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## Steven Spielberg to the Rescue!

Thanks to Steven Spielberg, Conservative rabbis will enjoy a greater sense of spiritual and professional well-being. The film director's Righteous Persons Foundation has awarded a grant of \$100,000 to the Jewish Theological Seminary's Rabbinic Training Institute, paid over a two-year period.

This generous grant is a lifesaver for the annual five-day retreat for Conservative rabbis, now in its 11th year.

Held in a breathtaking rural setting, the training institute, or RTI, allows rabbis to take a well-deserved break from their customarily stressful work environment and engage in spiritual, intellectual and personal rejuvenation.

Rabbi Steven Shaw, director of the department of community education which administers the institute, said, "The congregational rabbi is expected to be a preacher, educator, social worker and community relations professional all in one—an overwhelming task for almost anyone."

Organized and staffed by a team of seminary faculty, the training institutes are designed

to counteract the personal and professional burn-out to which rabbis sometimes fall prey.

Mornings are spent studying holy text with leading Judaica scholars.

Afternoon workshops focus on interpersonal, communication and leadership skills.

And small evening groups—often the highlight of the program—allow rabbis to speak frankly to one another.

To date, more than 350 Conservative rabbis have attended at least one institute, with many participating in several. So popular is the program—and so limited the number of openings—that applicants are inevitably turned away.

For several years, the training institute was supported in part by a start-up grant from the Nathan Cummings Foundation. The grant of \$100,000 provided by the Righteous Persons Foundation further insures the continuity of this remarkable program.

Now in its second century, the Jewish Theological Seminary is the spiritual and academic center of Conservative Judaism worldwide.



## Study Shows Ex-Soviet Teenage Are Eager for Jewish Involvement

by Teresa Strasser  
Jewish Bulletin of  
Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — According to a study released last month by Brandeis University and funded by the Koret Foundation, teens from the former Soviet Union are eager for involvement in Jewish life, and are three to four times more likely to attend synagogue services than their American-born counterparts.

Of 157 émigré teens selected at random from a list provided by San Francisco's Jewish Family and Children's Services, three-quarters said being Jewish was important or very important to them. In addition, three-quarters have received a formal Jewish education.

Ninety-two percent of those said their Jewish education has made them feel positive or very positive about Judaism.

Joel Streicker, author of the Brandeis report credited the cooperative efforts of local Jewish organizations for the overwhelming success in giving that growing group of teens a strong

sense of Jewish identity.

"Self-confidence and self-development are getting linked to being Jewish," Streicker said. "That's extraordinarily important."

Asked to compare the responses of the Hebrew Academy students with those in secular schools, Streicker said there was no marked difference.

Programs such as Hillel Israel trips specifically designed for émigrés are the San Francisco area Jewish community's most powerful tool in welcoming newcomers, according to the report.

While there has been much debate about the degree to which émigré teens should be integrated into community programs with native-born Jewish teens, Streicker's report suggests that agencies should continue designing trips, classes and other programs specifically for émigrés.

Simon Klarfeld, executive director of the San Francisco-based Bay Area Council for Jewish Rescue and Renewal, was one of the leaders of last winter's first-time Israel trip for ex-Soviet teens.

"What we could do was far greater than if we had put them in a wider group, where they might be considered freak, or second best," said Klarfeld. "Teens can be very nasty. That can be a barrier."

Survey results echo Klarfeld's concerns about mixing the two groups. Émigré teens say they do not feel comfortable with their American-born counterparts.

Responses, culled from written surveys and focus groups, indicated that more than 80 per-

cent of émigré teen-agers prefer to socialize just with others from the former Soviet Union.

The challenge, Klarfeld said, is to "recognize and respect the uniqueness of this group while at the same time assisting them in acculturation."

The local Jewish community "sees émigrés as primarily service recipients, not equal [or] full members and leaders," he said.

He expressed hope, however, that leadership programs at Hillels and Jewish community

centers in the San Francisco area are providing "an outstretched arm."

Teens, he said, "feel totally appreciative and are ready to play their role as leaders."

Streicker recommends offering émigré teens the chance to lead and initiate their own programs.

If the community fails to do so, he said, it would be a "tragically missed opportunity. These kids bring with them a great hunger for Jewish knowledge."

## Rising From The Ruins

Top, students continue their classwork outdoors, at Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's Moscow campus, after a ruinous fire on July 12. Lower, the damage done to the interior is fairly complete. Russia's largest open Jewish library, the largest kosher commissary in Moscow, and hundreds of Judaic papers, religious items and accessories were burnt beyond repair. The Aleph Society Emergency Russian Renewal Fund, 25 West 45th St., New York, NY 10036 is accepting contributions to rebuild the campus.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE



IT'S NOT ON THEIR JOB DESCRIPTIONS, but these staff members at the zoo are pitching in to get Marco Polo's exhibit ready on time. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

## Counting Down to Aug. 1

It's Monday afternoon—July 29—and the countdown continues for the Marco Polo Exhibit by Roger Williams Park Zoo due to open at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 1. The mayor and a lot of other important people have been invited, and they're expecting to see the canals and buildings of old Venice, a wharf where ships load and unload exotic merchandise, the sandy desert setting of a camel market—with a real camel, and a rough, rocky passage through the lowlands of the Himalayas, complete with bears and leopards.

I look around, Monday afternoon, and see: scientists and staff members carefully painting a

Venetian wall with broad brushes; workmen finishing cementwork on a "canal" moat; an artist creating crests and ornamental motifs over doors and along courtyard walls; sturdy workmen pouring concrete, erecting timbers, and applying the first or second coats of base to the wire framework of the "rocks" that will line that Himalayan path; the zoo director, Tony Vecchio, in jeans and T-shirt, helping set up for the next rock installation. I don't see how it can all come together in the next 72 hours, but my guide, Debbie Richmond, said it will.

They broke ground for the exhibit in September of last year,

and planned to work on it through the winter, at a normal pace. But anyone who lived through the last winter in Rhode Island knows that they got no cooperation from the atmosphere. They had to wait till April to pick up where they'd left off. That's why they are playing catch-up ball now.

We walked through the indoor animal enclosures, and peered down into the leopard's outdoor enclosure. Leopards are capable of leaping 25 feet up, so their enclosure is completely closed with mesh fencing at the top. Zoo officials spoke with zoo officials in other states, and learned that you could give leopards lots of horizontal space, but they would not make full use of it. What they craved was the feeling of security and safety that came from being above everything else, so the most important factors were lots of perches way up over the walkway going past the enclosure, and restricted viewing areas so the big cats would be able to retain some sense of being able to withdraw, and maintain their "space."



WRESTLING WIRE ROCKS into place, this worker at the zoo prepares to coat and paint them. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

When you go past the leopard enclosure, you won't even see the extra little touches—the small dug-out openings under or behind rocks where a leopard can curl up and be completely hidden, the narrow ledges where he or she can stretch out against a wall and snooze in peace. It's clear that local zoologists place their animals' welfare above almost every other consideration.

Years ago, our zoo went through what most zoos have gone through—a time of decision... a time when the powers that be had to decide whether to close it down, for the safety of the remaining animals who were being attacked by human predators, or invest in it and bring it up to national standards and make it something special.

Whoever made the final decision to save the zoo was a person of real vision, and the Roger Williams Park Zoo continues to validate that decision. It has made a name for itself across the country, and become more and more precious to Providence with every passing year. (If you think 'precious' is too strong a word, imagine the public reaction today if someone decided to close down the zoo and send all the animals away.)

## Our Meals-on-Wheels Wins Grant

Rhode Island Meals-on-Wheels, a Providence-based home-delivered meals program for the homebound elderly, has been awarded a special \$5,000 grant by one of the nation's oldest and most successful public/private partnerships, Citymeals-on-Wheels of New York City.

Rhode Island Meals-on-Wheels is one of 18 programs around the country that Citymeals-on-Wheels selected to receive funds because of the region's need and the operation's proven ability to effectively deliver services.

Under the terms of the grant, the \$5,000 will pay for 11,500 emergency food packs, enough to supply 2,300 homebound elderly throughout Rhode Island. Scheduled for delivery in the fall of 1996, the emergency food packs are designed to be stored in the homes of the needy for use when winter weather is such that meals cannot be delivered.

Citymeals-on-Wheels raised the funds through two nationwide efforts: The Television Food Network Telethon and Time Life Books' *In the Kitchen with Miss Piggy*. In both cases, Citymeals-on-Wheels promised to share revenues with sister cities.

For more information on Rhode Island Meals-on-Wheels, call 351-6700.

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## Scholarships Available for Elderhostel Programs

The Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs has announced that it has a limited number of scholarships, called hostelships, available for fall, 1996 Elderhostel programs.

Under Elderhostel, seniors 60 and older can have the student experience of taking courses, living on a college campus, and participating in college life for a week.

Claire Smith, DEA Elderhostel coordinator, said, "The average cost of an Elderhostel program is about \$285 per week. Hostelships help limited income seniors take part in this program. While applicants are required to pay a \$75 deposit, the hostelships cover the remainder of the costs."

"Transportation to an Elderhostel site is not included in the hostelship." Many colleges across the United States have Elderhostel programs. A program catalogue is available by writing to Elderhostel, Inc., 75 Federal St., Boston, MA 02210 or by calling (617) 426-8056.

For additional information on hostelships, call Claire Smith at 277-2858, ext. 207.

## 'You Are Not Alone' Fighting Cancer

You Are Not Alone, a support group for persons living with cancer, and their caregivers, will meet at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island on Aug. 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the nursing classroom on the second floor of the MacColl Building.

The support group meets regularly at Memorial on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

You Are Not Alone provides an opportunity for cancer patients and their significant others to be with people who understand them and what they are experiencing.

For further information about You Are Not Alone, contact Celeste Codega at 729-2512, or Gilda Medeiros at 729-2789.

## Sleepytime Songs

Books on the Square will hold the fourth of this summer's Summer Pajama Story Hours on Aug. 7 from 7 to 8 p.m.

New York guitarist and storyteller Julia Kamen will entertain with a number of her favorite songs and stories. This program is for children 3 to 8 years of age and their families, teddy bears, blankies, and other nighttime can't-do-without loved ones. They are encouraged to come in their favorite pajamas. Books on the Square is at 471 Angell St., in Providence (331-9097). The event is free and open to the public.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## International Market Provides Real Russian Flavor

by Emily Torgan  
Jewish Community Reporter

Yevgeniy Mazo, proprietor of Russian Market International Food, sat at a table in his Pawtucket deli and responded to a question with a bewildered expression.

"What?" Mazo asked. "What is the difference between a Russian blintz and an American blintz? What is the difference between Italian pizza and American pizza? The blintz comes from Russia! It was born in Russia!"

So was Yevgeniy, and his deli manager and wife, Tatyana, and many of their customers.

After emigrating to Rhode Island about four years ago from a city called Gomel in what is now Beloruse, the Mazos decided to open a store filled with the foods of their homeland.

But after they opened their store at 727 East Avenue, about three years ago and stocked it, the small shop became a local novelty.

"Here, there is no Russian restaurant and no Russian social club, so this became a kind of cultural center," explained Yevgeniy.

Inside, customers make their selections while listening to Russian music and lots of Russian chitchat. The Russian Market has two bulletin boards covered with notices and advertisements printed in Russian. The store rents out a collection of more than 500 Russian movie videos. Twice a week, Moscow newspapers arrive, and some customers sit at two tables at the front of the shop to talk up the Russian news in their native language.

And then there is the food. There is a whole case of fish products, including caviar in little plastic cups to go. Another deli case holds sausages, some bearing labels covered with Cyrillic lettering. One wall is

lined with baskets of chocolate candies in sparkling, multicolored wrappers, and the aromas of deli and chocolate mingle. Even the butter in the dairy case and the mineral water have foreign labels.

As Tatyana buzzed about the store, she seemed partly a pro-

ent, it is Russian, like the black bread we sell. And we sell a lot of the black bread."

Many of the products in the store come from factories in New York that manufacture foods to suit the tastes of new Americans.

But Yevgeniy and others say



TATYANA MAZO, STORE MANAGER, mans the deli counter.  
Herald photo by Emily Torgan

prietor and partly a cultural guide.

"This candy is from near Mongolia," she explained, and moved off towards the fish products.

"Here is caviar, and we put it on a slice of bread with butter. Americans like it on crackers," she said, giggling.

But the main business, which Yevgeniy says is slower in the summer, is in the staples that are familiar to new Americans. About 400 families have moved to Rhode Island since the 1980s, after emigration policy changes declared that Jews could leave.

"Smell this sunflower oil," Yevgeniy requests. "It is differ-

ent, it is Russian, like the black bread we sell. And we sell a lot of the black bread."

"I like smoked fish," said shopper Judy Shea of Lincoln as she surveyed the goods. "And I love the Hungarian paprika sausage. It's a lot different in a salad, and their chocolate is delicious. It's very, very strong. And the food brings back childhood memories."

According to Yevgeniy, many Americans have some Slavic heritage.

"Maybe about one fifth have had a grandparent who was Polish or Czech or Russian," he said. "The food here reminds people of old times."

For many other shoppers, old world memories are more recent.

"Buy some Russian candy," advised shopper Rachel Bronshvayg, who emigrated about 15 years ago. "It has a very good taste to it. I give it to my American friends to try, and they like it. And even though I've been here for years, I still like all this Russian stuff."

Others come to the deli to learn about the former U.S.S.R. from Yevgeniy, who supervised about 6,000 people as vice president of a machine manufacturing company that employed 40,000 people. Though he said he was praised for his work, he feared the anti-Semitism that could flare up at any time.

Now, secure in America with his family and two grandsons who were born in America, he loves to teach about Russia.

"Sometimes Brown students come in and they bring me their Russian homework," Yevgeniy said. "They don't know how to do it, and I help them. And they buy newspapers, and I help them read them. I love helping those guys."

## Tisha B'Av Observances for Tragedies Both Ancient and Modern

by Emily Torgan  
Jewish Community Reporter

Last week, Jews across the world observed an ancient fast day with modern dimensions.

On Tisha B'Av, the ninth of the Hebrew month Av, Jews remember the distant dates on which the temples of ancient Israel were destroyed.

But because Tisha B'Av is historically oriented, observers also take time to remember more recent Jewish tragedies. Twentieth-century thoughts on this day of mourning may include the Holocaust and the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"The holiday has definitely picked up new meaning," said Rabbi Marc Jagolinzer of Temple Shalom in Middletown.

Traditionally, Tisha B'Av marks the destruction of both the first and second temples, the first by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. and the second temple by the Romans in A.D. 70. These dates recall the galut, or state of being outside Israel. Other historical catastrophes that befell the Jews are also remembered on the ninth of Av, including the expulsion of the Jews from England (1290) and from Spain (1492).

During Tisha B'Av, observers fast from sundown to sundown. As on Yom Kippur, the other major fast day in the Jewish calendar, the wearing of leather shoes, bathing, anointing with perfume and sexual intercourse are forbidden. Also forbidden is the reading of Torah.

"Because these things are joyous, we do not do them on this day," explained Rabbi Norbert Weinberg of Congregation Adas Israel in Fall River, Mass.

"With fasting, as we get weaker physically we get stronger spiritually."

The end of Tisha B'Av marks the end of a period of mourning

known as The Three Weeks. The mourning customs observed during this time become more pronounced on the first of the month of Av.

On Tisha B'Av, Weinberg takes time to lead his congregants through an elegy about the Holocaust.

"The Shoah certainly fits in with the message of this day," Weinberg explained. "The elegy is about all the things that transpired."

"With fasting, as we get weaker physically we get stronger spiritually."

Rabbi Norbert Weinberg

Although the Israeli Knesset set apart a special day to remember the Holocaust, Yom Hashoah on the 27th day of Nisan, many remember it on Tisha B'Av.

To them, Tisha B'Av is the day on which to remember the Shoah, for they believe Yom Hashoah was created by a secular body and does not have the spiritual dimensions of Tisha B'Av.

Others remember the Holocaust on both days, combining 20th-century Jewish history with the tradition of thinking about tragedies that have befallen the Jews on the ninth of Av.

"For us, Yom Hashoah is an important observance that Jews and non-Jews can share," explained Jagolinzer. "But Tisha B'Av is more of a religious experience. We have modern interpretations dedicated to the Holocaust, and the recent assassination of Rabin has made the holiday a lot more meaningful. Any opportunity to remember is important."



RACHEL BRONSHVAYG, ORIGINALLY FROM THE UKRAINE, still loves chocolates from the former U.S.S.R.

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## A Changing Israel Needs New Zionism

by Ben Z. Sosewitz and Melvyn H. Bloom

Contrary to recent media reports and much handwringing in the American Jewish community, gifts to philanthropies supporting Israel are not ebbing; they are shifting to those institutions that represent the new Zionism now evolving.

The Zionism defined by a one-way, donor-recipient relationship between American Jews and Israel is ending. Our future relationship with Israel will be built on shared values and interests and on a new form of partnership with a thriving Israel.

Historically, American Jews supported fund-raising campaigns for Israel to reclaim the land and provide a home for immigrants and a haven for Holocaust victims and other refugees from oppression.

They repeatedly came to the aid of an endangered and beleaguered people fighting for survival. Their extraordinary response to the bad news coming out of Israel was a powerful expression of 20th-century Zionism.

It's a far different Israel now. There are 62 Israeli companies quoted on U.S. stock exchanges, a number surpassed only by Canada. Multinational corporations are setting up companies in Israel at an impressive pace, with the computer giant Intel the latest to invest in operations \$1 billion in revenues a year.

Driven by a highly educated citizenship, a spirit of entrepreneurship, and confidence in a more peaceful future, Israel now stands poised to join First World nations.

If until now fund-raising for Israel was based on bad news, then does the good news coming out of Israel mean that its centrality in our lives will erode? Recently, the prominent Israeli author A.B. Yehoshua bluntly told a group of American Jewish supporters: "We don't need you!"

We don't believe that. We believe Israel needs us now as much as ever, but differently than before. It needs us as hands-on partners in its road to economic independence. The American Jewish community is already evolving a new Zionism.

Organizations that rely on the "good news campaign" of the new Zionism, and also have a targeted plan and can show visible results, attract enthusiastic supporters.

Some of the organizations that support Israeli universities, for example, have been at the forefront of successful fund-raising. In the past decade, our organization, the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, registered cumulative growth of 218 percent and raised more than \$323 million, including nearly \$200 million in the last five years.

Why are these organizations successful?

One reason is that their campaign is clearly based on "good news." Israeli universities are among the best in the world, and supporters want to be associated with them.

They also find it easy to respond to these organizations' message: Israel has only one significant natural resource — its brainpower — and the country's educational institutions are the ones developing this resource.

The numbers speak for their achievements: for every 10,000 Israelis, there are 135 scientists engaged in research and development. By comparison, there are 70 in the United States, 65 in Japan and 28 in Great Britain.

If, as has been suggested, the new model for Israel-diaspora relations calls for a move away from traditional forms of philanthropy and toward partnership, higher education provides one such model.

Supporters can see the visible results for their investments not only in the students whose scholarships they fund, the professors whose chairs they endow, the state-of-the-art libraries and laboratories they establish; they can also see it in the young stars who come out of these universities and establish and manage companies that drive the economy, conduct cutting-edge research with worldwide applications, and take leadership roles in Israel's government and other institutions.

And while Israel has the third fastest growing gross national product in the world, the country will join First World nations only if we help it continue to invest heavily in education, research and infrastructure.

The fear-driven 20th-century warning that the nation's survival means sacrificial philanthropy is being supplanted by a prouder 21st-century Zionism.

The new thriving Israel can be as much of a magnet drawing support from American Jewry as a beleaguered Israel struggling for survival had been.

Ben Z. Sosewitz is national president of the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Melvyn H. Bloom is the organization's executive vice president.

## Leading Us Down the Garden Path to Jewish Self-Destruction

by Dr. Edgar E. Siskin

In the wake of the recent elections, American Jews have warned the new government not to enact legislation which would change the religious status quo (*Jerusalem Post*, June 9).

Wagging a pretentious finger at the Netanyahu government, they admonish it "not to be tempted" to support measures which would nullify the gains made in recent years by the Reform and Conservative movements under the benign acquiescence of the Labor government. Displaying a dubious grasp of diplomatic finesse, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, newly installed president of the Reform Union of American Hebrew Congregations, forewarned the prime minister "to reject the plotting of those fanatics who would impose their brand of Judaism on Israelis."

Threats by the Reform-Conservative alliance leveled at the Likud government reveal a surprising insensitivity to the lessons of the election. An obvious lesson was the dismay of many non-Orthodox Israelis at the denigration of Judaism and Zionism by the political left.

"Post Zionism" may be the credo of Labor-Meretz groupies; it is not the credo of mainstream Israelis. A vote for Likud may have been a protest by many Israelis against the invasive secularization of Israeli life, especially as manifest in the schools where Jewish content has been gradually drained from government school curricula. Across the political spectrum Israelis responded to the qualms stirred by "post-Zionism" and "post-Judaism" by exercising their franchise in the voting booth.

Many Israelis are affronted

by the condemnation of the texture of Judaism in Israel by Reform and Conservative Jews. They wonder by what right non-Orthodox Jews demand of Israel a pattern of religious pluralism which would overturn age-old Jewish sanctities.

When the Reform-Conservative coalition declaims with a belligerent swagger that they represent the "backbone of the (American) Jewish community — organizationally and philanthropically — 88 to 90 percent of diaspora Jewry," Israelis might remind them that the "brand of Judaism" they profess is, by all reports, a willing reed.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg has warned that diaspora Judaism is locked in a crisis of survival... that intermarriage and assimilation are swallowing it whole. Seventy-two percent of the children of intermarriages are being raised in a non-Jewish religion or with no religion at all. Ninety percent will marry non-Jews. The authors of the *Brandeis Report* cites as its "most striking" finding the conclusion that "many mixed marriage households are not... likely to produce a new generation which is connected to Judaism or the Jewish people."

Survival has become a universal theme in Jewish conferences, conclaves, and conventions. A predominant concern is not so much the minimal as the terminal Jew.

Prominent in the arsenal of the Reform-Conservative warnings is the threat of reduced American financial support for Israel.

It is said that any move against the religious status quo

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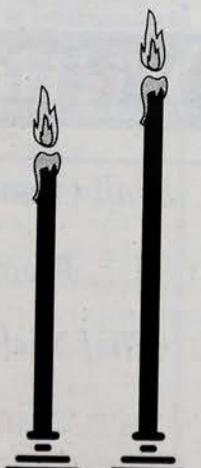
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## Avoid the First Pitfall

This week's Torah portion, Eikev, talks of the desert in which the Jews wandered before entering the land of Israel. It is described as: "The great terrifying desert, where there were snakes, vipers, scorpions and thirst. Where there was no water..."

The great desert symbolizes our long galut (exile). A desert, uninhabited by man, is symbolic of the Jewish people in relation to the other nations of the world. The uninhabited areas of the globe far outnumber the portions which are populated, in the same way that the nations of the world far outnumber the Jews. Furthermore, within the Jewish nation itself, those who observe the Torah and mitzvot are also vastly outnumbered by those who do not yet observe.

The Torah warns us that the very consideration that the outside world is "great" is the first step in causing our spiritual exile. Thinking that because we are outnumbered means that other nations have power over us creates the possibility that these non-Jewish influences can enter our lives.

The next spiritual step down is alluded to in the word "terrifying." This is the fear that the non-Jewish world will find out that we keep the Torah. This thinking causes a Jew to measure his behavior according to non-Jewish standards and increases the power of the galut over the Jewish soul.

The next level down is that of "snake." A snake's "hot poison" alludes to the heat and enthusiasm which a Jew can have for things which are really foreign

to his essence. When a person's excitement is reserved solely for physical pleasures, his enthusiasm for the spiritual is decreased.

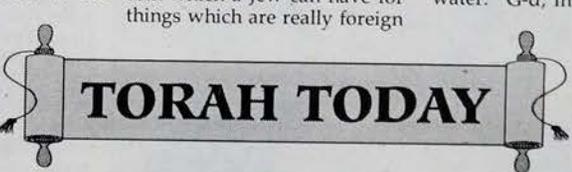
From here, the next jump down is to the level of "vipers" — saraf — which in Hebrew comes from the word "to burn." This is the level on which a person's whole interest toward the satisfaction of his physical desires is so great that it completely overshadows any attraction to G-dliness.

But even worse than this is the level of "scorpion." A scorpion's sting is cold, symbolizing total coldness and indifference to holiness. Heat and excitement, even if directed toward things which are unworthy, can eventually be redirected into enthusiasm for holiness. But when a person is cold to everything, it is much more difficult to inspire him.

The lowest level belongs to the "thirst, where there was no water." G-d, in His kindness, sometimes causes a Jew to be thirsty for holiness and Judaism, but if one is very far from Torah (called

"water" by our sages); he may not recognize for what he is thirsting. This is the lowest level of our exile.

The antidote to the progression of spiritual degradation is the avoidance of the first pitfall, that of considering the world to have unnecessary significance. By having the proper mindset we will merit the Final Redemption.



Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.

## So It's Come to This!

"Getting this code number is like having a personal invitation to Jewish singles opportunities all over the country. I'm glad someone finally 'invented' such a friendly system for meeting other Jewish singles. It's a real ego-booster.

"I even use the registry for meeting new people when I go home to visit family... so I go home a little more often. The family's pleased! So am I." Signed, Bill in Bliss.

It's the dream of many Jewish singles of all ages to make new Jewish connections, yet the process of finding them is often very difficult. Competent, motivated, attractive, professional Jewish singles often turn to non-Jewish dating when their search for Jewish partners becomes too difficult, or, worse yet, they stop dating at all.

Because budgets are being cut in social organizations, singles are often left without a sustained system to help them meet and marry. It's definitely not easy in the '90s, just ask any Jewish single.

With an intermarriage rate greater than 60 percent, Dinah Miller, a Boston mother of an adult Jewish single has designed a new national pathway to help Jewish singles to find each other. She states boldly, "The time has come for people in the community to step up and do what is needed. Our institutions are overburdened... and, besides,

we mustn't underestimate the power of Jewish mothers! We can and must do more than offer our singles chicken soup.

"Making a dinner an individual social event for singles is great, but it's one-time; singles need a sustained, wide-area system that offers them opportunities for the future."

Parents of Adult Jewish Singles publishes a *National Registry of Adult Jewish Singles* three times each year. The *Registry* is a dignified, private and non-threatening pathway for Jewish singles all over the United States (names, addresses, phone numbers are never published). The most recent edition had members in 42 states. The *Registry* provides profiles of members so they can make their own new introductions. It makes use of the internet for those who are computer mavens. Membership is nearing 1,000.

For many Jewish singles who are not the "bar-scene" type, or for those who are fed up with same old — same old, PAJES is another pathway to make those elusive new connections.

The name of the organization Parents of Adult Jewish Singles suggests meddling parents, but it's not necessarily so. While families, as well as singles may register a single, with his/her agreement, they are then urged, very vigorously, to leave well enough alone in order to respect the

single's privacy and dignity. Parents must back away. Materials go to the singles. "Jewish singles don't want parents involved in their social lives," said Miller, PAJES president, "but many do appreciate some fresh ideas about finding new opportunities."

Miller started the service after visiting her son in San Francisco and having a revelation at a dinner with some of his friends. The Indian couple with them had met through contacts researched by the young man's mother who worked diligently for two years looking for someone he might like.

Recognizing that only a non-intrusive plan would work with independent Jewish singles, Miller felt that this service would also be an extremely valuable tool for continuity in the Jewish community. She designed the system to assure that control would always be in the hands of the singles, who are proudly independent.

The registry has recently published and distributed its sixth edition to members ranging in age from 20 to 81. Age seems not to be a factor as everyone wants to share with a partner, no matter what stage of life they are in.

To reach PAJES, write to Dinah Miller, at PAJES, 103 Beethoven Ave., Waban, MA. 02168, call her at (617) 332-4482, fax (617) 630-8357, or send email at [drm@netcom.com](mailto:drm@netcom.com).

## New Brochures Offer Travel and Adventure in Israel

Three new brochures available from the Israel government tourist office offer an array of adventurous, ecological and leisure-related aspects of the Holy Land, opening up new possibilities for travelers who considered Israel less than a multi-dimensional destination. From sailing and windsurfing in the Red Sea, to a kibbutz holiday vacation, to a journey along the Youth Hostel trail, Israel welcomes those in search of a multifaceted, active trip.

The Israel Kibbutz Hotels Chain is a group of small, very comfortable hotels — complete with every amenity — scattered throughout the country. They offer a wide choice of exciting or unusual activities. In addition to pools, tennis courts, horse-back riding and health clubs, day tours are available encompassing such activities as water sports on the Jordan River, bird watching, visits to the Golan Heights, a tour of the Christian holy sites surrounding the Sea of Galilee, museums, shopping at traditional crafts markets and more. Hotels are located close to all of Israel's historic sites and, for travelers without a car, each hotel can arrange tours and transportation. Package programs include fly/drive tours with specific themes.

The nature tour, in conjunction with Israel's Society for the Protection of Nature, provides entry to all 16 of Israel's nature reserves. SPNI's *Nature Trail and Fly/Hike* booklets enable travelers to design their own explorations of the country, considered by many to be an ecotourist's paradise.

The Discover Israel Program showcases Jerusalem and Bethlehem, Masada, the Dead Sea, Nazareth, Capernaum and Tiberias.

Eilat, in southern Israel, is a central section of the "Red Sea Riviera" linking Egypt, Jordan and Israel — and it is a 365 days-a-year beach resort. Perched on the shores of the Red Sea, Eilat provides fine restaurants, world-class nightlife, safe beaches, and skin- and scuba-diving. It is convenient for trips into the Negev and it is also a good jumping-off point for trips to Egypt's Sinai Desert and Jordan's "rose-red" city of Petra. The *Essentially Eilat* brochure describes all this vibrant resort town has to offer.

Rugged adventure, dramatic scenery, budget-price accommodation and fun-filled tours are what a Youth Hostel tour offers. The Association's Youth Travel Board has created a selection of packages available to hostellers that range from 7 to 21 days, and include accommodations with breakfast and dinner at Israel's 32 modern and well-equipped youth hostels, Egged bus passes, a Telectar phone card, travel kit with vouchers, and more. Some tours are "fly/drive," some are designed for the first-time visitor, and others feature desert treks, nature and hiking, leisure resorts and camel trekking. There's also a combined tour to Eilat and Cairo. Prices range from \$320 for an eight-day tour, to \$1,110 for 28-days.

All brochures are available from the Israel Travel Information Center: (800) 596-1199.

## Temple Inscription Found at Ekron

A royal dedicatory temple inscription which bears the name of a biblical city and its kings has been discovered for the first time in Israel in excavations carried out this season at Tel Migne-Ekron.

The inscription provides conclusive evidence of the identity of Ekron, one of the five capital cities of the Philistines.

The name Ekron and the kings Achish and his father Padi were found in a five-line inscription, written in Phoenician script, on a large block of stone excavated from the ruins of a temple that formed part of a monumental palace.

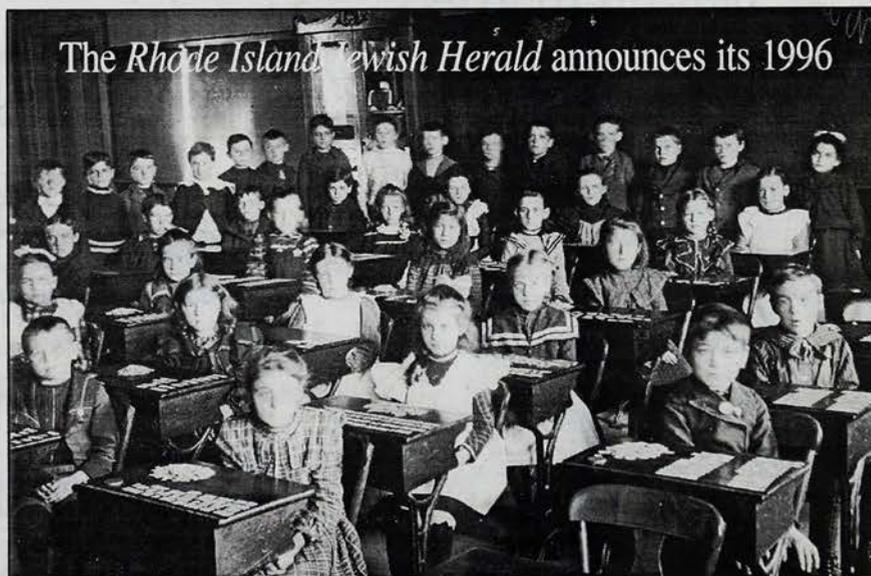
The palace and the entire city were burned to the ground in

603 B.C.E. during the campaign of the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar.

The discovery of the inscription was made by an archaeological team headed by Professor Trude Dothan, director of the Philip and Muriel Berman Center for Biblical Archaeology at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Professor Seymour Gitin, Dorot director and professor of archaeology at the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem.

The newly discovered inscription states that Achish, the son of Padi, king of Ekron, built a temple dedicated to a goddess. Achish corresponds to the

name Ikausu, who is mentioned in the Assyrian annals of the 7th century B.C.E. as the king of Ekron.



## Fall Fashion and Education Special Issue

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## Temple Am David Holding Open House Aug. 25

Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner Ave., Warwick, will conduct an open house on Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for prospective members to meet with members of the congregation, the rabbi, cantor and temple president.

Members of various committees such as school, programming, membership and finance will also be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the temple's services to the community.

The open house will include tours of the facility including classrooms, the sanctuary and the recently renovated social hall.

Beverly Sklaroff, membership vice president states, "The sole purpose of the open house is to make people of the community aware of the many programs and activities Temple Am David offers to its congregants both ritual and social. These include an active adult education program, daily minyan, weekly Friday night and Saturday

morning services, and events throughout the year like the temple barbecue on Aug. 18 and the Temple Am David golf tournament on Aug. 15.

Temple Am David is a Conservative temple located in the center of Rhode Island, just north of Hoxie Four Corners.

For more information concerning the open house, call the temple at 463-7944 or Beverly Sklaroff at 821-7313.

## Reunion Draws Widespread Family Together

The third annual Regina and David Jacobson family reunion was held on July 28 in Hodges Memorial Park, Warwick. Committee members were Lewis and Charlotte Salk and Susan Shapiro and Ruth Jacobson.

Family members came from Canada, Spain, Florida, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New Jersey, Long Island, N.Y., and Rhode Island.

## Feinstein Offers \$50,000 Challenge Grant

Recognizing the immediate need for funds by the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, to replace a projected \$100,000 shortfall, Alan Shawn Feinstein has made a \$50,000 challenge grant for the food bank with the condition that another \$50,000 is raised from the public by Aug. 24.

Feinstein is known for his efforts in fighting hunger and promoting community service. He is the founder of the Brown University World Hunger Program, among many other projects, and he and his family help fund more than 50 food pantries and soup kitchens throughout Rhode Island.

Earlier this year, the Food Bank responded to federal cuts in emergency food funds by reducing its shared maintenance fees to its member agencies by 50 percent, resulting in an \$8,000 loss in fees for every month that the reduction continues.

This reduction has allowed area soup kitchens, shelters and pantries to keep up with an increasing demand for food but has resulted in this critical \$100,000 shortfall.

Feinstein's challenge is the opportunity to wipe out this shortfall.

The board and staff of the Food Bank had already begun efforts to raise the needed funds.

All contributions to this challenge should indicate that they are for the Feinstein Help End Hunger Fund, with checks payable to the R.I. Food Bank. Contact the food bank at 826-3073 for more information.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization currently feeding approximately 120,000 people monthly, nearly half of them children. The bank is located in West Warwick at 104 Hay Street.

Contributions can be sent directly to the R.I. Community Food Bank at P.O. Box 1325, West Warwick, R.I. 02893.

## Brandeis, RPI and Yale Pledge Scholarships

Three of the Northeast's finest higher education institutions have announced that they will donate 150 scholarships collectively to financially qualified children in this state who are enrolled in the R.I. Children's Crusade for Higher Education, a non-profit, statewide organization.

The institutions include Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.; and Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Each will donate five scholarships a year for 10 years. Since the collaborative's inception in August 1993, the crusade has received \$38 million in scholarship commitments from 55 colleges, universities and trade schools across the country.

There are more than 16,800

third- through seventh-graders enrolled in the crusade from every community in the state. The program hopes to empower these children to stay in school and pursue a higher education while avoiding such traps as drugs, alcohol, crime and early parenthood.

Under the collaborative guidelines, crusaders must qualify for full-time admission to the school and meet the institutions' financial aid guidelines. In return, those attending a participating college or university will receive a scholarship equivalent to the in-state tuition costs at the University of Rhode Island.

Those attending a participating trade or technical school will receive a scholarship equivalent to the in-state tuition costs at the

Community College of Rhode Island.

Students attending schools within the collaborative may also qualify for additional aid depending on their financial need.

The crusade continues to actively recruit new members to the scholarship program with a particular emphasis on schools in the New England area.

For more information, or a list of the 55 colleges, universities and technical schools taking part in the program, call 277-6907.

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## Martin's Circus Is Coming

Billy Martin's One-Ring, European-style Big-Top Circus will be in South County on Aug. 19 and 20 at the Salt Pond Shopping Center in Narragansett.

Brought to the state by the South County Group of Rhode Island Hadassah, the circus will perform at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on these dates. Advance sale discount tickets are \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased from any Hadassah member or at tables set up outside Stop and Shop Supermarket or Eddy's Shoes, starting on Aug. 5.

For additional information (and/or tickets), call Bev Rudman (423-1528), Vicky Dorfman (295-5631) or Rose Epstein (783-4018).

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CAROL J. GRANT has been selected for the VIA's Award for Outstanding Commitment to Volunteerism.

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## Carol J. Grant to Receive VIA Award

Carol J. Grant, vice president — Rhode Island for NYNEX, with the responsibility for serving more than half a million telecommunications customers throughout the state, has been selected as the recipient of Volunteers in Action's Award for Outstanding Commitment to Volunteerism.

Grant serves as the first head of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation's board of directors. In that capacity she has overseen the creation of the corporation and the launching of the new terminal.

She is active in many community initiatives, serving as the chairwoman of the statewide 1992 United Way Campaign and the chairwoman of the Metcalf Media Award given by the National Conference, for reporting constructively on issues of prejudice.

In the summer of 1993, she was chosen to be one of the Rhode Island community leaders included on a trip to Israel to learn about issues of the Middle East.

Grant will be honored at VIA's annual fall celebration on Oct. 18 at the Inn-At-The-Crossing in Warwick. A pre-victory party is planned featuring Charlie Hall's Ocean State Follies. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, and the silent auction will open. A sit-down dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. as Gene Valicenti, WJAR TV, Channel 10 investigative reporter, acts as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Tickets and sponsorship ranging from \$50 to \$2,500 per person, are available by calling VIA at 421-6679.

## Temple Sponsors Barbecue

Temple Am David, Warwick, R.I., will sponsor its annual barbecue on the grounds of Temple Am David, 40 Gardiner St., on Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. The entire Jewish community is invited to attend this kosher event.

The theme of the event is "Let's get together for a fun time," states Helen Wiessman, programming vice president at the temple. In addition to good food there will be plenty of games for the family.

Admission to the barbecue will be \$8 each for children and seniors, \$10 for each adult, and \$22 for a whole family.

To R.S.V.P. call the temple at 463-7944 before Aug. 9.

## Try-Outs Scheduled for U.S. Maccabiah Rugby Team

Jewish rugby players are invited to try out for the United States Maccabiah Team that will compete in Israel, July 5 to 25, 1997, at the World Maccabiah Games. Tryouts will be held at the Larry Fink Park in Highland Park, Ill., Aug. 22 to 25, 1996, according to U.S. Maccabiah rugby chairman Michael Hochschild (Greenwich, Conn.).

"Interested athletes need to complete an application and mail it in to the office before tryouts," said Hochschild. "We are looking forward to selecting the athletes and expect to field a competitive team," said Hochschild.

Hochschild served as rugby chairman for the Pan Am Maccabi Games this past December in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and was previously a rugby referee in South Africa and a rugby coach in the United States.

The quadrennial Maccabiah Games, the world's fourth largest international athletic event, are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and bring Jewish athletes together from around the world for competition in 32 official sports in four divisions: juniors, masters, open and disabled.

At the 14th World Maccabiah

in 1993, the 650-member U.S. delegation joined 5,600 athletes from 56 countries for two weeks of competition.

The team is sponsored by Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, a national, not-for-profit, volunteer organization that seeks to enrich the lives of Jewish youth in the United States, Israel and throughout the diaspora through cultural, athletic and educational programs.

For an application or more information, contact Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel at 1926 Arch St., 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA. 19103 or call (215) 561-6181.

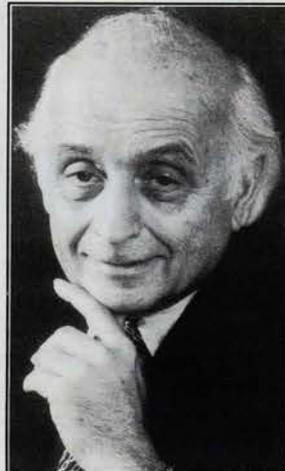
## Library Hosts Poetry Reading

The Providence Public Library will welcome Rhode Island native Dieter Weslowski for a poetry reading on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.

The program, which takes place at the Rochambeau Branch Library, 708 Hope St., is free and open to the public.

Weslowski will be reading from his *Apercus For St. Ruffin*. He currently teaches and matriculates at the University of Texas at El Paso.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Gallery Invites Artists to Submit Work

All artists are invited to enter their work in the Wickford Art Association's "Art of the Ocean State" open juried show. Work in all mediums is eligible, with the stipulation that all work must feature a Rhode Island scene or theme. There is no size limit; artwork must be framed, wired, and ready to hang. Artwork must not have been shown before at the Wickford Art Association Gallery. It must be current, and original.

Registration for this open juried show is on Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m., and on Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford, R.I.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$8 per entry; each artist may enter up to three works.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places.

The judge for this show is Donna Chludzinski, design director for Anchor Communications, Providence. In that capacity, she serves as art director for *Rhode Island Monthly*.

Artwork juried into the show will be on display at the gallery from Aug. 16 through 29. In addition, winners are invited to display their work at the Rhode Island State House in Providence in September. For more information, call 294-6840.

## 'Babes in Arms' Need You

The Academy Players will audition for their fall musical "Babes in Arms" on Aug. 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Aug. 13 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Auditions will be held at the Swift Gym, Pierce Street, East Greenwich, R.I.

All auditionees should be prepared to sing and read from the script. Men and women of all ages are needed. Performances dates will be Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information, call 738-2710.



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## Murder's Cruisin' on the Bay

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## City Nights Auditions

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The show will be produced by David Jepson and directed by Ernest J. Medeiros. Auditions will be held at the theatre on Aug. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. All roles are open. Needed are two men, three women and two boys. Men's ages should be from 30 to 45, women's from mid-20s to mid-60s, boys from 12 to 17.

Performance dates for "Lost in Yonkers" will be Oct. 18, 19, 25, 26, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

City Nights provides a stipend payment to all cast, crew and production staffing. Inquiries are always welcome for all areas of participation.

Those auditioning for the first time are encouraged to bring, if possible, a resumé and a recent photo to be kept on an active file (or a form and photo can be taken at the theater). Auditions for new shows are approximately every six weeks.

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# FEATURE

## Of Jim and Jonathan

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter



I only had a day in Paris on my route home from Malta and from Brittany. I phoned Jim Rentschler, a former ambassador to Malta and a Yale and Sorbonne classmate. He looks more like a Yale alumnus than I do, with his silver blond hair, tennis tan, and easy grin. He speaks Rumanian and Portuguese, knows French literature and collects old jazz records. He's quite a guy. He pours me a red wine in his Odeon apartment stacked high with wonderful books. Photos of Jim with the major figures of our time stand on tables.

"We hired a Russian tutor for our boys during one of my embassy stints. She was an impressive, large lady." One day Jim came home to a note from his wife. "I wasn't meant to be a daughter, a wife, a mother. We've gone off together." Jim raised his boys alone. Many years later, he asked his former wife to join them for a holiday journey to Bali, just

for old time's sake.

And yet, it is strange, an intimate story does not confer friendship. We were former classmates, that was all. "I've asked Jonathan Randall to join us at the restaurant," Jim said as we walked round the corner to his customary bistro. He is greeted by all the staff in formal attire.

Now Jonathan Randall is quite a well-known journalist, who covered the Vietnam era in all the major newspapers and magazines. He was briefly my roommate in Tours, outside of Paris, many years ago. We shared the same host family, and came to the table for a soufflé at the same instant. He bounced on tennis shoes and looked very much the casual Harvard undergrad. He spoke an excellent French

and grasped the anguish of the political times back in the troubled '50s. I was impressed by his independence.

"You wore a beret!" was his only memory of me. He sat across from me as I snapped his portrait, now a rather melancholy face. He filled me in on his fate. He married a lady with a son who liked bikes, motorcycles I mean. They had a boy together. One day the elder brother took the younger for a fatal ride. The little lad was killed, the driver never got over



Jonathan Randall in the bistro

the guilt and anguish. The marriage ended. But, in fact, Jonathan is good friends with his stepson!

If Jim and his Paris companion Jonathan hardly remembered me, they kept a clear image of another American Sorbonne classmate, Burt Shapiro, who spoke the argot, the street slang, of our era, and appeared at school functions with fancy ladies on his arm. That style they understood. My French, now a bit rusty, was scholarly and elegant, but their lives, tragic and incomplete, move right along. Jim's fiancée is divorced from a Holocaust survivor. Jim and Jonathan know the record of each French political, religious and cultural figure regarding the issues of collaboration, resistance, and anti-Semitism.

As they walk me back toward Montparnasse and the rue du Depart, my digs before I leave to fly home, they give me the low-down on each statue, the name of each street. They know this town.

I hunt for a conclusion to our dinner reunion evening. "Maybe we'll see you again in another 40 years," is all they find to say. Do they envy my home? Are they a lost generation? Once I thought that a career in the foreign service was the pinnacle of Yale success. Or a glamorous job writing the story of your time and shaping it on the way. But my conclusions are always the same. I put Paris in my journal. I keep it among my souvenirs. I'm glad I have my candies. Et puis, c'est tout.

## Jonah on the Sands

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

It was a blustery morning. I got to the beach early for my stroll and my swim. A man with a metal-detector lightly hovering over the sands stops to greet me gently. "Haven't seen you yet this summer," he says amiably.

"Hello Jonah," I return as we fall in step. Jonah in this incarnation has a pleasant smile and a sea captain's grizzled beard. He carries the gear to get coins and keys from their hiding places under surf and layers of fine mud.

"I find old gold doubloons, fittings from the past, ancient keys, all sorts of treasures. It depends on the sifting and shifting of the seasons, where the wind is coming from, the whipping of storms."

We move along to Jewish subjects of conversation. Some people feel awe in a synagogue, others on a shoreline. Jonah talks about the Oneness of the Creator, and the beauty of Jewish learning. "I haven't done my share. I haven't married. I have no children. I'm over 50 and have not found my calling. I waste my talents. I still search for a rabbi who can teach me. Have you read *The Juggler and the King*? After your death, your soul whirls around the universe as it did before you were born. Every spirit fits into a body and then lifts into another sphere."

Jonah made me happy upon my early hike beside the dazzling sea. I told him it was the time and place for my dip, would he keep watch and wait a moment? I came out and we sat among the terns and gulls. "You're a bit of a pantheist," he said kindly but critically. "Do

you think you will find the Creator in a broken shell?" He picked one up and I took it and turned it over. It really was a lovely quahaug fragment, smooth and gracefully lined and scooped. "Yes," I retorted, you can see that it is returning beautifully into the universe," and I shivered not from the cold but from the idea.

"You make paths with words," Jonah said. "But silence is also good, and listening is better than words," I noted. "I have lost the ability to listen, although I like to try to hear troubled people. Maybe I can learn again."

"Your name tells me your tale," I offered. "Jonah is a dove, a pigeon, a passenger pigeon or a homing pigeon that carries messages through troubled skies. And then, in the Torah, the portion that's coming up soon, Jonah has a message and tries to get away without delivering it. So your name really suits you."

"I know that," says this Jonah. I purposely don't ask his last name. I don't want to spoil the perfection of this Chassidic encounter.

"You look at home in the water," says my walking mate. "It's my element," I add as we go back toward the gathering crowds at the pavilion. Other beachcombers stop to chat with Jonah. "It's good exercise for us," somebody puts in.

Every summer's day has its special moment. I met a man who was looking for something where the sandpipers look, or the fishermen. He was digging for relics of the past. Over his head, beyond his scope in the surf, or in our words, something will come. It already has.



Jim in his Odeon apartment

## Museum Goes to the Dogs

In conjunction with its major summer show, "Newport Goes to the Dogs: Selections from the collection of The Dog Museum," the Newport Art Museum will present Hollywood Hounds, a film series for families, Aug. 5, 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Hollywood Hounds will feature three canine classics — "The Ugly Dachshund" on Aug. 5, "The Shaggy Dog" on Aug. 12, and "The Incredible

Journey" on Aug. 19.

Families should bring their own mats or pillows to sit on, and children must be supervised. Films are recommended for families with children ages 3 to 10.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Road Warriors Go At It Again

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Both religious and secular groups view the Sabbath closures of streets like Bar Ilan Street as indicative of whether life in Jerusalem — and perhaps someday in the whole of the Jewish state — will be governed by religious law.

The continuing struggle over closure of the street involves large numbers of police who try to keep the two groups separated to prevent serious violence.

Public Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who visited the site to assess the situation last weekend, was booed by the haredim and did not get out of his car.

The haredim threw rocks at passing cars.

Jerusalem Police Chief Aryeh Amit reportedly said that he,

too, was hit with stones.

Police used water cannons and officers on horseback in an effort to control the crowds of haredim.

Knesset member Avraham Ravitz, who had termed the July 13 police treatment of the haredim a "pogrom," and called for Amit's dismissal, was at the scene July 20 to witness the confrontation firsthand.

Ravitz, a member of the fervently Orthodox United Torah Judaism Party, fell ill during the latest clashes, and had to be admitted to a local hospital for observation.

Police charge that haredim threw stones at cars traveling along the street and spread trash and nails on the thoroughfare.

The battle over the street resurfaced earlier in July when

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, a member of the National Religious Party, decided that it should be closed during prayers on the Sabbath and on religious holidays.

Secular groups protested, concerned that the directive would in effect permanently close the street to traffic on the Sabbath and holidays, and that it would set a precedent for closing other streets in the capital in deference to religious observances.

The High Court of Justice subsequently ruled on a petition submitted by left-wing legislators, who cited religious coercion.

The court, which temporarily blocked Levy's order, gave the government 15 days to explain why the street should not remain open and is expected to issue its ruling soon.

## Jewish Agency Modifies Russian Group

by Lev Krichevsky

MOSCOW (JTA) — The Jewish Agency for Israel is creating a new organization that will rely on local leadership to take over its operation in Russia.

Establishment of the new group, the Jewish Agency in the Russian Federation, is an effort to settle a dispute between the Jewish Agency and Russian authorities about the agency's accreditation.

The agency's decision to create a new body comes in the wake of the Russian Justice Ministry's refusal last month to renew the accreditation, which was canceled in April.

The new organization will include both Russian and Israeli citizens as its co-founders, said Aryeh Sadeh, head of the agency's delegation to the former Soviet Union.

Among the co-founders are Russia's chief rabbi, Adolph Shayevich; Moscow's chief rabbi, Pinchas Goldschmidt; the lawyer for the agency's delegation in Moscow, David Akselband; and the agency's financial director, Dani Pines.

By listing Russian nationals among its founders, the

agency appears to be trying to change how its activities are perceived by Russian authorities.

Currently, authorities have been treating the agency as a foreign-based international organization founded by non-Russian citizens. That may be the reason why renewal of the agency's accreditation has been held up for three months.

The new organization has submitted its registration application to the Justice Ministry, and approval may take a few weeks.

The United States has intervened in an effort to press Russia to resolve the dispute.

U.S. Vice President Al Gore, visiting in Moscow, raised the question about the agency's representation when meeting with Russian Premier Viktor Chernomyrdin. Chernomyrdin reportedly promised an expeditious resolution of this matter.

Meanwhile, Jewish Agency officials in Russia are busy with their summer routine, organizing youth camps. Some 19,000 Jewish youths are attending 37 summer camps across the former Soviet Union.

## UJA, CJF Considering 'Partnership,' Not Merger

by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new proposal has surfaced to join the United Jewish Appeal with the Council of Jewish Federations through a common board and executive committee, while maintaining separate staffs and chief executives.

The draft "partnership" plan, which emerged from a meeting recently in Chicago, is expected to garner more support than a more far-reaching and controversial plan to merge the CJF and UJA with the United Israel Appeal.

That plan essentially was shelved after opposition reached a peak at the May CJF quarterly meetings in Washington. Crit-

ics charged that the initiative was too radical and did not reflect board communal consultation. They also feared that allocations to Israel and other overseas Jewish communities would be placed at risk.

The effort to restructure the American Jewish community's central fund-raising entities was undertaken about two years ago to invigorate flagging annual fund-raising campaigns and render the fund-raising apparatus more efficient and effective.

These campaigns, which yield about \$720 million annually, already are run jointly by federations and the UJA. Federations decide how much money to keep at home for local

programs and funnel the overseas allocation to the UJA for distribution.

But some of the fund-raising functions have been blurred in recent years, with the CJF getting into venues historically in the purview of the UJA, such as development, planned giving and endowment. This, some say, has led to duplication, waste and confusion.

A key provision in the latest proposal aims to remedy this by assigning the UJA the responsibility for "all fund-raising activities," and the CJF, the umbrella body for local federations, responsibility for serving federations and communities through domestic programs.

## Israel Assists with Crash Investigation

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — As the investigation continues into the causes of the crash of TWA flight 800, the Central Intelligence Agency has reportedly asked Israel to help determine whether any known terrorists were involved.

The CIA gave the Mossad (Israel's foreign intelligence service) officials the list of passengers flying from Athens to New York and asked them to check for passengers with links to terror groups.

The CIA submitted similar requests to Jordan and Egypt.

## Palestinians Say Israeli Arab Has Been Released

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli Arab abducted from his eastern Jerusalem home and moved to Ramallah by Palestinian security forces has been released, a Palestinian official reportedly said.

Abed Al-Salam Hirbawi, 50, was arrested in connection with a land dispute with the Coptic Church, and taken to the West Bank city of Ramallah.

The Israeli army is checking whether Hirbawi was actually released, it was reported.

Israel had demanded Hirbawi's release, saying that his arrest was in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian autonomy agreements, which forbid the Palestinian Authority to arrest Israeli citizens or to operate inside Jerusalem.

Israel has repeatedly charged Palestinian security with operating in areas outside its jurisdiction.

In response to the abduction, Israel sealed off Ramallah and delayed a planned easing of the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip imposed after terrorist incidents in the spring.

Israel plans to allow an additional 10,000 Palestinian workers older than 30 into the country. Currently, only 25,000 Palestinians are allowed into the Jewish state.

Hirbawi's family reportedly said that the Coptic Church had been trying to take over a warehouse that the family owns, which is located between the Coptic Convent and Hirbawi's factory in eastern Jerusalem.

## Netanyahu Calls Clinton to Express Condolences

This article is reprinted from Israel Line, courtesy of the Consulate General of Israel, Boston.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu offered Israel's help to U.S. President Bill Clinton in investigating the recent bombing in Atlanta, Yediot Aharonot reported.

In a telephone conversation between Jerusalem and U.S. Air Force One, Netanyahu expressed his condolences to America and his commitment to combating terrorism.

Netanyahu said the U.S. faces two types of terrorism: domestic and international. The prime minister said international ter-

rorism must be combated by continuing to pressure countries and organizations that sponsor it.

During a recent speech in New Orleans, Clinton said states supporting terrorism would face "severe sanctions." The president mentioned Iran, Iraq, Libya and Sudan in this context.

"The latest incidents of terrorism — from the Tokyo subway, to the streets of Tel Aviv, and to Saudi Arabia — prove that terrorism is a problem which knows no borders. Terrorism grows at home, and it is also imported from abroad," Clinton said.

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## Welfare Reform Appears Threatening to Some Jewish Community Groups

by Daniel Kurtzman

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish activists are looking to President Clinton as a last line of defense against welfare reform legislation that would bar thousands of refugees and other legal immigrants from receiving government benefits.

Jewish communal organizations, already financially strapped, are especially concerned about whether or not they would be able to step in to provide health care, nutritional assistance and other necessary services now provided to Jewish refugees by the government.

In July, the House approved a welfare bill that would, among other things, require welfare recipients in general to work after two years, while limiting their government benefits to a maximum of five years.

The vote was 256 to 170, largely along party lines.

The Senate passed a similar measure in a vote of 74 to 24, more than the two-thirds majority needed to override a presidential veto.

The House-Senate conference committee, which must reconcile differences in the two bills, is expected to meet this week so that the measure will reach the White House in August.

Clinton has sent mixed messages on the legislation, which would end the long-standing federal guarantee of assistance to the poor, and it remains unclear whether he will sign it.

Both bills would reduce federal welfare expenditures during the next six years by \$59 billion.

About half the spending reductions would be achieved by limiting benefits to refugees after their first five years in the United States. The reductions would also come from the termination of benefits for legal immigrants other than refugees, no matter how long they have lived here, if they have not become U.S. citizens.

Jewish activists are chiefly concerned about the impact such legislation would have on the tens of thousands of Jewish refugees who have come to America from the former Soviet Union, as well as the thousands more seeking to emigrate.

In 1995, nearly 22,000 Jewish refugees arrived from the former Soviet Union, while others came from Iran and Eastern Europe.

More than 30,000 Jewish refugees are expected to arrive in 1996.

Refugees are considered immigrants under current American law, but they are afforded special status because they are presumed to be fleeing a "well-founded fear of persecution."

Because of that status, refugees are entitled to certain benefits — such as cash assistance for resettling in the United States — that are not available to other immigrants. Such refugee-specific benefits would not be affected by welfare reform.

But refugees, as well as other legal immigrants in need, have long been entitled to benefits available to U.S. citizens, including Medicaid, Aid to Families

With Dependent Children, Supplemental Security Income and food stamps.

The welfare reform bills would bar refugees from receiving those four key benefits after five years.

While many refugees would again be entitled to government benefits once they become citizens, they could be cut off while waiting for their citizenship applications to be processed.

The situation poses a serious problem, activists say, because refugees must wait five years before they are eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship, and the citizenship process frequently takes six months or longer.

Aware of this fact, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society has undertaken a major effort in the past year to move as many refu-

"These institutions will be crippled by such far-reaching cuts," he added. "Already overloaded and underfunded, they cannot be expected to fill the vacuum created by these massive cutbacks in government services."

Alan Isbitz, director of administration for Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly in Brighton, Mass., said that in a worst-case scenario, where Jewish communal organizations are unable to provide funding to fill the void created by the government, "we may have to choose between paying our mortgage and evicting our tenants."

"I would hate to face that situation," he added. "We could conceivably default on our mortgage to try to help this group from being evicted from our housing."

Under pressure to sign reform legislation after running for office in 1992 promising to "end welfare as we know it," Clinton has reiterated his desire to "sign legislation that does move people from welfare to work."

But he has voiced several objections to the current reform legislation, one of which is that the bills go too far in denying most federal benefits to legal immigrants.

Moving to make the bill more acceptable to Clinton, the Senate eliminated a provision that would have given states control of the food stamps program. The Senate also voted to continue current Medicaid health benefits for poor women and children.

But lawmakers turned back an effort led by California's Democrats, Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, to roll back a portion of the bill denying benefits to legal immigrants now in the United States.

Jewish activists, meanwhile, see the new bills as more stringent than those already voted by the president. They are calling on Clinton to kill welfare reform outright. Short of that, they are urging him to stand firm in his objections to the legal immigrant and food stamp provisions — with hopes of securing, in the words of one, a "less Draconian" bill.

## Conspiracy Trial Concluded

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Arguments in the conspiracy trial of Yigal Amir, his brother Hagai Amir and his friend Dror Adani wrapped up last week.

A ruling is expected sometime in September.

## Shin Bet Official Confesses to Killing Disarmed Terrorists

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A top Israeli security official, in a newspaper interview given on the eve of his retirement, admitted to killing two Palestinian terrorists after their capture in 1984.

He also said he had no regrets.

Ehud Yatom told the Israeli daily *Yedioth Achronot* the details of the incident, which had prompted a public debate on the Shin Bet's powers.

In April 1984, four Palestinian terrorists hijacked an Egged bus, threatening to kill the passengers. During a rescue raid, two of the terrorists were killed, along with one passenger.

Two other hijackers survived. Yatom said the two were taken from the bus and beaten.

"Everyone who was there — the army, civilians, the [Shin Bet] — beat them," he said. "It was a spontaneous act following a long night of uncertainty about what was happening on the bus."

Yatom added: "We put them in the van and drove off. On the way we received instruction from [Shin Bet Chief] Avraham

Shalom to kill them, so we killed them."

Shin Bet officials said at the time of the attack that those two hijackers were killed as the bus was stormed. But newspapers had published photos of the hijackers being taken away, unhurt.

Yatom said he was sorry that the real story had gotten out.

"We made a mistake when we killed them because the operation was being covered by the media," he said.

A government inquiry into the affair later found Yitzhak Mordechai, who was then the head of the paratroop unit that stormed the bus and who now serves as defense minister, responsible for causing grievous bodily harm to the hijackers.

A military court later acquitted Mordechai, saying that he was framed by Shin Bet agents.

Shalom eventually resigned because of the incident. He later was pardoned.

Yatom retires this week after 24 years in the service. "I am the only one who came out of this whole episode emotionally healthy," he said.

## Court Rules Against Menorah in Beverly Hills

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — A federal appeals court has ruled that the city of Beverly Hills violated the Constitution by allowing Chabad to erect a menorah in a public park, while prohibiting other groups from displaying their own symbols in the same park.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals found that Beverly Hills clearly showed favoritism toward Chabad of California.

Chabad obtained permission in 1986 to erect a 27-foot-high menorah in the city park and "light" its electric candles at Chanukah. The event is accompanied by songs and prayers.

Many members of the Beverly Hills City Council are Jewish and

some have participated in the menorah-lighting ceremonies.

The court noted that Beverly Hills has a general policy of not permitting residents to display large unattended objects on public property, but made an exception for Chabad.

Beverly Hills has denied one group the right to erect a cross in a park, and prevented another from mounting a winter solstice display.

The court ruled that Beverly Hills must develop a standardized permit system if it wishes to allow Chabad or any other group to erect such displays on public property.

Rabbi Boruch Shlomo Cunin of Chabad-Lubavitch called the decision "a technicality."

Because of that status, refugees are entitled to certain benefits — such as cash assistance for resettling in the United States — that are not available to other immigrants.

gees as possible to become citizens. It has assisted the Immigration and Naturalization Service in processing applications and in swearing-in ceremonies.

The welfare reform provisions pertaining to legal immigrants would be even more restrictive. Jews who came more than 10 years ago from the former Soviet Union arrived as legal immigrants, not as refugees.

Those immigrants still receiving government benefits would lose access to Medicaid, SSI and food stamps unless they can demonstrate that they or their spouses had worked and paid federal income taxes for 10 years or more.

That provision would exclude many elderly Jewish immigrants who have not become citizens and who have depended on government assistance of one form or another.

If the House bill becomes law, nearly 1 million legal immigrants awaiting citizenship would lose their Medicaid, about 1 million would lose food stamps and a half million would lose their SSI, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, said

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# OBITUARIES

## PHYLLIS AXELROD

**WARWICK** — Phyllis Axelrod, 70, of 28 Yacht Club Drive, North Palm Beach, Fla., died July 22 in Kent County Hospital, Warwick. She was the widow of Paul Axelrod.

Born in Fall River, Mass., a daughter of the late Israel and Rose (Goldstein) Mittelman, she was a summer resident of Bristol. She had lived in North Palm Beach, Fla., for the last 25 years, previously residing in Providence for 10 years and before that in Fall River.

She was a member of the Brandeis University Women's Association.

She leaves a sister, Sheela Percelay of Pawtucket; a stepdaughter, Mildred Christiansen of Seattle, Wash., a stepson, Jeffrey Axelrod of East Greenwich, and two granddaughters.

A graveside funeral service was held July 26 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## NANCY FABRICANT

**PROVIDENCE** — Nancy Fabricant, 82, of 55 12th St., a secretary at Miriam Hospital for 10 years, retiring 20 years ago, died July 22 in Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Abraham Fabricant.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Israel and Tillie (Orleck) Garfinkle. She was a lifelong resident of the city.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and the Majestic Senior Guild.

Besides her husband, she leaves three daughters, Barbara Schaffer of Warwick, Donna Kelman of Cranston and Sherri Kaplow of Ashland, Mass.; a sister, Agnes Gertsacov of Providence; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She was sister of the late Beatrice Woodman and Dr. Benjamin Garfinkle.

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

## DORA HOROVITZ-HOWARD

**PROVIDENCE** — Dora Horovitz-Howard, 91, a resident of Highland Pavilion, 1085 North Main St., a security analyst at Lockheed Engineering Co., N.J., for 10 years, retiring 27 years ago, died July 23 at home. She was the widow of Sigmund Horovitz.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Nathan and Mary (Frayman) Seidel. As a child, she lived in New York City, moving to Providence when she was 15 years old. She lived here for many years, then moved to Plainfield, N.J., for 15 years. She then returned to Providence, living in the city for the last 27 years.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Sisterhood and its Leisure Club. She was a member of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was also a member of the Ellis

Island Preservation Society.

She leaves a daughter, Marilyn Winoker of Jamestown; a son, Murray L. Howard of Warren, N.J.; two sisters, Mildred Rubin of Pawtucket and Rebecca Wood in Florida; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held July 25 at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue and Sessions St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## DR. CARL JAGOLINZER

**EAST PROVIDENCE** — Dr. Carl Jagolinzer, 98, of the Evergreen House Health Care Center, an optometrist in Providence and East Providence for 59 years, died July 25 at the center. He was the husband of the late Dorothy O. (Schneidman) Jagolinzer. He was also the husband of the late Rose (Kestenman) Jagolinzer.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Philip and Kayla (Fishman) Jagolinzer. He lived at the health center for the last three years.

He was a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Optometry in 1918 and served as an optometrist in the Navy during World War I. While practicing optometry, he was chief optometrist and manager of the former Outlet Co. department of optometry, for 25 years before resigning in 1945 to open his own office in downtown Providence. He subsequently opened an optometry office in East Providence, retiring in 1978 at the age of 80.

In 1928, he was instrumental in establishing the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Optometry and was appointed by four successive governors to serve as an examiner from 1928 through 1950. He served as chairman of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Optometry from 1941 to 1950.

He served as president of the Rhode Island Optometric Association in 1931 and was honored by that organization in 1972. In 1985, he was cited by the American Optometric Association for 50 years of "loyal and faithful service."

He founded an eye clinic in the State of Israel in the early

1970s and helped equip it. He was past president of the Roger Williams Lodge of B'nai B'rith and a member of Temple Beth-El.

In 1986, he was honored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island for creating and leading its "Friend to Friend" program, which continues to this day as part of its weekly programs for the elderly. In 1984, he was the recipient of the JCC Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. His life story was published in the November 1990 issue of the *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes*.

In 1989, he established the Dr. Carl Jagolinzer Lecture Series, which is held at the Rhode Island Optometric Association's annual meetings. For the last 15 years, he and his two daughters sponsored the annual Dorothy O. Jagolinzer Memorial Concert, which is performed by outstanding graduating seniors of the Brown University music department.

He leaves two daughters, Marion Goldsmith of Seekonk, Mass., and Lois Fain of Providence; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Harry, Joseph, Max and Charles Jagolinzer, Fae Woolf and Blanche Backerman.

The funeral was held July 28 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## MABEL RUBIN

**PROVIDENCE** — Mabel Rubin, 86, of North Main St., died July 22 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of William Rubin.

She leaves a sister, Stella Murphy of Pictou, Nova Scotia.

A graveside service was held July 23 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memo-

rial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## ALVIN ABBA SOLOMON

**CHANDLER, Ariz.** — Alvin Abba Solomon of Chandler, Ariz., died July 5. He was the husband of Doris (Miller) Solomon.

Born in Providence, the son of Mrs. Cecile Roth of Warwick and the late Moses I. Solomon he moved with his family to Arizona in 1969.

He is survived by two sons, Joel Solomon of Broomfield, Colo., and Mark Solomon of Wynnwood, Pa.; a brother, Donald Solomon of Cranston; and a granddaughter, Sarah. He was also the stepson of Louis Roth.

A Korean War veteran, he was buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

## ALLEN R. STREICH

**CRANSTON** — Allen R. Streich, 66, of 215 Mehanicut Valley Parkway, president for 20 years of Bell Fasteners, Pawtucket, and involved in the fastener business for 40 years until retiring two years ago, died July 24 at home. He was the husband of Evelyn (Miller) Streich.

Born in Paterson, N.J., he was a son of the late Louis and Fanny Streich.

He was a Korean War Air Force veteran. He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, the Knights of Pythias, Jewish Community Center and The National Fasteners Distributors Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Mark Streich of East Greenwich and Neil Streich of North Kingstown; a daughter, Francine Streich-Kest of Brooklyn, N.Y., and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 26 at Louis Suburban Chapel, 1301 Broadway, Fair Lawn, N.J. Burial was in Beth-El Cemetery, Paramus, N.J.

## Jack Fishbein, Publisher Dies

by Heather Camlot

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Jack Fishbein, editor and publisher of *The Sentinel*, Chicago's Jewish weekly magazine, has died, at age 83.

Fishbein, described as a clarion voice for Jewish life, culture and religion, lived in Chicago all his life.

Fishbein was a founder of the American Jewish Press Associa-

tion and recipient of the Smolar Award for editorial writing.

One of his most powerful articles in 1968 told about the black Jews of Ethiopia who had been given some 50,000 acres of land but had no equipment to work it. After his appeal in the *Sentinel*, enough money was raised to buy farming equipment from an Israeli agriculture company.

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## Bertha (Busie) (Alpern) Drazin

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might result in diminished diaspora philanthropy. In a materialistic culture fueled by check-book Judaism, few threats could be more persuasive. But the threat may be less lethal than imagined by those able to squeeze the purse strings.

The grim fact is that in recent years there has been a steady shrinking of philanthropic support for Israel by the American Jew. Now the federations are unwilling to commit themselves to former levels of giving. It is part of the declining status of Israel on the diaspora agenda of priorities.

Not so long ago a Gallop newsletter reported that the latest poll of church and synagogue attendance showed that while American Protestants and Catholics are in the 40 to 50 percentile, Jewish attendance (not including the Orthodox) is 11 percent. The foregoing are some of the reasons why many Israelis view the preaching of Musar (personal and institutional rectitude) by the Reform and Conservative movements as inappropriate.

Dr. Siskin is an anthropologist who took his Ph.D. and taught at Yale. In 1975 he founded and now directs the Jerusalem Center for Anthropological Studies. He is the Rabbi Emeritus of North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, Ill., one of the largest congregations in the United States. He has lived in Jerusalem for 20 years. His wife, Lillian, is active in Women in Green in Jerusalem.

## Only The Best

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mosphere. Gabriela would welcome bridge club meetings at these tables — in fact, meetings of any kind of organization that would benefit from this kind of setting and seating.

She looks forward to the time when parents dropping their children off at school (Warwick Veterans' Memorial High School is two blocks away on the other side of the street) will stop in for a quiet cup of coffee, a piece of biscotti, and a moment or two of chat before picking up the pace again.

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## Registration Begins at BCC

Registration for evening and weekend classes at Bristol Community College is now open.

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Early walk-in advisement will be held Aug. 5 through 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hudnall Administration Building on the Fall River campus.

Students can register by mail, fax, or in person on the Elsbree Street campus from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, or Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

Another walk-in advisement is scheduled for Aug. 12 to 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hudnall Administration Building.

The fall course brochure, listing all evening and weekend credit courses, as well as open day courses, is available now.

The full credit and non-credit course listings including course descriptions, times and meeting schedules can also be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bristol.mass.edu>

Classes begin the week of Sept. 3. For more information, contact the Continuing Education office at (508) 678-2811 ext. 2155.

## Canada Will Deport Bogutin

by Gil Kezwer

TORONTO (JTA) — Canada has filed documents to deport Wasily Bogutin, accusing him of not revealing his World War II activity when he first came to that country.

Bogutin, 87, is suspected of taking part from 1941 to 1943 in the execution of civilians, as well as arrests leading to deportations in German-occupied Ukraine.

The Canadian Justice Depart-

ment has filed to strip Bogutin of his Canadian citizenship, saying that he concealed his membership in the Selidovka, the police unit in Ukraine in which he served.

"As war crimes continue throughout the world, it is imperative that Canada demonstrates that it will not be a haven for mass murderers," Lyle Smordin, president of B'nai Brith Canada, said in a statement.

## Duke's Anti-Semitism Alive As He Again Runs For Senate

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — David Duke is back on the political scene and making it clear that time has not moderated his views of Jews, blacks or immigrants.

So far, there has been little response from politicians or the organized Jewish community, nationally or in Louisiana, where the former Ku Klux Klan leader is making another bid for the U.S. Senate.

The race is wide open for the seat of the moderate Democrat who is retiring. Duke is running against four others in the state's Republican primary in September.

In an appearance on the nationally televised Jerry Springer talk show that aired recently, Duke said there are "different points of view" about whether the Holocaust occurred. He said the 6 million Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis is "an exaggerated figure."

"I wonder why, every day in our media, we constantly hear about the Jewish victims of that Holocaust but don't hear about the Christian victims of the Holocaust, of even greater numbers in eastern Europe," he said. "Sometimes there are political reasons for that."

When Springer, who is Jewish and the child of Holocaust survivors, asked him to explain what he meant, Duke pointed to "the support of the State of Israel. I mean, as a United States senator, I want a foreign policy that's in the interests of this country."

Duke explained his view of the Holocaust by citing well-known Holocaust denier David Irving. "There was not a planned program of extermination. There were atrocities that took place but it wasn't a plan to exterminate the Jewish people from the face of the earth," Duke said.

"There's no way to know the truth unless you allow every point of view to be presented. And there's a real effort in this society that we don't allow Holocaust revisions to be presented.

"And it's like anything else — I mean the French Huguenots were very much oppressed, all right? But now we've learned that a lot of those Huguenots actually exaggerated some of that," Duke said during the show.

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# 'Life Needs Option' Questions and Answers

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## Q: Why is the 'Life Needs Option' useful in estate planning?

A: Estate planning encompasses the creation, accumulation and distribution of your assets. The LNO (accelerated death benefits rider) enables you to more securely accumulate your assets inside an insurance policy without worrying that a final illness will have a detrimental impact on the asset arrangement for you and your survivors. Under this rider, the insurance company will pay the policyowner up to 50 percent of the death benefit of the contract, including paid-up additions and term insurance riders. In addition, if the insured is not eligible for waiver of premium, the insurance company will pay the premiums on the basic policy and any attached riders.

Example: Your planning has taken into account the lifetime needs of you and your survivor, maximizing spendable and investable income, minimizing estate and settlement costs, and managing the liquidity and continuity of your assets. You are

aware that medical expenses and other costs in the last few months of life can be more than \$100,000. Rather than set this amount aside in a low-earning cash account, you have wisely chosen to invest these funds in an irrevocable insurance trust which purchased high income earning investments through a broker/dealer and a \$200,000 LFP 100 contract. The significant appreciation of the investments will be outside the estate of you and your spouse, and it will cover the future premium needs of the various insurance policies in the irrevocable trust. If you are struck with a terminal illness, the trustee will exercise the LNO and receive up to \$100,000 from the LFP 100 contract, which the trustee could then provide to you through an arms-length purchase of some of your assets.

## Q: What are the eligibility requirements for the LNO?

A: Payment of a benefit is subject to the following conditions:

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insured's life expectancy.

2. The policy must be in force other than as extended term, decreasing term, paid-up term, or term insurance where the right to renew or convert is 10 years or less. Thus, this benefit is available on virtually every life policy ever issued in the past or currently being offered by the insurance company.

3. If there is an irrevocable beneficiary, he or she must approve the payment of this benefit.

4. The owner must assign the policy to the insurance company in the amount of the lien as of the date of death.

5. The claims department must receive a completed written request on the appropriate claim form.

6. The total amount of the benefit on all policies will not exceed \$500,000.

7. Since this benefit is only on

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2. Your personal tax adviser should be consulted for the tax consequences concerning the advance payments.

3. You might be required to receive and spend all of the available funds in your policy to become eligible for Medicaid or other government assistance

programs.

4. The death benefit will be decreased by the amount of the accelerated benefit paid, any premiums paid by the insurance company, interest on the accelerated benefits and premium, and any administrative fee (up to .5 percent of the benefit paid).

## Q: Who pays the life insurance premium?

A: The trustee of your irrevocable trust should be the premium payor as well as the applicant, owner, and beneficiary. If you wish to have more direct control of the cash value and the LNO, then you should be the premium payor, applicant and owner.

Submitted by Lawrence M. Halperin and Marvin William Lax of Halperin & Lax. In their monthly column they will answer questions about life and disability insurance and investments. Mail questions to: 335 Centerville Road, Warwick, R.I. 02886-9990 or call 738-2350.

## Only The Best... Only Natural... Scones, Biscotti and Coffee

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

Silver Brook Kitchens, at 2298 West Shore Road in Warwick, offers up to 10 different kinds of scones (depending on the season), new products almost every month, and conversation in six languages.

It also offers coffee in flavors like Kahlua Cream, Irish Cream, Vienna Roast and Raspberry Chocolate, which the owner, Gabriela, says is marvelous.

In creating bakery products, Gabriela and her master chef Michael, make every effort to use Rhode Island products, such as the Rhode Island grown blueberries in their blueberry scones, this month.

One of their new products, developed with painstaking care and long testing by Michael, is a sun-dried tomato, Parmesan

cheese and herb scone.

Michael is currently working on a new chocolate chip biscotti

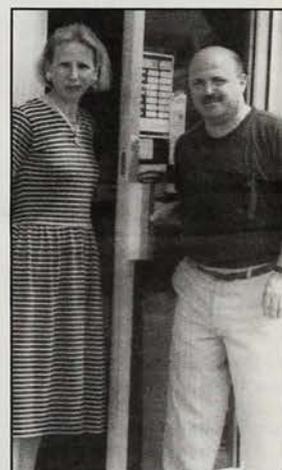
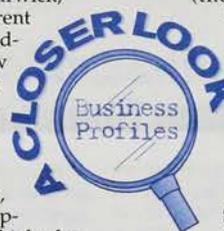
(they offer seven types of biscotti right now)

which will not be as fattening as a chocolate chip cookie but just as satisfying.

At lunchtime, Silver Brook offers sandwiches made with their own excellent breads. Or you can choose a basket from those hanging overhead, and have Gabriela create a gift basket according to your preferences and pocketbook.

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Gabriela was born in Switzerland. She welcomes guests as if they were arriving at her



EXTENDING A WELCOME to the Silver Brook Kitchens are the owner, Gabriela, and her master chef, Michael.

home, with a nice touch of Old World elegance. She speaks German, French, Italian, Japanese and Korean, and says she would be delighted to do so with anyone, or any group, studying languages.

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