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'The Jewish Community Priority Should Be In-Reach'

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

Rabbi David B. Rosen, of Temple Torat Yisrael, will be leaving the temple next week to return to Houston, Texas, where he grew up. He will become the rabbi of the temple — Congregation Beth Yeshurun — where he spent a happy childhood. And he will be returning to his extended family — his parents, in-laws, sister, nephews — with his wife and two children.

He said, "They say you can't go home again, but I am."

When he led the Shabbat service at Beth Yeshurun, as part of auditioning for the job, he was not optimistic that he would be chosen. He told his family not to get their hopes up. The congregation consisted of 2,200 families, which is a considerable number. He knew that being picked from the field of rabbinical contenders for this spot would be a real honor, and, when it happened, it came as a pleasant shock.

At that same Shabbat service, one of those present, Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, was the Hillel rabbi who first urged Rosen to consider becoming a rabbi himself.

Rosen was a junior in college at the time, majoring in Hebrew studies and communications... but, being the eldest son in the family, he was expected to take over his father's dressmaking business when he graduated.

He'd spent summers working in the business, and was quite content to let that plan unfold... until Kessler drew him aside and handed him a seminary catalogue.

"I don't know what half of these course titles mean," he told Kessler, who was undaunted.

Rosen says, "I was shocked. Becoming a rabbi had never entered my mind. When I was growing up, rabbis were always old men, with white beards, who walked very slowly and carried themselves with great dignity. I could not envision myself as one of them."

Kessler said, "Change your image. Look at me. I'm a young man."

There had been a rabbi and several cantors in Rosen's family — now just pictures on the walls of buildings in Dallas and Fort Worth, but revered in the family and in parts of Texas. Rosen's upbringing was closely tied to the synagogue.

When he left Houston, he left with warm memories of the place.

When Rosen returns to Texas, Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer will assume responsibility for all lifecycle events in the R.I. congregation, while a search committee, already in place, goes about the business of picking Rosen's successor. Rosen says this should be a time of reflection for the congregation, of assessing just where it is that they

want to go next. The process should take some time, and should not be rushed.

We reviewed Rosen's 12 years in office at Torat Yisrael. He remembers the first six years of his rabbinate as being ones of growth and promise, particularly with reference to southern Rhode Island. Many of the temples in the area, including Temple Torat Yisrael, began to invest in that area, opening religious schools, etc.

Then, about six years ago, the tide began to turn. Numbers went down. Schools had to be closed. The temples were forced to retrench.

Rosen feels that they were simply reflecting the state of affairs in Rhode Island at the time.

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IN JUNE THE RABBI SAYS GOOD-BYE. Rabbi David B. Rosen and Men's Club President Ed Beck of Temple Torat Yisrael smile for the camera. Rosen will be leaving soon for Texas, which made this a bittersweet moment.

Reform Leader Hands Over Reins

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — The walls of the modest office with the spectacular view of Central Park are bare now.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler has taken down the school photos of his five children and the picture of the Western Wall, and has relegated them to boxes in the corner.

The man who led the Reform movement for 23 years and turned it into the largest synagogue movement in American life is vacating the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' presidential office to make room for his successor, Rabbi Eric Yoffie.

Schindler leaves as the movement is in the early stages of re-inventing itself, while Yoffie tries to fashion a future for Reform Judaism that is focused

more on the core values of Jewish living than the past has been.

When he stepped up to the presidency in 1973, Schindler became a lightning rod for controversial positions and policies.

Under his stewardship, the programs and policies of the UAHC focused largely on the liberal aspects of liberal Judaism.

At Schindler's behest, beginning in 1978, the UAHC launched an outreach program to intermarried and unaffiliated Jews that is unmatched in scope in the Jewish community.

The movement also opened its doors to female rabbis and cantors as well as to gay and lesbian Jews. It developed formal mechanisms for social action through the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, which has offices in Washing-

ton and Jerusalem, and the New York-based Association of Reform Zionists of America.

In the process, the UAHC grew under Schindler's tenure from 400 member congregations to 870. In the past two decades, the number of congregants connected to Reform temples has also grown by about 25 percent, to some 1.25 million people, said the retiring president.

"On intermarriage, damn it, let's confront it, let's do something about it. Let's not count the casualties before the battle is over," said Schindler

Orthodox Parties Press Demands

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) Bolstered by their strong showing in the Knesset elections, Israel's Orthodox parties are poised to play a pivotal role in the government of Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu and in the new Parliament.

The National Religious Party, Shas and United Torah Judaism, which together won 23 Knesset seats, have been far from timid as they conduct negotiations with Netanyahu to secure ministerial positions in the Cabinet and commitments to allocate more resources, especially in education and housing, for their religious constituencies.

In the ongoing coalition negotiations, the religious parties are pressing a crowded list of demands that include:

- legislation to make permanent the "status quo" arrangements by which the Orthodox have a virtual monopoly over religious life in Israel;
- a ban on the sale of pork;
- stricter legislation on abortions;
- reworking of the Law of Return to bar people whose Jewishness is deemed suspect from immigrating to Israel;
- the passage of a "Basic Law," which would eventually become part of a yet-to-be-com-

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In speech after speech over the past year as president-elect, Yoffie has made clear his intent not to neglect any of the programs that reach out from the Jewish community, whether through social action or attention, to the needs of intermarried families.

But he has already developed new departments and programs indicating that his vision of Reform Judaism will be emphasizing the "Judaism" in liberal Judaism.

Already in place at the UAHC is a new department of Adult Jewish Growth, which will establish a network of Reform

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Presidents Share The Spotlight

Rita Slom, on the left, Hadassah's outgoing president and Evy Rappoport, the incoming president, shared the podium at the installation breakfast held on June 9 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. Story on page 6.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

Dorothea Snyder to Appear on 'Senior Journal'

"The Senior Journal," a program designed to educate the public on concerns of aging through the personal perspectives of Rhode Island seniors.

Sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs and COX Cable Television, "Senior Journal" is written, hosted, produced and edited by senior volunteers.

The program can be viewed Monday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. over the statewide cable interconnect, Channel "A."

The broadcast schedule for upcoming "Senior Journal" programs follows:

July 8 to July 18 — "Services

in the Comfort of Your Home — Using the Internet," will be hosted by Lee Chalek of Warwick and feature Dorothea Snyder, feature writer, *R.I. Senior Times*, and former feature writer for the *Jewish Herald*.

July 22 to Aug. 1 — "Senior Profile," hosted by Ann McGowan of Providence, will feature Gwynn McDougal, fitness expert and author.

Viewers' written comments, suggestions, or opinions on "The Senior Journal" are welcome and should be addressed to: Larry Grimaldi, R.I. Department of Elderly Affairs, 160 Pine St., Providence, R.I. 02903.

Feinstein Honored at March of Dimes Fund-raiser

Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein will be honored as the March of Dimes' first "Citizen of the Year" on June 26, at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet.

Proceeds from the \$100-per-person dinner will go to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. Corporate tables of 10 are available at \$1,000. For details, call Heather Campbell at the March of Dimes office, 781-1611.

Feinstein is being honored for

the "Good Deeds" work he is doing in conjunction with more than 270 Rhode Island schools. Students, parents, teachers and principals from the top 21 schools in the Good Deeds program have been invited by Feinstein to share the spotlight with him that night. Each of the schools involved has already been presented with a check of \$1,000 from the Feinstein Foundation.

Dinner and a special program

Be A Yankee Doodle Dandy

Blithewold Mansion & Gardens, at 101 Ferry Road (Route 114), Bristol, invites the public to celebrate "Yankee Doodle" Day and to participate in a 150-person Living American Flag on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine.

A patriotic prelude to Fourth of July activities, this celebration is co-sponsored by East Bay RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), and is part of the Bristol Fourth of July calendar of events.

Throughout the day, visitors are invited to stroll the grounds, and picnic on the 33 acres of historic landscape overlooking Bristol Harbor. Beverages and fresh fruit will be for sale. Bristol's own "Uncle Sam" and "Betsy Ross" will announce the afternoon's events. The day's highlights include:

1 p.m. — Ocean State Brass Quintet presenting a program of All-American selections.

1:30 p.m. — Living Flag participants will assemble on the Great Lawn. 150 volunteers are

needed.

2 p.m. — Living Flag is "unfurled" with brass fanfare. Overhead photographs will be taken to record this unique event, and momentos will be available.

2:30 p.m. — Mount Hope Bay Chorus, a women's barbershop group, will perform traditional and summertime music.

3 p.m. — Box Lunch Drawing winners will be announced. Gift certificates for "Lunch for Two" have been donated by local restaurants.

The red, white and blue squares used to compose the Living Flag are made of plasticor, a lightweight, rigid and waterproof material. In a gesture of international friendship and generosity, O.S. Plastics, a Canadian company from Cornwall, Ontario, donated the pieces for Blithewold's Flag.

Admission to "Yankee Doodle" Day is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 6 to 18. Family maximum is \$10.00. Call 253-2707 for more information.

How to Get Your DEA ID

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

Persons 60 and older must present proof of age such as a birth certificate, driver's license or Medicare supplement insurance card.

Disabled persons must present verification in the form of a Social Security disability award letter or Veterans Administration disability card.

In addition to the Pine Street location, the DEA mobile identification unit will be at the East Providence Senior Center, 100 Bullocks Point Ave., on July 16 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Senior housing units, senior centers, and other agencies interested in having the DEA mobile identification unit visit their site should contact Ann Macchiarola at 277-2858, ext. 204.

Giannini to Hold District 7 Forum

Rep. Joanne M. Giannini, whose District 7 includes the Providence neighborhoods of Elmhurst and Mount Pleasant, will hold a public forum for her constituents on June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant Library at 315 Academy Ave.

The legislator urges her constituents to stop by on the 24th, and discuss with her any of their concerns or problems about state government, the City of Providence, or their neighborhood.

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Get Your Amnesty Now!

There is only one month left to apply for the Rhode Island Division of Taxation Tax Amnesty program. The state of Rhode Island is offering eligible applicants the opportunity to pay past tax liabilities minus the incurred penalties, without danger of referral to the attorney general's office for criminal prosecution. This offer expires on June 28.

All taxes collected by the RI Division of Taxation and previously billed taxes are covered under the amnesty program. Tax amnesty does NOT apply to 1995 personal income taxes.

To apply, submit an application with an unfiled or amended tax return; specify the tax and tax periods for which you are requesting amnesty; and pay the tax and interest due.

"We're giving people the break they need to come clean and pay their taxes without consequence," says Gary Clark, tax administrator.

For further information regarding tax amnesty or to obtain an application, call the tax amnesty hot-line at 277-3836 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., or visit the Rhode Island Division of Taxation World Wide Web site at <http://www.doa.state.ri.us/tax>.

To obtain a tax amnesty application by fax, call the Division of Taxation's fax on-demand line (an automated document retrieval system) at (401) 274-3676, and enter 3836 when prompted for a document retrieval number.

Tell Us Some Stories

Books on the Square will hold the first of this summer's ever-popular Wednesday evening Summer Pajama Story Hours on June 26 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sarah Zacks and Judy Plotz will lead stories and games having to do with the Olympic Games and gods and goddesses. The program will be suitable for children 3 to 8 and their families, teddy bears, blankies, and other nighttime can't-do-without loved ones. Children are encouraged to come in their favorite pajamas. The story hours will take place at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence (331-9097). They are free and open to the public.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Discussion About Same-Sex Marriage in Judaism Generates Debate

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Many Jewish couples in love dream of being joined under a chuppah with the blessings of their rabbis, but for couples of the same sex, will a synagogue wedding remain only a dream?

On June 17, Rabbi George Astrachan, of Temple Sinai in Cranston, talked about the controversial issue with a group of young adults at a religious discussion hosted by Perspectives, Rhode Island's Jewish young adult project.

At the synagogue, Astrachan explained the resolution adopted by the Central Conference of American Rabbis in March 1996.

The CCAR adopted a resolution stating that it supports the right of gay and lesbian couples

to share fully and equally in the rights of civil marriage, and that it opposes governmental efforts to ban gay and lesbian marriage. The resolution also states that "this is a matter of civil law, and is separate from the question of rabbinic officiation at such marriages."

"What we approved was a civil rights issue," Astrachan said. The ruling was widely misinterpreted by the media, which reported that Reform rabbis were endorsing and performing same-sex marriage, he explained.

Members of the discussion group told Astrachan about how issues of gay marriage had affected their own lives.

"My brother is married to a man," said Tim Conway of North Kingstown. "He told me

that homosexuals do not choose their lifestyles. It's something that is given to them."

Garrett Sock of Warwick said his brother was committed to a male life partner.

"My brother would have preferred to be married to a woman, but that's how it is," said Sock. "My brother-in-law is my brother-in-law."

Astrachan said he would not perform such weddings.

"I'm not comfortable with them," he said. "The service is written with a male/female relationship in mind. I do not perform intermarriages either. I do not think any rabbi in the state will do an intermarriage, and I think the only rabbi who will do a same-sex marriage is Rabbi Cahana at Temple Beth-El."

At a wedding, rabbis and other clergymen act at the behest of the state, he explained. At present, 11 states forbid same-sex marriages, while Hawaii is considering making same-sex marriage legal.

Though he would not perform same-sex marriages, Astrachan said that if a homosexual couple wished to join Temple Habonim, they would enjoy the same benefits as any other couple.

Sock asked why he would accept a homosexual couple, but would not marry them.

"I know some of you may not agree with me, but I have to do what I feel comfortable doing," the rabbi responded.

The issue of whether Reform rabbis should perform same-sex marriages may come before the CCAR next year.

"Get ready for some heated discussion then," the rabbi said.



Rabbi George Astrachan at the June 17 discussion.
Herald photo by Emily Torgan

'Father's Day Is Full of Jewish Values'

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

When American Jews paid tribute to their fathers on June 16, most knew they were participating in an American cultural holiday.

However, many may have been less aware that they were paying careful attention to half of the fifth commandment, which demands that Jews honor both their fathers and their mothers.

Because of the importance of the fifth commandment, Father's Day is one of the American cultural holidays that mixes successfully with traditional Jewish faith, say local rabbis.

"Father's Day takes place every single day of the year in Judaism," said Lubavitch Rabbi Eliezer Levy, of The Chai Center in Warwick, this week. "We don't apply it on any particular day, we apply it always. Shabbat is one day of the week and holidays take place on certain days during the year, but it's always Father's Day for us."

Levy said Father's Day was not observed in the house he grew up in because it took place every single day of the year.

"Father's Day is like Thanksgiving," Levy explained. "We

start every day by thanking G-d for what we have. We don't do that on only one special day."

Levy told of a modern Yiddish folk song for children by Yom Tov Ehrlich that describes how G-d asks different peoples to accept the Torah.

"In the song, He asks the Americans to take the Torah," Levy said. "They say they don't want to, because honoring their mother and father one day a year is more than enough."

Alternately, Rabbi James Rosenberg, of the Reform Temple Habonim in Barrington, said a special day for fathers was helpful in the context of Judaism.

"At their best, all religions emphasize the importance of family," Rosenberg said this week. "Judaism emphasizes family, and it's nice to set aside a day to reflect upon the role of the father."

According to Rosenberg, family members need to be supportive of each other in their family roles, especially since traditional family roles are changing.

Still, Rosenberg thinks Jews should honor their fathers 365 days a year for three out of every four years.

"On leap years, Jews should honor their fathers 366 days a year," Rosenberg said.

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One million American children between the ages of 12 and 17 cannot read above the 3rd grade level.

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For more than seven years, Women's American ORT chapters across the country have been working in their communities to combat illiteracy and bring the joys of books and reading to children and adults alike. This national campaign has been named "Love Reading."

An array of activities are conducted under the Love Reading umbrella. Women's American ORT chapters co-sponsor events with local libraries; tutor children and adults; organize library card sign-up drives; and host special events and symposiums around such commemorations as Banned Books Week, Jewish Book Month, National Book Week, Women's History Month and National Library Week.

Women's American ORT has

also launched a series of radio public service announcements, narrated by actresses Estelle Parsons and Barbara Feldon, urging parents to read to their children of all ages. A comprehensive Love Reading kit, with recommended book lists, project ideas and reading tips, is in preparation. The kit will be available to the general public as well as to members of Women's American ORT.

For further information on Love Reading, contact Women's American ORT, National Office, 315 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010, (212) 505-7700.

Correction

A photo caption that ran in the June 13 issue placed attendees at the Mativ cruise in the wrong order. The names should have read as follows: John Zanghi II, Kristin Hicks, Michael Gaffin, Liz Lovett and Stephanie Penzell. The Herald regrets the error.

Son of Japanese "Schindler" to Visit Rhode Island

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Hiroki Sugihara, the son of a Japanese consul general who saved an estimated 6,000 to 10,000 Jews in Hitler's Europe, will discuss his father's righteous deeds at Newport's Touro Synagogue on July 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend the complimentary event, sponsored by the Rhode Island Holocaust Museum and Educational Resource Center, Touro Synagogue, Toray Plastics Inc., The Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Japan-America Society and the Newport Chapter of Hadassah.

In Kovno, Lithuania, in 1939, hundreds of terrified Jews begged the late Japanese Consul General Chiune Sugihara to help them get out of Europe any way he could. Against the wishes of the Japanese government, Sugihara began to issue visas to them.

"The Japanese government refused to grant Sugihara permission to grant visas, but he and his wife Yukiko did so anyway," explained museum board member Selma Stanzler. "The

Jews were literally banging on his doors, and he issued visas to them until he ran out of forms. After he ran out of forms, he stamped pieces of paper to help them to leave. He even wrote out visas by hand."

According to Stanzler, Sugihara was so busy he stopped counting the visas he issued, but they probably numbered about 2,000. As these visas enabled whole families to leave Europe, between 6,000 and 10,000 Jews were able to escape.

The recipients of the visas were able to enter Japan, said Stanzler. Some waited out the war years there, while others went to Israel and Australia.

After the war, Sugihara and his wife returned to Japan. Sadly, their heroic acts cost Sugihara his diplomatic career. The Sugiharas raised three sons, and Sugihara worked as a language teacher.

Meanwhile, the survivors searched for their rescuer. Years later, they were able to locate him. Sugihara was honored by the state of Israel in 1985. He died in 1986, and some of the honors were granted posthumously.

Yukiko Sugihara resides in Japan. She is the author of *Visas For Life*, (1993, Edwards Brothers Inc.), the story of her and her husband's efforts during the war years.

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EDITORIAL

Agudath Israel Explains Wall Attack '...A House Of Prayer For All Peoples...'

To the Editor:

A word of clarification is in order regarding the JTA report on an altercation at the Western Wall on Shavuot morning.

A prayer group consisting of men and women, with a woman reading from the Torah, was conducted in the adjacent plaza, and some Haredi boys, later joined by several men, apparently regarding the group's presence as an attempt at a political statement in a holy place on a holy day, loudly voiced their protest at the participants. Several stones were reportedly thrown as well.

I had heard nothing of the in-

cident when a JTA reporter contacted me for Agudath Israel's comment, and told her so. She insisted that her sources were impeccable, despite the fact that they were members of the group allegedly attacked. When I explained that, while Agudath Israel would certainly condemn any violence against Jews, I would need independent confirmation of what her sources had described before I could comment, the reporter abruptly ended the conversation.

What she reported the very next day, and the *Herald* published on June 6, was the account of the incident provided

by the victims — and that Agudath Israel "had no comment on the matter."

Technically true, of course. But considering my clearly declared reason for withholding comment at the time, rather misleading. Indeed, some would say, incendiary — not unlike stone-throwing by Jews, or the pointed appearance of a blatantly untraditional Jewish group at a place virtually synonymous with two millennia of Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Avi Shafran
Director of Public Affairs
Agudath Israel of America

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

In a letter to the editor, Rabbi Avi Shafran, director of public affairs for Agudath Israel of America, draws our attention to the fact that the first Haredi protestors were boys.

For an organization that takes instruction of its children as seriously as the Haredi do, the fact that these disruptive people were boys would not indicate that they were to be held less accountable, but instead would point to the probability that they were acting out official Haredi teachings.

Later, these boys were joined by Haredi men. In most societies, when adults become aware that young people are conducting themselves in unacceptable ways, they move in to put an end to such behavior. But the adult Haredi continued the uproar the boys had started, which would certainly indicate that they approved.

He said these boys and men were "apparently regarding the group's presence as an attempt at a political statement in a holy place on a holy day..."

Who gave them the right, or special spiritual insight, to classify these prayers and this reading from the Torah as political? Who can say what is in another's heart as he or she prays or reads the Torah? Who truly believes that he, or his group, are the sole arbiters of what is acceptable to G-d as H-s people pray to H-m?

Even if the Haredi's assumption was correct, were their responses in keeping with Jewish belief? What about, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Is. 56:4) Shafransaid, "Several stones

were reportedly thrown as well." One of the group praying at the wall, David Lerner, a Jewish Theological Seminary rabbinical student, was hit by a stone. Therefore, obviously, the stones were thrown by the Haredi. So let us say that, plainly and clearly, and not talk as if there were stones in the air coming from who knows where.

Shafran complained that he was quoted as saying he had no comment (which he did say) and that he would need independent confirmation before he could comment.

Neither the Jewish Telegraph Agency nor the *Jewish Herald* can, or should, sit on news while the public affairs director of one of the parties involved in an incident consults that party to get its version of the episode.

Agudath Israel has at its disposal all the technology necessary to contact and question the participants on both sides of a confrontation. In the time it takes to dial a telephone number or send an E-mail message Agudath Israel can investigate a report.

Shafran used the term "incendiary" to describe the treatment Agudath Israel received in the press on this case. If we want to talk about incendiary behavior, let us start with stoning and disruptive shouting at a prayer vigil.

It is incumbent on Agudath Israel, in a case like this, to set the record straight as quickly as possible, and the director of public affairs is fully aware of this.

It is not incumbent on the press to wait until he has had what he considers adequate time to prepare a public affairs response.

I am ecstatic that Netanyahu won and believe that he will be able to secure the peace, as well as maintain the religious status quo. But in my joy there is no sense of triumphalism. Triumphalism divides us. It separates us into distinct political and reli-

gious camps — camps comprised of "us" and "them." And what we need now is one camp, a camp in which "we" all take part.

Rabbi Avi Weiss is president of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha and senior rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale.

Netanyahu's Victory Is No Time For Triumphalism

by Rabbi Avi Weiss

During these past years I have protested the Labor government's peace initiatives. Although yearning for peace no less than my Labor counterparts, I agreed with the position of Israeli President Ezer Weizman who called the peace process a "bloody process."

My protests were respectful, dignified and peaceful. I never allowed the dissent to become a formula to delegitimize the government in power.

Too many of my colleagues on the right, however, blurred the distinction between dissent and delegitimization — claiming that a government which gives away parts of Israel is illegitimate. This position has dire consequences. If the government

is not the government and its laws are not laws, anarchy will inevitably prevail...

...As much as I disagreed with many of the policies of the Labor government, their positions did not upset me as much as their attempt to label those who dissented as "Oismenstchen" (outsiders). In fact, when the first election results came through, Labor leaders most notably Yael Dayan, sadly spoke in the most disparaging terms about the 49.6 percent of Israelis who they thought had voted against Peres.

Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu's first speech after winning the election unveiled a whole new approach. In his opening remarks he called for peace "within our own house." I am," he declared, "the

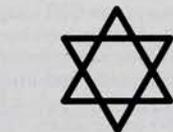
prime minister of all the people of Israel, and will be sensitive to those who voted for me as well as those who did not."

Speaking over catcalls from the Likud audience, he appropriately acknowledged the contributions Peres had made to Israel during the past 50 years.

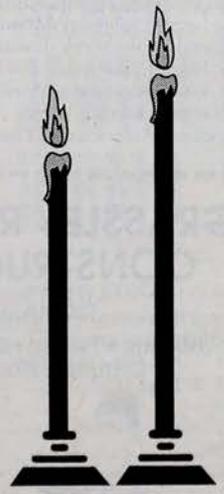
Netanyahu's approach is refreshing. To be sure, the desire for peace with security is critical, but Netanyahu made it clear that the first order of business is for both sides of the political aisle, right and left, religious and non-religious to act civilly and respectfully toward each other...

...Netanyahu's sensitivity to his opposition should be adopted by the religious parties. While there is understandably great joy in their camps due to their success in the election, leaders of these parties should restrain themselves from imposing their religious standards on other Israelis.

As an Orthodox rabbi, I've learned that kfiat ha'daar, religious coercion, is counterproductive. The goal of religious teachings should be to expose not to impose Torah values. Spiritual growth is most often achieved through choice.



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When Jews Perform Mitzvot

In this week's Torah portion, Korach, we read about the controversy Korach instigated against Moses after the Twelve Spies returned from their scouting mission to the land of Israel.

Why did Korach wait until then to incite the people against Moses? What was so significant about the sin of the spies that Korach took it as his cue to challenge Moses' authority, saying "Why do you lift yourselves up above the congregation of G-d, the whole congregation is holy!?"

The spies wanted the Jewish people to remain the desert so they could continue to learn Torah without distraction. Thus, their report discouraged the Jews from attempting to conquer and enter the Holy Land. Moses, however, countered that

in Judaism, "the deed is the main thing." Only by performing concrete actions — observing G-d's commandments — would the Jews be able to fulfill G-d's will.

There is an essential differ-

ence between learning Torah and observing practical mitzvot. Torah study requires comprehension. Yet not all people are on the same intellectual level. Some individuals are able to understand G-d's wisdom to a greater degree; others, to a lesser extent. Thus, every Jew learns Torah based on his own intellectual capacity.

But when Jews perform mitzvot, they are all on the same level. People have different intentions when they do the

mitzva, but the mitzva itself is intrinsically the same.

Korach recognized that Moses' intellectual stature was far superior to anyone else's. He knew that Moses had received the Torah directly from G-d, and that his understanding of G-d's wisdom was on a higher level than any other Jew. This fact was undisputed.

But after the error of the spies, when it became clear that the Jew's main objective is the actual performance of mitzvot, he began to grumble. Aren't all Jews equally holy? Don't they all perform the same mitzvot? If this is the case, why should Moses be superior to anyone else?

"In the morning G-d will show who is His," Moses re-

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Rabbi Yoffie Sets A Tone For The Reform Movement

Before more than 700 leaders of the Reform movement, Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie was recently inaugurated as president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in a lively worship service at New York City's Temple Shaarey Tefila.

Yoffie, 48, accepted the Torah "on behalf of the congregations in the movement and in their name" from Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, who is retiring after 23 years as the leader of the Reform movement's congregational arm.

In his sermon, Yoffie concentrated on his primary theme: how to bring Jews back to Torah and thus again instill the "awe and wonder of Jewish life" in a generation that is "searching for the poetry of faith, because the need for transcendental meanings is as present as an open sore."

"The dry bones of North American Judaism are stirring," he said. "Sparks are visible to the naked eye, ready to leap into flame. What is happening is nothing less than a revolution, smoldering from below rather than ignited from above... If carefully tended, these flickering sparks might yet become a roaring fire that warm our institutions and light our way."

"The modern Jew — so successful and sophisticated, so cynical and skeptical — is yearning, knowingly or not, for G-d," he said.

Calling for a major campaign "to create mass Jewish educa-

tion on this continent," Yoffie said the focus must be on the adult so that parents can serve as a model of committed Jewish living. But he also is calling for a major expansion of informal education programs for youth and a redefinition of education to move it from the sterile image of "desks and classrooms" to teaching "a language of the soul."

While clearly articulating his own vision, Yoffie also clearly intends to continue the Reform movement's momentum in the areas of social action and outreach to the unaffiliated and the intermarried.

"We live in an age when the breakdown of moral inhibitions is so widespread that we are no longer capable of experiencing shock," he said. "The moral foundations of our society have eroded, and the decay of conscience fills the air with the foulest of odors."

"The purveyors of hate dominate our talk shows and the paganism of pornography is everywhere in evidence."

It is a religious duty, he said, "to open our heart, to protect the weak and vulnerable."

"Torah teaches us that we respond to moral disorientation not only with prophetic values, but with demanding standards of ethical behavior," he said. "When our moral senses have been dulled and our reverence for human life trivialized, Judaism counters the only way it knows how: with an ethic of

personal responsibility and with the stiff moral discipline of Torah."

Yoffie also used his installation as an opportunity to reiterate publicly his determination, in the wake of the recent Israeli elections, to fight for religious pluralism in Israel. The Reform movement demands the prime minister-elect "reject the plotting of those fanatics who would impose their brand of Judaism on Israel's citizens by bureaucratic fiat," he said.

Yoffie, who was raised in the Reform movement and served as director of ARZA (The Association of Reform Zionists of America) and the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism before his election to the presidency, is convinced that Reform Judaism and the Reform synagogue have an essential role to play in assuring the Jewish future.

"Honesty requires us to state that the Jewish continuity movement, with a few exceptions, has mostly been a matter of gestures and symbolism," he said. "We cannot afford to wait to see what happens while the tide of events sweeps over us. Reform Judaism, the most creative and dynamic Jewish movement on the North American scene, needs to muster its life energies in common resolve, and not look to others to supply the solution."

"We are the solution. If we are not, there is no solution."

It's Up To You

Did you ever find that you had a lot in common with someone else — only to discover that the two of you perceive your lives very differently? You may earn the same income, live in the same neighborhood, drive similar cars, own identical English springer spaniels, and have a mole in the same spot on your shoulder but your neighbor thinks of life as unfair, grim and a constant battle, while you consider yourself pretty well off.

Welcome to the real world, as G-d intended it.

These two views show us an aspect of free will, something we all possess, but don't always have the wisdom to use. Your neighbor can bemoan his fate, or he can see things the way you do. What's stopping him?

Even the idea of free will is not freely accepted by everyone.

"If G-d knows exactly what's going to happen, then how can we have free will?" goes the cliché.

The simple answer is that, if you see a 2-year-old try to throw an ice cream cone in the air and catch it, you can predict the future (more laundry), but that doesn't mean the toddler didn't have free will. In fact, children are an endless study in this concept. Parents try to walk the tightrope between enough discipline and enough freedom, but in the end discover one interesting truth: children, at any age, have much more freedom than we would like them to have.

You may prevent them from riding their bikes down Dead

Man's Hill, but they'll find another way to test their mortality tomorrow.

Our task is not to build walls around them, but to teach them, by a gradual and loving process, how to observe the limits themselves.

Which, coincidentally, is G-d's task with all of us. This week's portion begins Shelach lecha, "you may send..." It refers to Moses' requesting permission of the L-rd to send spies to explore Israel.

For the first time, rather than issuing a clear directive, G-d says, "It is up to you."

We tend to see Torah as dominated by "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not," but in daily life we realize that we shall, and we always will, be restrained only by our own consciences and, occasionally, the police.

We have all been sent out, in this life, to explore the world. It is our assignment to make a dwelling place for G-d through the performance of mitzvot.

If He had wanted robots to do this in a precise and predictable way, you can bet there'd be a hard drive embedded in your skull.

But He wanted us to choose divine service. In the way we look at our blessings, in the way we act toward each other, in the way we observe Torah. So if your neighbor with the spaniel doesn't like his life — go help him to choose to see it differently.

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

Fulfilling The Promise — Or Averting It?

by Rabbi Jerome Epstein

The Fourth of July celebrates a promise. While the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, ultimately led to the growth of a vibrant democracy for the American people, at that time it was only a dream. Today, some 220 years later, it is the fulfillment of this dream that we celebrate.

Shiva Asar B'Tamuz, the 17th of Tamuz on the Jewish calendar, also marks a promise: in this case, the promise of tragedy. On that date, we commemorate the breaking of the walls of Jerusalem during the Babylonian siege.

It was that act that laid the foundation for the eventual destruction of the Temple and the plunder of the City of Peace.

The recent election in Israel represents a promise as well — more accurately, a series of promises. But whether that promise will result in a time of glory, such as that experienced by the United States subsequent to declaring independence, or a time of pain, such as that ushered in by the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem on the 17th of Tamuz, remains to be seen.

This year, with the Fourth of July and Shiva Asar B'Tamuz falling on the same day, we would do well to consider what it means to begin a process. Even more, we must explore ways in which — once the process has begun — we can affect its outcome.

In the case of the Israeli election, the promises in question have been made by members of the Orthodox parties, who greatly increased their representation in the Knesset, amassing some 23 seats.

These groups have vowed to develop policies and pass laws that will effectively disenfranchise large segments of the Jewish community, strengthening an Orthodox monopoly over lifecycle events such as weddings, burials, and conversions. Gains made by non-Orthodox Israelis over the past several years in the area of education have already come under fire, as have the small positive gains made by non-Orthodox individuals on local religious councils.

The Jewish community and Jewish life, here and in Israel, is at risk. Unless steps are taken to ensure that the religious Jews wielding political power do not abuse that power to enforce their particular religious views thousands of Israelis will remain second-class citizens, unable to live according to the dictates of their own conscience.

Jews outside of Israel will be affected as well. Indeed, the largest segment of the religiously identified American Jewish community would also see their Jewish values denied legitimacy were the promises of the new legislators to be carried out.

Is the process — based on the promise — irreversible? Must we accept that religious life in

Israel will come to be dominated by one group, to the very real detriment of both Israel and the diaspora Jewish community?

Rather than throw up our hands — making the fundamentalist promise into a self-fulfilling prophecy — we must instead commit ourselves to a course of action that will strengthen those who support religious pluralism.

Rather than bewail the election results, those who would defend diversity must speak out, reminding the Israeli government that Israel's actions have ramifications far beyond her borders and that Jews all over the world are extremely concerned about threats to undermine their legitimacy.

We must forcefully share our feelings with American Jewish leaders representing UJA and Federations, urging them to use their influence to strengthen Jewish life in Israel for all Jews.

Working as individuals, as members of synagogues, and as participants in the wider Jewish community, we must support Israeli religious institutions such as those of the Masorti Movement, visiting them regularly, offering them our support, and helping to finance their continued growth.

Religious institutions that foster pluralism, such as MERCAZ and ARZA, must also enjoy our support. Similarly, American institutions and pro-

grams in Israel that receive less favored treatment simply because they are not Orthodox must be the beneficiaries of our resources.

We cannot permit the Orthodox claim to be the sole representatives of "Torah-true" Judaism to destroy the fabric of Israeli life and the relationship with the diaspora.

Garments of the Soul

Part 1

by Rabbi Laibel Wolf
Melbourne, Australia, Director of
the Human Development Institute

The mystic master, known in Kabbalistic sources as the Holy Ari (Lion), taught that souls are reincarnated many times over. Reincarnation is a process of ongoing completion of the cosmic agenda allocated for each individual soul.

The soul essence manifests in several layers, e.g., Nefesh, Ruach, Neshama, each level closer to the essence. For these levels of the soul-essence to realize their true connectedness to the Infinite Source, they must complete their agenda of "spiritual distillation."

This consists of refinement of 'earthy' (earthbound) expressions — thought, speech, and action, which are referred to as the 'garments' for the soul. This process of refinement allows the soul to connect more fully to the Infinite Light, the undimmed

If we are to influence the process now initiated in Israel, we must make our own promise, committing ourselves to ongoing advocacy and action in the name of religious pluralism. We owe it to ourselves — and to future generations.

Rabbi Epstein is the executive vice president of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

original creative energy.

Each reincarnate lifetime provides opportunities to refine the 'garments' — the consciously shaped thoughts, the emotion-laden words, and the impactful actions, that constitute our lives. All peoples of the world have their respective agenda of self refinement.

The Jewish people have 613 mitzvot (cosmic points of connection). Other soul systems achieve this process according to their own distinctive soul-essence typology, e.g., through the seven Noachide Life Principles. These cosmic points of connection express the inner will of the cosmos — through the Divine Sefira of Keter.

Lesson in mindfulness: Before speaking, allow the mind to shape the emotions. This allows the container you build for your soul expression, viz, the word, to assist the other as well as yourself.

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Hadassah Holds Second Successful Golf Tournament

Hadassah held its second tournament to benefit its breast cancer awareness program, "Hadassah Cares," on May 20 at the Valley Country Club. Ninety-four cents of every dollar raised is spent on the group's projects. From the left, Rita Slom, Lorraine Rappoport, Laura Clarizio, Evy Rappoport and Fran Weisman give smiling evidence of the project's success.

Winter Reassures Investors

Excerpts from a Statement by Elmer L. Winter

"In the wake of the Israeli elections, American corporate executives are asking whether this is the time to move ahead with business investment in Israel or place such plans on the back burner... I would respond as follows:

"While the security issue dominated campaign rhetoric, it is already evident that economic concerns will play an important role in Likud government policies as it did under Labor.

Netanyahu is well aware that Israel's current economic boom is closely related to progress in the peace process.

"Netanyahu is above all a realist and a longtime free market advocate. If anything, he can be expected to accelerate the move to eliminate red tape and unnecessary government controls. I was especially impressed with his June 13 statement quoted in that day's *Jerusalem Post*.

"Israel can be one of the most advanced economies in the

world. We can double the per capita GNP (Gross National Product) in less than a decade and double our population through immigration and increased natural birthrate over the next 15 years. We could have an economy of a quarter trillion dollars. An economy with the most powerful resource of all: a gifted people with a technologies base, able to compete in the world marketplace of tomorrow...

"...In less than 20 years, the Israeli GNP [has] exploded to an all-time high of \$85 billion last year — seven times larger than the total for 1975.

"The importance Netanyahu gives to economic issues was reflected just a few days after his election when he... reiterated his commitment to a free-market economic policy, underlined the significance of creating a stable atmosphere to increase local and foreign investment, and indicated the preference he would give to privatizing government controlled operations.

"Thus, there is good reason to assume that the new prime minister will give important em-

Gallery 401 Seeks Committee Members

The Jewish Community Center of R.I.'s Gallery 401 is beginning to plan its 1996-1997 season. The gallery, located in the JCCRI, displays a variety of art done by local artists. A gallery committee discusses ideas for individual and group shows and selects those artists whose pieces will hang in the gallery.

Any member of the commu-

nity who has a particular interest in art is welcome to sit on the committee and take part in the process.

The next meeting of the gallery committee will be held on June 26 at 7 p.m. at the JCCRI. If you are interested or have a question, call Marvin Stark, assistant executive director of the center, at 861-8800.

Improve Your Yiddish

The Charlotte Yiddish Institute at the Wildacres Retreat, Little Switzerland, N.C., will be celebrating its 18th season from Aug. 15 to 18.

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Jewish 49ers Host Party

On June 23, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., The Jewish 49ers will host a dessert/social at Temple Isaiah, 55 Lincoln St., Lexington, Mass.

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

Dance to a variety of music played by a DJ or socialize if you prefer.

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

Federation Assembly Materials Available

The 1995 Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly was the most widely attended assembly ever. It was, as it has been for 64 years, the meeting place for lay and professional leaders of Jewish communities throughout North America as well as from Israel, South America and Europe. Events in Boston were more intensely connected than usual to news from elsewhere.

The 1996 assembly continued a review process designed to help federations and their leaders respond to change and to reposition themselves for the next century. Four institutes formed the centerpiece of the assembly. Each one dealt with an issue at the cutting edge of change within the federations and within the entire Jewish community and communal structure: financial resource development, Jewish identity and continuity, public social policy/human services, and Israel-diaspora relations, to listen, to reflect and to work together in an in-depth way.

The council is offering delegates an opportunity to order materials which were integral to last year's institutes. Some are suited for discussion at board meetings and retreats. Others are ideal for mission recruitment, for solicitations, and for educational purposes.

For a brochure of materials available, contact Dept. CJF Publications, 730 Broadway, New York, NY 10003-9596.



Discussing 'That Man'

Dr. Louis Feldman, left, recently gave three lectures on the topic of "Jewish Attitudes Toward Jesus" at Tifereth Israel Congregation in New Bedford. Pictured next to Feldman is Rabbi Moshe Ulmer, spiritual leader of the synagogue.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Berkson Brings 'Songfest' to the Greenwich Odeum

Laura Berkson, singer-songwriter-educator, brings her "Song-fest" a magical musical journey for folks of all ages, to the Greenwich Odeum's Bookity-Book Family Theatre on June 22 at 7 p.m. and June 23 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 each. The Greenwich Odeum is located at 59 Main St., East Greenwich. Call 885-8160 for more information.

Berkson has shared her talents in a variety of settings, from folk clubs and concert halls to conferences, schools and festivals.

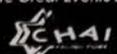
She has released two recordings: "Laura Berkson," a collection of original songs and "Wiggle and Squish with Laura Berkson and Friends," a CD/cassette release.

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Highlights will include visits to the Old City of Jerusalem and Masada; an excursion to Naharayim, Jordan; an archaeological dig at Beit Guvrin; a hike in the Ein Gedi Springs, and a tour of an army base. Participants will also spend time on a kibbutz in the far north, relax in the sunny resort of Eilat and experience the energy of Tel Aviv.

The itinerary also includes visits to innovative JNF projects, including the sites of the KKL Park and Events Center and Gan Yaldei Yisrael (the Children's Garden of Israel), two of the new Jerusalem 3000 projects that will enhance Israel's capital, and a JNF tree nursery and savannization project in the Negev Desert.

For more information, call Andrea Leighton at (212) 879-9300, ext. 264; the JNF Missions department, (212) 879-9300, ext. 283 or (800) 223-7787.



The March Of The Living Goes On

The March Of The Living this year moved Jill Asser, of Temple Torat Yisrael, one of the participants, to record the event in a story on page 8.

Federation Assembly Seeks Sponsors

The Council of Jewish Federations has announced that plans are underway for its 65th annual general assembly which will be held in Seattle, Nov. 13 to 17. A centerpiece of the assembly will be a continuing celebration of the centennial of the federation movement.

Movement horizons are expanding through both the development of new opportunities and partnerships, and a continuing focus on heritage, action and innovation.

This year, CJF is inviting corporations to sponsor events throughout the conference. Sponsorships should enhance the experience for attendees and provide a forum for national and local businesses to present their company and services to an important sector of their market.

For more information on how to become an assembly sponsor corporations are asked to call (212) 475-5000 ext. 577 and ask for a copy of the 1996 Corporate Sponsorship Package.

Sponsorship of events is available on a first-come basis.

Sponsor benefits vary from free exhibition-area space to prime-area advertising in assembly publications to the development of key relationships with assembly delegates and leaders.

For Your Consideration

Months before the bombing in Oklahoma City, the Anti-Defamation League revealed the danger of the militia movement to the American public in a 1994 report co-authored by Thomas Halpern, who monitors far left and far right groups for ADL.

Halpern, one of the country's leading experts on extremism, has now collaborated with the Southern Poverty Law Center's Brian Levin on a book which examines violent defiance in a democratic society. Citing groups that have sprung up in response to the sieges at Ruby Ridge and Waco, *The Limits of Dissent: The Constitutional Status of Armed Civilian Militias* analyzes the complex issues raised by private armies that resist law enforcement officials and the federal government.

"From the beginning," says Halpern "the militias pointed to gun-control measures as precursors to overarching federal tyranny."

Noting how they view the government as steamrolling over individual rights, Halpern

points out, "From the militias' standpoint, the necessary response to federal tyranny is to stockpile weapons and engage in paramilitary training for what they regard as an impending showdown."

The Limits of Dissent evaluates and disproves the Constitutional claims of anti-government extremists. Since nearly all such groups, including the Freemen in Montana, cite defense of their Constitutional rights as the basis for the rebellion, it is important that ordinary citizens and government officials understand the distortions and misconceptions of such arguments.

In addition to his work involving armed militias, Halpern coordinates the league's efforts to monitor and counteract the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazi skinheads and Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

Levin is associate director for legal affairs at the Southern Poverty Law Center's Klanwatch

project in Montgomery, Alabama. A lawyer, Levin was a New York City police officer and master instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Both men have been widely published, have testified as experts before Congress, and have frequently appeared in the national media.

The Limits of Dissent is published by Aletheia Press, publisher of books on law and policy, and is available through the ADL MRC Department, (212) 490-2525, ext. 7951, at a cost of \$14.00, plus \$3.90 shipping and handling. Checks should be made payable to the Anti-Defamation League.

Olmert May Face Charges

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert may face fraud charges stemming from Israel's 1988 election campaign, when he served as treasurer of the Likud Party.

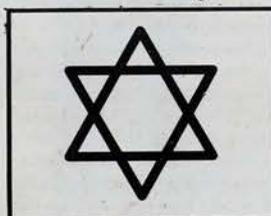
Olmert is suspected of creating false receipts during the 1988 campaign, a spokeswoman for the Justice Ministry said June 10, adding that Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair has decided to prosecute.

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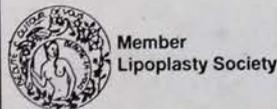
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FEATURE

Jill Asser Reports On The March

Rabbi David B. Rosen, of Temple Torat Yisrael, has shared an account of the latest March of the Living written by one of Torat Yisrael's young people—Jill Asser. We are sure our readers would find it interesting, too.

"I first heard about the 'March of the Living' five years ago when my cousin participated in it. At that point I was young and had no knowledge of the trip, but as I grew older and learned more about it my enthusiasm grew. It was not until the past couple of summers that I began to consider the trip when I spoke to several camp friends who had gone. They all agreed that though it was a difficult trip emotionally, it was one of the best things they ever did. It was then that I decided that I wanted to participate in the 'March.'

"The March of the Living is a two-week trip to Poland and Israel. It marks two of the most significant dates in the modern Jewish calendar — Yom HaShoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day — and Yom Ha'atzmaut — Israeli Independence Day.

"On April 16th, I joined with 6,000 Jewish teenagers from around the world as we marched the three kilometers from Auschwitz to Birkenau. The march commemorates Yom HaShoah. As we traveled this short distance, we retraced the steps of the 'March of Death,' the same route that so many of our relatives were forced to take on their way to the gas cham-

bers at Birkenau. We marched in memory of those who died and as representatives of those of us today who want to help to ensure that something as horrible as the Holocaust never happens again. We marched together as the 'March of the Living.'

"When we arrived in Poland, we immediately headed straight for Auschwitz. It was snowing out and we were all cold, but as uncomfortable as we were, we thought how our physical discomfort could not even begin to compare with what our family members must have felt as they experienced the cold and hunger, as well as the emotional fear of what was awaiting them.

"As I walked through the camp, I could not help but think of how many people had been killed on the very spot I stood on, and wonder if my relatives walked down this same street.

"As we walked through the bunkers, we saw cases and cases of hair the Nazis had cut off of the prisoners, and eyeglasses, shoes, clothing, tallies... All the personal belongings of the prisoners had been gathered together and thrown in piles as if they had no value. It served to emphasize the cruelty of the Holocaust.

"At one point, we went into a building to hold a small memorial service and, as we were in the basement, there were no windows. By the time we walked out, it was pitch black. As cold and lonely and scary as

everything had looked in the daylight, it was a hundred times worse in the dark. I could not help but be thankful that I could walk out of the camp as easily as I did, but even that did not comfort how scared we all were. This was our first glimpse of Poland.

"As I walked through the camp, I could not help but think of how many people had been killed on the very spot I stood on, and wonder if my relatives walked down this same street."

"As our group of 6,000 marched through the town on the day of the march, it was an overwhelming experience to see how the whole town seemed to stop for us. People were lined up along the streets and hanging out of windows and doors of buildings to watch us march by.

"Not only did we visit Auschwitz, but we visited other camps including Birkenau, Treblinka, and Majdanek, we cleaned up an old Jewish cemetery, and we spent Shabbat morning at the Nozyck Synagogue to get a glimpse of what Jewish life is there today.

"For Shabbat dinner, we had

the company of two young Polish Jews and their mother. When we asked the children about the attitude of the other students in their class, they told us that anti-Semitism is still evident.

"We were all relieved to leave Poland after such a hard, depressing week — both emotionally and physically. We cheered as the plane landed in Israel. Right away our moods brightened, the grayness of Poland had been replaced by the brightness of Israel.

"Just a few days after we arrived in Israel was the holiday of Yom Hazikaron, memorial day of all those who died fighting for their country. As the siren rang through the country at exactly 8 p.m. to announce the commencement of the holiday, everyone came to a stop.

"All activity ceased, as cars pulled over to the side of the road and people got out to listen to the siren ring for a full minute. For twenty-four hours, the country mourned the deaths of loved ones and we grieved along with them.

"During this holiday, families traditionally visit the graves of loved ones who died fighting. In keeping with this spirit, the New England contingent visited the grave of Connecticut teacher Joan Devanny. In our group, there were many who had known her personally as a friend or teacher.

"As this solemn holiday came to an end, Yom Ha'atzmaut began with the sounding of an-

other siren. Along with this comes twenty-four hours of celebrations.

"All of the 'March of the Living' groups got together for the second time during the trip for dancing and festivities. This was, by far, the most fun of the whole trip.

"Among the other sights we saw in Israel was the Golan Heights.

"We were able to see the beauty of the country as well as the vulnerability of the land. Though many parents had hesitations about sending their children, we were accompanied by security guard sand "ghosts" — Israeli security with us in Poland — at all times.

"Other places we went were the Knesset; Har Herzl — the cemetery containing the graves of many famous Israelis including Yitzhak Rabin; the Kotel; and the synagogues of Safed.

"What made this experience even more special was that coming from a place with a relatively small Jewish population, I was able to meet thousands of my Jewish peers. In just two short weeks we were able to feel the bonds between us both as Jews and teen-agers. The friendships we have made will last a long time as we can never forget the intense experience we shared.

"I hope that all of you will consider participating in the 'March of the Living' in years to come."

Dr. Leonard Attends Conference

Dr. Robert Leonard, medical director of Leonard Hair Transplant Associates of Cranston and president of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery, recently returned to the United States from Rome, where he made several presentations at the inaugural meeting of the Italian Society for Hair Restoration.

This international congress, entitled "An Instructional Course in Hair Transplantation and Scalp Reduction," was held May 24 to 26.

Leonard made a presentation on "the Crucial Role of Plan-

ning for Hair Restoration Surgery." He also offered suggestions and advice to this organization on how to further the scientific methods and ethical practices in this field.

One problem that is of very much concern in Italy is the use of non-medical hair implantation. The Italian Minister of Health shared the dais with Leonard and other hair restoration surgeons from throughout the world and condemned the practice of artificial hair implantation while touting the efficacy of surgical hair transplantation.



Dr. Robert T. Leonard

The congress was held at Italy's most prestigious dermatological hospital, the Istituto Dermatologico Del'Immacolata.

Leonard also participated in a news conference which included media from throughout Italy, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Mexico and many other nations of the world.

"Providing ethical guidelines for this newly formed medical group in hair restoration surgery is very important to me," indicated Leonard. "The field of hair restoration surgery had grown dramatically in the last three years; unfortunately, there have been group practices established where less than fully ethical marketing and consultation practices have been utilized."

Leonard who authored a chapter on medical-legal issues in the latest medical textbook on hair restoration surgery, is considered an expert in ethical considerations in his field.

Hornstein Participates in U.S./U.K. Training Exercise

by JOC (SW) Millie Tamberg
 Navy Lt. Daniel Hornstein, son of Daniel and Anne Hornstein of Warwick, recently participated in U.S. Atlantic Command's Combined Joint Task Force Exercise "CJTFFEX 96."

Hornstein, a former F-14 "Tomcat" pilot, now assigned to Commander, Second Fleet, Norfolk, Va., was one of more than 53,000 service members from the United States and United Kingdom who participated in the exercise.

CJTFFEX 96, which began April 25 and ended May 20, was directed by the Virginia-based Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Command, U.S. Marine Corps Gen. John J. Sheehan. This exercise supported the principal element of his command's combined joint force integration mission — to train and ready forces for deployment, world-wide, in support of theater commanders.

The three-week exercise took place on military installations in the southeastern United States and in littoral waters along the eastern seaboard.

Hornstein was aboard the command ship during the exercise — along with 780 sailors who are assigned to the ship; 180 members of Second Fleet's joint-service staff, and more than 380 sailors, marines, soldiers and airmen from the United States and United Kingdom who augmented the exercise.

According to Hornstein, his job as Air Combat Liaison Officer played an important role in the exercise.

"I provided the air combat expertise for U.S. and Allied fighter missions," said the 32-year-old fighter pilot. "The importance of this job is that air combat operations are usually quick and decisive.

"Air superiority is critical to any land or sea operation and must be seized immediately. Exercises like CJTFFEX 96 ensure that the tip of the spear stays sharp."



Lt. Daniel J. Hornstein

In addition to participants from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard were troops from the United Kingdom Fleet and Task Group (Navy), the Royal Air Force, 5 Airborne Brigade (British Army), and 3 Commando (Royal Marines).

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A Malta Story

Part 1 of Two Parts
by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"I invite you to stay at the embassy, join the press conference I'll hold till you get here, at which I will announce my resignation as ambassador. Later you'll come into the garden for my gala farewell party to a thousand Maltese friends we made during our time here." Joe Paolino's telephone offer I could not refuse. I dropped out of town and emerged for a brief sojourn upon that island country between Sicily and North Africa. I file the following report.

The diplomatic staff in Malta includes a longtime chauffeur and a butler at home, as well as an office crew. They not only saw to my comforts, coffee in a bay window or upon a stone bench or cocktails in the library, but they also put me in contact with the scholars and leaders of the small Maltese Jewish community.

I had won a Faculty Development Grant from Rhode Island School of Design to pursue research into the Maltese connection between Shakespeare's Shylock in "Merchant of Venice"

and Christopher Marlowe's "Jew of Malta." (Professors dispute whether or not Marlowe had actually set foot in Malta, not only as playwright but also as British spy.) At the University of Malta I interviewed a group of historians who disagreed with each other about the degree of knowledge Marlowe shows in his picture of Barabbas, a wily self-made moneymaker who betrays both Christian and Turk in hot pursuit of fortune.

Shakespeare refines the portrayal and gives Shylock a deeper dilemma to deal with, a more tragic character to play, capable of being subtly interpreted.

Jewish critics like James Shapiro see in Shylock the start of wisdom in British culture.

I left the University loaded with books and manuscripts about the range of sources for an image of the Jew in European art, with its roots in Malta. I could not have gathered such a harvest without the wholehearted efforts to help me on the part of Joe Paolino's staff.

Malta is a beautiful, sepia landscape with fortified walls

and outlying ancient stone temples that date to the epoch of the pyramids in Egypt. The view or prospect of the miniature Mediterranean outpost makes you think of an ancient engraving or captain's chart.

Barely a fortnight before my visit, an English resident had died after hallucinating a vision of the Wandering Jew among the sites of these ancient and mysterious rock structures. The story of her deathbed phantom visitation made the local papers. Stanley Davis, head of the local Jewish community, told me about it as he opened a briefcase of articles and reprints.

He came to the Paolino compound to guide me to a Shabbat service not far from the formal palace with its wrought iron gates and its pleasant courtyards, paths of hedge and flowerbeds and shining pool.

The Orthodox minyan was held in a private home, the Ohayons', once a Moroccan household.

"Yes, we came to Malta from all over the world," said Stanley with a smile. Stanley, a retired British businessman and collector of stories about the Jews of Malta, asked me to deliver a guest sermon.

I spoke of the origins of Touro and compared Newport, the starting point of Jewish life in America, to Malta.

He also introduced me to Robert Eder, who had first arrived in Malta from Germany, just before the war. He lost his wider family, but survived the heavy daily bombardments under which the Maltese had resisted heroically and prevailed.

"I walked out for light despite the danger. And the people promised they would either hide me or get me out. I always felt safe and protected here," Eder told me with calm poise.

I took advantage of my pilgrimage privileges and went to



The Jewish quarter of Valletta Herald photo by Mike Fink

the new War Museum, which happens to be set up in a cave prison where Jews had once been confined—for ransom by fellow Jews in Venice.

Those shining Knights of Malta, more savage pirates and brutes than gallant gents, had used the Jews as slaves and as barter. But during World War II, those same quarters held Allied headquarters. Eisenhower studied models of the war zones from a tiny cubicle with a table and a bed. Life-sized models show you the drama, and framed pictures of the Spitfire and Swordfish airplanes decorate the walls.

"We in Malta believe that we served just as vigorously as Russia in winning the war. Yet we were, of course, not British, only

a loyal colony that chose our path." One of the ambassador's secretaries said this to me, and the War Museum, only one year old, backs up her claim.

Paolino was asked to say something at the first anniversary of its opening. "President Roosevelt said it better than I could," he stated, and read the FDR proclamation, which is also part of the permanent display.

It is precisely Joe's modesty and good sense that impress the Maltese people. It was my honest impression that he is genuinely and warmly liked and will be sorely missed. I heard only kind, respectful, and affectionate comments from the highest to the simplest of the people I met.



Guests of the Embassy Herald photo by Mike Fink



Portrait of Robert Eder Herald photo by Mike Fink

Local Butcher Recalls The Day the Nazis Invaded

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

The Holocaust occurred more than 50 years ago, but for those who lived through such a horrific event, the memories remain vivid.

"A lot of times I'll have nightmares," said Marty Weissman. "I can't sleep nights. These things will never disappear."

Weissman, born Naftali Martin Weissman, recently told his story while preparing orders at his kosher butcher shop in Cranston.

He was a young teen-ager when the German army invaded Tarnograd, the small Polish city in which he grew up.

"I saw them shoot my teacher's son," said the 71-year-old. "A few weeks later, the Nazis took the Jews from their homes and shot them. Then, they burned their houses."

"I also remember them rounding up Jews and putting

them on working details," continued Weissman. "They took the religious people and used them as horses to pull the wagons. Sometimes they would pull at their beards."

As bad as things were, they would only get worse.

"These things went on for 3 to 4 months, then the killing really started," said Weissman. "The Nazis would round up the Jews and kill them for no reason. When we saw this, we ran away and hid in the woods and cemeteries."

Weissman's family owned a grocery store and two warehouses of goods. Everything was taken or destroyed by the Nazis.

While on the run, Weissman and one of his brothers got separated from their parents.

"We hid from place to place," said Weissman. "My brother got shot while in the woods by the Nazis. I survived because I didn't

look Jewish. I found out later that my father also got killed.

"When you're on the run like that, you're afraid, and you're hungry. You feel like an animal," said Weissman. "Thank G-d I'm here to talk about it."

Two and a half years ago, Weissman visited the city in which he was raised. However, he regrets having done so.

"It was terrible," stated Weissman. "I was afraid to ask questions. I didn't recognize my village. My house was missing and my school was broken down."

"I wish I hadn't gone. It brought back bad memories," he said. "But it's always in the back of your mind to want to see where you were born."

Weissman could have continued for hours about the horrors he witnessed. But he chose to abbreviate his story. Unfortunately, he doesn't always have this choice when he falls asleep at night.

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SCHOOLBEAT

ASDS Middle School Presents Awards

AlperinSchechter Day School has announced the following awards and names of award winners:

Academic Awards: given to those students who have achieved honor roll each term during the school year. Grade six: Adam Beraha, Victoria Bronshtayn, Sanda Budinsky, Anna Cable, Brooke Odessa, Michael Rosenstein, Ari Savitzky, Elana Snow; Grade seven: Daniel Abrams, Jessica Fain, Taya Feldman, David Greenberg, Eitan Hersh, Peter Shapiro, Sam Stein, Arielle Wachtenheim; Grade eight: Katya Ginzburg, Judah Jacobson, Abigail Levine, Ilana Licht, Jonathan Liss, Meredith Ross, Daniel Sternberg and Natasha Ushomirsky.

Math League Awards: Presented to those students who scored 30 and above on the New England Mathematics test: Judah Jacobson and Daniel Sternberg.

Math League Team Award:

Presented to the members of the sixth grade team, which placed fourth in the state of Rhode Island: Adam Beraha, Anna Cable, Henri Engle, Ari Savitzky and Artem Stavitskiy

Athletic Awards: Given to students who best combine athletic ability with good sportsmanship. Grade six: Lad Yanovsky and Paige LaMarche; Grade seven: Noah Marwil and Jessica Fain; Grade eight: Norman Harnick and Abigail Levine

Creativity Awards: Presented to students who demonstrate special artistic and/or literary creativity. Grade six: Ari Savitzky; Grade seven: Ari Heckman; Grade eight: Katya Ginzburg

Kochav HaShachar Awards: Given to students who demonstrate outstanding effort. Grade six: Shoshana Miller; Grade seven: Peter Shapiro; Grade eight: Olga Stavitskiy

Keter Shem Tov Awards: This award, whose title trans-

lates into "Crown of a Good Name," recognizes high character and good citizenship. Grade six: Elana Snow; Grade seven: David Greenberg; Grade eight: Ilana Licht

Simon D. Wegner Memorial Award: Established by Professors Judith and Peter Wegner, this book prize is given in memory of their son Simon Daniel Wegner for excellence in mathematics: Judah Jacobson and Daniel Sternberg.

Klara Lowy Memorial Award: Established by the Adler family, this book prize is given to recognize excellence in Judaic Studies: Judah Jacobson and Alysa Rosen

Rabbi Baruch Korff Memorial Scholarship: Established by Rabbi Baruch Korff, of blessed memory, this scholarship prize recognizes abiding faith and religiosity, and excellence in Hebrew language: Mitzvot Award: Amiel Hersh. Hebrew Language Award: Natasha Ushomirsky.



Nice Job!

The Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School graduation was held on June 16. Meredith Ross accepts congratulations from Marcia Kaunfer, assistant director of the school.

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Blackman Wins Tribute Award

Discover Card Services has named Benjamin Blackman of Warwick a state winner of the \$1,000 bronze Discover® Card Tribute Award™ scholarship.

Blackman, a student at Toll Gate High School, is one of six high school juniors in Rhode Island to win a Tribute Award scholarship.

The Discover Card Tribute Award scholarships, given in cooperation with the American Association of School Administrators, are presented as part of Discover Card's fifth annual Tribute Award program and are awarded to outstanding juniors on both the state and national levels in the United States and American schools abroad.

Blackman is a strong student with a particular flair for mathematics. He has earned top ranking in his division of playoff meets in the math league. He has been a member of the Academic Decathlon team for two years where he earned a bronze medal for language and literature.

He is an assistant patrol leader for his Boy Scout Troop



Benjamin Blackman

and co-president of his temple's youth group. He volunteers his time at a community food bank and has participated in building a home for Habitat for Humanity. Blackman plans to attend college and study the field of biology or anthropology.

The Discover Card Tribute Award scholarships reward students who maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average and demonstrate accomplishment in four of the five following areas: Leadership, obstacles overcome, unique endeavors, special talents and community service.

Winners may use their scholarship money for any type of continuing education or training beyond high school, not just a four-year college or university program.

Mark Swerdlow Earns Master's Degree

Mark B. Swerdlow has earned an MBA degree from the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. The ceremony was held on May 11.

NCT Puts on One-Act Plays

NCT Rep, the Newport Children's Theatre's touring company of teen-aged actors, will showcase two of their traveling one-act plays, "Blue Horses" and "Silly Soup" for the general public at St. Michael's Country Day School in Newport. A performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. on June 22 and is appropriate for the entire family.

This will mark the premier of NCT REP's summer touring show, "Silly Soup" by Carol Korty. It is a witty and wacky collection of mini-plays. "Blue Horses" by Kathryn Schultz Miller is an imagination play, celebrating self-discovery and the special qualities of friendship.

Tickets will be available at the door. Reservations may be made by contacting the Newport Children's Theatre at 848-0266.

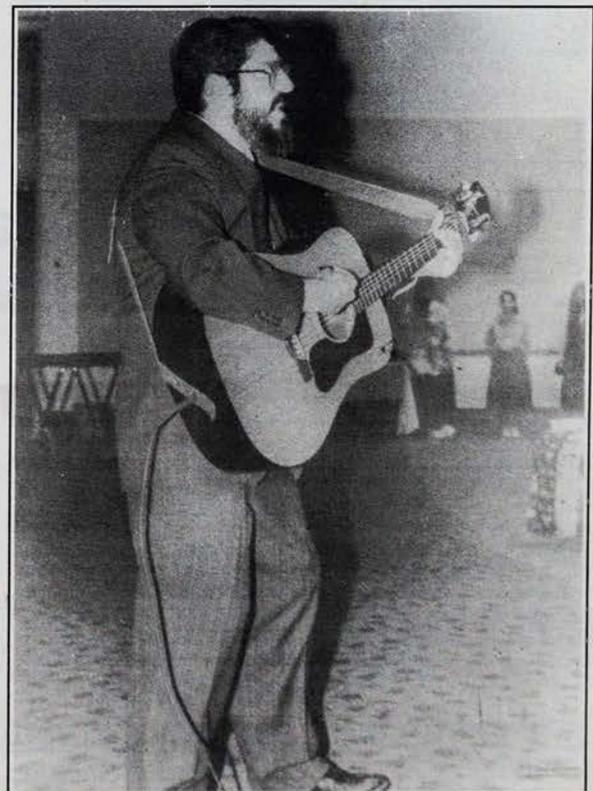
Brier Receives Award

Beth Brier, a senior at Moses Brown School, won a Religion and Human Values Award on May 24 at the school, "For her courage in embarking on a journey towards higher ideals via the intellectual and creative paths."



Congratulations Alan

Alan Ades, international president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, received an honorary degree from UMass Dartmouth recently. *Photo courtesy of UMass Dartmouth*



Leading the Way

Rabbi Mordechai Fried led the Providence Hebrew Day School choir at the recent award dinner in honor of Sen. Claiborne Pell. The choir practiced long and hard for their performance.

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Cookie Dough Ice Cream The Flavor of Choice at ASDS

So many brands of ice cream... so many flavors... which flavor is the best?

According to Ben and Jerry headquarters, vanilla is the national favorite. But residents of Whytebrook Terrace, a rental retirement community in Johnston, recently voted coffee as their favorite flavor. And students at the Alperin Schechter Day School preferred "cookie dough" above all others.

It was close. Only two votes separated the winner from mint chocolate chip which came in second. Plain old chocolate was the third choice.

Schechter students were rewarded for their participation... and since the punishment should fit the crime, or in this case, the reward should justify the deed, three students' names were chosen from the 242 survey participants, and their classes will enjoy their favorite flavors of ice cream, courtesy of Whytebrook Terrace, the event sponsor.

Congratulations to the ice cream winners, Tovah Lieberman (grade 2), Lauren Ackerman (grade 4), and Abigail Levine (grade 8).



Broadway On Taft Avenue

These Alperin Schechter Day School students played Tevye's daughters during the school's recent performance of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Art Classes Start in Wickford

Two four-week sessions of the Wickford Art Association's summer children's class, which focuses on the fine arts, will be offered this year. Session 1 will run the first four Tuesdays in July. Two time slots are being offered — from 9 to 10:30 a.m., July 2, 9, 16 and 23 and from 3:30 to 5 p.m., July 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Session 2 will run through the four Tuesdays in August. Two time slots are being offered — 9 to 10:30 a.m., Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and 3:30 to 5 p.m., Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

The cost is \$40 for a four-week session, supplies included. Because of limited space, pre-registration is essential.

For more information or to register, call the instructor, Gail Fairbanks, at 294-4398. Classes will be held at the Wickford Art Association Gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford.

An outdoor intermediate watercolor class is also being offered. Instructor Carol Berren Cohen will conduct the class at various outdoor locations on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., July 10, 17, 24, 31, and Aug. 7. The class fee for the five-week session is \$150. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Wickford Art Association for more information.



Hard Work Pays Off

Alysa Rosen accepts her diploma at the Alperin Schechter Day School graduation on June 16. From left: Dr. Nathan Beraha, president of ASDS; Myrna Rubel, school director; and Rosen.

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Chairing the event are Michael Goldstein of Toys R Us, Alan G. Hassenfeld of Hasbro, Inc., and Geraldine Laybourne of Disney/ABC Networks.

Leach, executive producer of "Barney and Friends," is a vigorous advocate for quality, non-violent children's programming worldwide. She has participated in national and international

events to improve the quality of television entertainment and enhance television's teaching value.

For more information, call Richard Goldberg at (212) 490-3290.

Chorus of Westerly Presents Pops

The Chorus of Westerly, under the direction of George Kent, will present its 16th annual Summer Pops concert on June 22 in Wilcox Park in downtown Westerly, R.I.

This traditional celebration of music and summer will feature the 200-voice Chorus of Westerly, the Boston Festival Orchestra and Boston trumpet soloist Richard Given. Admission is

free. The concert begins at 8 p.m. There will be a pre-concert show featuring local entertainers at 6:30 p.m.

A choral version of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, complete with the cannons of the Newport Artillery, clamoring church bells and Grucci fireworks will bring the concert to a thrilling close.

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Their Big Debut

Shelley Katsh and the Klez Kids Kombo made their debut during Alperin Schechter Day School's recent performance of "Fiddler on the Roof."

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SPORTS FEATURE



MEETING THE MEDIA — Dana Rosenblatt, left, will take on Vinny Paziienza on Aug. 23 in Atlantic City for the WBU super middleweight championship. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*



STRIKE A POSE — Dana Rosenblatt, left, and Vinny Paziienza pose for the cameras at their recent press conference. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

Rosenblatt Takes On Paziienza

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Two words you don't usually hear used together are "Jewish" and "boxer."

However, there is a Jewish boxer in this area who is quickly making a name for himself. If you haven't heard of Dana Rosenblatt, of Malden, Mass., you will soon.

Rosenblatt, 24, will take on Vinny Paziienza for the vacant World Boxing Union super middleweight (168 pounds) championship on Aug. 23 in Atlantic City.

The Paziienza-Rosenblatt fight is being billed as "The Neighborhood War." Both fighters have large followings in the Rhode Island and Boston areas respectively.

The bout is also being billed (although in smaller print) as the first championship match between an Italian and Jewish boxer in six decades.

"I'm very proud that it's being billed as a fight between an Italian and Jewish boxer," said Rosenblatt. "I don't want it to be overlaid, but I don't mind when it's brought up."

According to Rosenblatt, there was a lot of ethnic interest in the sport in the 1930s and '40s and it was common to see a title fight between an Italian and Jewish athlete.

However, these days, Rosenblatt is one of the only active Jewish fighters.

"In my opinion, there are sociological reasons why there aren't more Jewish boxers," said Rosenblatt. "The Jewish community had smaller families. When the children grew up, they were expected to manage the family business. Also, because they had smaller families, it was easier for them

to get out of the ghettos."

Rosenblatt's success (28-0, 21 knockouts), and the fact that he is proud of his heritage, has made him a popular figure in the Jewish community.

"Not many kids today are proud of their religion," said Steve Rosenblatt, Dana's father. "The guys in the men's club at the temple are big followers of Dana. I'm very proud."

Rosenblatt started his fighting career as a kickboxer. He won the New England amateur middleweight championship and went on to win the East Coast and United States Amateur titles.

After a brief stint with the United States National team and a six-month professional kickboxing career, Rosenblatt turned to boxing.

With every fight, Rosenblatt's ranking and popularity has climbed. He receives fan mail from all over the world, including England, New Zealand and Australia.

His family has also been swept up in the boxer's newfound celebrity.

"I'm very surprised at how quickly this thing has grown," said Steve. "People point me out as Dana's father."

"I get asked if I'm jealous of Dana," said David Rosenblatt, the boxer's 16-year-old brother. "I think Dana's success is the best thing in the world. I've gone to his fights in Las Vegas, New Orleans and Atlantic City. How many people my age get to do that?"

As supportive as his family is, they are also aware of how dangerous the sport can be.

"I get extremely worried," said Steve. "He has tremendous people around him, but things can happen."

According to Dana's father, the rabbi of their Reform synagogue is a big fan of the fighter. Before each match, he offers a prayer for the family.

Rosenblatt and Paziienza may be from the same part of the country, but the similarities end there.

Rosenblatt is a left-handed power puncher who is hoping to use this fight as a stepping stone to much larger paydays. Paziienza is right-handed and relies on his quickness and endurance. He hasn't fought since losing to Roy Jones Jr. a year ago, and is hoping this fight will get his career back on the upswing.

What's more of a contrast is the fighters' personalities, as evidenced at their recent press conference in Providence.

Paziienza entered the media room with an entourage of about 20 people, which included trainers, bodyguards, teen-agers and women. Meanwhile, Rosenblatt

quietly entered the room with two gentlemen and quickly took his seat.

When it was his turn to speak, Rosenblatt was soft-spoken and respectful. He kept his comments brief, acknowledging Paziienza's accomplishments and expressing how much the fight means to his career.

Paziienza, who is not exactly shy in front of the camera, declared that "he's back." He spent half his time talking about the loss to Jones and the rest of the time talking about what he plans to do to Rosenblatt.

"I'm gonna make him famous, then I'm gonna knock him out," said Paziienza.

The Cranston resident said he wasn't getting the respect going into the Rosenblatt fight that he deserves. He insisted that he will enter the ring after

Rosenblatt, rather than flip a coin for the honor, as the promoter suggested.

No matter what Paziienza said at the podium, Rosenblatt's calm expression remained the same. In fact, at one point he yawned.

Asked why he chose not to respond to Paziienza's antagonistic remarks, Rosenblatt said, "It's not my way. I don't have anything to prove by talking."

"He hasn't said anything directly to me," continued Rosenblatt. "I might react differently if he does."

"Both my kids are the same way," said Steve Rosenblatt. "If we have something to say, we say it in private."

An awful lot will be said about this bout in the next two months. But in the end, the only thing that will matter is what transpires in the ring.



Presenting This Year's Class

The following players were recently inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame: From left, George Yardley, David Thompson, Nancy Lieberman-Cline, George Gervin and Gail Goodrich. At the right is Norm Merrill, the executive director of Yale Genton, the company that provides the suit jackets for the inductees.

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Rappoport Installed as President of R.I. Hadassah

Evy Rappoport, membership director of the Jewish Community Center of R.I., was installed as the new president of the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah at an awards breakfast on June 9 at the center.

Rita Slom, outgoing president, ended her term of office with a recap of Hadassah's recent accomplishments. Among the events cited was Dr. Pearlmuter's speech recounting her experiences assisting Hadassah in delivering 108 tons of medical supplies to Sarajevo.

Slom also spoke about the highly successful second annual golf tournament held in May to benefit breast cancer awareness.

Rappoport delivered a talk focused on future projects, such as Training Wheels which is a

crafts program celebrating Jewish holidays, designed for children 2 to 5 and their parents or grandparents. The new president also discussed upcoming health care awareness programs, among them the "Act Against Osteoporosis" educational forum which will be hosted by R.I. Hadassah's Nurses' Council on Sept. 30. Call 463-3636 for more information.

Other Rhode Island Chapter officers installed included vice presidents Lorraine Webber (education), Donna Ross (fundraising), Sue Mayes (membership), and Miriam Plitt (programming); Frances Sadler, treasurer; Judith Steiner, assistant treasurer; Jan Ziegler, financial secretary; and Doris McGarry, recording secretary. Sadler also

received recognition as the chapter's choice for Woman of the Year.

The eight Rhode Island Hadassah groups also installed their officers. Group presidents included Kent County — Meredith Drench and Barbara Portney; Newport — Myrna Higgins; Nurses' Council — Susan Ginsberg; Pawtucket — Barbara Block, Caroline Gereboff, and Jan Ziegler; Providence — Claire Bell, Shirley Chernick, and Muriel Leach; and South County — Rose Epstein.

Jenny Klein officially installed all officers. Klein is the chairperson of R.I. Holocaust Memorial Museum, vice president of the Jewish Community Center, a published writer, and a teacher of children and adults.



MILESTONE — Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goodman recently celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Goodmans Celebrate 40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Goodman, of 243 Greeley Ave. in Warwick, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Immediate family members and friends shared in their celebration for a surprise party given in their honor by children Laurie Robinson and Greg Goodman on June 2 at the Kent Restaurant in East Greenwich.

The Goodmans were married

on June 3, 1956, in Providence. They are the parents of Laurie Robinson of East Greenwich and Greg Goodman of Cranston, and the grandparents of Brad Robinson and Amy Robinson.

Mr. Goodman is the son of the late George and Bessie Goodman, and Mrs. Goodman is the daughter of Ethel Phenos of Warwick and the late Samuel Phenos.

Austria Enables Heirs to Benefit From Restitution

by Alissa Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Austrian Fund for Victims of National Socialism has decided that payments from the fund could be inherited if claimants die before receiving their benefits.

But the fund's supervisory committee said an application for the fund must have been

filed before the claimant's death in order for the money to be inherited.

"It's very important to get the claim in," Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, said in an interview recently.

The secretary general of the fund said she expected all the funds to be distributed in three

to four years.

Applicants can contact their local Austrian consulate or the Austrian consulate in New York, Attn: Irith Jawetz, 31 E. 69th St., New York, N.Y. 10021. The phone number is (212) 737-6400.

Applicants also can be sent to: Dr. Heinz Fischer, President of the Austrian Nationalrat, Parliament, A-1017, Vienna, Austria.

Lord Weidenfeld is New Chairman of BGU Board

Lord George Weidenfeld is the new chairman of the board of governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Elected recently at the annual board of governors meeting on the Beer-Sheva campus, he succeeds Hyman Kreitman, former chairman of the board of Tesco.

Born in Vienna, Lord

Weidenfeld immigrated to England in 1938 and became a British citizen in 1946. In 1945, with Nigel Nicolson, he founded the publishing firm Weidenfeld and Nicolson which specializes in history, biography and the memoirs of well-known political figures.

Improving Cooperation

Avraham Burg, chairman of the executive, of the Jewish Agency for Israel, participated recently in a meeting of all American members of the Jewish Agency board of governors, convened by the United Israeli Appeal, Inc.

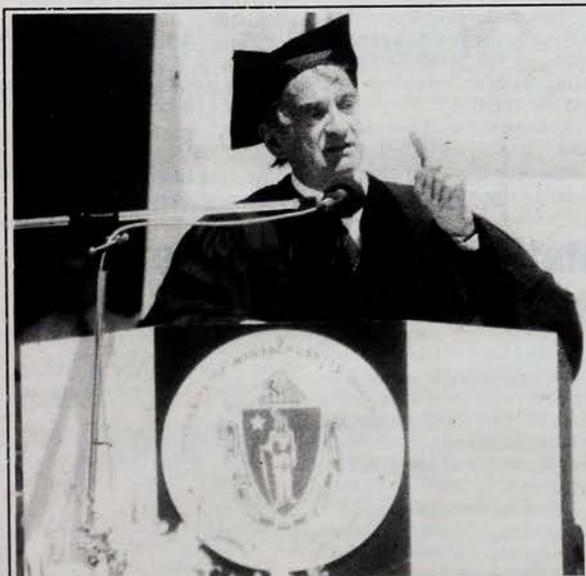
"The Jewish Agency," Burg told the American leaders, "is determined to improve the level of its cooperation with a variety of Jewish organizations, starting with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. This is our first step toward better coordination among world Jewry in taking responsibility for the future of the Jewish people.

"We need to bring together world Jewish organizations to create coalitions to address our collective humanitarian, Jewish educational, and national needs.

"Our donors deserve our best efforts to meet the needs of our clients — effectively, efficiently, and with a Jewish heart."

Correction

Jonathan Michael Levitt's name was spelled incorrectly in last week's issue. The *Herald* apologizes for the error.



Delivering His Address

Elie Wiesel, winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize, delivered the commencement address at UMass Dartmouth this year. The university conferred an honorary doctorate of humane letters on Wiesel.

Photo courtesy of UMass Dartmouth

Hadassah Appoints Sobell

Melanie Sobell has been appointed national director of education for Young Judaea by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Young Judaea — Hadassah's Zionist youth movement — offers clubs, conventions, summer camps and university programs in the United States and both summer and long-term programs in Israel for American high school and university students to develop an appreciation of Zionist values.

In her new capacity, Sobell will be responsible for developing and establishing the national and local education and leadership training programs designed to communicate and foster awareness, understanding and commitment to Judaism, Zionism and Israel.

Prior to joining Hadassah, Sobell was a unit head for the

Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad in Jerusalem and a lecturer at Ministry of Education Teacher Training College in Tel Aviv.



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NJCRAC Adopts Plan That Will Keep OU in Group

by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish community's national public affairs body has averted a walkout by the Orthodox Union. The OU's demands for the right of dissent on collective policy positions on religious issues were met.

The agreement led to overwhelming approval of a plan to strengthen the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. The plan includes provision for more NJCRAC conferences in the nation's capital. Much of the controversy between the OU and the NJCRAC focused on whether and how the organization's letterhead would be used to endorse positions that religious movements did not wish to endorse.

The underlying challenge was how to balance the need to keep all three religious movements — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform — in the NJCRAC fold, and how to preserve NJCRAC's ability to make an impact with its public statements.

The compromise plan would keep NJCRAC intact as an umbrella body of 117 local community relations councils and 13 national agencies, including the OU. The compromise abolished the veto currently available to each of the national agencies. The veto effectively prevented NJCRAC from issuing public policy statements. This infuriated community members who felt that they were being squelched in an anti-democratic fashion.

The OU had strongly protested the elimination of the veto. It said it could not remain

in NJCRAC if it didn't have a chance to distance itself from positions that violated its fundamental religious convictions.

The OU has actually exercised the veto only twice in 14 years, both times in the 1980s. One veto was on an endorsement of a Shabbat march for housing, and the other was on a resolution questioning the views of Rabbi Meir Kahane, who had just been elected to the Knesset.

The compromise plan kept a special provision for a "religious conviction exception" to be available to religious bodies, only. The provision was seen as a bid to keep the OU in the "family."

Still, under this new plan, such policy statements, if supported by a majority of NJCRAC members, would have been issued in the name of a "community caucus" under NJCRAC's official letterhead.

But at a recent session, OU representatives who had worked out the compromise announced that their own board had refused to accept it.

Instead, the OU board proposed that statements which provoked the "religious exception" provision be issued only in the name of a "community caucus," without NJCRAC's imprimatur.

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism has allied itself with the OU's position.

Religious denominations should have the right not to be identified "even by misperception" with a decision of the collective, said the United Synagogue's Menachem Rosensaft.

"This [debate] was about strengthening the Jewish community collectively to express its point of view as effectively as possible," Rosensaft said.

NJCRAC is "the one vehicle in which the secular communities and all three major religious denominations are able to sit and debate and discuss" issues of public policy, he added.

The Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations also voiced support for the OU amendment, as did the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League.

"I think it is imperative to retain them in the agency," Phil Baum, AJCongress executive director, said of the OU.

But the vote was a setback to efforts to strengthen NJCRAC's collective clout.

"NJCRAC tried to be accommodating, spending more time with [the O.U.] than any other agency," Lynn Lyss, chair of the strategic planning committee, said before the vote.

"No single agency should be able to arrest the expression of a national public affairs consensus," she added. "We urge you to vote no."

Afterward, Lawrence Rubin, NJCRAC executive vice chairman, praised the "thoughtful quality" of the discussion, saying that "everyone was motivated by a sense of 'klal' (community) and maintaining the system."

As a result of the vote, there will be "progress toward collective expression, though not as much as we would like," he said.

Still, "it was necessary to keep the OU in the system and we can live with it," he added.

Report From the Golan

by Gil Sedan

KATZRIN, Golan Heights, Israel. (JTA) — Although the 14,000 Jews who live in 32 settlements on the Golan share a desire to stay there, the region is far from being a Likud stronghold.

Peres led in the election in the Golan with 50.2 percent of the vote. And in the separate race for the incoming Knesset, Labor had the strongest showing of all the parties, with 31.2 percent of the vote.

It was one of the oddities of a surprise-filled election that Golan residents backed Peres and Labor when they, Peres and Labor, were avowedly ready to give up the Golan to Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"The explanation is simple," said Yigal Kipnis, 47, a farmer at Ma'aleh Gamla. "People voted here as Israeli citizens, and not as residents of the Golan."

"We had four very good years with the outgoing government, and half of our people — just like in the rest of the country — wanted Peres to proceed with the peace process."

Kipnis is one of the founders of "The Way to Peace," an organization of Golan residents formed two days after the Nov. 4 assassination of Yitzhak Rabin to back the peace process, even if it led to an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

Labor had promised that any agreement involving giving up the Golan would require a national referendum.

Because of this, it is thought, even those who were determined to vote against giving up the Golan in a referendum allowed themselves the luxury of voting for Peres and Labor because they felt ideologically closer to them than to Netanyahu and Likud.

"The Way to Peace" was not dismantled after Peres lost the election. In fact, it may soon take on new life as it pressures the Netanyahu government to exercise flexibility if and when there is a resumption of negotiations with Syria.

Those talks were suspended in March after Syria failed to condemn the latest series of Hamas suicide bombings carried out in Israel.

As long as Assad remains in power, Israeli hawks feel, there will be little chance of progress on the Golan question.

Sami Bar-Lev, Likud mayor of Katzrin, believes that after 20 years of staunch anti-Zionism, Assad simply cannot bring himself to make the ideological change of heart that will be needed for a full peace agreement with Israel.

While many Jewish residents here hope that Assad's inflexibility will give them many more long and happy years on the Golan, some of the area's 16,000 Druse residents, who are part of a centuries-old offshoot of Islam, are hoping that Netanyahu will prove to be a pragmatic negotiator.

"They say Bibi is tough, but they used to say the same about [former Prime Minister Menachem] Begin," said Ali Mar'i, of Majdal Shams, the largest Druse village in the Golan.

If the Likud knew how to make peace with Egypt in 1979, he suggested, the party will also find a way for compromise with Syria.

"I have tried both war and peace," said Mar'i, pointing at his house in the middle of the village. "My house was destroyed in the Yom Kippur War. It took me two days to dig my mother from underneath the ruins."

"I know how important peace is."

There is one question that Jews and Druse alike were unable to answer: Why did Assad fail to reach an agreement with Peres when it was clear that Peres was willing to give up almost the entire Golan?

"This is a question that one should ask Assad," said Mar'i. "I don't know the answer."

Kipnis felt that it all comes down to a matter of trust.

"I believe that the only problem is mutual suspicion," said Kipnis. "Assad does not trust Israel any more than Israel trusts him."

"Once that psychological barrier is lifted, nothing will stand in the way of a peace agreement."

In the meantime, the Golan continues to thrive.

There are no apartments available in Katzrin and more are now being built.

"The prices of flats have doubled in the last year," said Bar-Lev. "A three-bedroom flat, which cost last year \$30,000, is now being offered for \$60,000."

'Free-Lance' Lobbying in Congress May Prove Corrosive

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The increasingly boisterous disagreements over Israeli policies, lately, have silenced any lingering doubts that the Jewish community no longer leaves its differences at the steps of the Capitol.

For five years, Israel's unified voice in Washington has continued to deteriorate.

With the return of the Likud government to power in Israel, most Jewish activists expect that unity in the Washington/Jewish community will continue to erode.

Americans for Peace Now, the left-wing group whose positions had become mainstream under the labor government, is pledging to be "vigorously active" on Capitol Hill "to ensure that Israel lives up to its commitments," said Gail Pressberg, the group's Washington director.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, once the sole voice for pro-Israel causes in Congress, and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations are scrambling to find a way to minimize dissent before it reaches the halls of government.

The pro-Israel lobby machine has acquired influence in the nation's capital rivaling that of the gun and tobacco industries.

Many attribute that historic strength to the fact that the community has spoken with one voice on most issues, in the past.

As increasing numbers of "free-lancers," (as lobbyists outside AIPAC are frequently called) roam the halls of Congress, the bedrock of the pro-Israel lobby's monolithic strength is at risk.

The disunity over Israeli issues has turned off many of the new lawmakers, particularly those with no Jewish constituencies.

"I've had a hard time distinguishing between the positions of all the groups," said one senior aide to a member of Congress from the Midwest.

"You're blowing your whole game if you pull from both sides. People here just move on to the next issue instead of getting to the bottom of the matter," said this Hill veteran of 19 years.

Many Jewish leaders agree. "Congress should not be a football field for the Jewish community to play out its differences," said Malcolm Hoenlein,

executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents.

"If we start bombarding them with our differences, they'll just walk away from the issues," Hoenlein said.

In an effort to counter those who see Congress as a wide-open ball field, Hoenlein has often adopted the role of referee.

House Passes Status Quo Foreign Aid Bill

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A record number of Republicans and Democrats in the House of Representatives joined forces this week to approve an \$11.9 billion foreign aid bill that maintains Israel's current \$3 billion in assistance.

The measure also includes \$2.1 billion for Egypt and \$500 million to the republics of the former Soviet Union, including Russia.

It also allows the president to send an additional \$75 million of aid to the Palestinian Authority, if it complies with its commitments to Israel.

MetLife Lifts Insurance Ban On Frequent Visitors To Israel

by Heather Camlot

NEW YORK (JTA) The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company recently lifted its ban on issuing life insurance policies to people who travel frequently or for extended periods to Israel.

"MetLife deserves credit for recognizing that travel to Israel is safe and without unusual risk," New York Assemblyman Jules Polonetsky (D-Brooklyn) said.

Polonetsky and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) campaigned to end the practice of "blacklisting" Israel for life insurance purposes.

If the applicants are other-

wise insurable, the company will offer policies of up to \$500,000.

The policy restrictions were unearthened after Menno Ratzker, a member of the Orthodox Union's board of directors, was denied coverage because he traveled frequently to Israel.

The restrictive policy stemmed from "ignorance," not anti-Semitism, Polonetsky said in an interview.

People read the headlines, watch the news and "forget that the streets of Jerusalem are safer than many areas in New York," he said.

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Agudath Israel Wins War Over Meals

re-packaged kosher meals, needed for consumption by American Jewish soldiers worldwide, can now be obtained unit commanders through regular American military supply system.

News of the availability of special meals — officially known as MRKs (Meals Ready to Eat) — was welcomed by Agudath Israel of America, which has for several years petitioned the military to accommodate the dietary needs of religiously observant members of the armed forces.

Though the Department of Defense has long officially denied that it "places a high value on the rights of members of the armed forces to observe the tenets of their respective religions," kosher food has never been readily available to soldiers in the field.

Kosher food for American Jewish service personnel became a major concern during the Persian Gulf War. In response to a large number of in-

quiries Agudath Israel received from Jewish soldiers and their families at the time, the Orthodox Jewish organization entered into what turned out to be an extended dialogue on the matter with Pentagon officials.

Subsequently, "multi-faith" MRKs (Meals Ready to Eat) were devised, in an attempt to simultaneously meet the needs of Jewish, Muslim and Hindu soldiers, as well as vegetarians. Those meals were phased out, though, in January, when various logistical difficulties, as well as religious concerns raised by Agudath Israel, made it apparent that, in the words of the executive director of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, U.S. Air Force Colonel Cecil R. Richardson, "we were trying to meet the needs of too many groups with a single product."

Richardson's acknowledgment came in a response to an inquiry from Abba Cohen, director of Agudath Israel's Washington office. Cohen had also expressed concern that the ko-

sher meals be neither expensive nor difficult for Jewish soldiers to procure.

Richardson reassured the Agudath Israel representative that the certified kosher meals, along with non-kosher-certified vegetarian MREs, will be easily obtained through "normal supply systems," and that they were being paid for by the government with appropriated funds, "the same funds used to purchase all other meals."

Military procurement officers on brigade and battalion levels can order MRKs by the case, and the kosher meals will also be available on pre-positioned Marine Corps ships throughout the world.

"Though we will continue to monitor the situation," Cohen said, "we have indeed ascertained that over 15,000 special meals, including MRKs, have already been purchased by the military from the civilian supplier it is using."

Scientists to Search for Schizophrenia Genes Among Ashkenazi Jews

Johns Hopkins researchers are recruiting Ashkenazi Jews who have had symptoms of schizophrenia for a new study of genetic inheritance patterns that may help them locate genes contributing to the development of the disorder.

"Locating these genes will allow us to take a look at what they do. That will help us learn more about what goes wrong in schizophrenia and develop better treatments for it," said Ann Pulver, ScD., an associate professor of psychiatry and director of the new study.

Pulver said this Jewish population is ideal for the study because they tend to marry within their faith. "Culturally self-con-

tained populations like this give you a greater chance of finding genes, because there are clearer lines of inheritance that you can trace back many generations," she explained.

But there is no indication yet that schizophrenia occurs more frequently in this or any other ethnic, racial or religious population.

Researchers will interview participants regarding current mental health status and family history of mental disorders, and also take blood samples from the participant and immediate family for DNA analysis.

All information produced by the study will be kept completely confidential.

Schizophrenia is believed to develop from a combination of environmental and genetic causes, according to Pulver.

Over the past 10 years, her group has identified regions on three human chromosomes that appear to be linked with schizophrenia. The new study will help her narrow these regions even further.

If you or someone you know has symptoms of schizophrenia, and you would like to participate in this study, call Pulver toll-free at (888) 289-4095. Baltimore residents call (410) 955-0455.

Arabs Warn of Possibility of New Violence

by Naomi Segal
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Arab leaders have warned Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu that tension and violence would increase in the region if the new Israeli government deviates from the "principles of the peace process."

But Israeli officials said the Arab leaders were prejudging the new government before it was formed and that they were disregarding repeated statements by Likud leader Netanyahu already made, pledging his commitment to the process.

"It is unacceptable that the Arab leaders form an opinion and issue such a statement before the new government has been taken power," Israeli President Ezer Weizman said on Israel Radio.

After a weekend summit in Damascus, Syrian President Hafez Assad, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Saudi

Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah issued a joint statement calling on Israel to withdraw from all occupied territories.

The three warned that any departure by Israel from the land-for-peace principles of the peace process pursued by the outgoing Labor government would be considered a move toward returning the region to "tension and violence."

Mubarak has phoned Arab leaders and invited them to a June 21 to 23 meeting in Cairo, where they would attempt to develop a unified stance regarding the new Israeli government. Among those invited are representatives of the Palestinians, Jordan, the Gulf Arab states, North African states and Mauritania.

Aides have said that since his May 29 election victory, Netanyahu has made clear his intent to continue the peace pro-

cess with the Palestinians and Syria. But, while he has yet to elaborate on specific policy goals, Israeli media have reported that a draft of policy guidelines for the new government incorporated the hardline positions Netanyahu held before the elections: opposition to an independent Palestinian state and to a withdrawal from the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria.

Costa Rica Denies Moving Embassy

by Brian Harris
SAN JOSE (JTA) — Costa Rican Foreign Minister Fernando Naranjo has denied a published report that his country plans to move its Israeli embassy out of Jerusalem.



Israel Wins Top Honor

For the third year in a row, Israel has won a World Travel Award for "Top Middle East Tourist and Convention Board." Accepting the award, from left: Uzi Michaeli, Israel's commissioner of Tourism, North America; country singer Kenny Rogers; and Rami Levi, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office, Western United States.

Jerusalem Fifth in World for International Events

Jerusalem surged from 38th to fifth place among the world's cities in the number of international events hosted, according to information released this past April by the International Congress and Convention Association.

Israel has tripled its market share of meetings and conventions in the past two years. Jerusalem follows Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Vienna and Singapore as the most popular city in the world for meetings and conventions.

"This is really an exciting ranking for us at ICC Jerusalem," said Edna Ramot, director general of the International Convention Center in Jerusa-

lem. "These numbers reaffirm the importance of Jerusalem as a meeting place for all types of meetings, ranging from scientific and medical to religious conventions and high tech."

Israel is ranked number 14 in the world in the number of international events hosted by countries. It is tied with Canada for market share. In the period covered by this analysis Israel hosted 54 events, while the United States, which ranks first, hosted a total of 162 events.

A covered stadium adjoining ICC Jerusalem will be completed in 2000. This new addition will be the first and only covered stadium in Israel and will hold up to 15,000 seats.

Witness in Priebe Trial Hurt in Escape Attempt

by Ruth E. Gruber
ROME (JTA) — The war crimes trial of former S.S. Capt. Erich Priebe took a dramatic turn when a key prosecution witness, another former Nazi in his 80s, injured himself in an attempt to escape testifying.

Former S.S. Maj. Karl Hass, 84, broke his pelvis and damaged his backbone before dawn on June 7 as he fell 15 feet from a second-floor balcony while trying to escape from his Rome hotel.

Police were guarding the door of his hotel room.

Hass, who used a jacket to help lower himself to the ground, was due to testify for the prosecution in the Priebe trial later that morning.

Priebe, 82, is on trial before a Rome military court for his involvement in the March 24, 1944, Nazi mass execution of 335 civilians, of whom 75 were Jewish, at the Ardeatine Caves, south of Rome.

The Nazis ordered the massacre in response to an Italian partisan attack the day before in which 33 German soldiers were killed.

Hass came to Italy voluntarily as a witness, but he is also being investigated as a suspect in the massacre.

He has denied any part of it. He will remain in a military hospital for about a month but will testify from his hospital bed, officials said.

Prosecutor Antonio Intelisano said that "had Hass not wanted to testify, he could have gone straight home through the front door. There are no restrictions on his freedom." Intelisano attributed the escape to stress.

Hass was involved with espionage and secret service operations during the war. He was on the staff of the German Embassy in Rome.

He was presumed dead for years, until depositions by Priebe indicated that he was living in Italy. Investigators located him in a small town near Milan, but he then fled to his daughter's home in Switzerland.

Intelisano convinced him to come to Rome to testify.

In newspaper interviews, Hass has accused Priebe of having a direct role in the massacre.



ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

There Is Nothing — What, Nothing? — Like a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera

On July 3, Ocean State Light Opera opens its seventh summer season at Wheeler School Theatre in Providence with its production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe."

This satire hones its dry, English wit at the expense of Britain's aristocracy and adulated noblemen, whose positions in Parliament are based on birth and rank rather than on ability. As in any Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, however, a love story is the vehicle for social commentary, and "Iolanthe's" premise is one of the more fantastical of the G&S repertoire.

Strepheon, a shepherd, is in love with Phyllis, a ward of chancery, who plans to marry the youth against the wishes of her guardian, the Lord Chancellor.

Unbeknownst to Phyllis, Strepheon is only half-mortal. His mother Iolanthe is a pretty, youthful fairy who was banished by the Queen of the Fairies 20 years ago for having married a mortal — a crime usually punishable by death. The queen decides to pardon Iolanthe, and while mother and son are celebrating, Phyllis sees her beloved embracing his 200-year "young" mother. Hurt and jealous, Phyllis engages herself to two lords.

(Are you still with us? Remember — it's the music that counts.)

With the help of the fairies, Strepheon becomes a member of Parliament and threatens to make nobleman of all the commoners. To make a longish story short, a happy ending, with romance all around ensues.

This production features one of Rhode Island's funny men, David Price, as the Lord Chancellor. Price's recent comic appearances with OSLO include Mr. Cox in "Cox and Box" and Sir Joseph Porter in "H.M.S. Pin-afore," which just completed a run in Newport at the Maritime Arts Festival. A strong baritone, Price's excellent diction will be invaluable in tackling the Lord Chancellor's "Nightmare" song.

Playing the role of the Queen of the Fairies is Christine Gannon, a dramatic mezzo-soprano, whose recent OSLO credits include dynamic portrayals of Dame Hannah in "Ruddigore" (Newport) and Prince Orlafsky in last

December's "Scenes from the Great Operas." The romantic female lead, Phyllis, will be played by Mary Beth McGrath, a gifted performer whose roles as Lady Jane in "patience" and Mad Margaret in "Ruddigore" were unforgettable.

Playing opposite her is OSLO newcomer Frank Haggard, a baritone who has made his mark as a finalist in the Western Regional Metropolitan Opera auditions and who has performed with Opera Pacific in California.

Cantor Robert Lieberman, who debuted with OSLO last year as Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd in "Ruddigore" (Providence), will alternate in the role of Sergeant Willis with OSLO newcomer, Michael Popowich, who received his master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Illinois and has sung with the Sante Fe Opera.

The title role of Iolanthe will be performed by Mary Kay Gibbons, a young comedic actress who was seen recently with the East Greenwich Players as Winifred in "Once Upon a Mat-tress."

Lieberman, a bass-baritone, is the cantor of Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of music on the trumpet, he attended the Jewish Theological Seminary from which he graduated with a bachelor of sacred music. He has sung in various synagogues and has presented concerts on the East Coast.

Fredric Scheff, a North Kingstown resident, is a graduate of Rhode Island College and a student of Jane Olian in New York. He will receive his doctor of music degree from the University of Kansas where he appeared as a leading artist in numerous operas, musicals, and dramas. Scheff performed in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," and has been a featured soloist with the Rhode Island College Chorus and Orchestra and the Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra. He can be heard singing in opera at Audrey's and at area restaurants with Operartisti.

Sasha Olinick, a resident of the East Side during his matriculation at Brown, is featured in this production of "Iolanthe" as Lord Mountararat. A gifted performer, Olinick has prepared for careers in both teaching and performance. He has appeared in many Brown theater productions.

Once again the summer season will feature the inventive stage direction of OSLO artistic director Marilyn Levine; a cham-

ber orchestra under the inspired musical directorship of Ann Danis; and striking sets conceived and constructed by Providence area artists Madolin Maxey, Madelyn Macedo, and Monica Shinn.

For a completely enjoyable, totally relaxing, evening see OSLO's "Iolanthe" at the air-conditioned Wheeler School Theatre on the east side of Providence.

For information or ticket reservations, call the box office at 331-6060, or leave a message at the e-mail address: OSLO RI@aol.com.

R & R Gallery Opens

The R & R Gallery has opened for the season with new original art in watercolors, oils and pastels, sculpture works and photographs by Rhode Island artists. There will also be hand-crafted pieces by local artisans. The gallery will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

The gallery is located at 47 Conanicus Ave., Jamestown. For more information, call 423-0730.

Summer Winds Looking For Musicians

The Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative has announced the third Summer Winds season for area high school and adult musicians. Rehearsals are each Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at North Attleboro High School beginning on June 20.

Several concerts are planned throughout the summer season including a performance at the "Hatch Shell" in Boston on Aug. 14.

Summer Winds was established in 1994 by Southeastern Massachusetts Wind Symphony music director Joseph McKenna to provide interested woodwind, brass and percussion players the opportunity to rehearse and perform a variety of band literature throughout the summer months.

Interested musicians should contact the SMARTS office at (508) 285-5731 for registration information and more details about Summer Winds.

Salute The Fourth On The Second

The Metropolitan Wind Symphony will celebrate American independence with a free outdoor concert at the Great Woods Educational Forum on July 2. The concert will feature traditional concert band material and informal "pops" selections. Concluding the concert will be patriotic favorites and a fireworks display sponsored by Great Woods. The 7 p.m. concert will be held on the Quadrangle at Wheaton College, Norton, MA. Concessions will be available.

For further information, and the rain location, call the forum at (508) 285-8391.



Far From Home

These South Sea islanders were blown off course by a storm during an inter-island trip. They were rescued by Captain Joshua Slocum (right) in 1882. The photo is part of an exhibit currently at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Photo courtesy of the Old Dartmouth Historical Society — New Bedford Whaling Museum

Pawtucket 'Y' Offers Drawing Class

The Pawtucket Family YMCA in conjunction with the Arts Council of Pawtucket is offering an Art of Drawing Class for area participants ages 8 to adult on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning June 24 for two four-week sessions (June 24 to July 20 and July 22 to Aug. 17).

Participants will learn to apply what is necessary in discovering their own individual creative voice through vision and curiosity as they explore what it means to "draw."

The course will fearlessly take

on the clean white paper myth using both unfamiliar tools and traditional drawing materials. Students can expect to become comfortable with pencil, charcoal, conte, ink and other media while exploring basic drawing concepts such as line, form, value, pattern, composition, mood, and beyond.

To register for this course, stop by the Pawtucket Family YMCA, 20 Summer St., Pawtucket, R.I., across from the Pawtucket Public Library, or call the "Y" at 727-7900.

Air Force Band Opens Free Concert Series

Members of the United States Air Force Band of Liberty Symphony Band will be at the Great Woods Educational Forum on June 25. The free outdoor concert will start at 6:30 p.m. on the quadrangle at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.

The band will play a number of selections in a variety of styles, including some from their recent recording, "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty." Selections will in-

clude "Liberty Fanfare" by John Williams; "The Chimes of Liberty" by Goldman; "Rosie the Riveter" by Evans, Loeb and Zaricki; "Marie" by Berlin, Dorsey and Slama, and a number of patriotic works. The band offers everything from classical pieces to marches to jazz.

For further information or a rain location, call the forum at (508) 285-8391.

Theatre-By-The-Sea Cabaret Tries New Format June 20

The producers of Theatre-By-The-Sea will introduce a new format for the after-theatre cabaret this year. Themes, competitions, costumes and headliners will spice things up as the show gets underway in the SeaHorse Grill, after the curtain goes down in the theater.

The all new cabaret will start on June 20 with a live karaoke party, all live, all swinging, all singing entertainment. The karaoke theme will continue through the run of "Little Rhody's Big Burlesque," on July 6.

On July 11, when the nightly

curtain comes down on "Singin' in the Rain," the stars will light up the cabaret with a beach party. Beach attire is recommended, the performers will be in swimwear, and one and all are invited to join in the "Best Floating Device" competition.

After "Evita" the cabaret theme changes to country western, featuring The Duelling Dollies.

Reservations for the cabaret can be made through the Theatre-By-The-Sea box office at 782-8587 or by calling the SeaHorse Grill at 789-3030.

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FEATURE

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College Ordains First Russian Immigrant

Thirteen rabbis were ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College at its 24th graduation ceremonies on June 9 at Germantown Jewish Centre in Philadelphia.

Russian immigrant Mark E. Zarkh among the nine women and four men to be ordained and receive a master's degree in Hebrew Letters.

A native of Leningrad, Zarkh holds a B.A. in cinematography from the Institute of Culture of Leningrad University. He was a set designer in theaters and became a director, but he felt that he was suffocating in Russia where there were too many lies and too much anti-Semitism.

He recalls the day he arrived here from Russia at the age of 23 on July 6, 1979, after waiting only a few months to get a visa. He was all alone. He was aided in his settlement by the New York Association of New Americana (NYANA).

His journey to become a rabbi at the age of 41 included many jobs — sometimes three at a time — including cab driver, photographic printer, working in an electronics factory assembling computers, in a supermar-

ket, managing a warehouse, fixing cameras, selling real estate and insurance.

Zarkh heard about the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College from a colleague in the real estate office who was also a part-time cantor. Although Zarkh thought he was too old to become a rabbi, and he was in the middle of opening a Russian restaurant, he went to visit the school. Seven years later he has realized his dream.

Zarkh said that when he was 7 or 8 years old, he asked his grandmother Malka who the rabbis were.

"Oh, they are the wisest people in the world," she replied. "Only the smartest Jews become rabbis."

He asked her where they were, then.

"Well, she said, "the Russian government keeps them hidden away in a special underground bunker so that they can be consulted about its policies and laws."

He thought for a few moments and then asked, "Why then are things so miserable around us?"

"Shush," she replied, "don't

you tell anyone what I'm going to tell you. These people in the Russian government, they either don't understand or don't listen to our rabbis."

"From that day on," Zarkh said, "I was very impressed with the power and wisdom that the rabbis seemed to hold, but I immediately dismissed the thought that I could ever become one of these great people. So I decided that I would have go settle on becoming an astronaut or a fireman."

He has created numerous programs in conjunction with Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education to help Russian Jews get in touch with their Jewish heritage. He has written publications including a Haggadah and holiday publications in three languages (Russian, Hebrew and English) and represented RRC and the Reconstructionist movement at the first conference of Jewish organizations in the former USSR.

"Russia is a different country from the one I grew up in. The culture is changed," he said. "The place I grew up in is gone."

He hopes to continue to work with Russian Jews.



Rendezvous with Destiny

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Manhattan's Reform Temple Emanuel on Fifth Avenue, built before the crash, in 1928-29, boasts a Romanesque-Moorish deco grandeur, somehow fateful and also fabulous. The setting gives glamour to the ordination and investiture of the group of rabbis and cantors on a serene Sunday morning in the month of May.

The program brochure included, sometimes in fancy calligraphy, surprising, even playful, passages from scripture and commentary. "More precious than wisdom and honor is a little folly" (Eccles. 10:1) and "Precious in the sight of Adonai is the death of God's saints." (Isa. 13:12). (Midrash Psalms 116). Oddly Chassidic spring-like thoughts were offered like blossoms. There was even a convert among the crop of rabbis, a son of Abraham our father.

An honorary award of \$10,000 was given to the French filmmaker Claude Lelouch, who spoke, in French, about the importance of the medium of movies, "This is my very greatest honor, and I am very, very moved and grateful," he concluded, a translator behind him turning his passionate French phrases into American English.

His film "Les Miserables" "brings to the screen the conflict between good and evil, courage and cowardice, generosity and greed, as the German occupation of France threatened Jewish life." Thus spoke Rabbi Leonard Kravitz, and thus reads

the printed proclamation.

If you took a break from the proceedings into the sunlit front awninged sidewalk, you could see the open-air doubledecker crimson tour buses, the yellow cabs, the strolling dogs, the skateboarders, on the avenue, Fifth Avenue, and the fresh foliage of Central Park just across the way.

Indoors all was dignity in the dark, but with the happiness of hope like candlelight. I got to this day of dedication in the car and company of Archie Finkelstein, whose nephew, Joel Braude, received his smicha. We rose at dawn to make the very start of a very special day. I saw the people who have made Joel's Providence world, in the context of 65th Street in Gotham.

Dick and Betty Simon live by the reservoir river where the rabbinical student would go to canoe, bike, fish and contem-

plate. "We have to heal this planet," murmurs Dick to me in a genial tone.

There was Fló Fusaro, his friend from the Federal Hill cafe days where Joel picked up some tricks of cuisine and hospitality. She is a lovely lady, and she came to bless his success.

Marion Dreyfus, his study guide and good counselor, looking shining and stunning, witnessed the fruition of their efforts over typewriters and computers. "This is also my triumph," she said with justice and good will.

I kept finding the new rabbi among the smiles and words of his guests at the celebratory luncheon following the installation. Joel invited us to a reception at the Judaica Museum at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale.

Sarah Sawyer, a resident of the handsome home, with its river view and fine gardens, made a point of stopping me to speak of our host. "He was the perfect rabbi for us. He was always patient and kindly, and never for a moment condescending."

When Joel spoke to his guests, looking poised but pale, he said graceful and humble things, un-sentimental and real, congratu-



Killing Two Temple Birds With One Internet Stone

Rabbi David Rosen and Temple Torat Yisrael have passed this little feature on to us for use in the *Herald*. It was originally discovered on the Internet. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

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Taking seat of person called to Torah	72
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Talking to person two rows away	50
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First minute	72
Next 60 minutes	140
Kol Nidre surcharge	360
Communicating with spouse across mechitzah	
Hand signals	18
Shouting	36
Smoke signals	72
Placing tallis in bag before service is over	36
Placing someone else's tallis in your bag	72
Leaving lipstick imprint on Siddur	54
Leaving lipstick imprint on Siddur, in men's section	108
Having a child bring in coat before Aleinu	
1 coat	Free
2-4 coats	36
Wrong coat	54
Wrong child	72"

lating and thanking his allies.

"The stone which the builders rejected — that's me — may still be used to build a useful niche. You all helped me, we did it together. I am in your debt."

I moved with a glass of kosher Chardonnay among the musicians, a harpist beside the window, a grand piano, all the right tranquil notes and touches to soothe and smooth

the longest day.

FDR made his most famous speech to a depression public. "To some generations much is given. From other generations much is expected. This generation has a rendezvous with destiny." Uncle Archie wouldn't have missed it for the world. His late sister Pearl's eldest boy had finally found his rendezvous with destiny.

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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY COLEMAN
BOSTON — Shirley Coleman, 83, died at New England Medical Center in Boston, Mass., on June 15. She was the daughter of the late Nathan and Lotte Nulman, and longtime resident of Cranston, R.I., although she was born in Fall River, Mass.

She and her husband, Harold, owned and operated The Hoxsie Cleansers of Warwick, R.I., from 1946 to 1968.

She was a member of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue in Providence, Temple Beth Am in Warwick, and Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston.

She is survived by a daughter, Arline Volin, and two grandchildren, David Volin and Julie Ann Gray. She leaves three brothers, Samuel, Saul and Lawrence Nulman, and a sister Gertrude Gordon, and she was the sister of the late Evelyn Katz.

Graveside services were held on June 17 at Sharon Memorial Park Cemetery, Sharon, Mass.

MICHAEL FREEDMAN

Michael Freedman, 101, a member of the Steamfitters Local 476 who worked for many engineering companies, retiring in 1965, died at the Rhode Island Veterans Home on June 13. He was the husband of the late Rose (Millman) Freedman.

Born in Manchester, England, a son of the late Joel and Annie (Schneider) Freedman, he lived in Bristol at the Rhode Island Veterans Home three years, previously living in Warwick for 10 years. He lived in Providence for many years before moving to Warwick.

He served in the Navy for seven years and was a World War I veteran. He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek Sons of Abraham. He was also a member of the Providence Hebrew Day School.

He leaves a daughter, Carolyn Shine of Washington,

D.C.; a son, Stanley Freedman of West Warwick; a sister, Fannie Greco of Warwick; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Dora, Morris, Joseph, David, Hyman and Daniel Freedman, and the late Anna Lapre and Rebecca Bates.

The funeral service was held June 14 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

NINA LEBOFF

TAMARAC, Florida — Nina Leboff, 91, of Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., formerly of Lexington, Mass., a founder with her husband of the Ezra J. Leboff Co., Inc., a mechanical engraving concern in Cambridge, Mass., died on May 18 at Columbia University Medical Center, Tamarac, Fla. She was the wife of Ezra J. Leboff.

Born in Boston, she lived in Lexington for many years before moving to Florida in retirement.

She also worked in her father's business, Rosenfield and Rapkin, a manufacturer of military uniforms for officers in Boston, Mass.

She was a member of Temple Emunah, Lexington. She was a life member of both Hadassah and City of Hope. She was active in B'nai Brith and ORT.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Thelma Morris of Upland, Calif., and Dorothea Snyder of Providence; a sister, Celia Pearlstein of Miami, Florida; two brothers, Saul Rapkin, of Miami, Florida, and Maurice Rapkin of San Diego, Calif., four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held on May 22 at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon.

EDWARD PRIEST

Providence — Edward Priest, 89, of 2 Regency Plaza, Apt. 507, a foreman at American Insulated Wire Co. for more than 40 years, retiring in 1978, died June 13 at the Elmhurst Extended Care Facility in Providence. He was the husband of Pauline (Dimond) Priest.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Eva (Schendel) Priest, he was a lifelong resident of Providence.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Providence, a member of the Majestic and the Cranston Senior Guilds and a member of the Jewish Federation of R.I.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Hope Krichmar of Providence, a son, Stephen Priest of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters, Marion Sugarman of Narragansett, and Helen Weintraub of Cranston; a brother, Sidney Priest of Providence, three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held June 16 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

MARILYN "LYNNE" TESLER

PAWTUCKET — Marilyn "Lynne" Tesler, 69, of Hillside Avenue, a teacher in the Pawtucket school system for more than 25 years before retiring, died June 14 at home. She was the wife of Marvin G. Tesler.

A lifelong resident of Pawtucket, she was a daughter of the late Jacob "Jack" and Frances (Blumenthal) Schaffer.

She was a graduate of Emerson College and received a graduate degree in education from Rhode Island College. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood.

She was a member of the Rhode Island Retired Teachers' Association, the Blackstone Valley Retired Teachers Association, the Emerson College Alumni Association and the Miriam Hospital of Rhode Island Women's Association. She was a volunteer at Women & Infants Hospital and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

She was a former radio and television actress for local affiliates.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Pamela Tesler Howitt of Seekonk, Mass.; a son, Dr. Peter J. Tesler of Wellesley, Mass.; and a grandson. The funeral was held June 17 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence.

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

Beyond The Horizon

This June 20, Hebrew date 3rd day Tammuz, is the second yartzeit of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson. In honor of this special day we present this little essay about the Rebbe.



Rabbi Schneerson

In one of his letters, the Rebbe wrote: "From the days when I first began attending cheder, and even before then, I began to picture the future redemption in my mind."

In the first Chassidic discourse he delivered after assuming the leadership of Chabad, the Rebbe outlined his goals for our generation:

"We are in the midst of the period called ikvesa diMeshicha [the time when the approaching footsteps of Mashiach can be

heard]. Indeed, we are at the conclusion of this period. Our task is to complete the drawing down of the divine presence... so that it should abide within our world."

In a talk he delivered on the same occasion, the Rebbe explained that though Moses could have constructed the entire sanctuary himself, he refrained from doing so in order to enable the entire nation to participate. Similarly, the Rebbe continued, the rebbeim of past generations did not want the campaign to bring Mashiach to be their private undertaking, but rather an effort shared by the entire Jewish people.

This campaign has been at the center of Lubavitch activity throughout the 45 years of the Rebbe's leadership, and especially so since the eve of the 28th of Nissan 5751 (April 11, 1991). On that evening, the Rebbe turned to his followers with a cry from the heart:

What more can I do to motivate the Jewish nation to clamor and cry out, and thus bring about the coming of Mashiach?... All that I can possibly do now is give the matter over to you. Do everything you can to bring Mashiach, here and now, immediately... I have done whatever I can; from now on, you must do whatever you can.

B'nai B'rith Mourns Passing of Perlman

B'nai B'rith leaders have expressed sadness at the passing of Anita Perlman, a former president of B'nai B'rith Women and the motivating force behind the creation of B'nai B'rith Girls. She died June 11 in Chicago at the age of 90.

In 1975, B'nai B'rith renamed its camp in Starlight, Pa. in honor of Perlman and her husband, Louis, and their countless efforts on behalf of young people.

In the mid-1940s, Perlman forged a loose network of girls' groups into B'nai B'rith Girls, which merged with Aleph Zadik Aleph to form the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. Today, BBYO is the world's largest organization of Jewish youth.

"Without Anita Perlman, neither BBYO nor B'nai B'rith would be the organizations they are today," said B'nai B'rith President Tommy Baer. "We will miss her commitment and contributions to the Jewish people."

A tireless supporter of youth of all faiths, Perlman was also known for her work with the YMCA, the Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations, the Chicago-area PTA and the March of Dimes. She also gave to the JCC of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Lou and Anita Perlman Campus provided a major expansion to the center's physical plan and services.

"She was a great lady who fought for women's rights before anybody ever heard of women's liberation," said B'nai B'rith executive vice president Sidney Clearfield, a former director of BBYO. "As a person she was a wonderful, warm human being, with great care for people and the Jewish community."

Perlman is survived by two children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Condolences may be sent to 1040 Lakeshore Drive, 29A, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

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Torah Today

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plied to Korach. By using of the word "morning," Moses alluded to the fact that a Jew's mitzvot must be as bright and illuminating as the light of day. True, we all perform the same mitzvot in the same manner, but without the proper intentions our mitzvot will not bring about the same revelation of G-d-ness in the physical world that they could have.

This contains a teaching for us as well: A Jew must never content himself with intentions alone, for the actual performance of the mitzva is what truly counts. But at the same time we must always strive that our mitzvot be "illuminating," thereby making for G-d a "dwelling place" down below.

Adapted from Likutei Sichot of the Rebbe, Vol. 4. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer of Chabad House.

Reform Leader

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study retreats targeting different populations, from young unaffiliated Jews to senior citizens to families with young children. Yoffie is also expanding the UAHC's education department. The department of interreligious affairs has been axed and the social action budget has been cut back, though veteran liberal activist and commentator Leonard Fein has been hired part-time to run the UAHC's social action commission.

Schindler leaves the UAHC with the organization indelibly marked with a very personal imprint.

He put outreach to intermarried and unaffiliated Jews at the top of the Reform movement's agenda.

"On intermarriage, damn it, let's confront it, let's do something about it. Let's not count the casualties before the battle is over," said Schindler in an interview recently as he packed up the contents of his UAHC office.

"Anything else is literally suicide," he said, admitting frustration with the view of some prominent Jewish sociologists that limited communal funds are best spent strengthening the experiences of Jews already committed to leading Jewish lives, rather than using them to try to attract the intermarried and unaffiliated.

Just one-third of the children in American intermarried families are being raised as Jews, he said, but 90 to 95 percent of children of intermarried parents who belong to synagogues are being raised as Jews.

He also cited as evidence of the success of his philosophy the experience of Seattle Reform congregations, which last month advertised in the secular press a brief Introduction to Judaism course, inviting intermarried and unaffiliated Jews, and non-Jews, to sign up.

The organizers "got 700 phone calls from people who said, 'I didn't think you were interested in me,'" Schindler said.

Jewish Community

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It was a dark period in the state's history, and new businesses were not likely to come here, bringing their young professionals with families, with them.

"It affected all of us," Rosen said.

He went on, "Even with the demographic changes, I am at heart optimistic that there is going to be a turn-around in Rhode Island's affairs, and this will have a long-term effect of bringing people into the community, now."

I quoted a passage from a Harry Kemelman mystery (Rosen had read all of them but this last one) where Kemelman has one of his characters say that a rabbi is not a spiritual leader, but sort of a CEO and spokesman for the congregation — possibly the one practicing Jew in the group...a token real Jew, if you will.

Rosen smiled. He said, "Kemelmann is known to have a somewhat cynical view of rabbis, which he passes through the character of David Small."

But he did admit that there was some truth to the characterization. "The synagogue has got to be kept functioning to meet every need, not just the spiritual. These other needs (educational, social, communal) have to be maintained, funded and strengthened for synagogues to remain healthy and whole."

"But," he said, "my raison d'être is to foster spiritual

growth and to bring the congregation as fully as possible into the religious life of the synagogues. I must speak in a way that teaches and interests people, and makes the tradition come alive."

He continued, "The Jewish community priority should be 'in-reach' (not outreach). We concern ourselves too much with the numerical realities. We should reach out to the committed core."

When I brought up the subject of Sunday night bingo games, which becomes a topic of heated discussion periodically in synagogues with financial problems, Rosen pointed out that bingo had been in place long before he arrived. He said, "I don't think anyone likes bingo as a temple fund-raiser, but a corps of absolutely dedicated volunteers keep it afloat (at Temple Torat Yisrael)." The bingo games bring in a five-figure revenue, which helps the temple to remain in good shape financially.

Toward the end of our conversation, Rosen said, "A rabbi reaches out to speak to each generation in their language, with great fervor. Judaism is a great cause. He inspires by example, encourages his congregation to explore the power of faith, challenges members of the congregation to explore the impact that Jewish life can have on his or her life."

We will miss David Rosen. Rhode Island's loss is Texas' gain.

Orthodox Parties

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pleted Israeli constitution, on the Jewishness of Israel, defining Israel as the state of the Jewish people.

Yisrael Ba'Aliyah Party leader Natan Sharansky has made it clear that tampering with the Law of Return would drive his party and its seven Knesset seats out of the coalition fold, and with Likud only holding 32 seats, Netanyahu will need them.

Thus, to make the Cabinet feel more comfortable, the Orthodox parties may drop some of their demands as a coalition agreement takes shape.

But where the Orthodox parties intend to stand firm is in their battle against the Reform and Conservative movements.

Specifically, the Orthodox parties demand legislation that

will state categorically that all conversions to Judaism carried out in Israel must be done under the aegis of the state's Orthodox Chief Rabbinate.

This demand comes in the wake of a recent ruling by the High Court of Justice that non-Orthodox conversions in Israel are not prohibited. The court urged the Knesset to create specific legislation on this matter, but no action was taken by the outgoing Parliament.

Now, with the Orthodox a powerful force in the new Knesset the anticipated law will almost certainly rule out Conservative or Reform conversions performed in Israel.

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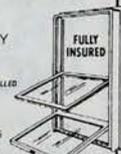
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Bloch Named President of Congregation B'nai Israel

Stephan R. Bloch of Bellingham, a vice president at Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket for the past seven years, has been elected president of the synagogue, succeeding Phyllis F. Harnick.

Harnick, a Lincoln resident, was president since 1994.

Bloch, 48, who grew up in Gloucester, Mass., married the former Linda Schafer of Bellingham at B'nai Israel in 1975. They've been owners and operators of the Schafer Nursery in South Bellingham for the past 10 years, which was established by the late Morton Schafer in the 1960s on a former dairy farm.

The Blochs' two children, David, 18, and Rachel, 15, both received their formal Jewish training at B'nai Israel, as did Linda Bloch when she was a youngster.

As the congregation's new leader, Stephan Bloch said, "One issue that we have to deal with is being a regional synagogue and a regional congregation," rather than primarily a local one.

At one time a majority of its members, Bloch said, probably walked to the temple. But now, it's not uncommon for members to drive 20 or 25 minutes to attend a service or participate in a program.

Bloch said one of his priorities will be for the synagogue to help "give members some sense of who they are and where they come from... a reaching out to try to overcome some of the geographic and cultural barriers."

While embracing intermarried couples, Bloch said he would "like to be inclusive and respectful of the elders of the community — with more traditional values — while recognizing that change is necessary."

Another priority, he said, will be "rededicating" the congregation's efforts toward Woonsocket community issues. "I think there's much to gain by a renewed effort involving ourselves in the Greater Woonsocket mainstream," he said.

Bloch, is a 1973 graduate of the university of Massachusetts at Amherst with a bachelor's degree in communications. He served for three years in the Army's intelligence corps, including 1967-68 in Vietnam.

One of his prime responsibilities as a congregation vice president has been chairing the ritual committee for the past three years to help ensure services, high holy days, mourning periods and other observances are properly conducted.



Stephan R. Bloch

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Saving The Music Mansion

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

The Music Mansion, at 88 Meeting St. (corner of Congdon St.) on the East Side has been a jewel-like resource for those who make and those who love to listen to music in Rhode Island for over 60 years.

It was built in 1928 by Mary Kimball Hail, who lived in it until her death in 1948 and permitted countless musicians to avail themselves of its concert hall.

Now, the mansion is at risk. Repairs necessary to its continued use will cost more than its friends can raise, at the present moment, and so the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank put it up for sale. But the mansion has been temporarily taken off the market in the hope that musicians and music lovers in the area will rally to its defense, and come up with \$175,000 for its restoration.

Samuel Chester, 56 Dellwood Rd., Cranston 02920 (942-0846) is heading up the defense fund. So far, Friends of the Music

Mansion have enrolled more than 100 new members (membership dues are \$5 yearly), but obviously the mansion needs many new supporters, or a couple of real, earthly angels, to save it from becoming just another dwelling on the hill.

Part of the mansion's charm are its two magnificent pianos and its Estey Residence Pipe Organ (in excellent, original condition). Another part of its charm is its history of having served to further the careers of the following musicians and vocalists:

Lori Phillips, soprano, Brooklyn Opera; Mary Phillips, Connecticut Opera; Hershey Mollicone, composer of operas and other music being performed in New York; Susan Spacagna, soprano, La Scala, The Metropolitan Opera; Ronald Leonard, cellist, winner of the Naumberg Award after graduating from the Curtis Institute; Ben Rankin, percussion, winner of Music Teacher National Association in ninth grade; Michael Kelley, viola, will graduate from Oberlin Conser-

vatory in May of 1996; Elizabeth Monacelli, violin, winner of several national competitions sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs; Beau and Sebastian Currier, graduates of Julliard in composition.

Hillary Nicholson, mezzo-soprano, Metropolitan Opera during the 1996 season; Diane Alexander, soprano, San Francisco Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, NYC Opera; Dennis Roy, double bass with the Boston Symphony, played with National Symphony and won many national awards; Lucia Caito, concert pianist, has played some of the world's great concert halls and is a local historian on all affairs related to Mrs. Hail and the Music Mansion; Arthur Fielder, conductor of the Boston Pops, also conducted the University Glee Club of Providence during his early career.

A student organization has sponsored monthly meetings and concerts, so many youngsters as yet unknown professionally have been encouraged and given a taste of audience approval at the mansion.

These remnants of a glorious past are becoming scarcer and scarcer, just at a time when Providence realizes how much they are really worth, not just in terms of sentiment and culture, but in terms of ambiance, and cold, hard tourist or convention traveler dollars. Charm sells. History pays. And \$175,000 is not so much, when you consider what we've spent recently on less worthy ventures.

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