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## Orthodox Rabbis Condemn Chasidic Group's Messianic Claim

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen  
NEW YORK (JTA) — An organization representing more than 1,000 mainstream Orthodox rabbis has passed a resolution condemning the belief of many Lubavitch Chasidim that the late Menachem Schneerson is the Messiah.

Members of the Rabbinical Council of America passed the resolution at its annual convention in Spring Glen, N.Y., on June 12, a week before the second anniversary of the Lubavitcher rebbe's death.

Many Lubavitchers — no one knows exactly how many — continue to believe that the rebbe is the Messiah, though he died June 12, 1994, at the age of 92.

Few Lubavitchers are able to

describe that event as their leader's death.

Before the rebbe's death, nearly every Lubavitcher Chasid believed that he was the Messiah and had not yet revealed himself to be the redeemer because the Jewish people did not merit it.

At issue now is the fact that a significant segment of the Lubavitch movement continues to believe — and is publicly promoting the belief — that the rebbe will be resurrected as the Messiah.

There are also a few members of the Messianic camp who believe the rebbe never died at all, but is simply not yet ready to reappear.

Many other Lubavitchers do

acknowledge their beloved leader's death, and have dedicated themselves to carrying on his work, reaching out to Jews whoever they may be.

The author of the RCA resolution, Rabbi David Berger, has publicly urged the mainstream Orthodox community to distance itself from the large Messianic faction in Lubavitch by not raising money for the Chasidic group.

The single-sentence resolution, which was passed by consensus, reads:

"In light of disturbing developments which have recently arisen in the Jewish community, the Rabbinical Council of America in convention as-

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A WORK OF ART — Michael Muchnik will display his colorful artwork on June 30 at East Greenwich Photo Gallery. The exhibit, entitled "Mysticism in Jewish Art," is being presented by Chabad of West Bay Chai Center. Photo courtesy of Chabad of West Bay

## Michael Muchnik Blends Mysticism and Jewish Art

"My life and art, it's one thing," says Michael Muchnik. "What I experience is in my paintings. It's not like I'm a Chasid and then an artist. I'm a Chasidic artist."

Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center will be exhibiting Muchnik's colorful allegorical art in Rhode Island. "Mysticism in Jewish Art" will be shown on June 30 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the East Greenwich Photo Gallery, 631 Main St., East Greenwich.

The artist will give a presentation at 1 p.m. to help attendees gain a greater understanding of what his art is about.

Among the foremost Jewish artists of our day, Muchnik has created imaginative renderings in acrylics, watercolors and lithographs. His newest paint-

ings, on paper amat'e (bark paper) display an antique, biblical effect, with images suggesting a sense of lyric.

The artist, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, has exhibited his works and lectured on Jewish art throughout the United States, Europe, Israel and South Africa. He has had shows in the Goldman Art Gallery in Washington, D.C., the Moriah Gallery in New York City and at the Brooklyn Museum. UNICEF selected his "Cup of Blessings" for their international greeting card series, and the *Hadassah* magazine often features his work.

The exhibit is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. For more information or for directions, call the CHAI Center at 884-4071.

## Arab Leaders Conclude Summit

The following article is from Israel Line, courtesy of the Israeli Consulate, Boston.

Arab leaders on June 23 concluded a two-day summit in Cairo with a statement placing full responsibility on the Israeli government for any potential damage to the peace process, *Ha'aretz* reported.

Summit participants refrained in the meeting's final communiqué from threatening a boycott of Israel or threatening to halt normalization with Israel.

Still, the Arabs warned that they would reevaluate steps taken toward Israel if it delays or violates the framework of the peace process.

Senior officials in the prime minister's office said that the most important message to emerge from both the Arab summit and from reactions of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is that the peace process is continuing, Israel Radio, Kol Yisrael, reported.

Israel is expected in coming

days to make an appeal to Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians to continue the dialogue.

Netanyahu reacted to the Arab declaration by characterizing peace as a strategic goal of both Israel and Arab states.

"The peace process must be conducted without preconditions. Peace negotiations must be conditioned on security for all nations in the region. One-sided demands that harm security are not reconcilable with peace talks," he said.



### And The Winners Are...

The National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section, has given scholarship awards to the following students: from the left, Daniel Gilman, Michelle Elman, Jennifer Rakitt, Jamie Labell, Irina Goman and Aviva Jakubowicz. Not present for the picture were Steven Du Bois, Margaret Gomes and Lori Greene.

Photo courtesy of Scena Dittelman

## Conservative Movement Helps Black Congregations

In a joint statement issued on June 18, The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and The Rabbinical Assembly condemned the destruction of black churches in the southern United States and reaffirmed their commitment to civility and racial tolerance.

Pointing with sadness and outrage to the wave of arson that has claimed at the timesome 40 houses of worship over the past 18 months, Alan Ades, USCJ president, said: "We are horrified both by these crimes and by what they represent. The preaching of hatred has deadly consequences and must be viewed as an enemy of democracy."

Sarrae Crane, director of the USCJ Commission on Social Action and Public Policy, said the organization has called on affiliated congregations to offer space in their synagogues for use by black congregations that have suffered damage.

In addition, members of Conservative synagogues are being urged to contribute to the rebuilding efforts of those churches.

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Due to the observance of July 4th, next week's *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* will be delivered on Friday.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Wellins Elected by VIA

Frankie Wellins of Cranston was elected for her first term as president of VIA — The Volunteer Center for R.I. — at the group's annual meeting held at Brown, Rudnick, Freed & Gesmer and hosted by Andrew Hodgkin, Esq., and a member of the board of VIA.

Other officers installed were vice presidents who serve as part of the president's leadership team: Deborah Garber of Barrington, who served as interim executive director during the time the search team sought a full-time executive director; Andrew Jencks of Seekonk; David Urso of Westerly; secretary, Charles T. Hutchinson of East Greenwich; treasurer, Richard L. Hamblin of Warwick; vice treasurer, Andrew Hidgkin,

longtime board member of VIA.

Newly elected board members for three years are Bruce Crooks of Warwick; Judith Litchman of Providence, former vice president and chief interviewer at VIA, also co-chair of the fund-raising fall event; Linda Sarrasin, coordinator of volunteers at Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, and Estelle Singer of Providence, the other co-chair of the fall fund-raising event.

New names for directors will continue to be submitted until July 31.

Nominating committee members elected were Charlotte Penn of Providence, former vice president, and Doris R. Goldstein of Riverside, Alton Wiley, Jr., Esq., of Providence and

Renee Fullerton of Warwick.

Special recognition was given to Goldstein for 20 years of board service as she was elected honorary board member — the first for VIA.

Lynn McKinney, who retired as president after serving two three-year terms (non-consecutive), spoke and received a standing ovation.

As new president, Wellins, presented two gifts to McKinney in appreciation of his leadership, dedication, and devotion to VIA and the board members.

Wellins then introduced Karen Van Verseen, the new executive director of VIA.

Appreciation was expressed to Andy Hodgkin and his firm for hosting the annual meeting.



FRANKIE WELLINS, on the right, is the newly elected president of VIA — Rhode Island Center for Volunteers. Standing beside her is William Lynn McKinney, retiring president.

## Heart Association Offers The Ultimate Getaway

After a very successful 1996 Heart Ball, one auction item, an "Ultimate Getaway" vacation package, remained. The package, a one-week stay in St. Martin, includes round-trip airfare for two, accommodations for up to four people, and dinners for two at four luxury restaurants.

The American Heart Association will take the highest bid over \$2,000 that can be paid for by July 1. Proceeds support the association's research and education program.

The airline tickets are two, round-trip coach class on Continental Airlines and are valid

through June 8, 1997. They can be used separately from the St. Martin package.

The accommodations in St. Martin are at the luxury Sapphire Beach Club and are valid through Nov. 15, 1996. Dinners for two are included from Le Pressoir, Le Tastevin, Les Cocotiers and the Sapphire Beach Club.

The total value of the vacation package is estimated to be over \$3,500. For more information, contact the American Heart Association, RI Affiliate at 728-5300.



HAVING A BALL — The Heart Ball volunteers included, from left, Doris Goldstein, co-chairperson; Linda Grimes, co-chairperson; and Helen Taylor, auction co-chairperson.

## The Miriam Is Looking For Jr. Volunteers

The Miriam Hospital is seeking junior volunteers who are at least 14 years of age to participate in its junior volunteer summer program.

A group orientation will be held on July 1 at 1:30 p.m. If you or someone you know is interested, contact the volunteer office at 331-8500 extension 2510 to set-up an interview and/or for more information.

## Ledgemont To Hold Charity Golf, Tennis and Cards Outing

The Ledgemont Charity Committee of Ledgemont Country Club will hold its sixth annual charity golf, tennis and cards outing on July 17 at its facility on 131 Brown Ave., Seekonk.

The outing will include morning and afternoon shotguns at 8

a.m. and 1 p.m., morning and afternoon PRO/AM tennis tournaments, afternoon cards and games, lunch at 11:30 a.m. and cocktails/hors d'oeuvres and dinner at 6 p.m.

The outing committee invites sponsorship at different levels. With a "gold" sponsorship of \$1,000, participants will receive one complimentary foursome entry, tennis or golf; with a "silver" sponsorship of \$500, participants will receive one complimentary twosome entry, tennis or golf, and with a "bronze" sponsorship of \$250, participants will receive one complimentary player entry, tennis or golf. The individual participant entry fee is \$125 which includes all activity fees, lunch, dinner, prizes, refreshments and entertainment.

For more information about tickets and tee sponsorships, contact Barbara at 751-1028, Kit at 253-9307, or Terri Flanders at Meeting Street Center at 438-9500, ext. 239.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Suspected Nazi Collaborator Flees Region

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

A suspected Nazi collaborator who was ordered denaturalized by a Federal Court in Boston in May has fled Boston and returned to Lithuania, the Department of Justice announced June 19.

Aleksandras Lileikis, 88, arrived in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius on June 18. Lileikis had served during World War II as chief of the Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian Security Police in Vilnius.

The Lithuanian government has confirmed that Lileikis is in Lithuania, said Eli Rosenbaum, head of the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations.

"He was questioned for two hours on Thursday," said Rosenbaum this week. "He told a Lithuanian newspaper that the charges against him were not groundless but greatly inflated. That's a partial admission."

Staff members at the OSI were delighted that Lileikis had left for Lithuania, which has the right to prosecute him as a war criminal.

"It would have taken many more years had we been forced to deport him," Rosenbaum said.

In a decision issued on May 24, U.S. District Court Judge

Richard Stearns ruled that Lileikis' activities as head of the Lithuanian Security Police "clearly constituted" personal participation in persecution.

During World War II, 55,000 of Vilnius' 60,000 Jews perished. Before they were murdered the Jews were confined to the Vilna ghetto, where they were exposed to starvation, disease and desperate overcrowding. When Jews attempted to escape from the ghetto, they were routinely arrested by members of the Lithuanian Security Police. The Jewish prisoners were taken by the Lithuanian Security Police to the Ponary killing site. There, men, women and children were forced to strip down to their underwear. Then, they were gunned down into sand pits by local volunteers.

As chief of the Lithuanian Security Police, Lileikis signed the death warrants of Jews who tried to escape from the ghetto.

"No one can tell how many he signed," Rosenbaum said. "At the end of the war, the orders were burned in an effort to cover up the activities."

In 1955, Lileikis emigrated from Lithuania to the U.S. He was able to gain entry to the United States by concealing the full extent of his wartime activities from the State Department,

said Rosenbaum.

"The state department knew he had been in the Lithuanian Security Police, but there was not enough evidence against him to deny a U.S. visa," Rosenbaum explained.

**"He told a Lithuanian newspaper that the charges against him were not groundless but greatly inflated. That's a partial admission."**

Eli Rosenbaum

In America, Lileikis resided in Norwood, Mass., with his second wife, Grace Makaitis. Makaitis, who is still in Norwood, appears to have an Alzheimer's-like illness. Lileikis was employed by the Lithuanian Encyclopedia Press. Rosenbaum was not sure if he had fathered any children.

The OSI had been attempting to build a case against Lileikis since the early 1980s, but the case had stalled because much vital information was not accessible to the OSI.

"The collapse of Soviet Russia permitted us to get into the newly independent Lithuania," Rosenbaum said. "We sent a Lithuanian-speaking staff historian to Lithuania a number of times. He made his first trip in 1992, and he was able to get into the archives and locate the death warrants and execution cards that showed his victims had indeed been put to death."

With the new information, the Office of Special Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston filed a denaturalization complaint against Lileikis in September 1994. For 18 months, Lileikis resisted efforts by the OSI and U.S. Attorney's office to force him to answer the allegations that he was a central figure in the Nazi-directed liquidation of the Jews of Vilnius, a center of Jewish European life before World War

II. Despite the court orders, Lileikis repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked about his activities during the war.

The government filed a motion for summary judgment, arguing that the evidence against Lileikis was so overwhelming and uncontested that a trial was unnecessary. On May 24, Judge Stearns granted the motion, finding that "tens of thousands... died under his command."

"We wanted him to go to Lithuania," Rosenbaum said. "We want to remove these people. If we had had to deport him, the process would have taken years. He is not the first to go to Lithuania, and the government there knows how we feel. They will have to write the last chapter of this story."

Since the OSI began operating in 1979, 56 Nazi persecutors have been stripped of U.S. citizenship and 47 persons have been removed from the United States. More than 300 persons remain under investigation.

## School Officials Will Keep Racist Sentiments Out of Yearbook

*Barrington High School principal says slogans in Yearbook were not intended to be anti-Semitic or racist*

by Emily Torgan  
Jewish Community Reporter  
Barrington High School principal John Gray said school officials will put new supervisory mechanisms in place to make sure references that may be construed as anti-Semitic or racist will not appear in the yearbook again.

Trouble with the 1996 volume began about a week after the yearbook was handed out on June 6 at the senior banquet, said Gray.

"About a week later, I got a call from the superintendent saying that someone had brought certain text to his attention," Gray said.

On the page devoted to the school's hockey team, references that read "ngkiller," "jwhater," and "blckstabber" appeared.

Gray said the school administration immediately investigated the remarks. The investi-

gation included meetings with the yearbook adviser, officials from the hockey team, the student involved and one of the student's parents.

"The individual said that 'ngkiller' was a nickname, and that 'blackstabber' was a term for stabbing the hockey puck, which is black," Gray said. "Jwhater was a reference to someone's initials."

**"As a school, we will not tolerate deliberate racism of any sort."**

Principal John Gray

The administration verified the student's explanation with other members of the team, Gray said. The explanations given by the student appeared to be accurate.

"At the end of the discussions, we could not conclude anything," Gray said. "At best, it was a poor choice of words that leaves itself open to interpretation. If we had

more definitive information it would be a different issue, and it involves someone who is no longer a student."

But the administration is deeply concerned about the incident.

"In the fall, we will be discussing this with the student editorial staff," Gray said. "Quite honestly, even if we had read the quotations, we as adults might not have picked up on it."

Plans include having younger people proofread yearbook copy, so that generation gaps do not allow undesirable material to slip through the editing process.

Gray identified his student population as a culturally diverse community.

"As a school, we will not tolerate deliberate racism of any sort," Gray said. "This has generated enough discussion to bring about change."



Raymond Eichenbaum

## Ray Eichenbaum Memorial Grant Awarded

The Social Studies Department at Cumberland High School has been chosen as the 1996 recipient of the Raymond Eichenbaum award to promote Holocaust education.

The Eichenbaum family created the award through the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum to recognize educators for excellence in teaching about the Holocaust.

The late Raymond Eichenbaum was a survivor and a founding member of the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum. An active participant in the museum's outreach program, Eichenbaum visited Cumberland High School several times.

Cumberland High School was one of the last places where Eichenbaum spoke before his death.

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# EDITORIAL

## Conservative Leaders Condemn Southern Baptists

Leaders of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism stated today that they are deeply troubled by the resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention which calls for efforts to convert Jews to Christianity.

According to Rabbi Jerome Epstein, USCJ executive vice-president, "By appointing a missionary to undertake this disgraceful task, the Southern Baptists threaten to undo the very real progress that has been made in interreligious relations over the past several years. We are both saddened and troubled by their decision."

Noting that recent interreligious efforts, in which The United Synagogue has partici-

pated, have focused on the creation of an ongoing dialogue between Christians and Jews, Alan Ades, USCJ international

"...the Southern Baptists threaten to undo the very real progress that has been made in interreligious relations..."

Rabbi Jerome Epstein

president, stated that "targeting the Jews for conversion not only violates the spirit of our prior meetings but demonstrates that the Southern Bap-

tists — who themselves have been the subject of religious discrimination in the past — have not come to appreciate the lessons of history."

To help undo the damage that may be caused by this resolution, Sarrae Crane, USCJ director of Social Action and Public Policy, stated that The United Synagogue calls upon President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, and new Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, themselves Southern Baptists, to speak publicly and forcefully against this destructive resolution and to endorse the ongoing interfaith dialogues which seek to bring about mutual understanding among diverse religious groups.

## Agudath Israel Supports Arson Bill

As the House of Representatives considered a bill that would make it easier for the federal government to pursue cases of arson involving houses of worship, Agudath Israel of America expressed its support for the legislation.

Existing federal law already makes it a crime, under certain narrow circumstances, to damage or destroy religious property. The proposed new legislation would considerably expand the circumstances under which such acts could be federally prosecuted.

The bill would do away with the \$10,000 minimum damage level necessary for federal intervention. It would also make the

damaging of religious property, because of the racial or ethnic character of the people who use it, a federal crime.

Agudath Israel Washington office director Abba Cohen has noted "the need for decisive action" by the federal government. "Because of the values they represent," the letter noted, houses of worship "have unfortunately become a target for all sorts of 'causes' and expressions of hatred."

The House has approved the bill and the Senate is expected to approve a similar one shortly. The White House has already declared its support of the measure.

## Garments Of The Soul

Part 2

by Rabbi Laibel Wolf

The "law of conservation of spiritual energy" is a way to explain the state of being after death. Death constitutes the dissolution of the "space-suit" that the soul has to wear in order to survive in the "foreign" atmosphere of space/time dimension.

This dimension is referred to in the Kabbala as the realm of Assiya — the world of dimensional activity. The space suit is the body with its channels of expression through thought, speech, and action.

The soul's experience wearing this "space-suit" affects it profoundly. The intellectual activity and development in the here and now allows the soul to become even more refined to

appreciate an intellectual connectedness with the Divine aura in the spiritual world of Gan Eden (the spiritual analogue of the Garden of Eden).

Emotional growth in our lifetime facilitates the fine tuning of the emotional connection the soul can experience after death in its relationship with its source. Practical outcomes of a life of service allow a more tangible sense of presence with the All after the reincarnate life comes to an end.

Our ongoing lives afford us an opportunity not only to become more developed human beings, more compassionate and insightful, but also provide us with the spiritual wherewithal to appreciate the glow of higher reality after we depart from this world.

## One Who Saves A Life...

At its recent June meeting, the Rhode Island Board of Rabbis voted to launch a campaign throughout Rhode Island encouraging and urging all members of the Jewish community to participate in the organ donation program.

After almost a year of considering the issue of organ transplants, the board devoted a complete day to a full study of this vital question, in May. Participating in this seminar were two medical ethicists, Rabbi David M. Feldman, who spoke on the issue from the point of view of halacha (Jewish law), and Dr. Herbert Rakantansky, who spoke from the point of view of the medical community.

The rabbis emphasized that the value of preserving human life is the supreme value of the Jewish religion and super-

cedes all other religious values. The Talmud teaches that one who saves a human life is to be considered as having saved a whole world. Therefore bequeathing one's organs following death is not merely permitted, but is a great mitzvah (a sacred act).

This point was given particular emphasis because some people are under the impression that all autopsies or any removal of an organ constitute a desecration of the human body. The rabbis believe that in the case of organ donation not only is it not a desecration but rather a consecration.

At this moment there are more than 45,000 Americans — among them over 1,500 under the age of 18 — waiting for an organ that could save their lives. The shortage of organs results in over eight

deaths per day among those on the waiting list.

The Rhode Island Board of rabbis declared this tragedy to be a national emergency that should stir everyone of us into immediate action. Whether or not we register for this program is literally a matter of "life or death" to so many of our fellow Americans.

The best way to ensure that your after-death wish will be carried out is to not only inform your family but also to have a signed donor card on your person. The donor cards, an accompanying sticker, and some literature on the subject may be obtained from the Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles.

The rabbis will be pleased to discuss this matter with all those who have questions.

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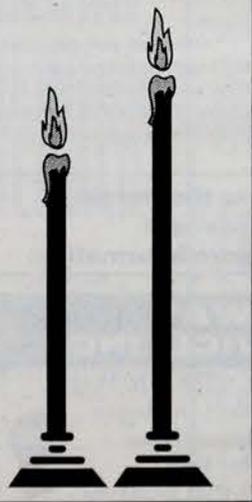
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### Candlelighting

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## The Purist Union With G-d

"This is the statute of the Torah that G-d commanded..."

"With these words, our Torah portion Chukat — also known as "The Red Heifer" (parshai para adumah) — begins. This portion describes the special red heifer sacrifice, whose ashes purified those who had become impure through coming in contact with a dead person.

The word "statute" (chok in Hebrew), in describing the above-mentioned mitzvah, is of great importance.

In general, the 613 mitzvot of the Torah are divided into three categories: 1) mitzvot that, according to logic, a person would keep, such as not stealing or murdering, etc.; 2) mitzvot that we ourselves would not necessarily have come up with but make sense — such as eating matzah on Passover as a remembrance of the exodus from Egypt; and 3) statutes, mitzvot that don't have any possible, logical explanation — such as that of the "red heifer."

It is quite natural for a person to perform the "logical," under-

standable mitzvot with greater joy and devotion; however, the performance of statutes has an advantage over that of the other mitzvot.

When a Jew performs a mitzvah that is above his intellect, only because G-d commanded it, he immeasurably strengthens his connection with G-d, by subjecting his intellect to G-d.

This concept, of nullifying

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one's intellect before G-d's will is not essential to the other types of mitzvot.

For example, in most cases, when a person honors his father and mother, not once does he bring G-d into consideration. Because honoring his parents is a logical and even socially oriented mitzvah, he may lose any feeling that it is a G-d-given commandment.

However, with regard to a statute, it is impossible to forget that he is only performing it at G-d's command.

Chasidic philosophy explains that the word "chok" is similar to the word chakika, engraved.

There are two ways in which we may write: by putting ink on paper or by engraving. The difference between them is that when we write with ink we are joining two distinct substances — ink and paper. But, when we engrave on stone, for instance, the letters are not something separate from what they are written on. Rather, they are part of the stone itself.

The same is true when performing statutes. Other mitzvot combine two separate entities, such as logic and faith. Yet the connection with G-d which results from the statutes is not based on anything other than the will to serve G-d.

Therefore, the statute is the purist union with G-d which can exist.

Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Eliezer Levy of Chabad of West-Bay.

# FEATURE



## Pooches of Paris and Pont Aven

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

I put in a fortnight for the Pont Aven School of Art, offering a literature and journal-keeping component for a group of five young women. We met in the woods, on bridges, and even in a simple peasant hillside hut, with roosters crowing crazily. We drank cider and bowls of coffee while we listened to stories about the resistance, the occupation, and the liberation.

Eden. Perhaps it is the biblical stalwartness of these mysterious people that drew him as he drew them. And the alien rock sculptures and tombs of nearby Carnac.

Now there's one more Jewish artist, from my own household. My daughter Emily is painting and studying art history at PSA, through the end of June. She cooked for me, entertained with me, and sipped

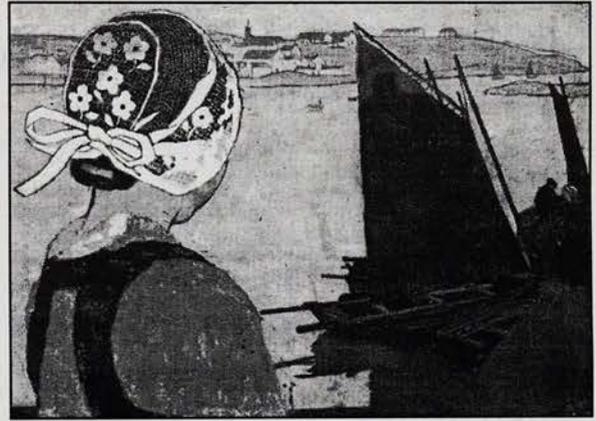
was precisely in keeping notes on your impressions, and her handwritten story on plain brown paper stunned me with its force. She wrote about discovering the pleasures of fresh hay, of clean blankets. She had kept snapshots of the streets with horse-drawn carts, soldiers guiding the crippled young survivors with their staring faces, returning to the paths of freedom, on that long European march homewards, if there was a home.

Upon the walls of her home, tucked behind elaborate rosegardens, hang many portraits of the simple people of Brittany, there is no space unfilled by furniture or art. Mme. Herledon is over 70, but she has the features and the bearing of a youthful beauty. She is still hunting for the American who set her free, but nobody can locate his address. She mentioned the Jews of the camps only briefly, with a gesture of pity and understanding. But she still cannot bear Germans. "I just can't get over their cruelty, the horror, even if I try to be polite, or to be cordial to young German tourists. I can't!"

The memory of Pont Aven mixes in with a dilemma. Hitler had promised to give independence to this proud region, once the war was over. Some collaborated or remained indifferent. And yet, British and American parachutists appeared in the woods, dropped from a screaming sky. Partisans took them in, fed them, hid them. If a hunting German soldier caught you, he beat you, killed you. Anyone could turn you in. People my age remember these adventures and welcome Americans and our young people as gallant gestures.

Upon the advice of Mme. Herledon I made my way to a nearby monument at the beach, where a band of such partisans had been executed, along with a nameless English pilot, and thrown in a ditch. As everywhere in France, there is a sense of this terrible past that broods upon the cliffs.

During my fast few days in Paris en route home in time for Father's Day, I went to the Jewish section, the "Marais," and met a young man who guided me into its monuments. His mother had been hidden in an attic and survived without her family—a common story, and yet too quickly wiped out. "I guess we must just get on with our lives. Anyway my father is Catholic. We will mix in together," said the young man, and I shook his hand warmly.



Portrait by Carl Moser, Jewish artist of Pont Aven.  
Herald photo by Mike Fink

What the French really love, is their dogs. It's a heaven for small canines, who are welcomed in every bistro. There's a special breed, something small, plump and rather squat. It's homely but cute, too, and for me it stood for the self-indulgent pleasure the French take in just being alive upon the cobblestones of life.

Holocaust denial is rampant in the highest as well as the lowest quarters of Europe, France included. Minorities, whether Arab or Jew, African or Asian, Gypsy or even tourist, are less welcome than dogs. You read it on the graffiti. But I made a few friends among the Arabs and Jews, the Africans and the Gypsies—and even a few dogs and

The truth is, travel is a trial. You get back and regret that you missed a wedding, a funeral, a graduation, a party, an opening. You left your community when perhaps you were needed there. I had my own lonely dog at home while I patted strange pooches in a foreign land. I am glad to see my own family and check out my own garden. Under the influence of jet lag, like a hangerover, I am sorry I went away in the first place. And yet, we have to mark our lives, and a journey serves that end. Malta with its prison from which in the fullness of time freedom went forth, Brittany with its biblical beauty and peasant poise, Paris with its



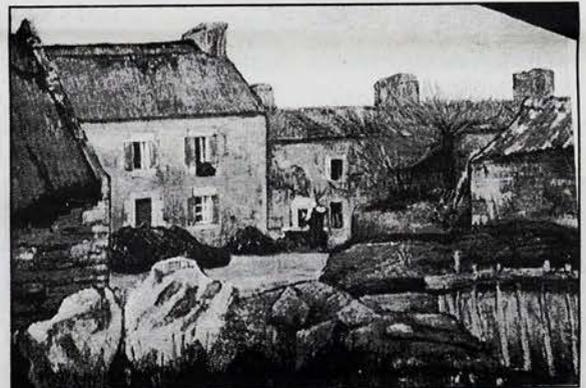
Jacob de Haan's baby, born in Pont Aven.  
Herald photo by Mike Fink

It was my first visit to Brittany and I fell for its intimate charm. The directress of the program told me a strange and intriguing tale about the time of Gauguin and his disciples. One Meir Jacob de Haan of Amsterdam, had sold off his share of the family business to run off to Pont Aven and paint. He did the same pictures as Gauguin, and nobody knows who painted or signed what canvases. But beyond the brush of oil from a palette, de Haan and Gauguin fell for the same lady, the local innkeeper. She bore a baby to Jacob—whose descendants still live in the area. Gauguin in a fit of envy and jealousy wrote to the De Haan brothers in Holland, who threatened to cut their brother off. He returned to the Netherlands. You may read all this next year, when a Dutch museum plans to search out and show the range of De Haan's work. So there were Jews among the Breton post-impressionists!

Closer to our own time, Carl Moser also painted the fisherfolk of Pont Aven. He died broke in 1939, but he left the local museum with a memory of his sojourn, a brooding series of studies that include an image of

espresso at the local bistros and bars. I think that peasant's wife, where we visited as a class, set her cap for me, she gave me a small Breton flag as a gift, and several bottles of homemade cider into the bargain! She joined us at the sidewalk tables. I hope Emily was impressed with my popularity in cafe society.

I also spent a morning with a lady named Mme. Herledon, who survived Ravensbruck. She worked in Brest for the resistance and was betrayed. She was so badly damaged in body and spirit by slavery and torture in the camps that she spent years in hospitals and asylums. "When I came back after the liberation, I could not bear the sound of laughter or of music. I withdrew. I ran a business, a gallery. I planted my flowers and raised my dogs." Mme. Herledon offered me a glass of whisky, before noon, but I turned her down. Then, before I left for lunch, she went upstairs and brought her postwar journal. The course I was teaching



Farmhouse by Jacob de Haan, Jewish artist of Port Aven.  
Herald photo by Mike Fink

tourists! That, too, is France. I sang a few old ballads, drank a few glasses and sipped a few cups.

bands of outsiders at the bars, they all will live for a while in my own head, like a tiny spinning globe.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Shapiro Explains Why He Is Leaving

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

In the June 13 issue of the *Herald*, it was reported that Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro of Touro Synagogue in Newport will be leaving Rhode Island for a rabbinic position in Boca Raton, Fla., starting Aug. 1.

Not mentioned in the article was why the rabbi is leaving the oldest synagogue in North America. In a recent interview, he explained.

"On the one hand, I've seen some exciting things," said Shapiro. "I've met some celebrities and there has been a lot of satisfaction in giving the synagogue tours.

"On the other hand, there's been a lot of disappointment connected with being the rabbi in a small community," continued Shapiro. "In a small community, there's more of an onus for participation. I haven't always gotten that."

According to Shapiro, some of the younger congregants refused to make a commitment to the (Orthodox) shul.

"I tried to maintain a certain standard of tradition, but it's difficult if you don't get the cooperation from certain elements," said Shapiro. "There has to be a willingness of the younger people to pitch in, even if it means making a commitment once a month. When you don't get cooperation, it tends to reduce the satisfaction one gets from being the rabbi of a famous synagogue."

When asked if it was his decision to leave or if the decision

was made for him, the rabbi replied, "It was a combination."

Shapiro indicated that one reason the congregants gave for not getting involved in services and programs, was that they weren't familiar with all of the prayers or customs.

"I ran a Simchat Torah program," said the rabbi. "Someone told my wife to tell me to be patient."

"People may not have had opportunities in (Jewish) education," Shapiro continued. "But their knowledge can be raised very easily. There are videos available. I offered adult education courses at no charge."

**"I tried to maintain a certain standard of tradition, but it's difficult if you don't get the cooperation..."**

*Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro*

Shapiro has been the rabbi at Touro Synagogue for the last nine years. The rabbi said that he's been told the synagogue is more active now than when he first became the spiritual leader.

However, Shapiro's most loyal and cooperative congregants have either gotten too sick to attend shul, now live in a nursing home or have passed away.

"I became close friends with some of the congregants," said Shapiro. "Bonds of loyalty were established. But the problem is

life is not a constant. Several of my most devoted congregants are no longer able to attend synagogue."

According to Shapiro, it's not uncommon in the last few years to see more visitors at service than "regular" congregants.

"In the last three years I would look out my office window for someone who looked like an Orthodox Jew," said Shapiro. "I would run outside and ask them to go to our daily service. It's unfortunate that these services are attended by tourists and visitors and not regulars."

In the past few years, Shapiro has been involved with several community organizations, such as the Newport Tourism Bureau and the MLK Center. During Passover, he participated in a seder at the Viking Hotel, which attracted 500 people.

"I consider getting involved in these programs an unwritten responsibility," said Shapiro. "These people appreciated my effort to bring in tourists."

Shapiro decided to accept the position in Boca Raton sometime after Passover.

His original plan was to take a position in New York, so that he would be closer to his children. But the Boca Raton position, at Torah Ohr Synagogue, had a much greater upside.

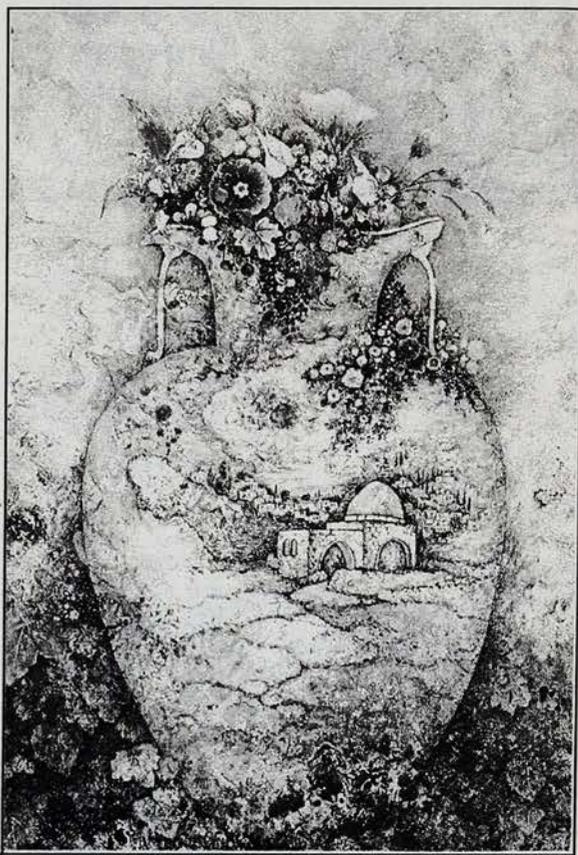
"I went down there twice. I really appreciated their attitude," said Shapiro. "They have 160 members and it's a growing community. During the winter, 10,000 Jews live in the area. In Boca Raton, there are 80,000 Jews in the winter."

"The synagogue in New York offered me a position, but they are on the way down, not up," said Shapiro.

The fact that the rabbi's brother lives 20 minutes from the Boca Raton synagogue made the position more attractive.

It was tougher to convince Shapiro's wife to move to Florida.

"She wanted to be closer to the children, but they swayed her to go to Florida," said the rabbi. "Now she's looking forward to it and they're looking forward to visiting us."



### Unveiling the 'Mysticism'

Chabad of West Bay Chai Center will present an exhibit by Michael Muchnik on June 30 called "Mysticism in Jewish Art." The exhibit will be at the East Greenwich Photo Gallery.

## Forty Years And Counting

Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro of Newport, and other members of the Class of 1956 of Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), celebrated the 40th anniversary of their ordination at a reunion at the RIETS 1996 annual dinner of tribute on June 19, at The New York Hilton in Manhattan.

Shapiro is spiritual leader of Touro Synagogue in Newport.

He has four sons: Dr. Elliott, a 1978 graduate of Yeshiva College; Neil, a graduate of YUHS for Boys; Alan, who attended Yeshiva College and RIETS; and Rabbi Jonathan Shapiro, who attended YUHS for Boys.

RIETS, founded in 1886, is the western hemisphere's leading center for higher learning in the Orthodox tradition of Judaism, with numerous educational service and outreach programs.

## Chai Announces Events

By popular demand, Chai Productions will host a dance party on a Saturday night.

The party will be held on June 29 at the M80 Nightclub, located at 969 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. The cost is \$10 in advance, \$12 for members, \$14 for non-members at the door. The club has been reserved from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. for a private party. Jewish singles of all ages are welcome.

A second request has been for more 40s-plus dance parties. On July 17, there will be one at the Circuits Nightclub in the Westin Hotel, Waltham. The cost is \$9 for members and \$10 for non-members at the door.

Chai will be responding to a third request by hosting a Boston Harbor Boat Cruise on July 28, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Chai continues to offer free membership at all events, along with free food and gifts. Call Barton Roth at (508) 443-7834 for more information.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Anytown Camp Receives Jewish Funding

The National Conference of Rhode Island and Southeastern New England, founded in 1927 as The National Conference of Christians and Jews, has announced that its weeklong, residential program for teens, Anytown, has received grants

or donations that will support scholarships for most of the students.

Supporting the program for 1996 are: The Rhode Island Foundation, in honor of Alan Shawn Feinstein, a \$10,000 grant; The United Way of Southeastern New England, a \$7,500 grant; The Levy Foundation, a \$4,000 grant; The Touro Fraternal Association, a \$600 grant; The Charlotte I. Penn Scholarship Fund, a scholarship for one camper.

"We are gratified to have such a broad range of community support," said Executive Director Anthony Maione.

"Learning how to work through the issues of bias and prejudice is an important skill for those young people, who are our future leaders."

Anytown will be run at Camp Canonicus in Exeter, R.I., from June 23 through the 29.

## Cranston Senior Guild Invites Suggestions

The Cranston Senior Guild, as is its annual custom, held its rewards luncheon on June 19 at the Cowesett Inn.

The officers and board members were recognized for their interest and conscientious efforts on behalf of its members for the past years. After the luncheon, each member was given a little gift in appreciation for the work that they accomplished on behalf of the membership.

For the next year, it was suggested that the Cranston Senior

Guild would like to hear from its members with their comments, concerns and suggestions, which are very important if the Cranston Senior Guild is to achieve its goal of making membership enjoyable and pleasant.

For general suggestions that will make the organization better, call Judah Rosen at 942-0985. For trips and events, call Dorothy Rose at 942-0985. For meeting suggestions, call Ben Gilstein at 941-4298.

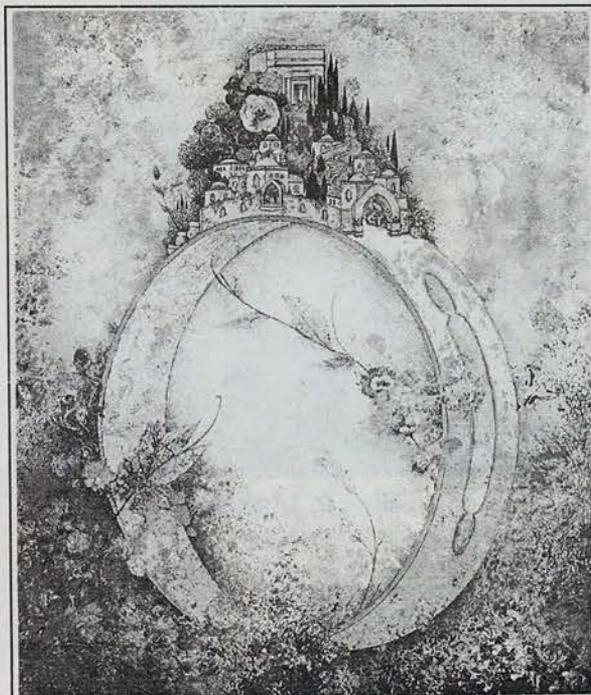
## Give Help and Receive Help

Some youngsters need a special friend they can look up to for inspiration, support and guidance, to help them face the challenges in their lives.

The Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education, a non-profit organization, is

looking for people who would like to serve their community full-time for a year as a member of its AmeriCorps program.

For more information, call the RI Children's Crusade at 277-6907.



### Perched High Above

This beautiful picture by Michael Muchnik is part of an exhibit called "Mysticism in Jewish Art." It will be shown on June 30 at East Greenwich Photo Gallery. Call Chabad of West Bay Chai Center at 884-4071 for details.

## Hadassah Magazine Wins Awards

Hadassah Magazine recently received seven 1995 Simon Rockower Awards for Excellence in American Jewish Journalism at the annual conference of the American Jewish Press Association Conference held in San Francisco.

The Rockower Award is the highest tribute in the field of American Jewish news publishing.

The prizes were awarded to Hadassah Magazine in six categories. Hadassah was awarded first place for Excellence in Photography and second place for Excellence in Commentary.

The magazine received two honorable mentions for Excellence in Special Sections and Supplements, and one honorable mention each for Excellence in International Reporting, Excellence in Comprehensive Coverage and Excellence in Illustration.

This year marked the 15th annual competition of the Rockower Awards, which were created in 1980 by I. Budd

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## SCHOOLBEAT

### PHDS Holds Graduation Ceremony

The auditorium of the Providence Hebrew Day School was the setting of the school's graduation exercise on June 20. Eight high school girls and 23 eighth graders received their diplomas, testifying to their completion of the intensive Judaic and general academic programs which comprise the PHDS curriculum.

Greetings were offered by Dr. Irving Fried, executive director;

Michael Weiner, president; and Deborah Hirschon, PTF president.

The Torah message was given by Rabbi Mordechai Fried, the junior high Talmud and Torah teacher. Fried stressed the theme of Ahavas Yisroel, the love for fellow Jews which should be the persistent motif throughout life.

Junior high Hebraic/Judaic awards were presented to

Rochel Jakubowicz, Natanya Raskin, Bashi Lipson, Meir Weinberg and Anna Berin. Junior high general academic awards were presented to Leah Scharf, Adena Jurkowitz, Rochel Jakubowicz, Rivka Gibber and Adina Shafner.

The junior high class address was delivered by Chanina Szendro and the student council address by Natanya Raskin.

The high school graduates received the following awards: Secretary of State Leadership Award was given to Aviva Jakubowicz and the Congressman Patrick Kennedy Award to Chana Borisova, Presidential Academic Fitness Award for academic achievement was granted to Aviva Jakubowicz, Chana Borisova, Miriam Pliskin and Judy Massouda. The Chesed Award for exemplary service to the school was given to Stacy Gopin. The Brooks Pharmacy American Greetings Scholarship Award was given to Miriam Pliskin. The Resnick scholar was Aviva Jakubowicz, who delivered the senior high valedictory address.

Chana Borisova delivered the Torah message. She spoke of her struggle to leave her family in Russia to learn English to achieve Torah and academic scholarship. She expressed her gratitude to all those who encouraged and helped her.



GRADUATION NIGHT — The eighth grade girls at Providence Hebrew Day School pose for a picture on graduation evening, held recently at the school. *Photo courtesy of PHDS*

### Torah Given to Brandeis

by Michael Gelbwasser  
The Jewish Advocate

BOSTON (JTA) — Brandeis University's Goldfarb Library has acquired its millionth book since the university opened in 1948.

Ironically, it is also the Jewish people's most important book: the Torah.

The Brandeis National Women's Committee presented the 1845 five-volume set, *The Law of G-d*, by Rabbi Isaac Leeser, to the university earlier this month.

The set of books is a rare copy of the first translation done by an American Jew. A portion of the more than \$500,000 the committee raised during its 1995-96 campaign paid for the volumes.

University officials declined to reveal the price, but a spokesman of the Brattle Book Shop estimated the set's worth to be

between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

The previous owner was a private individual who preferred to remain anonymous, said Charles Cutter, head of the library's Judaica and Special Collections department.

The set comes with a "full leather telescoping box with five full gilt false spines to house the volumes," according to Brandeis' "One Millionth Book Database Record." The set's title is gilded in gold leaf on the box.

Carol Rabinovitz, chairwoman of the Millionth Book Celebration, said she believes that there are only five or six of the five-volume sets in the United States.

It took Leeser 17 years to write *The Law of G-d*. Before Isaac Leeser, Cutter said, "there was nothing in English for the American Jewish community."

### ASDS Announces Graduates

The following students recently graduated from Alperin Schechter Day School: Joshua Beraha, Emily Dimant, Rebecca Dimant, Nathaniel Friedman, Michael Furman, Katya Ginzburg, Norman Harnick, Amiel Hersh, Shirit Herskovits, Judah Jacobson, Alexander Kantarovsky, Abigail Levine, Ilana Licht, Jonathan Liss, Ilana Piskun, Alysa Rosen, Meredith Ross, Judd Schiffman, Olga Stavitskiy, Daniel Sternberg, Benjamin Tilchin and Natasha Ushomirsky.

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### Music Maker

Daniel Newman strums his "found objects guitar" made of wood, nails, rubber bands and a milk container as part of the fifth-grade music program, under the direction of Laura Berkson, music teacher. *Photo courtesy of ASDS*

### URI To Offer Music Camp

If your teen-agers like to toot their own horns or sing in the shower, why not send them off to music camp this summer at the University of Rhode Island?

URI's Department of Music is offering a two-week summer music program from July 7 to 20, designed for students entering grades 8 through 12.

Classes for students who play band or string instruments, sing or play piano, will be taught by highly qualified music educators from throughout New England in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

To apply, students must have participated in previous music and dance activities and have a recommendation from their music director or high school principal.

Nationally regarded bandmaster Stanley Michalski, whose distinguished career spans 35 years as a conductor, educator, performer and clinician throughout North America and Europe will be a special guest instructor.

Classes and activities are designed to provide students with special interests, in music or dance, the opportunity to participate in areas rarely explored during the regular school session. Students will be able to create their own curriculum with a major focus in either concert band, orchestra, chorus, or piano.

Electives include percussion ensemble, jazz ensemble, chamber ensembles, theory and composition, electronic music, theater and dance. Recreational activities also make up an important part of the atmosphere.

Students can elect to commute or stay in residence halls which will be supervised by teachers and counselors at URI.

The fee for commuters is \$285 which includes lunch. The fee for resident students is \$585 and, thanks to a family plan, the second child's fee is \$485.

For more information, call Dr. Donald Smith, summer music program director, at 874-2170 or 874-2799.

### Lincoln School Honors Scholars

Head of School Joan Cannady Countryman recently announced the recipients of Lincoln School's year end academic awards.

The memory of Frances E. Wheeler, Quaker headmistress from 1926 to 1938, is honored in Quaker girls or members of Upper School for more than one year of distinguished academic work.

Frances E. Wheeler Scholars included senior Pamela Sinel of Pawtucket, junior Catherine E. Weiner of Providence, sophomore Susanna Fogel of Providence and sophomore Sara R. Feinberg of Newport.



### Stepping Into History

Fifth-grade students at Alperin Schechter Day School recently visited the Boston Tea Party Museum. From left: Noga Nevel, Jonah Gabry, Brooke Saltzman and Noah Jablow. *Photo courtesy of ASDS*

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## UMass Dartmouth Presents Summer Cabaret Theatre

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Summer Cabaret Theatre will be offering a pair of outdoor productions as well as cabaret shows during its 23rd summer season.

This summer's outdoor productions are "Man of La Mancha" and "42nd Street." The Summer Cabaret Series will include "Don't Dress for Dinner" and "Astaire and Kelly," a musical review.

For the third year, the outdoor performances are free.

The performances will be held in the Vietnam Veterans Peace Memorial Amphitheatre.

"Man of La Mancha" will take the stage from June 27 to 30,

with each show beginning at 8:30 p.m. "42nd Street" will be presented Aug. 22 to 25, beginning at 8 p.m.

Plenty of parking is available on the UMass Dartmouth campus. Bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic suppers and come early for the best seats.

The cabaret series will open with "Don't Dress for Dinner," a British farce by Marc Camoletti. The show will be presented over two weekends, July 11 to 14 and July 18 to 21.

"Astaire and Kelly," a musical review celebrating Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly with music by Gershwin, Porter, Berlin and Kerns, will be presented July 25

to 28 and Aug. 1 to 4.

Each of the cabaret performances is held in the UMass Dartmouth Campus Center, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Parking for cabaret performances is available in lots five and six.

Tickets for the cabaret series shows are \$8 for the general public and \$7 for senior citizens and students. Subscription tickets for both shows are available for \$15 for general public and \$12 for senior citizens and students.

For additional information or ticket reservations, call (508) 999-8136.



### All Dressed Up...

The Ocean State Light Opera will present "Iolanthe" from July 3 to 14. Sasha Olinick, left, plays Lord Mountararat and Fredric S. Scheff fills the role of Lord Tolloller. Scheff is the cantor at Temple Shalom in Middletown. Photo by Amy Thompson

## The Circus Is Coming To Town

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus will be at Glen Farm in Portsmouth on June 27 and 28 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and at The Warwick Mall on June 29 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and June 30 at 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Underscored by the rousing sounds of an eight-piece brass band, tigers, equestriennes and acrobats, tumblers and trapezists, clowns and contortionists, the circus will entertain in the two-hour, three-ring performance.

Six Soviet athletes will exhibit a series of synchronized somersaults, backflips, and twisters, passing easily among the gridwork of uneven horizontal bars and soaring to heights as high as 12 feet.

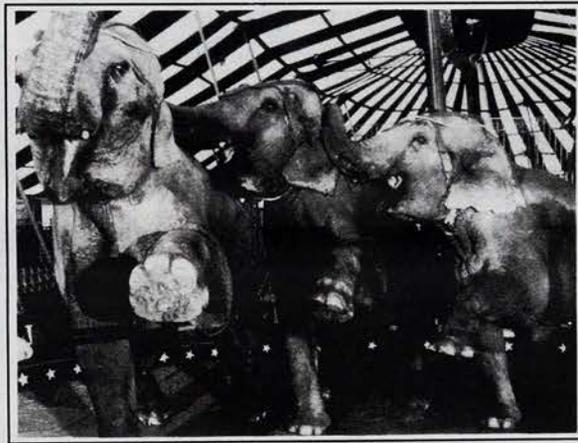
Twelve-year-old Diana Kupchik, will hoist a stack of hula hoops which appears to weigh as much as she does, 83 to be exact, step inside, give them a twirl, then gyrate into a colorful and shimmering helix.

Tickets are \$10 for adults

(ages 13 to 61), \$6 for children and senior citizens. Reserved chair seats cost an additional \$2.

Advanced tickets for the Portsmouth shows are available

at JC Penney, Clements, YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club. For the Warwick shows, tickets can be purchased at AAA and the Warwick Credit Unions.



SAYING HELLO — These elephants, part of the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus, will be part of the show when the circus comes to Portsmouth and Warwick this week.

## Narragansett Art Festival

The Rotary Club of Wakefield will sponsor the annual Narragansett Art Festival on June 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Veterans' Park adjacent to the historic towers on Ocean Road in Narragansett.

The outdoor festival is free to the public and has been held in this scenic location for approximately 25 years. More than 100 artists from Rhode Island and other New England states will exhibit work in oil, acrylics, watercolors, pen and ink drawings, photography, sculpture, and three-dimensional media.

Proceeds from the artists' registration fees and the raffle are used to support the charitable activities of the Rotary Club.

On Sunday, from noon to 5:30 p.m., a free shuttle van will provide transportation between the Narragansett Art Festival and the Taste of South County food festival at the Salt Pond Plaza on Pt. Judith Road, sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Services of Washington County and Jamestown.

For further information, contact Deedra Durocher, 783-1820.

## Hera Members Exhibit Work

"The 22nd Anniversary Exhibition," work by full, associate and affiliate members, will be held at Hera Gallery, 327 Main St. in Wakefield, from June 29 through Aug. 17.

Hera Gallery has been exhibiting the work of local, regional and nationally-known artists, both members and non-members, at the gallery on Main Street since May of 1974. The gallery is

known for its exhibitions that present challenging contemporary art which often is created in response to current social and aesthetic issues.

Summer gallery hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is free and open to the public and is handicapped accessible.

## Volmer's Work on Display

An exhibition by Rhode Island artist Suzanne Volmer is on view at the Newport Art Museum through July 28. Volmer is giving gallery talks about her work at the museum on June 20 at 7:30 p.m. and July 14 at 2 p.m. The talks are free with the price of admission.

Volmer began working as a professional artist after graduating from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y. Initially using only porcelain as her medium, she now incorporates high-fire hard brick and cold rolled steel into her sculptures. She works closely with the chemical and structural elements of porcelain and metal, and calculates for movement during the firing of the materials.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday evenings, the museum is open until 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors and students; and free to members and children under 12.

For more information on the exhibition, contact the museum at 848-8200.

## Enjoy A Concert And Tea

Alva Belmont's tradition of Sunday Concerts with Afternoon Silver Tea are being revived on June 30. The Royal Arts Foundation will present the Rhode Island Touring Ensemble, Kimberley Kredich, conductor, with Philip Martorella, accompanist.

At 1 p.m., Belcourt Castle's historic rooms with art treasures from around the globe become the grand setting for an afternoon of song followed by silver tea. After the guided tour, guests assemble in the French Gothic Ballroom to hear ethereal organ music or piano pieces rendered by the keyboard talents of Martorella.

Under the enormous Russian Imperial Crown chandelier in

the Italian banquet hall you'll find a feast for all the senses. Belcourt's magnificence dazzles the eyes, while the sublime choruses fill the ear and delicious cakes, pastries, punch and tea served formally from silver delight the palate.

Tickets are \$18 per adult and \$7.50 for children ages 6 to 12. Group rates, seniors and student discounts are available by calling 846-0669.

## Chamber Music at the Library

An after of vocal chamber music entitled "America's Finest" will be presented at the William Hall Library, 1825 Broad St., Cranston, on June 30, at 2 p.m.

The program, featuring the works of Berlin, Kern, Porter, Gershwin, and Copland, will be performed in the library's auditorium. The featured singer will be Joseph A. Carvalho. Other vocalists include Jeanne Maciel, Jennifer Malett, Krishan Oberoi, and Michael Schrader.

The program is free. The Hall Library is handicapped accessible, and refreshments will be served.

## United Brass to Perform at Blithewold

The Concerts-by-the-Bay series at Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, 101 Ferry Rd. (Route 114), Bristol, R.I., continues on June 30 at 5 p.m. with an outdoor performance by United Brass.

The United Brass, founded in 1978, is known to concert-goers throughout New England.

The Blithewold program includes works by Joplin, Sousa, Handy and Cohan as well as Handeland Khachaturian. A Tin Pan Alley sing-along will be featured.

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# MILESTONES

## Edith Pearlman Wins Literature Prize

The University of Pittsburgh Press has announced that Edith Pearlman is the winner of the 1996 Drue Heinz Literature Prize.

Her collection of short stories, *Vaquita and Other Stories*, was chosen from 246 manuscripts submitted to the contest by published writers. Pearlman, the 16th winner of the annual prize, will receive a \$10,000 cash award, and her book will be published by the University of Pittsburgh Press in November 1996.

Rosellen Brown, the final judge for this year's contest, says of Pearlman's manuscript:

"What a pleasure it is to see the characters of *Vaquita* living their rich lives in the tumultuous and difficult world. These characters are experienced but not cynical, sophisticated and wry and hopeful in spite of every terrible thing they've seen, and Edith Pearlman's generous intelligence keeps them from looking foolish for their commitment. They are perplexed, desperate, amused, skeptical — in other words, they represent civilized virtues and civilized vices, the best and worst of us, only much improved by Pearlman's insight and wit."

Pearlman is a Providence

native. She has twice won the O'Henry prize and the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award, and published more than one hundred stories and essays in magazines, journals, and newspapers.

Pearlman still composes on a typewriter. She said she enjoys watching the words scroll out of the machine and she likes being able to "pull a paper out in a rage." The last 10 drafts of her manuscripts are done on a computer. As she said, "Writing is mostly rewriting, every sentence is up for correction." The short story and personal essay are her favorite forms.

## Daniels Weds Barker

Rachel Marla Daniels of Warwick, R.I. and Adam Seth Barker of Warwick, R.I., were married May 18 at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Daniels of Cranston, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Jeffrey Gandolfo of Cheshire, Conn.

Officiating were Rabbi George Astrachan and Cantor Rennie Brown.

The matron of honor was Dara Daniels, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Dori Bosler, sister of the bridegroom; Erica Rothbard, Pamela Galler, and Nicole Aberbach. Junior bridesmaid was Amanda Gandolfo,

sister of the bridegroom. Flower girl was Zoe Weiner.

Best man was Jeremy Jackson. Ushers were Michael Cardonick and Adam Coplan.

The bride graduated from Cranston High School West and the University of Hartford — magna cum laude in elementary education.

The bridegroom graduated from the George Washington University cum laude. He is employed by Cookson America in Providence as benefits coordinator.

Their wedding trip was to Aruba. They now reside in Warwick, R.I.



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Barker

## King Hussein and Shimon Peres to Receive Liberty Medals

The International Selection Commission for the Philadelphia Liberty Medal has named His Majesty Hussein I, king of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan, and His Excellency Shimon Peres, prime minister of the State of Israel, as co-recipients of the 1996 award.

The Liberty Medal and its accompanying \$100,000 will be presented at Independence Hall

in Philadelphia as a focus of the city's Fourth of July celebration. Peres has agreed to accept the award in Philadelphia, and the commission hopes that Hussein will join in the ceremonies as well.

The Philadelphia Liberty Medal, established in 1988 to heighten recognition of the principles that founded this nation and to serve as a lasting legacy

to the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, honors an individual or an organization that has demonstrated leadership and vision in the pursuit of liberty of conscience or freedom from oppression, ignorance, or deprivation.

It is administered by a non-profit, non-political organization, We the People 2000.

## Hecker Heads Speakers Bureau

Henry R. Hecker, a veteran Jewish communal public relations/marketing executive, has been named director of the Israel Bonds Speakers Bureau by Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Nathan Sharony, president and CEO of the bonds organization.

Hecker succeeds the late Frank Simmons, former long-time director of the division.

A dedicated, energetic and astute administrator, Hecker has devoted nearly two decades to the advancement of Israel and world Jewry. Most recently, he served as deputy director of marketing and communications at the Israel Bonds organization, which raises 1 billion investment dollars annually for Israel.

Prior to his association with



Henry R. Hecker

Israel Bonds, Hecker served as a marketing/communications consultant to diverse fund-raising and education organizations. He has recently been elected to the position of president of the American Jewish Public Relations Society.

Hecker has served as communications director of the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, and as director of the National Speakers Bureau and assistant director of public relations at national United Jewish Appeal.

## Peres Reviews Achievements

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres bade farewell last week to his Cabinet, praising the government for bringing about "revolutionary achievements."

Peres also hailed his slain predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, as a man who gave his life for peace.

He said the government formed after the assassination continued in the path laid out by Rabin.

"This was an excellent, just and responsible government which presided over a historic chapter of the Jewish people," Peres said. "Thank G-d that we no longer rule over" another people.

Under the government formed by Rabin, Israel signed self-rule agreements with the Palestinians and a peace treaty with Jordan. It also established low-level ties with Tunisia, Morocco, Mauritania, Qatar and

Oman.

Peres also pointed to the economic benefits of the peace process, such as record levels of foreign investment and tourism.

Peres said, "There has been no government such as this one, which has served the nation in every sphere, with so much seriousness, devotion and responsibility."

## JNF Appoints Directors-at-Large

Milton S. Shapiro, Jewish National Fund president, announced the appointment of eight directors-at-large at a recent Administrative Committee meeting at JNF headquarters in New York City.

The directors-at-large will help develop policies, guidelines and strategies on behalf of JNF's fund-raising campaign. They come from various communities, have devoted their lives to

Israel and the Jewish people, and bring a broad range of experience to JNF.

The appointees include: Allen Fox of Jupiter, Fla. and Philadelphia; Robert J. Harrisburg of Portland, Maine; Malcolm Hoenlein of New York City; Joyce Kitey of New York City; Rabbi Irving Lehrman of Miami Beach, Fla.; Dr. Michael Miller of New York City; Lester Pollack of New York City; and

Marjorie Scott of Coconut Grove, Fla.

"Over the years these eight dynamic individuals have expressed their love for Israel by playing major roles in JNF's campaign," said Shapiro. "We're delighted that they will help shape our direction at the highest level."



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# A Malta Story

Part 2 of Two Parts

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

The director of the War Museum asked me if the Newport War College or any other public agency might wish to sponsor a show from his gallery to remind the world of the unique gift of total resistance in Malta, a strategic spot on the quest for oil, the search that brought Rommel and the allies to the same fateful places.

The full tale is told on film, but the British movie no longer exists. You may still get hold of a rare video of it.

I didn't have to borrow one from the museum, because I brought my own copy in my small travel kit. Starring Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins, "The Malta Story" carries the virtues of dignity and depth. It rings true without violent scenes or corny propaganda—a work of art acknowledged here in Malta above anywhere else.

Meanwhile, the ambassador was packing up his own kit to depart for his own forthcoming fight for a seat in Congress. Dignitaries invited him to a number of formal luncheons in fabulous villas. He took me along, always in my light pastel lavender summer jacket, not in a dark suit to suit the occasions. I did my best to pick up the right fork.

When I took off from Malta to take up a quick teaching post in Brittany, the connection was so immediate they lost my luggage. It didn't reach me for several days. All my research and my rolls of film strayed off into space like kittens or puppies until they made their way back to me and cheered me up again.

In the meantime I had only my memory of the drama of my weekend. Regular readers may recall I went to Yale and the Sorbonne with a former ambassador to Malta, whose portrait

hangs in the embassy there. When I returned to Paris for my flight home, I phoned him, visited his Odeon apartment, dined with him, and gave him my account of the success of Paolino.

Jim Rentschler has bookshelves from ceiling to floor upon four walls, all loaded with volumes in French, Rumanian, Portuguese and English. A language major, he has the gift of tongues, and can speak with ease and poise on literature or politics. And yet, he had been divorced when he served as ambassador.

"The Maltese people are very conservative, traditional, and family-oriented," said Rentschler. "Maybe that is why they love Joe so sincerely. He projects frankness, warmth, and good feeling. They have rapport, Joe and the people of Malta. There's no question about it." This is what I told Rentschler, and I felt good saying it.

So the Jews suffered in Malta. Once they thrived there. Then they fell from grace into bondage. Under British rule they came back. Disraeli and Montefiore stopped by to wish them well on their way to Palestine. Now, there are few Jews in Malta. I was a Jew of Malta for a few days at least. I join other obscure, ancient, or recent and famous Jews who visit embassies in Malta and perhaps leave a trace of their presence in that enchanted tiny realm.

Shylock was drawn from many sources, Malta strongly among them. Who knows how a word in the right place can fit somebody's story?

Only, this time, I brought the ambassador with me. I thank him for his gracious reception, his good fellowship, and his cordial greeting to the Jewish community, who came to his farewell reception and toasted his future. I add my l'chaim, from near as well as far.

# Gay Activist Views Israel as Model for Other Countries

by Alan H. Feiler  
Baltimore Jewish Times

BALTIMORE (JTA) — Liora Moriel is a 47-year-old graduate student and a self-described revolutionary, whose mission in life is to fight for the rights of homosexuals, particularly in Israel.

"For a long time, I felt [being a lesbian] was nobody's business. The people close to me knew, and why should anyone else care?" said the Tel Aviv-born Moriel, who lives with her partner in Bethesda, Md., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

"But I realized it couldn't be private as long as it was deemed immoral, perverse, wrong," said Moriel, a leading gay and women's rights activist in Israel.

It's incumbent upon people like me, who have nothing to lose and have been activists previously, to come out and publicly advocate the cause of the lesbian [lesbian-bisexual-gay] community," Moriel said.

"I think we've really been a light of Zion unto the nations, and one of the finest examples of how Israel can go in a progressive direction," she said. "What we've accomplished I'd like to see other minorities accomplish."

From 1991 to 1993, Moriel served as spokeswoman and chairwoman of an Israeli gay rights group, the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights. Her responsibilities included speaking to the Knesset and media about gay issues, as well as organizing rallies and conferences.

Moriel believes that Israeli society, despite the prevalence of Middle Eastern attitudes regarding sexuality and the precepts of halachah, or Jewish law, tends to be more accepting of homosexuals than American society.

"Being a lesbian in Israel is not a dangerous pursuit. What one does with their life is considered their business," she said.

"In Israel, if you're Jewish, you're by definition human and part of the family. Here (the United States), people still struggle with the definition of 'American,' and gays and lesbians are not considered true Americans."

There are more gay parades, bars and bookstores, "but it's a subculture where you feel alien," Moriel said.

Moriel said the decriminalization of homosexual acts eight years ago served as a watershed event for Israel's gay rights "revolution." Israeli labor laws and army regulations have since been amended to prohibit discrimination of people because of sexual orientation, she said.

Israeli police officers now receive sensitivity training regarding gay rights and gay-bashing, Moriel said, and city mayors maintain an ongoing dialogue with gay activists to coordinate parades and events.

In addition, Israel now has an unprecedented number of gay meeting places, nightclubs and theatrical productions.

Four years ago, Moriel gained fame there by "taking the lesbian movement out of the closet" when she appeared on a popular Israeli television talk show with her partner and mother, "and publicly came out of the closet."

Unlike its American counterpart, the Israeli gay movement prefers to take a more low-key approach, Moriel said. "The idea is not to say, 'We're queer, get used to it.' We say, 'We're your friends, family and we trust that our bond won't change.'"

Moriel criticizes the "more militant" American gay rights movement for being "not well-thought out, and there's been a lot of rethinking about it. I think we got further in Israel by not being abrasive and acting as a mainstream advocacy group."

Moriel, who plans to move back to the Jewish state next year, said the Israeli gay rights movement is now advocating legislation to provide for pension and social security benefits for gay couples.

# Catch It Before It Leaves Town

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

The Cable Car is still showing "The Diary of Anne Frank," by Jon Blair, after its stay at the Avon. It's not just a replay of the book or the play. It goes way beyond the personal story.

The interviews with both Miep Gies, the Dutch contact person who hid the Franks, German immigrants to the Netherlands, in the now-famous annex, currently a museum, dominate the movie. But the testimony of Anne's friends, now of course elderly people, cannot fail to move and instruct.

You remember the dentist who shares Anne's bedroom? Blair found his son in London and gets his word on his father's own story, apart from Anne's portrait. And then, Peter Pepper, the dentist's son, dies of cancer before his point of view is complete. So, this documentary has a power and poignancy of its own.

This is a magnificent piece of

work. You are reminded of the absolutely awful fate of Anne's generation. The neo-Nazis accused the diary of being a forgery. Blair's film lays that lie to rest.

"Anne Frank" is not a tear-jerker. It is packed with information, and it pulls no punches. Yes, there was collaboration and betrayal in Amsterdam. Yes, the Germans were unspeakably cruel and satanic. Yes, Anne's death was a loss to the world of art and culture, like the death of her schoolmates.

I go on record as praising this delicate and forceful flick, for its thoroughness, its courage, its dark beauty. The final image shows Anne at her window, just before the war, moving her head and looking out at the world that was closing in on her.

I dare you to see it. It's plenty painful. You will grieve. And yet, as a work of filmmaking, it is a substantial and sublime, and a tragic, achievement.

# Father Comes of Age With Son

by Debbie Offenber  
Jewish Bulletin of  
Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) The day his son was born was the day David Rosenzweig decided to become a bar mitzvah. Until then, he had never given the matter much thought.

"The moment Josh was born my world changed. I suddenly realized how important it was to establish some bond to our history. I had to reach back and complete my connection to my father — and with every generation," he said.

Two months ago, the 47-year-old Rosenzweig finally celebrated his bar mitzvah in a double ceremony with 13-year-old Josh. Reading from the same Torah portion and delivering individual commentary to an audience of 180, father and son united in making Temple Israel's first intergenerational bar mitzvah.

"It was really very moving to witness the affirmation of the two generations," recalled Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann of Temple Israel in Alameda, Calif.

But no one was more moved than Josh, an only child who said he was thrilled to share his big day with his father because celebrating a bar mitzvah "was something Dad never got the chance to do when he grew up."

Raised by a Christian mother and Jewish father in a small Ohio town, Rosenzweig was brought up "mostly Christian" but made a conscious decision to steer his adult life toward Judaism.

He said he always felt more drawn to his Jewish roots and when he met his wife, Tara, who is Jewish, his decision to embrace Judaism was reinforced.

Yet, even though he had a

Jewish wedding and has since led a Jewish life, the prospect of a bar mitzvah held little appeal.

Until Josh came along, that is. "I could never have done it without Josh. He was wonderful and very supportive. He even helped me with my Hebrew, which, until last year, I didn't know how to read," said Rosenzweig.

Rosenzweig began taking Hebrew lessons in his "spare time" in May 1995.

What made the day particularly meaningful to Tara Rosenzweig was watching his husband's 93-year-old father "beaming" from the front row, with tears in his eyes.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Jewish Groups Help Black Churches

by Heather Camlot

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Sunday after a fire destroyed the Matthews Murchland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C., members of the local Jewish community showed solidarity by joining the black congregation in services.

"On this one day of worship, the people of G-d stood together," the Rev. Larry Hill said during a recent visit. "Jewish life in the world has been very similar to black life. The differences that arise from time to

time" do not pull us apart.

Hill addressed the New York Board of Rabbis, which, together with the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, has established a fund to help rebuild his Charlotte church.

It is "very, very important that the Jewish community not be so arrogant and naive to think that this could not happen to synagogues," said Rabbi Marc Schneier, president of the foundation. He added that Jews should be "rallying together with our brothers and sisters in

the South."

The rabbinical board is among several Jewish organizations that have responded to the rash of arson attacks that have struck at least 37 Southern churches, most of them predominantly black, in the past 18 months.

Recently, the American Jewish Committee launched a fundraising effort to rebuild the burned churches in conjunction with the National Council of Churches and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## JNF Rejects Large Donation From Messianic Jewish Group

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — A prominent Messianic Jewish evangelist says he has raised more than \$100,000 for the Jewish National Fund, but the JNF doesn't want it.

The JNF is trying to distance itself from Zola Levitt and his fellow evangelists, who attempt to persuade Jews that Jesus is the Messiah.

The rejection came soon after the JNF dropped plans to plant a forest of about 10,000 trees, worth about \$50,000, on behalf of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America.

The JNF is now in the process of developing a policy on donations from Messianic Jewish groups.

Messianic groups are waging an ongoing quest to blend into the mainstream of the Jewish community by participating in organization such as the JNF.

The implied imprimatur of mainstream Jewish groups lends the missionaries the credibility with Jews that they seek.

Levitt is a Jew-turned-evangelical Christian who has built a career capitalizing on the Jewishness he was born with to try to proselytize the Jewish people.

He hosts a weekly television show on which he has had as guests Israeli Likud officials,

including Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu, Yitzhak Shamir and Ariel Sharon; former Labor member of Knesset and Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani; and David Bar-Ilan, the editor of the *Jerusalem Post*.

He interviewed Netanyahu at the Knesset for a show that was first broadcast in early 1995.

Levitt's show is carried by independent and cable network television stations across the country, and is seen by about 1 million people a week, according to his producer.

He also has an impressive web site on the Internet. It was on "Zola's Bulletin Board" that someone in the JNF's Pittsburgh office saw that he had urged his followers to plant trees in Israel through the JNF.

In a message on his site, titled "Trees for the Kingdom," Levitt wrote: "Thanks to the blood of Christ, the sacrificial lamb of G-d, our firstborn are safe. He died so that we could live. And what a covenant He gave us, that didn't necessitate blood on our doorposts this Passover!"

"How can we ever repay him? Answer: We can't. If only there were some tangible way we could give life to something He loves, as a small token.

"There is: Contribute to the reforestation of the Holy Land."

## Turkey Vows to Maintain Military Accord With Israel

by Suzan N. Tarabius

ISTANBUL, Turkey (JTA) — A recent two-day visit to Turkey by Israeli President Ezer Weizman has given a new prominence to the growing ties between Israel and Turkey.

During a meeting with Weizman, Turkish President Suleyman Demirel vowed that Ankara would not cancel the military pact that the two countries signed in February, Weizman later told a group of Turkish businessmen.

He said Demirel had told him that "no one will tell Israel and Turkey what to do."

Demirel's comments regarding the pact, as related by Weizman, came only days after the leaders of Syria, Saudi Arabia and Egypt urged Turkey to cancel it.

"The agreement will not be

canceled and it will continue without interruption," Weizman reportedly told the group of businessmen.

Details of the past officially remain secret, but according to a copy of the agreement leaked recently, it calls for the two countries to expand military cooperation by land and sea during a five-year period.

Egypt, which signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979, has been among the most vocal opponents of the accord in the Arab world, expressing reservations about whether it would disturb the regional balance of power.

Weizman said during his visit to Turkey that Israel is not interested in posing any kind of threat to other Arab countries in the region through its developing ties with Turkey.

It then goes on to list the cost of trees, the address of the JNF's Houston office and its tree-order phone number.

Shortly after being made aware of Levitt's marketing of the Jewish group, JNF Executive Vice President Samuel Cohen sent him a letter telling him to stop.

The May 29 letter asked Levitt to desist from referring to the Jewish National Fund or JNF in connection with any proselytizing," he does.

The bearded missionary is not happy about the missive and described it as "a threat from the Jewish National Fund."

"We've given tens of thousands of dollars, over \$100,000" to the JNF, he said in a telephone interview from his Dallas home.

"It's so offensive, it's so discriminatory" that they do not want our money, he said. Cohen said, "Using our name in a context like this crosses a line that is really reprehensible to us."

"His ends are inimical to us and to everything we believe," Cohen said. "We will not permit it."

## Foundation Documents Achievements

In its 30-year-history, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture has trained more than 8,000 scholars, researchers, rabbis, educators, social workers and communal leaders, and published more than 4,000 volumes on Jewish topics in 30 languages. Its mission has been to restore the traditions and heritage of the Jewish people in communities devastated during the Holocaust. These achievements are documented in a 30th anniversary report published recently. The 32-page report, titled, "A Heritage Restored," will be distributed at the foundation's biennial meeting of trustees in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 16 to 18, according to Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, executive vice president.

Persons wishing to obtain a copy of "A Heritage Renewed" may write to the foundation at 15 East 26th St., New York, NY 10010 or call (212) 679-4074.

## House Passes Legislation to Curb Investment in Iran

by Matthew Dorf

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Aware that Iran cannot sponsor terrorism without money, Congress has taken steps to try to end European investment in the state's lucrative petroleum industry.

The House of Representatives unanimously passed a measure recently, 415-0, that in effect imposes a U.S. government boycott on all overseas companies that invest in Iran's decaying oil fields and refineries.

The Senate was expected to follow suit.

The measure was hailed by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee as "one of the most important pieces of legislation in years."

It would force foreign firms to choose between doing business with Iran or the United States.

Under the threat of the legislation, at least four European companies have backed away from planned deals with Iran worth more than a total of \$10 billion.

The measure also imposes sanctions on international firms selling oil technology to Libya.

President Clinton banned American firms from trading with Iran last year. White House

officials said Clinton would sign the measure known as the Iran Foreign Oil Sanctions Act.

By cutting off money to Iran's energy industry, supporters of the bill hope that the cash squeeze will curtail the militant Islamic regime's support for terrorism.

Under the legislation, if a foreign company invests more than \$40 million annually in Iran's oil sector, the U.S. president must impose any two of six sanctions mandated by the legislation.

The leveling of such sanctions would amount to a de facto boycott.

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In addition, financial institutions could lose eligibility to receive U.S. government deposits and trade in debt instruments, including U.S. government bonds.

The president could waive the sanctions if he determines that it is in the national interest of the United States.



PAYING A VISIT — U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno recently spoke at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance.

Photo courtesy of the Simon Wiesenthal Center

## Reno Visits Museum of Tolerance

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno recently visited the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles where more than 350 community leaders gathered for her special address on international terrorism.

She chose the museum as the site to announce that through the cooperative efforts of the Clinton administration and the German government, an historic agreement was reached to provide reparations for Hugo Prinz and other American citizens who suffered persecution in Nazi concentration camps.

Reno praised the work of the Wiesenthal Center and its namesake Simon Wiesenthal, calling him "an individual who has devoted his life to ensuring that Holocaust victims receive a justice in death that they were denied in life. More than any other individual, Simon Wiesenthal has kept alive the issue of unpunished Nazi criminals."

Following her speech, the attorney general visited the mu-

seum accompanied by Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the center; Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean; Dr. Gerald Margolis, director of the Museum of Tolerance; and Rabbi Meyer May, executive director.

At the conclusion of her tour she signed the center's *Book of Remembrance*, "Thank you for ensuring that the world will never forget."

## Don't Call Him 'Bibi' Anymore

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — You can call him prime minister or Benjamin Netanyahu, but you can't call him "Bibi" anymore.

The spokesman for the prime minister-elect has demanded that journalists stop using Netanyahu's nickname.

# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Argentine Offer Divides Local Jewish Community

by Sergio Kiernam

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)—The Argentine government will pay \$12 million to the Argentine Jewish community as reparations for the July 18, 1994 bombing of the Argentine Mutual Aid Association.

News of the payment divided the Argentine Jewish community, with some wanting to reject the government's offer.

"That's blood money," said a Jewish community official who wished to remain anonymous.

"We cannot take money from a government we criticize for the handling of the investigation of the bombing." The official said. "Taking even a dime would soil us. Also, it could be perceived as a sort of reverse discrimination: People are hurting all over, and Jews get a special treatment."

The bombing of the association, also known as AMIA, claimed 86 lives and left more than 300 wounded.

Argentine President Carlos Menem signed a decree earlier this month that the money be paid to AMIA in 12 monthly installments, starting in January 1997.

According to the decree, \$11 million is being given "toward the reconstruction of the AMIA building" and \$12 million "for the creation of a museum of the Holocaust."

Last year, the Argentine gov-

ernment donated a building in downtown Buenos Aires for the creation of a Holocaust museum.

While some in the Jewish community want to turn down the government's offer, others are being more cautious, saying that an outright rejection of the payment would be insulting to the government.

Some in this camp have proposed that the community take the money and donate it to a non-Jewish hospital or charity.

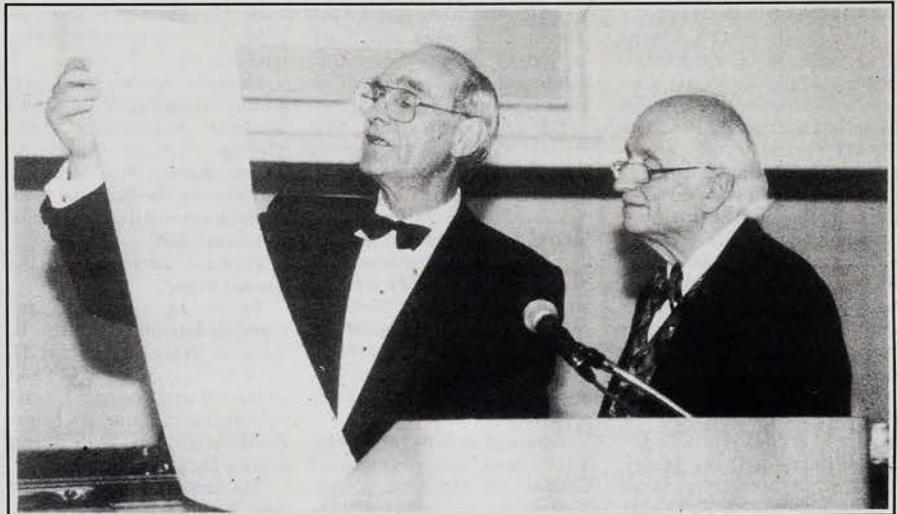
A third group said Argentine Jews should take the money and use it to upgrade security in community sites and schools.

"Many Jews accepted money from the German government as reparations for Nazi persecution," said an official. "Why not us? We could help those wounded in the attack that need special medical care and help the families of the victims."

The official pointed out that insurance for Jewish community building is at a premium as a consequence of the bombing.

Although the decree said the money should be used for the reconstruction of the AMIA building, community sources said the new, \$5.5 million building is almost all paid for.

The old building was reportedly insured for \$3 million and AMIA was able to raise a further \$1.6 million.



### Hail and Farewell!

On the left, Melvin Merians, former chairman of the board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, reads a proclamation in honor of Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, who is stepping down after 23 years as president of the UAHC. The event was a fund-raiser for UAHC's Endowment Program.

Photo by Robert A. Cumins

## U.S. Survivors of Nazi Camps Can Still Get German Compensation

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) American citizens imprisoned in Nazi concentration camps can seek restitution from the German government through a new U.S. government program.

"It is essential that those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis receive reparations for what they lost," said U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, who announced the program June 13 at the Simon Wiesenthal Center. "We can't calculate their loss in mere money, but we can seek to redress their losses."

The Holocaust Claims Program is an outgrowth of the case of Hugo Prinz, who battled the German and U.S. governments for 40 years to obtain reparations for the 38 months he was held in Treblinka, Auschwitz and Dachau. His parents and six siblings died in the camps.

Prinz, now 73, was born to a naturalized American businessman in what is now Slovakia, making him a U.S. citizen at birth. Although the family had

American passports, they were imprisoned by the Nazis.

In September, the United States and Germany signed an agreement under which Prinz and 10 other American survivors shared a one-time payment of \$2.1 million from the German government.

Reno estimated that there may be five to 50 such survivors who, like Prinz, fell through the cracks and were never compensated.

This number may include some American Jewish servicemen, who were sent to slave labor camps after being captured.

However, the claims agreement specifically excludes, at Germany's insistence, survivors who were only subject to forced labor, as well as those who already received any amount of compensation.

The amount of money paid to future claimants will depend on their concentration camp experiences, as well as on the total figures negotiated by the U.S.

and German governments.

Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif.), who, with the New Jersey congressional delegation, championed legislation leading to the Holocaust Claims Program, urged Justice Department officials to "err on the side of inclusion" in considering survivors claims.

"This is especially important in the case of survivors who suffered loss of liberty or physical abuse from Nazi persecution, but who may not have actually been in a camp," Berman said.

Delissa Ridgway, chair of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, promised to be "very flexible in terms of documentation."

Eligible survivors must file their claims by Sept. 30 with the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Washington, D.C. 20579. For information or to obtain forms, phone (202) 616-6975 or fax (202) 616-6993.

## Coalition Agreements Set Off Non-Orthodox Alarms

by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK (JTA)—American Jews in the forefront of the right for religious pluralism in Israel are expressing alarm over the agreements signed by Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu and his Orthodox coalition partners.

"We are frightened" by "commitments the government is prepared to make to delegitimize non-Orthodox religious Jewry," said Rabbi Jerome Epstein, executive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Among the agreements reportedly reached between Netanyahu and two religious parties — Shas and the National Religious Party — is one that would delegitimize non-Orthodox conversions in Israel, and another that would bar Reform and Conservative representatives from serving on religious councils. Both would undermine recent Supreme Court rulings.

Speaking to the conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations last week, Zalman Shoval, a Likud Party official, pledged that there would be no change in the "status quo" governing religious matters.

But such a pledge means different things to different people. To some, it means protecting advances made by non-Orthodox movements, through the Supreme Court, to break the monopoly of the Orthodox over religious life in Israel.

To others, it means preserving continuing Orthodox hegemony over religious affairs, from marriage to burial, a control that has existed since the state's founding, despite recent court rulings challenging it.

Shoval said he made the pledge on behalf of the new prime minister, but since then, Netanyahu has concluded deals with the religious parties to form a new government, sparking renewed concern in many Jewish circles.

"Words of reassurance that there will be no movement backward are meaningless," said Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations. "What we've seen to date indicates exactly the opposite."

The two reversals would "constitute a tremendous blow and affront to our movement and our membership," Yoffie added.

Epstein called it "very problematic" for Israel to ban non-Orthodox conversions because it delegitimizes non-Orthodox rabbis.

He said a meeting with Netanyahu, "who wants to build relationships with the diaspora," would help the new Israeli leaders "understand the strong feelings" of Conservative and Reform Jews, who represent 85 percent to 90 percent of affiliated Jews in the United States.

## Russian Jews Favor Yeltsin

by Lev Krichevsky

MOSCOW (JTA)—Russian Jews reacted with cautious optimism to the result of the first round of an election that will determine the country's future.

"I believe that Yeltsin will remain in office, giving all of us a chance to build a normal human life," Russia's chief rabbi, Adolph Shayevich, said after the June 16 elections.

Most of Russia's Jews had supported democratic-leaning candidates. Some community leaders voiced optimism about an ultimate Boris Yeltsin victory in the runoff, which could be held as early as July 3.

The outcome of the runoff will depend in a large part on who manages to woo the supporters of nationalist Alexander Lebed, a retired general who had a surprisingly strong third-

place showing with about 15 percent of the vote.

Yeltsin is reportedly meeting with Lebed to discuss how they might cooperate, but the uncertainty of the alliance and its fruits is troubling for some.

"There are not guarantees that those who support Lebed will throw their support behind the candidate Lebed eventually endorses for the presidency," said Mark Levin of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Zyuganov also has tried in the wake of the election to lure Lebed into his camp, though the retired general has in the past ruled out joining any Communist-led coalition.

But Lieberman and other local experts see Lebed as one who is able to draw both Communist supporters and those who have historically voted for ultrana-

tionist Zhirinovskiy.

But even a Yeltsin victory in July is not seen by some Jews as a sure remedy for the country's economic and social ills.

Yeltsin has been seen as giving into ultranationalist pressures in recent months, a phenomenon that some fear could continue.

The recent suspension of the Jewish Agency for Israel's operating license is one such example. A June 15 deadline for new accreditation has passed and it is still not certain when a decision on the renewal will occur.

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# OBITUARIES

## IRVING S. ABOWITT

Irving S. Abowitz, 84, of Santa Cruz, Calif., formerly of Providence and New York City, manager of the former Block Artists Materials Co. on North Main Street for many years before retiring, died June 15 in Santa Cruz. He was the husband of the late Mildred Abowitz.

Born in Fall River, Mass., a son of the late David and Rebecca (Zweibelson) Abowitz, he lived in Providence 40 years and in New York City 40 years before moving to Santa Cruz two weeks ago.

He leaves a daughter, Julie Brice in Calif.; four sisters, Mildred Lazar of Warwick, Dr. Lee Wilkens in New Jersey, Marion Schimelman and Frances Katz, both of East Lyme, Conn.; four brothers, Harold Abowitz of East Greenwich, Joseph Abowitz of Oceanside, Calif., Munroe Abowitz of Pawtucket, and Morton Abowitz of Warwick, and a granddaughter. He was the brother of the late Jessie Steingold, Leah and Helen Abowitz.

A private funeral service was held in California.

Notification was supplied by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## BARBARA DAVIDSON

PROVIDENCE — Barbara Davidson, 75, of Fishing Cove Road, North Kingstown, died June 18 at Miriam Hospital, Providence. She was the wife of Oscar Davidson.

Born in Boston, a daughter of

the late Abraham and Helen (Tarnapol) Blotcher, she lived in North Kingstown and Lauderhill, Fla., for the last 20 years.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons, Jeffrey Davidson of Nashville, Tenn., Peter Davidson of Greenlawn, N.Y., and Richard Davidson of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Jacqueline Teverow of Cranston; and two grandchildren. She was sister of the late Robert J. Blotcher.

The funeral service was held June 21 at Temple Sinai, 30 Haven Ave., Cranston. Burial was in Sinai Memorial Park, Warwick.

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

## BENSON E. GOLD

WARWICK — Benson E. Gold, 61, of 377 Narragansett Parkway, a dental surgeon, died June 18 at the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. He was the husband of Sheila (Greenstein) Gold.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Esther (Hassenfeld) Gold, he lived in Warwick for the last 31 years, previously residing in Providence.

He was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Loyola University School of Dentistry in Chicago and Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry.

He was founder of the Rhode Island Dental Clinic, 917 War-

wick Ave. He was licensed to practice dentistry in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

He was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek, the Touro Fraternal Association, Doric Masonic Lodge, Palestine Shrine, Korean War Veterans Association, the National Rifle Association and the Providence Revolver Club.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons, Andrew R. Gold of Warwick, Robert D. Gold of Chicago, Jason G. Gold in Hawaii and Terrence J. Gold in Florida; and two sisters, Selma Fishbein of Providence and Shirley Dwares of Florida.

The funeral service was held June 20 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## IRENE LEVINE

PROVIDENCE — Irene Levine, 83, of 348 Grotto Ave., died June 15 at the Steere House Rehabilitation Center. She was the wife of Hyman Levine.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late James and Sarah (Rubin) Walker.

She was a former member of Temple Emanuel, and a former member of the Crestwood Country Club.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Norman Levine of Warwick; a sister, Ruth Meering of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Daniel Walker of Warwick, and Alvin Walker of Boynton Beach, Fla.; three granddaughters and three great-grandsons. She was sister of the late Thelma Stairman.

The funeral service was held June 17 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

## RUTH VECHER

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Ruth Vecher, 98, a lifelong residence of Providence, died June 17 at the Golden Crest Nursing Home in North Providence.

She had worked at the former Outlet department store in downtown Providence, retiring in 1981.

She leaves no immediate

survivors.

A graveside service was held June 18 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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

## SARAH WEISER

PAWTUCKET — Sarah Weiser, 86, of Cathedral Square, died June 22 in the Oak Hill Nursing Home, Pawtucket. She was the widow of Sam Weiser.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Reuben and Rebecca Freeman, she lived in Providence most of her life and

in Warwick for three years.

She was a member of Hadasah, the Shaare Zedek, the Warwick Seniors, Temple Beth-el and the former Am David.

She leaves two sons, Howard Weiser of Warwick and Alan Weiser of Rockville, Md.; a brother, Burt Freeman of Brooklyn; and five grandchildren, David, Jay, Barry and Jeffrey Weiser and Wendy Gottlieb. She was the sister of the late Harriet Kennedy and Ruth Newman.

The funeral was held June 24 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## Passport Rekindles Debate On Fate Of Martin Bormann

by Serigo Kiernan

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — Did Martin Bormann die in Argentina?

After years of speculation, the discovery of a passport may bring an end to the mystery surrounding Adolf Hitler's personal aide and treasurer of the Nazi Party.

Bormann, who was first thought to have died in Berlin at the end of World War II, was long believed to have actually fled Germany for South America.

Recently, a man who remains anonymous gave the newspaper *La Manana del Sur* (Southern Morning) in the northern Patagonia resort city of Barilochea Uruguayan passport bearing the name of Richard Bauer, an Italian national.

Bauer was one of the names allegedly used by Bormann during his exile in South America.

The man, who was identified only as "a middle-age, German man," told *La Manana del Sur* that in 1973 he brought property from "a man I suspected was a Nazi exile." The property was located in a Chilean town near the border with Argentina.

After taking possession of the house, he found the passport and tried to return it.

"He told me he was moving to Argentina for good, and he would not be needing it anymore," the man told the newspaper.

"He said he always spent long spells in Argentina, and that he was moving there because Gen.

[Juan] Peron was returning to power," the man said.

Peron returned from exile in Spain on June 20, 1973, and died in office on July 1, 1974.

Bauer died in Buenos Aires in 1975 of liver cancer, the unidentified man told the newspaper.

He said he was telling the story now because he wanted "the truth about Bormann to be known."

Sergio Widder, the Simon Wiesenthal Center representative in Argentina, said of the report about Bauer's passport that "all this is one more version about Bormann."

"We do not discount it, nor do we endorse it," he said.

Bauer's passport bears the number 9892 and was issued at the Uruguayan Consulate in Genoa, Italy, on Jan. 3, 1946. The bearer's photo, of a balding man wearing a dark jacket, a white shirt and no tie, shows a remarkable likeness to the last available pictures of Bormann.

Bormann was one of the most powerful men in the Nazi regime. Toward the end of the war, he was secretary general and treasurer of the Nazi Party, held the second-ranking position in the government and was executor of Hitler's will.

Some believe that Bormann died May 1, 1945, a day after Hitler's suicide.

Witnesses said he was killed by a Soviet artillery barrage hours before the Soviet Army stormed Hitler's bunker.

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## Orthodox Rabbis

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sembled declares that there is not and has never been a place in Judaism for the belief that Mashiach ben David (Messiah son of David) will begin his Messianic Mission only to experience death, burial and resurrection before completing it."

The resolution does not identify the Lubavitchers or "the rebbe" by name because the RCA's leadership wanted to be careful "not to deprecate or castigate" the entire Chasidic group, said the RCA president, Rabbi Rafael Grossman.

The original version of the resolution had specifically targeted Lubavitch.

That wording was taken out, Grossman said, because "there is a substantial part of Lubavitch leaders who do not hold this view, and among those who do hold the view there are some wonderful dedicated Jews, so it is not our intention to deprecate these people, but to make it clear that this view is not in the Torah

tradition."

The response among both factions of the Lubavitch was strong.

Rabbi Shmuel Butman, chairman of the International Campaign to bring Moshiach, responded to the RCA by saying: "Questions of belief in Judaism are a matter of halachah (Jewish law) and should be referred to recognized Torah giants of the generation for a decision."

"They have never been decided by popular vote, even of a rabbinic organization," he said, adding that he hoped the RCA would refer the issue to its halachic committee.

Those Lubavitchers who do not endorse the Messianic camp were clearly pained by the RCA resolution.

"It is unfortunate that the rabbinic convention chose to focus yet more attention on these activities, only further obscuring the real work and philosophy of Lubavitch," which is "to spread the light of Torah to every corner of the world," said Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, a leading member of the movement's

umbrella organization.

He also said, "We have no record of the promoter and driving force behind this resolution ever having attempted to contact the figures of authority within the Lubavitch movement, all of whom are well-known to oppose the irresponsible pronouncements and activities of a few."

Berger, the author of the resolution, is an RCA member and works as a professor of history at Brooklyn College and at the Graduate School of the City University of New York.

In an interview, Berger said if the Orthodox community allows these Messianic views to become regarded as legitimate in the Jewish world, "it's a fundamental change in the Jewish religion."

In addition, "Jews have then taken away from themselves one of the central arguments we've been using against the Christian missionaries for the last thousand years," he said, referring to the belief that the Messiah died and was resurrected.

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The United Synagogue will accept contributions to help rebuild the damaged church buildings. Donations should be sent to USCJ, Help the Churches Fund, 155 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010.

## Bormann

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Others have long questioned this account.

Bormann was judged "in absentia" during the Nuremberg trials, because Allied authorities believed that he was alive, even though he was not in their custody.

For decades, Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal searched for proof that Bormann was alive, saying that the war criminal was living in Argentina under the name of Richard or Ricardo Bauer.

But after an autopsy was performed in 1977 on a body found buried in Hitler's bunker grounds, Wiesenthal said Bormann had died in Berlin in 1945.

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In the Spring 1996, issue of the *Authors Guild Bulletin*, a trade publication for published writers, I came across some startling and dismaying facts and figures, which I'm passing on to you so we will no longer be duped by the publishing industry. Duped is a harsh word, but I think when you are finished reading this, you will agree that it fits the case.

To quote the bulletin, "Did you think that those books getting all that attention-grabbing display in the superstores were put there because someone believed that they are great books? Think again."

In Barnes and Noble stores, for instance, there is a stand called "Discover Great New Writers." Those great books by great new writers qualified for greatness because their publisher laid out perhaps \$1,500 for a two- or three-month exposure in that location. Frequently the books are also reviewed and staff recommended, in store literature.

Placement in a really choice position, like the front of the store, where no one entering can possibly miss his book, may cost a publisher \$10,000 a month.

At Borders bookstores, that

spot costs about \$1,500 to \$2,500 per month. These are the books with the "30% discount" stickers on them, and they are usually spotlighted in store handouts.

B. Dalton's, Doubleday and Scribner's stores charge a publisher about \$12,000 a month for that choice front entry location. And so on...

In other words, enter these large chain stores with a skeptical attitude. Limit your book shopping to stores that provide chairs or sofas for browsing/reading, and pick your possible purchases by your affection for the author, or the cover illustration, or the phase of the moon...but not by store hype. Sit down and skip around through your choices. Within five minutes, you should have discovered whether or not a particular book will live up to your expectations. You will be doing the small, unheralded publisher and the still unknown author a big service, which means that you will be doing yourself, as a lover of good books, a service, too.

Another shoddy little practice you should be aware of is the selection of quotes for a new book. When you get to the back cover, or wherever the excited applause has been placed, check the book title at the top of that page. Lots of mediocre books by well-known authors are sold by virtue of quotes that were actually made about a previous, truly fine book. Make sure these people were talking about the book you've got in your hand.

Finally, to me the saddest betrayal of the lot is the author-recommendation. Writers love to read interviews with other writers...they compare notes on technique and habits and tricks of the trade.

Russell Baker, one of those writers I used to enjoy, was quoted in an interview as laughingly dismissing the whole business of reviewing other author's books. It seems, according to Baker, that the good ol' boys club of authors have a vocabulary of favorite phrases that they recycle over and over again in praise of each other's books. In most cases, if Baker was serious, the author doing the praising hasn't even read the book, or, at most, merely flipped open a few pages.

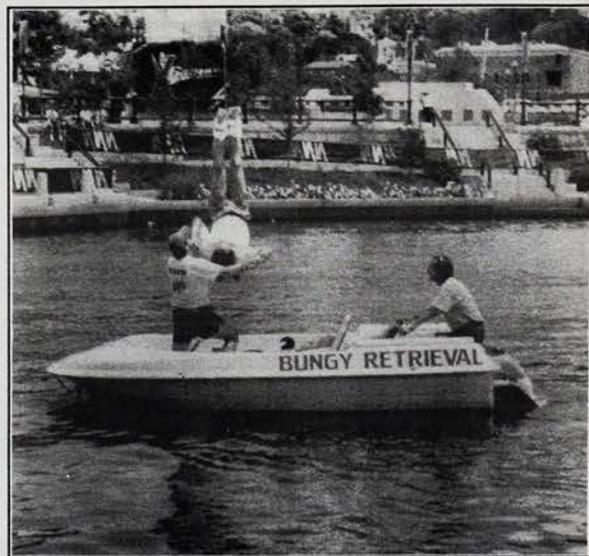
Most of us who read must give up other pleasures to pay the \$22 or \$25 for a new hardcover. Even a good paperback may cost \$12 now, which is a couple of hours work, minus taxes, for some of us. So we try to invest our reading dollars wisely, and rely on the word of a friend, or a "friend" in the literary world, like Russell Baker, to help us with our decision.

Baker's flippancy grated on me like sandpaper. I not only stopped paying attention to authorial quotes on book covers, I stopped reading Baker's work. He's not the guy I thought he was.

Most authors — middle of the list authors — make perhaps 7 cents on the dollar on every copy of their books that are sold. Ninety-three percent of the money goes to someone else. And, through what is known as creative accounting, most authors receive royalty payments months after the publisher got his hands on the money.

There are a few people at the top of the writing heap who do make money, who do dictate contract terms, whom nobody, but nobody, dares to cross.

Most writers are kind of circling through space, in their own little orbits, "relying on the kindness of strangers," G-d help them!



## Reel Him In

After a bungee jumper is done bouncing up and down, he eventually returns to Earth. Bungee jumping will be taking place at Waterplace Park in Providence through the weekend as part of the ESPN X Games.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

## 'Aladdin' Will Open Great Woods Education Forum Children's Series

The Great Woods Educational Forum begins its annual summer children's series on July 11 with the Yates Musical Theatre's performance of "Aladdin and the Magic Lamp."

Filled with music, singing, dancing, and suspense, this production will delight children with theatrical adventure and exciting performances.

All shows will be held in Watson Auditorium at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

"Aladdin and the Magic Lamp" is a story of Oriental mystique. The tale begins in a Persian marketplace where Aladdin meets a magician who

tells him about a magic lamp. The highlight of the performance is Aladdin's triumphal restoration to the palace of Persia after regaining the lamp from a wicked magician.

Other children's performances this summer will include: "Pinocchio" July 18; "Cinderella" July 25; "The Clumsy Giant" by Michael Cooper Aug. 1; and "Peter Pan" Aug. 8.

Shows will be performed twice day at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All performances are \$6 per person. For more information or for tickets, call the Great Woods Educational Forum at (9508) 285-8391.

## Short Attention Span Theatre Presents One-Act Comedies

The Short Attention Span Theatre, a master-class showcase of one-act comedies taught

and directed by Pat Hegnauer and Trinity's Ed Shea, will perform Thursdays through Saturday July 11 through Aug. 4, with Sunday performances on July 21 and Aug. 4.

Performances will be held at the Perishable Theatre, 95 Empire Street, Providence.

All tickets are \$5, information and reservations can be had by calling 331-2695.

The Short Attention Span class focuses students' performances on a particular role in a single play, which they then take to the stage at Perishable Theatre for two weekends.

Showcase One will consist of four plays and be performed July 11 through 21; Showcase Two, with four different plays, will be performed July 25 through Aug. 4.

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