positive experience for me and the kids," said Rosenfeld. "There was no hiding the fact that I was Orthodox. I couldn't attend bar mitzvahs or Sabbath programs.

"They got to see that the Orthodox don't have 'horns,'" continued Rosenfeld. "I got to be around the non-Orthodox, which is important for a person who is trying to spread Jewish values."

One thing Rosenfeld would like to improve upon at Temple Am David is the participation level of the synagogue's youth.

"I hope to revitalize the youth movement, including USY (United Synagogue Youth) and junior congregation," said Rosenfeld. "One of the big differences between the Orthodox and the Conservative is the participation of the children.

"At Congregation Beth Shalom (in Providence), you'll see a dozen kids on Shabbat morning, and they're all given a part to play," Rosenfeld continued. "Unfortunately, that's not the case here. I want to hear the voices of kids on Shabbat. If there's no kids, there's no future."

Although he's only been at the temple on a full-time basis for a short time, Rosenfeld has been reading from the Torah on Mondays and Thursdays since May, and several times on the Sabbath.

"I've been made to feel extremely welcomed," said the cantor. "It's like I've been here many years."

Public Not As Divided On Peace, Says Survey

Contrary to popular interpretations of the Israeli election results, both within Israel and abroad, there is no deep division within the nation on the basic issues involved in the peace process, according to a pre-election survey carried out by a Hebrew University of Jerusalem researcher.

"It is incorrect to say, as many do, that the nation is split on peace," said Prof. Abraham Diskin of the department of political science.

Diskin headed a research project carried out in May under the auspices of the university's Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations with support from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany. He presented the initial results of the survey at a conference on "The Israeli Public and the Peace Process," conducted recently at The Hebrew University by the Davis Institute and the Adenauer Foundation.

In the survey, 1,250 Jewish and Arab voters were asked for their opinions on specific issues connected with the peace process.

A preliminary analysis of the responses from people who said they were identified with the two major parties — Labor and the Likud — showed that while on a general basis only approximately half of the combined total of respondents identified fully with the Oslo peace agreements, their responses to questions on specific aspects involved in Israeli-Arab negotiations showed surprising points of consensus.

For example, an overwhelming majority from both camps favored separation of the Israeli population from the Palestinians, as called for in the Oslo agreements. On this latter point, said Diskin some 95 percent of Labor voters answered affirmatively, but so did more 60 percent of those who said they were Likud voters.

This, he said, shows a general desire toward proceeding in the direction of reaching some sort of agreement with the Palestinians.

Further consensus was shown on the issue of Jerusalem. An overwhelming majority (more than 70 percent of Labor voters and over 90 percent of Likud voters) said in the survey they were opposed to any division of Jerusalem between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. This was a consensus issue that the Likud exploited brilliantly in its pre-election propaganda campaign by frequent repetition of the slogan, "Peres will divide Jerusalem," to which Labor could have but did not respond vigorously enough, in Diskin's estimation.

There was also widespread distrust expressed in The Hebrew University poll about the intentions of the Syrians and the Palestinians, said Diskin, and this too was an issue well exploited by the Likud campaign.

On the Golan Heights issue, nearly all Likud voters said they were against a total withdrawal from the Golan. But even among Labor voters, only a minority (38 percent) expressed support for such a move in negotiations with Syria, Diskin pointed out.

Viewed totally, these figures show much closer points of agreement on key foreign policy issues than the left-right, hawk-dove split that has been propagated by many observers, Diskin said.

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The bride's maternal grandparents are Freda Iba of Waterford and the late Bernard Iba. Her paternal grandparents

are Ernest and Rachel Coleman of Johnston.

The bridegroom's paternal grandmother is Ida Gordon of Newton, Mass.

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Jewish Spirituality

by Velvel "Wally" Spiegler
 Recently after a talk I gave at a nearby synagogue about the spiritual aspects of Shavuot, the questions that kept coming up had to do with "how do I integrate spirituality in my everyday life?"

Since this question seemed so vital and was posed in so many different ways, I thought I'd devote this article to some of my answers that evening.

There seem to be two ways to approach this issue — the secular and the traditional. Either way still demands "kavannah" — the Jewish practice of learning to concentrate, focus intently and become aware of each and every action we perform. This is easy to do but difficult to remember to keep doing it. Maybe that's why Jews wear the ritual fringes "tsitsit" as a memory aid.

This relatively simple practice slowly develops a heightened state of awareness which is at the heart of spiritual living. There are no special lessons to become aware, you just practice mentally focusing while praying, performing mitzvot, studying Torah or doing any mundane activity.

I'd like to outline several everyday activities that can lead to a more spiritual life.

First and perhaps most important is getting involved in your community. By community, I mean family, friends, synagogue and the Jewish community at large. Judaism depends on functioning within and being intimately close with the community. We are a communal culture and strange as it may sound, group involvement is the vital healing force of mind, body and spirit. Perhaps this is why today so many support groups have proliferated.

Work can be a great source of pleasure or a cause of emotional pain. It all depends on your viewpoint. By becoming aware that your purpose is not so much a source of personal gain but a service you perform for the benefit of all who ultimately receive your product or service, you begin to realize that work is a form of giving "tsedakah."

"Be not like servants who serve their master for the sake of reward, be rather like servants who serve their master with no thought of reward." (Pirke Avot, chapter 1)

Mealtimes can become a source of spiritual nourishment. Try eating slowly, completely chewing each morsel of food; concentrate on the texture and taste of your food and most importantly recite the proper blessing before eating. All of these bring about a greater sense of awareness.

Make time for a little quiet in your life. Turn off the radio or TV and try basking in silence for a little while each day. Take a quiet walk in a park or the woods. Look for new ways to reduce unnecessary noise and see how it reduces stress and adds to relaxation.

Discover the pleasure of such creative activities as gardening, painting, making music, or cooking.

All of these bring about a sense of fulfillment and joy.

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For further information, comments or questions, you can reach Velvel "Wally" Spiegler by calling (508) 252-4302 or Email to DSpiegler5411@aol.com

Velvel "Wally" Spiegler is a Certified Polarity Therapist, registered with advanced standing in the American Polarity Therapy Association, a student and teacher of Jewish Mysticism whose primary interest is in Jewish approaches to the healing of mind, body, and spirit.

Memorial Offers Weight Loss and Fitness Program

Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island will sponsor a four-week weight loss and fitness program beginning on July 17 and concluding on Aug. 7. The program, entitled "Summer Sensations," will be held Wednesdays from 5 to 6:15 p.m. in the hospital's Physicians Auditorium.

The program is specifically designed for those who have failed at past dieting attempts, and will teach participants a safer, more effective way to permanent weight loss.

It will help participants reduce their body fat, increase their energy level, and follow an overall healthy lifestyle plan.

Led by a registered dietitian, the program will feature guest lecturers and a healthy cooking

demonstration, low-fat recipe revisions, assessments of individual eating habits including stress-related eating, tips for dining out, a workshop on label reading, a guide for making healthy choices in the supermarket, and fitness walks.

Body fat analyses will be performed on each participant at the start and finish of the program.

The fee for this class, which includes all written materials, food samples, and body fat analyses, is \$44. Registration deadline is July 15. The class will be limited to 25 participants.

For more information, call Lyn Schwartz, M.S., R.D., nutrition education coordinator at 729-2574.

Epilepsy Support Group to Meet

This support group for people with epilepsy, sponsored by the People Actively Reaching Independence Independent Living Center, will meet on July 16, at Independence Square, 500 Prospect St., Pawtucket. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

Speaker for the meeting will be Pat Ryherd from the Office of Rehabilitation Services, who will speak on employment for people with epilepsy.

People with epilepsy, their families and friends are invited to attend. Those attending may bring a bag lunch, or lunch may be purchased in the building cafeteria.

For further information, call the PARI office at 725-1966.

Health Education for Seniors

If you are at least 55 years old and interested in maintaining good health, Women & Infants' Center for Health Education offers a program designed for you.

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The next program will be held July 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and will consist of a lecture/demonstration by fitness trainer Jane Moran, M.S., HFI, entitled "Physical Fitness and You: Exercise and the Maturing Woman."

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Would You Know If You Were Having A Stroke?

Despite years of alerting Americans to heed the warning signs of stroke, experts are not getting the message through to most people.

According to the American Heart Association, stroke will strike 500,000 Americans each year, and of those, the disease will kill about 150,000. Unknowingly, thousands of others may be experiencing "mini-strokes" and not seeking medical attention because they don't realize that what's happening to them is life-threatening.

The warning signs of stroke — sudden weakness; numbness of the face, arm or legs (especially on one side of the body); difficulty speaking or understanding speech; sudden dimness or loss of vision; sudden severe headaches with no known cause; and unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any of the previous symptoms — can be easily mistaken for something else.

By thinking "this can't happen to me," people at high risk for stroke can dangerously fool themselves into believing they're not having a stroke when one occurs.

Knowing the warning signs

Open, Artery!

A new, self-expanding device with "memory," that is inserted into narrowed arteries, represents a major improvement in the treatment of potential stroke victims.

Developed at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, the device or stent consists of a coil tightly wound on a catheter that automatically expands to the proper size and shape once in the artery — without a balloon. This makes it easy to insert it with minimal invasion.

The stent material is also special, explains Prof. Rafael Beyar, its developer. Made of a nickel and titanium alloy known as nitinol, it has a "memory." This is important when the stent is used in arteries in unprotected areas.

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of stroke is important. If you act fast and see a doctor right away, you could prevent a major stroke or save your life.

Although stroke is a serious disease, thousands of people have experienced "mini-strokes" or have suffered complete strokes and have recovered to lead normal lives.

For example, in 1984, Bob Nichols, a news anchor in West Palm Beach, Fla., was forced to temporarily leave television due to a stroke. At the age of 31, he was left with no speech or short-term memory and left-side paralysis.

Ten years later he experienced a second stroke. However, having learned the early warning signs and having recognized them when his second stroke happened, he was quickly diagnosed by his physician and aggressively treated. Because he sought immediate medical attention and — through physical therapy, diet and medication — worked to prevent additional strokes, Bob has almost completely recovered.

If you or someone you know has experienced a stroke or "mini-stroke," make sure you discuss appropriate therapies, such as exercise, diet and medication (which can include aspirin, warfarin or ticlopidine), with your doctor.

For information on stroke prevention and recognizing warning signs, call (800) 935-5762. If you or someone you know has had a stroke, call the AHA Stroke Connection "warmline" at (800) 553-6321 and ask for the post-stroke information packet.

Low Cost Back Pain Treatment

In a one-year study at a Louisiana HMO, patients were given their choice of seeing a medical physician or a chiropractic physician for their back pain.

Only 121 of the 1,838 people chose the chiropractor — much to the dismay of the HMO which could have saved more than \$215,000 if only half of those people had opted for the chiropractic care. In fact, the costs for those patients who chose chiropractic care (\$539) were significantly less than those who chose medical care (\$774).

In addition, chiropractic pa-

tients used one-half the amount of prescriptive drugs and only one-third the amount of MRI's and Catscans as the other patients; yet both had a satisfaction rate of 94 percent.

The study resulted in a recommendation that managed chiropractic care be used more often in the managed care industry and that chiropractic is "an extremely promising method of treating acute back and neck discomfort." *The American Journal of Managed Care*, Vol. 11, No. 3.

Submitted by the Chiropractic Society of Rhode Island.

Early Detection of Colorectal Cancer With Home Tests

This year, 155,000 Americans, or one of every 25 people in the United States, will develop colorectal cancer. About 63,000 of them will die. In fact, colorectal cancer is second only to lung cancer in its frequency as a killer.

And men aren't its only victims. Experts say it affects men and women in almost equal numbers.

But colorectal cancer is curable if caught soon enough. New home tests are now available to help you see if there is hidden blood in the stool — one of the earliest warning signs of colorectal cancer.

Ocult (hidden) blood can also be an early sign of problems such as ulcers, hemorrhoids, polyps, colitis, diverticulitis and fissures. In their earliest stages, none show symptoms, but all are treatable?

Colorectal cancer begins in the lower portions of the gastrointestinal tract. It is most com-

mon in people over the age of 40. Risk factors include a family history of the disease and polyps, a diet low in fiber and high in fat, and a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease.

The American Cancer Society recommends annual testing for people over 40.

'A Good Night's Sleep'

Night after night it is the same thing. Your spouse wakes you with his or her incessant, and very loud, snoring.

If this scenario sounds familiar, Landmark Medical Center invites you to a free community education seminar, entitled "Snoring and Sleep Disorders: How to Get a Good Night's Sleep."

The seminar will be held on July 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Christiansen Conference Center at Landmark Medical Center's Woonsocket unit, 115 Cass Ave.

The seminar is free of charge, but reservations are recommended and may be made by calling 769-4100, ext. 2073.

Speakers at the seminar will include Dr. Tilak Verma, M.D., FCCP, pulmonary medicine; Hani M. Zaki, M.D., FACS, FICS, an ear, nose and throat specialist; and James W. Smart Jr., RRT, Landmark Medical Center's director of diagnostic services.



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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Summer Joy' Exhibited

Bert Gallery is exhibiting "Summer Joy: Historic 19th Century Artists Along With Contemporary Rhode Island Painters" through Aug. 30.

This exhibition celebrates the summer months and features paintings of sun-drenched landscapes, crashing waves, curious onlookers, and blooming flowers.

The work of regional artists

of the late 19th and early 20th centuries will be on view. Contemporary artists will also have works on display.

The exhibit is at the gallery's Providence location at 540 South Water St. It can be viewed Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

For more information, contact Catherine Bert at 751-2628.



HEADED DOWNSTREAM — Bill Montella's "Cow in Stream" will be on display at the Bert Gallery through Aug. 30. This picture is a 14" x 10" oil on canvas.

ACT Presents a Non-Violent Version of 'Hansel and Gretel'

The All Children's Theatre Ensemble will present the classic children's favorite "Hansel and Gretel" this summer at the Fox Point Elementary School (455 Wickenden St. — entrance on East Street in Providence) on July 16, 17 and 18 at 10 a.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children with group rates available.

This program is an audience-participation version of the classic tale. Children in the audience can become part of the cast.

In ACT's version, the stepmother is not wicked and the witch is a comedic character. A lesson is still learned, but through comedy, not fear.

Hansel and Gretel are the children of an unsuccessful, but

jolly, Black Forest clockmaker. Their stepmother, worried that she won't have enough to eat, "loses" the children in the dismal forest.

German folk songs and dances help to create the Black Forest environment.

For reservations and/or more information, call 331-7174.

Great Woods Presents Evening of Opera Scenes

A night of special opera scenes will be performed by the Great Woods Opera Theatre and Workshop at the Great Woods Educational Forum. A summer company of young artists under the direction of soprano Donna Roll and Thomas Enman will perform on July 25, 26, 27 at 8 p.m. in Cole Chapel at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

Audience members need not be opera "buffs" to enjoy this evening of music. The program

will include scenes from "Der Rosenkavalier" by R. Strauss, Bizet's "Carmen," Verdi's "Rigoletto," Idomeneo" and "Don Giovanni" by Mozart, the Entrance of the Guests scene from Wagner's "Tannhauser," and others.

Opera at Great Woods is a program designed for serious young singers. Now in its fifth season, it provides performance opportunities for its singers and cultural enrichment for the southeastern Massachusetts

community. Participants from throughout the country are exposed to new repertoire. Characterization creation and stage movement are experienced within the arena of public performance.

Tickets for Opera Scenes are \$10/\$7 for seniors and students. For group sales, tickets and further information call the Great Woods Educational Forum at (508) 285-8391.

Big Apple Circus Returns

The award-winning Big Apple Circus returns to Charlestown's Ninigret Park through July 14.

This year's theme is "Jazzmatazz," presented under the bright red and white air-conditioned big top tent, a sa-

lute to Manhattan during the jazz age.

Comedy has a leading role in this production, as Big Apple Circus's favorite merrymakers, Grandma, as played by Barry Lubin, and Al Calienes team up with comedian Phil Stein.

Max Schumann and his famous horses, plus William Woodcock and his trio of elephants return this year.

For tickets or more information, call 364-0890.

Museum Offers Summer Teacher Institute

The Museum of Art at Rhode Island School of Design will offer a two-week program, Tuesday through Friday, July 16 to 19 and 23 to 26, called the Summer Teacher Institute: Old Objects, New Meanings. The program is designed to introduce teachers to the museum's possibilities as a resource in the development of new educational strategies.

Participants will explore the connections between the works of art in the museum and classroom curricula. There will be lectures, conversations, participatory gallery sessions, and studio inquiry, with a multi-disciplinary approach that should be useful for all grade levels.

The institute is open to teachers of all subjects, kindergarten to 12th grade, and administra-

tors and librarians. Rhode Island teachers may enroll, for three in-service credits, for a fee of \$175.

The noncredit fee for the program is \$140.

For more information, contact the museum's education department at 454-6533.

The Museum of Art, RISD is located at 224 Benefit St. in Providence.

Dydowicz Art Exhibit

Hallie Dydowicz will be exhibiting her artwork at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, through July 26.

Landscapes, still life paintings, and portraits in watercolor, pastels, and pen and ink are featured.

Dydowicz is primarily self-taught, and has been painting for 13 years. In addition to her painting, she produces her own greeting cards.

The Magic-Lantern Theater Presents 'The Magic of the Sea'

On July 18 and 25 and Aug. 15, the New Bedford Whaling Museum will host "The American Magic-Lantern Theatre presents: The Magic of the Sea."

The American Magic-Lantern Theatre is the nation's only theater company recreating Victorian magic-lantern shows. A common form of Victorian entertainment, both in theaters and in homes, the shows were popular because of their beauty and drama combined with the fun of audience participation.

Most of the slides for this

show were made in the 1890s. Chantey singers will be singing in the theater garden before the performance, when lemonade will be served.

The cost for non-members is adults \$8, children (6 to 14) \$4; the cost for members is adults \$7, children \$3.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Performance lasts approximately one hour.

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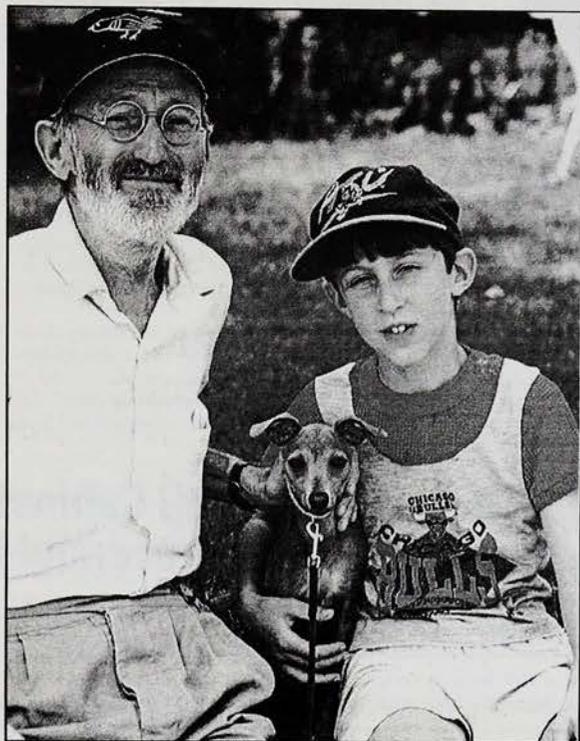
Herald Contributing Reporter

Our daughter Lily flew off from the new Hillsgrove en route to Italy and then Israel. She's retracing the historic journey to Jerusalem, but she is also making a personal pilgrimage. Her life began in the Jewish section of Rome. She will be seeing that which she has already felt. But on her first voyage from Italy to Israel, she was inside her mom. Now on the eve of her 17th birthday, she's on her own—though with a group of her peers, of course.

Her younger brother Reuben and I are confining our July travel to a few bike treks up and down Middlebridge, in Narragansett. We cruised down to the river and watched a pair of silent swans move calmly toward us, bringing a moment's stillness and peace. Our slim Italian greyhound kept us graceful company, till a motorboat churned up false waves.

And then, early each July, I light a *yahrzeit* candle for my father, a few weeks before the next one, for my mother. It's not a repetitious act, and it's not easy to remember to strike that match at the right hour. The anniversary falls on a different date, and each summer brings a fresh context.

This July marks the 50th commemoration of the Kielce Polish pogrom, when the town turned out to murder the homecoming survivors. In the wake of that terrible event, the returning camp victims chose to go to Palestine, or wherever in the west they established found new lives. The first Independence Day Americans cheered after the war, was the very day of the Polish massacre.



Down at the river.

I put flame to the wick of my candles not only for my parents, but for all our dead, who have guided me, blessed me, left me messages. I hold the tiny torch also for those lives which I have taken, the birds I have hit with the windshield of my car on the cruel highway, the people whose feelings I may have been unaware of, the hurt I may have done to my elders, or even, by now, my juniors.

My Lily is going over the path she first explored as an embryo, an infant asleep in the magic womb. Now she'll send us postcards. I, too, stroll familiar lanes of memory and ritual. Summertime is always a search for me, for idle interludes of tranquility among the turmoil: in a garden or a temple, in the morning or the evening, as my candles burn on the screened porch like all our yesterdays.

Judaism in a Suitcase

Rabbinic Pairs Serve in Summer Corps

NEW YORK (LNS) — When two rabbinical students soon step on the shores of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, they may roll up their sleeves, but the perfect tan is not on their minds. They are part of the Lubavitch Summer Peace Corps, as the eight-week project is known.

Hauling suitcases of videos, brochures, books, Shabbat candles, mezuzahs, and kosher food, the students will teach classes and host Shabbat dinners. They will also do outreach in whatever way the people need, in communities where there may be no resident rabbi, synagogue, community center or services.

For instance — Kobe, Japan. "Especially in my community [which is a very] small community, where there is no rabbi to conduct Jewish things, it's unbelievably important for the people that the Lubavitch emissaries come here," said Nissan Anavian, the community organizer in Kobe. "They bring light to people sometimes completely in darkness, especially in Japan where there is nothing."

On every continent, Jews will study Torah, bake challah, and

explore their Jewish heritage, many for the first time. Some 100 senior rabbinical students will visit, to name just a few places, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Honduras, Japan, Kenya, Portugal and Vietnam.

"They bring light to people sometimes completely in darkness, especially in Japan where there is nothing."

But not all the students will travel abroad. Some will visit communities closer to home, such as Montana, Wyoming, and Saskatchewan. While the communities they help are not necessarily lacking in VCRs or microwaves, many are lacking in Jewish activities — both social and religious.

Chosen for their rabbinic proficiency and their people skills, a pair will travel to each place to meet with Jewish communal leaders and educators as well as individuals. Sometimes, the only way to locate the Jews is by guesswork in the local telephone book.

"While classes and communal evenings go a long way in

educating people, it is the conversions we have one-on-one that have the greatest impact," said Rabbi Reuven Mintz, who spent last summer in Central America and is now headed for the Far East.

"People who hear we've arrived come to us seeking advice on how to maintain a Jewish identity, especially for their children, in places with little or no Jewish infrastructure."

And in Stockholm, outgoing chairman of religious affairs for his community, Adam Rafman, said that because of the rabbis' hard work, "the young people become more interested in Jewish life and everything Jewish."

"We all look forward to their visits because they touch so many lives when they come," said Tommy Rybar, vice president of the Jewish community in Guatemala. "[Then they] go home, but leave behind a fire that will burn for a long time."

The summer outreach program is sponsored by Merkos L'inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Lubavitch movement. It was developed by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of blessed memory, who spearheaded its activities for more than 50 years.

Wiesenthal Center Charges Argentina is Haven for Nazis

by Sergio Kiernan

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — More than 50 years after the end of World War II, Argentina may still be a haven for Nazi war criminals.

According to Shimon Samuels, the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Europe and Latin America, up to 17 wanted war criminals may be alive and at large in the South American nation.

In a recent interview with a major Argentine newspaper, Samuels said he had surrendered "again and again" a list of Nazi officials allegedly living in Argentina to "three interior ministers of the Carlos Menem administration."

Argentine authorities took no action to find and extradite those on the list.

In the immediate postwar era, Col. Juan Peron, who became the president of Argentina in 1944, transformed the nation into one of the world's principal sanctuaries for Nazi war criminals, including Adolf Eichmann.

Samuel's list includes two Dutch nationals, Abraham Kipp and Jan Olij Hottentot, wanted by Dutch authorities on charges of genocide for their role in the deportation of Dutch Jews and anti-fascist activists during the German occupation of Holland.

Hottentot is also charged with torturing war prisoners on

the Russian front and with killing Jews while commanding an extermination group.

Hottentot was seen in 1992, when a reporter from the local *Clarín* newspaper took his picture at his home in a Buenos Aires suburb.

Shortly after that, he disappeared.

The Reform can register as a minority religion. But they cannot pass themselves off as Judaism.

Avraham Ravitz

Also included on the list is Croatian national Ivo Rojnica, who lived in Argentina under the name of Ivan or Juan Rajcinovic, and who became notorious in late 1991 for being named Croatian ambassador to Argentina by President Franjo Tudjman.

Rojnica never assumed his diplomatic office because he had by then become an Argentine citizen and because the Argentine government was then opening its files relating to Nazi officials and war criminals living in the country.

KOACH Students Take Part in Yerushe Seminars

In order to help Conservative Jewish college students establish closer ties with the remaining Jewish community in Central Europe and to forge a relationship with the current generation of Gentile Germans and Poles, KOACH, the college arm of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, recently participated in a three-week program of seminars and fieldwork in Central Europe.

Yerushe ("legacy" in Hebrew) was organized by KOACH and Hillel International and sponsored by the Council on International, Education and Exchange, in cooperation with Auswärtiges Amt Der Bundesrepublik Deutschland.

Richard S. Moline, KOACH director, sees this as "unique opportunity for Conservative Jewish college students to begin the process of connecting with their contemporaries — Jewish and Gentile — in Central Europe."

In Frankfurt, the group met with Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. They discussed the future of Jewish life in Germany, the impact of recent Russian immigration, the legacy of the Holocaust, and the controversy surrounding the exclusion of the first German woman rabbi, Rabbi Bea Wyler, from the Assembly of German Jewish Rabbis. The group met with Wyler later in their trip.

Visiting Worms, where Rashi, the great medieval Jew-

ish scholar lived and wrote, students studied some of Rashi's biblical commentary in a synagogue believed to be built on the site of Rashi's original yeshiva.

A seminar followed with students from the Technical College for Community and Religious Training, where young Germans learn to teach about religion in local churches and schools.

The school's location in the Weimar area, once home to Martin Luther, provoked a heated discussion about Luther's anti-Semitic writings and their influence on later generations of Germans.

After students visited the Buchenwald concentration camp, Rabbi Charles E. Savenor, co-leader of the student group, observed that he "found it unfathomable that the German government allows prejudice to continue against its Turkish minority."

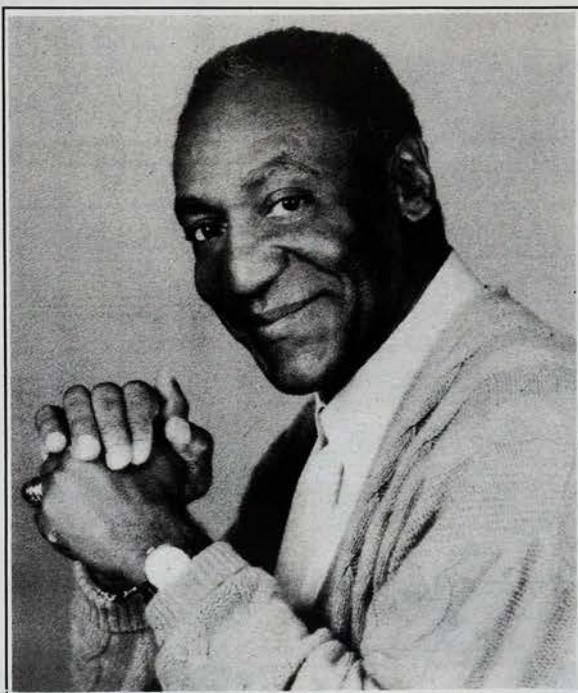
Sener Sargut, a leader of the Turkish community, later addressed the students on the future of minorities in Germany.

According to Jonah B. Bookstein, Yerushe co-leader, the group moved on to Poland armed with deeper understanding of the origins of both the Holocaust and of Askenazi Jewry. He observed that through such visits "Students come to appreciate the richness of our people's history in Central Europe and the unique circumstance which led to its destruction."

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Cosby, Minnelli and Hamlisch Perform for JNF

Liza Minnelli, Bill Cosby, and Marvin Hamlisch contributed their talents recently in a special concert in Atlanta to benefit the Jewish National Fund. A crowd of 10,000 turned out for an unforgettable combination of talent, energy, enthusiasm, music and comedy.



BILL COSBY opened the show at a JNF benefit program in Atlanta. Marvin Hamlisch and Liza Minnelli appeared on the same bill.

I never heard anyone say, 'He's a good musician but he's black or Jewish so we can't use him.' Marvin Hamlisch

Mayor Bill Campbell of Atlanta, introducing the show, thanked JNF for donating tickets to the police and fire departments so their members could join the festivities. He noted that for years Atlanta's black and Jewish communities have worked together in harmony for the greater good of the city.

Cosby was the opening act. He referred once again to the importance of building bridges between communities. "How can you make a change in the world unless you make a change here?" he asked, pointing to his heart.

Hamlisch continued the theme. Noting that it is talent and ability that make a band a cohesive unit, he remarked, "I never heard anyone say, 'He's a good musician but he's black or Jewish so we can't use him.' We

should be living our lives like we are all players in the same band."

Minnelli presented her interpretations of old songs and new— blues, ballads and rockers, and a superb rendition of Roy Orbison's "Crying." She concluded with one of her most

famous songs, "New York, New York."

The events proceeds will be applied to the KKL (JNF) Park and Events Center in the Judean Hills across from Teddy Kollek Stadium. The heart of the park will be an amphitheater, accommodating up to 40,000 people.

More Than 120 Women to be Bat Mitzvahed Together

More than 120 women, aged 13 to 86, will share a bat mitzvah on July 15, the culmination of a program sponsored by Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., to help women achieve one of the most significant and spiritual events in Jewish life.

This is believed to be the largest group bat mitzvah, ever.

The event will take place at 8 a.m. in the grand ballroom of the Fountainebleau Hilton Hotel in Miami Beach, where Hadassah will be holding its 82nd national convention.

In connection with this celebration, 40 Hadassah chapters

across the country sewed, needlepointed and hand-painted a 10'3" x 7'9" tallit (a prayer shawl that reminds worshippers of the commandments) that will be part of the ceremony. It, too, is believed to be one of the largest of its kind.

"When most of these women were growing up, a bat mitzvah was not a religious requirement," said Leah Reicin, co-chair of the convention and the person who came up with the idea for the event.

In order to be bat mitzvahed, the women had to, in many cases, learn how to read Hebrew; learn the prayers associ-

ated with the ceremony and Jewish family life; light the Sabbath candles every Friday evening; learn the portion of the Torah read the week of the bat mitzvah; read about Jerusalem 3000, and draft an essay about their experience.



Bar Mitzvah Celebration

Seventeen boys, brought by Chabad's Children of Chernobyl to Israel from the contaminated regions surrounding Chernobyl, celebrated their bar mitzvah recently in Jerusalem. Each boy was called to the Torah at the Western Wall, followed by a party at the Concord Hotel.

Two More Reform Rabbis Ordained in Israel

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two Israelis were ordained Reform rabbis at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion here recently as the movement renewed its call for religious pluralism in Israel.

Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, HUC president, warned of an alienation of the diaspora if Reform and Conservative streams of Judaism are not recognized in Israel.

"We are not just talking about less political and financial support, which are also likely to happen," he said on Army Radio. "We are talking about Jewish unity."

So far, 16 Israelis have been ordained as Reform rabbis in Israel, including two women.

Reform and Conservative rabbis are not recognized by the chief rabbinate, which is Orthodox, and thus are not authorized by the state to officiate at weddings, carry out conversions or perform other religious roles.

Knesset member Avraham Ravitz, of United Torah Judaism, dismissed Zimmerman's remarks.

"If they want to come here and live here as Jews, fine," he told Army Radio. "The Reform can register as a minority religion. But they cannot pass themselves off as Judaism."

Israeli Cabinet Approves Controversial Budget Slash

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — In its first concrete step of its economic agenda, Israel's new government has approved close to a \$1.6 billion cut in next year's national budget.

One day before the budget decision, some 400,000 public employees staged a one-hour strike to protest the government's plan to cut spending drastically and to privatize a number of state-owned companies.

Cabinet members who opposed the budget in the recent 12-5 vote — Foreign Minister David Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai were among them — said their primary concerns were about slashes to defense and education and the cuts' impact on the low-income sectors of the population.

The cut will help the govern-

ment fight inflation, now running at about 15 percent a year. The stock market rallied in response to the news of the budget decision.

The vote represented a victory for Finance Minister Dan Meridor, who had the support of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Jacob Frenkel, governor of the Bank of Israel.

However, the vote is only one battle in the budget war.

In August, Meridor will present a detailed budget to Cabinet members, but until then, no specific decisions have been made as to which ministries will have their budgets cut or how much those cuts will be.

It is likely that a number of negative economic statistics released recently helped the budget proposal get through the Cabinet.

The Bank of Israel had announced that its monthly integrated index, which predicts the direction of the economy, slipped by seven-tenths of a percent. This marked the first drop in the index in more than three years.

Netanyahu has pledged to privatize about a third of Israel's state-owned companies during the next four years.

Mandela to go to Israel

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — South African President Nelson Mandela is scheduled to make his first visit to Israel next month.

Israel's Foreign Ministry announced recently that Mandela would arrive Aug. 19.

He also is expected to meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and to visit Jordan and Egypt.

Alfred Nzo, the South African foreign minister, visited Israel last September. At that time, he declared his government's interest in forging closer ties with the Jewish state.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Rebbe's Picture One in Five Thousand

NEW YORK (LNS) — A picture of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson of blessed memory, was chosen as one of the 25 "Most Memorable Covers" in the last 100 years of *The New York Times Magazine* by its editors. The covers are displayed on the newspaper's web site (<http://www.nytimes.com/specials/magazine2/covers.html>).

Editors at the magazine had the arduous task of selecting the 25 covers from more than 5,000 of the last century, to celebrate the anniversary of the purchase of the paper by the Sulzberger family.

"The image was so evocative we certainly thought it deserved inclusion in the group," said Kevin McKenna, editorial director of The New York Times Electronic Media Corporation.

McKenna explained that the

criteria for selecting the more recent cover images was that "all [had to agree] that it was literally memorable. You could say about it, 'Oh yeah, I remember that one.'" For the covers of earlier decades, editors were looking for the images that best evoked the era.

The image of the Rebbe did both. "It certainly was evocative of the man, the movement, and the time," he said.

In addition, McKenna pointed out, the magazine cover with the Rebbe's image turned out to be the only one with a spiritual theme. "Nothing else really evoked the spiritual world."

Freelance photographer Mark Asnin, who shot the winning photograph while on assignment for the *Times*, said that his interaction with the Rebbe was different than with any

prior subject. "When you looked in his eyes: he was just very intense," he said. "It was not the average interaction. There was a different energy flowing from him. You're not going to see too many people affect people like that."

"It was the most special assignment I've ever had," Asnin said.

The Rebbe's picture appeared on the March 15, 1992 issue of the *Times Magazine*, along with an award-winning article by Michael Specter, currently the *Times*' Moscow bureau chief. It depicted a close-up of the Rebbe, as he listened intently to a man who had come to seek his counsel.

"The picture has a lot of energy," said Kathy Ryan, photo editor of the *New York Times* magazine. "He (the photographer) caught spirituality."

Begin Criticizes Netanyahu for Contacting Palestinians

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has clashed with a Cabinet minister who claimed that the new premier was too left-wing.

The incident has fueled speculation that Science Minister Ze'ev "Benny" Begin, a member of the premier's Likud Party, would resign from his post when and if the government held official contacts with the Palestinians.

Begin's criticism came after Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, Dore Gold, met secretly with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* has reported that Begin plans to leave the government as soon as official talks with the Palestinians take place.

But Likud sources have denied these rumors.

At a recent cabinet meeting, Begin said he was not happy that the ministers had not been consulted before the Arafat meeting was held.

He added that the government's guidelines allowed for contact with the Palestinian Authority, but only if the Palestinians meet their commitments under the peace agreements with Israel.

Netanyahu reportedly replied that the dialogue was in accordance with the guidelines and that if Begin had objections, he should have considered them before joining the government.

Likud sources and officials in the prime minister's office claim that Begin and Netanyahu have patched things up.

Air Force Chief Warns of Arab Missile Power

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's outgoing air force commander has said the chances for war breaking out in the near future are small — but Israel's existence would be in danger if one did.

At a news conference held recently marking the end of his assignment, Herzl Bodinger said most of Israel's Arab neighbors possessed technologically advanced weapons, which significantly heightened the risks for Israel in the event of a war.

"Most of the Arab countries which neighbor Israel possess long-range missiles," he said June 20. "Such missiles can hit any spot in Israel."

Bodinger also reflected on

Operation Grapes of Wrath, Israel's military action against Hezbollah in April, which was launched after the fundamentalist movement sent several series of Katyusha rockets into northern Israel.

Bodinger said the operation had done little to change the situation in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah continued to operate from the same places it had before the military action, he added.

While the militant Shi'ite group was no longer rocketing communities in northern Israel, Bodinger said, it remained to be seen whether the U.S.-brokered cease-fire that brought an end to attacks on civilian targets by both sides would hold.

Israel May Ease Closure

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Top Israeli security officials have recommended significantly easing the 4-month-old closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The closure, imposed in February after the first of a series of suicide bombings, has prevented tens of thousands of Palestinian workers from reaching jobs in Israel and has cost the Palestinian economy more than \$300 million.

Top security officials, including Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, the head of the Israel Defense Force central command; Ami Ayalon, the head of the Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelligence agency; and Maj. Gen. Oren Shahor, the coordinator of activities in the territories, have advocated eas-

ing the closure, the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported recently.

If the closure is eased, 50,000 to 70,000 Palestinians would be allowed entry permits, security sources said. Permits would only be given to workers who are older than 25, married and do not have a security violation record.

Likud Knesset member Gideon Ezra, a former deputy head of the Shin Bet, called recently for an easing of the closure.

"It is not good for either side," he said. "People want to go to work, and they should be allowed. These are the people we

have to continue living with here."

He said the Palestinians should be allowed to take the jobs now being filled by foreign workers.

Since the closure took effect, about 100,000 foreign workers have entered Israel legally. Some 100,000 others have entered illegally.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was reportedly inclined to adopt the recommendations of the security officials, even though he said he would not make any decision before discussing it with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Israeli Arabs Meet With Netanyahu

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met last week with Arab Knesset members, who urged his government to resume negotiations with the Palestinians.

Abdel Wahab Darawshe, of the United Arab List, later told Israel Radio that in their discussion he stressed the importance for a meeting between the Israeli prime minister and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat if the peace process is to continue.

Netanyahu has said he would meet with Arafat if it was necessary for Israel's security.

Meanwhile, he has authorized lower-level representatives to meet with Arafat and other Palestinian Authority officials.

Also in their meeting, Darawshe called on Netanyahu to fulfill all the commitments Israel had made in its agreements with the Palestinians, including the Israeli troop redeployment in Hebron, Army Radio reported.

According to Darawshe, Netanyahu responded that he was still studying the issue.



Anne Frank Huis

Two pictures of the Anne Frank House, Prinsengracht 263, Amsterdam — on the left, 1940, on the right, 1990.

OBITUARIES

ROSE ADLER

WARWICK — Rose Adler, 92, of West Bay Manor, West Shore Road, a production worker for several ladies garment manufacturing firms in New York City for 50 years before retiring, died July 4 at the manor. She was the widow of Jacob Adler.

Born in Austria, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Israel Haber, she lived in New York City most of her life. She moved to Warwick in 1993.

She leaves several granddaughters, including Charlotte Klein in Florida, Martha Cadugan in New York City and Gail Adler of Providence; and two grandsons, Craig Adler of Providence and Fred Adler of Boston.

A graveside service was held July 7 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road. Burial followed. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

BENSON BAKER NARRAGANSETT

Benson Baker, 68, of Westmoreland Street, died July 4 at South County Hospital. He was the former owner of Baker Ford/BMW and Baker Import Cars, both in Pawtucket, and Baker Auto in Providence, Pawtucket and Warwick. He was the husband of Avis (Myers) Baker.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Louis and Celia (Kenner) Baker, he had lived in Narragansett for 20 years.

He was a member of the Red-

wood Lodge Masons, the National Automobile Dealers, and was a past president of the Rhode Island Automobile Dealers Association.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Peter J. Baker of Narragansett and Gary Baker of Cumberland; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 8 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence.

JACK BERNSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Jack Bernstein, of 163 Waterman St., Providence, a tax collector at Providence City Hall for many years before retiring, died July 4 at Roger Williams Medical Center.

Born in Austria, a son of the late Samuel and Anna (Chotkis) Bernstein, he lived in Providence most of his life. He worked in New York several years before returning to Providence many years ago. A *Journal-Bulletin* article recounted his relationship with taxpayers lined up to pay their annual taxes. Remembering his friendly manner with fellow taxpayers, people preferred lining up to deal with him. He had a favorite expression, "See you on the next trip." — meaning he hoped that they would be well so they could see each other again.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and an alumnus of Brown University. He participated in fund-raising work for Brown, and he gave gener-

ously to charitable and educational groups and causes. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association. He was a member of the Congregation Sons of Jacob and Congregation Sons of Abraham. Graveside services were held July 7 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. The family was assisted in arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

BERNICE BLUMSTEIN

BARRINGTON — Bernice Blumstein, 81, of North Chatsworth Ave., Larchmont, N.Y., died June 30 at her daughter's home in Barrington. She was the widow of Edgar Blumstein.

Born in New York City, she was a daughter of the late Silas and Lillie (Gutter) Heineman. She lived in Mount Vernon, N.Y., before moving to Larchmont 24 years ago.

She leaves two daughters, Sheila E. Blumstein of Barrington and Lynn R. Morris of Falmouth, Mass., a sister, Harriet Marcus of Hartsdale, N.Y.; and four grandchildren. She was sister of the late Gloria Dunn.

A graveside service was held at Sharon Gardens Cemetery, Valhalla, N.Y. The family was assisted in arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

CHARLES J. FOX JR.

PROVIDENCE — Charles J. Fox Jr. died on July 3 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center. A prominent business leader in Providence for more than 50 years and an active member in the Jewish community, he was the CEO and former president of The C.J. Fox Company, a local packaging manufacturing company. He was the husband of Claire Fox.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was born on June 30, 1918, to the late C. Joseph Fox, a founding member of Temple Beth-El, and Elsie Herz Fox. He graduated cum laude from Moses Brown School in 1936 and received a B.S. in economics from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania in 1940. Soon after college graduation,

he entered the packing company founded by his father in 1895. In his 54 years with The C.J. Fox Company, the business grew from 35 to more than 100 employees. Instrumental in expanding the company's product lines from boxes and tags to pressure sensitive labels and plastic display cards, Fox, with his brother Robert Fox, introduced innovative marketing and manufacturing techniques to the business. Fox, who was called CJ by friends and family, was known to walk around the factory and personally thank each employee upon handing him his paycheck.

Among close relatives and friends, Fox was known for his equanimity and constancy. A regular swimmer at The Jewish Community Center and the Providence YMCA, his activities also included bicycling and walking. In addition, he was an accomplished amateur photographer.

Active in community affairs, he was a past president of the Jewish Community Center, board member of Temple Beth-El and chairman of their cemetery committee, and a member of Redwood Lodge of Masons and the Providence YMCA.

Relatives say he was very proud to be selected in 1977 as a national Defense Executive Reservist by the U.S. Department of Commerce for emergency production in the event of a nuclear attack, especially since he was unable to serve in World War II for medical reasons. In addition, for more than 30 years he regularly donated blood to the Rhode Island Blood Center.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Joseph Fox of West Hartford, Conn., two daughters, Joyce Starr and Jill Tobak of Providence; stepsons, Stanley Wescott and William Wescott of Rumford; a brother, Robert Fox of Lantana, Fla., and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

JACK GORDON

CRANSTON — Jack Gordon, 68, of 376 Woodbine St., a shipper-receiver for the jewelry firm, Bazar Inc. Sales Co., East Providence, for 20 years before retiring six years ago, died June 29 at home. He was the husband of Doris (Bazar) Gordon.

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., a son of the late Frank and Anna (Flom) Gordon, he lived in Providence many years before moving to Cranston 36 years ago.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham. He was a member of the Rhode Island Jewish Fraternal Association and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Lynn Vinacco, and a son, Mark Gordon, both of Cranston; a sister, Frances Lipman of Lancaster, Pa.; five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He was a brother of the late Irving Gordon.

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

SHEILA M. KAY

BOSTON — Sheila M. Kay, 57, of 382 Ocean Ave., Revere, Mass., formerly of Providence, a court reporter for 35 years and founder of the Kay Reporting Service in Boston and its proprietor for many years, died July 6 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Murray Kay of Providence and the late Mirrel (Resh) Kay, she moved to the greater Boston area 35 years ago.

She attended Boston University.

Besides her father, she leaves a brother, Irwin Kay of Cranston.

A graveside service was held July 8 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Burial followed. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL LERNER

EAST PROVIDENCE — Samuel Lerner, 91, of Orchard View Manor, Tripps Lane, general manager of a retail clothing store in Woonsocket for 20 years before retiring 25 years ago, died July 2 at the manor. He was the husband of the late Eva (Horovitz) Lerner.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Henry and Anna Lerner, he lived many years in Cranston and Warwick before moving to East Providence.

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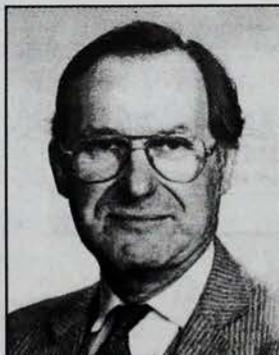
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Crisis

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Philip Meltzer, president of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, who was instrumental in crafting the compromise, wants to see follow-up by the fund-raising establishment and the agency commission.

"We expect all these organizations will join us in protesting any 'changes in the current situation,' and we will hold them to it publicly," Meltzer said.

"In no way would we want to stop money going to the federations from Reform Jews."

But, he added, Reform Jews will "have to be more actively supporting progressive institutions in Israel, and we're going to urge them to do so."

(Since the mid-1980s, the Jewish Agency has been funding the Israeli institutions of the three major streams of Judaism, currently funneling roughly \$1 million to each.)

Meanwhile, the agency's economic situation remains dire. It plans to cut \$500 million from its budget over five years to cover deficits caused, in part, by flagging fund-raising campaigns by the UJA and federations. The campaigns provide about \$220 million annually to the agency through the United Israel Appeal.

Richard Wexler, the new president of the UJA, told the assembly that the organization is poised to "reform, re-energize and re-awaken" the campaigns.

Next year's budget at \$387 million is down from last year's \$450 million.

This cut is made possible by the transfer, to the government, of the agency's Youth Aliyah program.

Roughly half of the total budget is allocated for immigration and initial immigrant absorption.

Another large portion, about \$44 million, goes to the Joint

Authority for Jewish Zionist Education, whose status as an independent self-governing body remains a source of frustration to many of the diaspora fund-raisers. They question the effectiveness of some of its work in the United States.

Officials of the authority, however, ardently defend their work, whose hallmark has been promoting Jewish and Zionist identity, with a strong emphasis on Israel Experience programs.

We expect all these organizations will join us in protesting any 'changes in the current situation,' and we will hold them to it publicly.

Philip Meltzer

A resolution requiring more accountability of the authority was tabled because, it was charged, the resolution violated its bylaws.

But the initiative clearly reflected the unhappiness by some of the fund-raisers with the system and with the cultural differences between the two bodies [the WZO and the JA].

Meanwhile, the agency is working toward a reorganization into three authorities dealing with immigration, Jewish education, and the development of Israel in cooperation with the diaspora.

In Burg's vision, the WZO would be combined with the agency, which he would like to see called "Bayit," the Hebrew word for home and an acronym for "Israel-diaspora covenant."

The two entities have begun restructuring negotiations, in the hope of agreement by next June, but the timetable and results are uncertain.

Jewish Research Opens Attack on A-T

The A-T Children's Project has announced that it has awarded a one-year research grant to Dr. Peter McKinnon, Ph.D., a faculty member in the department of genetics at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Tennessee, where McKinnon has been focusing his laboratory's efforts on the molecular basis of neurodegeneration and neural injury. With the funding provided by this grant, McKinnon's lab team will conduct two research projects aimed at clarifying how the brain deteriorates in patients who have Ataxia Telangiectasia, or "A-T."

A-T is a rare, genetic disease that affects children of all races and ethnic origins, combining

the most brutal aspects of muscular dystrophy, cancer and cystic fibrosis in one single disease. Appearing normal until around their second birthday, children with A-T gradually become "ataxic," losing the ability to control their arms and legs, slurring their speech, and eventually finding difficulty in controlling their eye movement. They are also 1,000 times more likely than unaffected children of developing cancer, with nearly 35 percent of A-T children developing leukemia or lymphoma. And, because their immune systems are deficient, frequent infections and respiratory problems can be life-threatening. The disease is relentless;

most children with A-T are wheelchair dependent by the age of 10, and they rarely live beyond their teens or early 20s. There is presently no cure and no way to slow the progression of the disease.

The defective gene that causes A-T was identified last year by a team of geneticists led by Dr. Yosef Shiloh at the Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine in Tel Aviv, Israel. Regarding McKinnon's new research plans, Shiloh commented, "[Peter McKinnon's planned research] has a specified and original approach to both experimental avenues in that everything is being focused on the cerebellum."

Fall River Will Celebrate America

Fall River Celebrates America, one of the largest waterfront festivals on the East Coast, will take place from Aug. 7 to 11. It will be held at Fall River's heritage State Park and adjacent Battleship Cove. This family-oriented celebration will mark its 10th anniversary this summer.

Admission to the entire five-day festival is just \$1.50 in advance and \$2 per person as of Aug. 4. Children age 12 and under are admitted free. Upon paying the entry fee, visitors will receive buttons which will entitle them to enter all areas of the festival.

A new feature of this year's festival will be a \$10 pass called a Ticket to Adventure. This pass will provide access to some of the waterfront's most popular attractions, including the U.S.S. Massachusetts, the H.M.S. Bounty, the Carousel, the marine Museum, the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Museum, and the entire five-day festival (a \$21 value).

The pass is a great value for local residents who have not yet seen the tourist attractions at the waterfront, and for out-of-town guests visiting the area for the first time. Tickets to Adventure can be turned in at the end

of the weekend and entered in a special drawing.

From Aug. 7 to 11, Fall River's historic waterfront will buzz with activity, including a parade of international tall ships, water ski exhibitions, a sailing regatta, a six-division parade, fireworks, a crafts and collectibles show, helicopter rides, an amusement park, a petting zoo, a 5K road race and nightly concerts by nationally acclaimed entertainers, and much more.

Several new and exciting features have been added to the schedule of events. To celebrate the area's large Portuguese population, the opening night of the festival, Aug. 7, has been designated as Portuguese Night, during which ethnic food, crafts, and entertainment will be featured.

The country and western phenomenon that is sweeping the nation will be the theme of the following evening during Country Night.

Free parking and public transportation will be available to accommodate visitors to this spectacular event.

Buttons and Tickets to Adventure are currently available at dozens of establishments in the Fall River area.

Envision 'Storied Visions'

On July 12, The Old Dartmouth Historical Society — New Bedford Whaling Museum will be opening a summer exhibition, "Storied Visions: New Bedford Artists' Landscapes" to the public.

This exhibit offers the works of 11 artists who are skilled in portraying landscapes during the 19th and 20th centuries. The natural environment became the historical, cultural, and religious focal point of writers and artists during this time.

The museum is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursday evenings until 8 p.m., from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors, and \$3 for children 6 to 14. Children under 6 and members are admitted free.

For further information, call curator, Mary Blasdale (508) 997-0046, ext. 15.

'Pinocchio' to Appear in Norton

The Great Woods Educational Forum will continue its summer children's series on July 18 with the Yates Musical Theatre's production of "Pinocchio."

Filled with energy and fun, "Pinocchio" will delight children and parents alike. All shows will be held in Watson Auditorium at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

The Yates Musical Theatre Company has been performing for young audiences for more than 25 years. Their presentations are brought to life by a group of professional actors, musicians, dancers, writers and technicians.

Shows will be performed twice a day at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All performances are \$6 per person. For more information or tickets, call the Great Woods Educational Forum at (508) 285-8391.

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Cinderella Drops in on Great Woods

The Yates Musical Theatre returns to the Great Woods Educational Forum with a production of "Cinderella" on July 25 in Watson Auditorium at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

Shows will be performed twice a day at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All performances are \$6 per person. For more information or for tickets, call the Great Woods Educational Forum at (508) 285-8391.

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