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## Bitterness Between Arafat and Netanyahu Escalates

(JTA) — A new war — a war of increasingly hostile and threatening language — seems to be rising like storm cloud in the Middle East.

Netanyahu has said recently, "There exists no possibility we will agree with the Palestinian Authority on the final status of Jerusalem, and it appears this is one of the issues which cannot be resolved."

Arafat has said he would turn to international arbitration if Israel failed to meet its obligations under the self-rule accords. "We have the United Nations. We have The Hague. We have the co-sponsors of the peace process," he said. "We have the U.N. Security Council and the Europeans. We will go to arbitration."

In language as blunt as Netanyahu's, he added that eastern Jerusalem "will be the capital of a Palestinian state."

Arafat also said during the interview that a meeting between him and Netanyahu was inevitable. "He can't ignore me."

Netanyahu has previously said that he would only consider meeting Arafat if it was "deemed necessary for the nation's security."

And in a recent interview with the Arabic newspaper *Al Quds* recently, he brushed off the idea. "At present, I have

hotter issues."

In a meeting with Arab journalists, Netanyahu said he was close to concluding consultations on the delayed Israel Defense Force redeployment in Hebron, which was supposed to take place in late March.

But he stressed that the move would be carefully thought out before any action was taken.

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Mahmoud Al-Zahar

"If we act precipitously and simply redeploy in Hebron, and if there is an outbreak of terror, it could bounce back and forth like a hot bullet of TNT that could explode our communities," he said.

Another hot-button issue facing the Israelis and Palestinians, Jewish settlements in the territories, came to the fore earlier this month when the Cabinet agreed to allow construction projects to proceed in existing settlements, and Interior Minister Eli Suissa pledged \$5 million in aid to Jewish settlements.

The aid had reportedly been approved by former Finance Minister Avraham Shochat dur-

ing the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, but was never distributed.

"I don't think this is sufficient, but I think it's a good start," Suissa, a member of the fervently Orthodox Sephardi Shas Party, said of the aid. "I hope that all government ministers will follow in my footsteps and each will leave behind" the same amount.

But a leader of the fundamentalist Hamas movement in the Gaza Strip vowed violence against Jewish settlements if the Netanyahu government builds new homes in the territories.

"We have to strangle the settlements. We can take to the streets, in demonstrations, to confront the Israeli bulldozers," Mahmoud Al-Zahar was quoted as saying.

In an incident on Aug. 12, Israeli authorities demolished what they said were five illegally built homes in Arab villages north of Jerusalem.

The move prompted angry protests by Palestinian residents, who claim that Israel has made it nearly impossible for them to obtain the proper building permits.

One Israeli border police officer was lightly wounded when Palestinians threw stones at bulldozers.



### A Helpful Hand

Members of Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah have volunteered thousands of hours of service to the Hasbro Children's Hospital. From left, are Shirley Schreiber, chairperson Community Service Project; Goldie Greene, co-chair for Medical Teaching Doll Project for Hasbro Children's Hospital; (the other co-chair, Stella Pollock, is not pictured); Ellie Elbaum, past director of Pediatric Patient Services at Hasbro; Linda Goodale, Child Life specialist at Hasbro; and Lauren Lele pediatric coordinator — Volunteer and Patient Representative Services. See story on page 9.

Photo courtesy of R.I. Chapter of Hadassah

## High Court Rules Bar-Ilan Road to Stay Open

The High Court of Justice has voted by a 6 to 1 majority to extend a restraining order keeping Jerusalem's Bar-Ilan Road open to traffic during prayer services on Saturdays and Jewish holidays, Israel radio, Kol Yisrael reported.

The restraining order, originally issued in July, blocks a Transportation Ministry directive to close the road while Sabbath and holiday prayer services are in progress. The road, which connects Jerusalem's northern vicinity to the city center, passes through an Orthodox neighborhood.

Yediot Aharonot reported that the Jerusalem police had been put on high alert in anti-

ipation of the possibility of a disorderly public reaction to the decision.

Security authorities also put the Supreme Court Building under heavy guard.

The judges considered four appeals: three, sponsored by secular organizations, opposed closing the road, the fourth, submitted by an Orthodox group, called for the road to be closed for the entire duration of Sabbaths and holidays, Israel Radio, Kol Yisrael, reported.

All parties to the dispute have accepted a proposal by the justices to establish a committee to examine public transportation in all areas of Jerusalem.

## Clinton Names Chaskel Besser to Commission

President Clinton recently announced his intent to appoint Chaskel O. Besser to the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

Chaskel O. Besser of New York, N.Y., is a lecturer on Jewish law, history and lore and the Rabbi for the Congregation B'nai Israel.

He was appointed in 1987 by

President Reagan to the commission and reappointed by President Bush in 1992.

Besser is a presidium member of Agudath Israel of America, president of the Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America, and an officer of the Polish Jewish Commission for the Preservation of Jewish Cemeteries in Poland.



### 'Life By Chocolate!'

In a joint effort, Gregg's Restaurant and Hasbro Children's Hospital have created "The Giving Cake." Two dollars of the price of each cake will benefit Hasbro Hospital. Ted Fuller of Gregg's, the hospital dolphin mascot, and Doris R. Feinberg of the Rhode Island Hospital Foundation, proudly present the first cake.

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Feinstein Donates \$1 Million for URI/CCE Students and Their Children

Many students returning to school juggle the pressures of finances and child care. That pressure has eased for some students at the University of Rhode Island's College of Continuing Education, thanks to the generosity of the Feinstein Foundation.

The foundation, headed by Cranston philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein, has donated \$1 million to URI's Capital Campaign to provide scholarship assistance to undergraduate URI/CCE students and financial assistance for their children's enrollment in the child development center at the new URI Providence Center.

Under terms of the agreement, the university will match the interest earned by the endowment fund and allocate it to the scholarship/day care assistance program.

"A helping hand up — that's what America is all about," said Feinstein.

"Alan Shawn Feinstein has made a profound difference in the lives of many people in Rhode Island, but perhaps nowhere will that impact be felt more than with these parents and their children," said URI President Robert L. Carothers. "These are the heroes and heroines of our times, people working hard through education to build a better life for themselves and their families. I am immensely grateful that Alan has chosen them in his efforts to make this a better world."

Located in the historic Shepard building, the URI/CCE student body consists of adult learners who come from all walks of life. Ninety-seven per-

cent of URI/CCE undergraduates live in the state, 67 percent of them are women. The new scholarships will be named in honor of the benefactor's mother, Lillian Feinstein.

The child development center is located on the first floor of the URI Providence Center, overlooking Westminster Street. It will be called the Dr. Pat Feinstein Child Development Center, in honor of the benefactor's wife, a well-known Rhode Island child psychiatrist.

The child development center will be overseen by Dr. Diane Horn-Winger who supervised the highly acclaimed, nationally accredited child development center on the Kingston Campus. The pre-school program in Providence plans to open on Sept. 3 and is designed for children ages 3 to 5. To match a parent's busy schedule, there will be a variety of options or combinations. Children will be able to be enrolled for a full day, part of the day, twilight hours, or on Saturdays.

"What this generous gift does is to ensure access by a number of young children to one of the finest child development centers which can serve as a model for communities throughout the country, and at the same time, it enables their parents to pursue their educational dream — a University of Rhode Island education," said Walter Crocker, dean of URI/CCE.

With certified instructors and URI undergraduate and graduate students, young children at the child development center will have a great opportunity for one-on-one and small group learning.

URI/CCE students and their dependents will be the first priority for placement in the child development center, followed by URI staff and faculty members. Dependents of members working the department of education, which is housed on the fourth floor of the URI Providence Center, will also be eligible for some slots. Crocker said he will hold a few slots for children of the general community who work downtown.

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*Alan Shawn Feinstein*

Pictures of both Feinstein's mother and wife will be prominently displayed in the child development center along with the Feinstein Foundation's signature photo poster. Lettering that reads "To Better One Life Is To Better The World," signed by Alan Shawn Feinstein, will appear on the window.

Like their Kingston counterparts, all undergraduate students at URI/CCE participate in the Feinstein Enriching America Program which incorporates community service. URI/CCE students will be given special journals, donated by the Feinstein Foundation. Age-appropriate journals will also be made available to the children in the child development center.

"The mission of URI/CCE and the child development center certainly embraces the philosophy of the Feinstein Foundation," said Joanne DiBello, Capital Campaign major gift officer for the College of Continuing Education. "We are thrilled that Alan Shawn Feinstein is supporting our work."

Anyone wanting more information about the many courses offered at URI/CCE or about the Dr. Pat Feinstein Child Development Center should contact the URI Providence Center at 277-5000.

## 'Angels in America' to Benefit AIDS Service Agencies

On Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. a special benefit performance of "Angels in America, Part II: Perestroika" by Tony Kushner will be held at Trinity Repertory Company to benefit local AIDS service organizations.

## URI Sponsors Quality Standards Institute

The University of Rhode Island's Graduate Professional Center will conduct an institute, starting Sept. 18, for executives and managers on the subject of meeting international quality standards.

To be held at URI's Providence Center, 80 Washington St., Providence, the 40-hour program will run through Dec. 18.

Entitled "The Quality Institute: ISO (International Standards of Operation) 9000," the course is sponsored by RACE for Quality of Management and URI's College of Business Administration.

The program is designed for executives, operations managers, engineering, purchasing, human resource, marketing, research and development and quality assurance personnel.

URI's College of Continuing Education in Providence has worked with members of the Rhode Island business community to offer this practitioner-led program.

All sessions meet on Wednesday. The program fee is \$1,800 per company.

The sessions are:

- Part I, the Executive Overview, Sept. 18, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- Part II, ISO Program Basics, Sept. 25, from 7 to 9:45 p.m.

- Part III, 20 Standard ISO 9000 Elements, Oct. 2 through Dec. 11, 7 to 9:45 p.m.

- Part IV, auditing GAP assessment follow-up session, Dec. 18, 7 to 9:45 p.m.

Up to three people from each organization may attend any session, except the Executive Overview.

As part of the institute, participants will be able to link with instructors who've been through the process. "In this mentoring component, participants will be able to call their mentors with questions," Nardone said.

For information on this or other seminars, call Nardone at 277-5054.

## CCRI Offers Courses on Windows 95 and Microsoft Office

The Community College of Rhode Island's department of computer studies and information processing is offering micro-computer software courses developed around Windows 95 and Microsoft Office, for personal computer users. The five-week classes begin the week of Sept. 3. All courses are worth one credit. Tuition is \$73, plus other applicable fees.

Courses being offered include Introduction to Word Processing and Advanced Word Processing Concepts (Word — ver. 7), Spreadsheets and Intermediate Spreadsheets (Excel — ver. 7), Elementary Data Base Use (Access — ver. 7), Charts and Graphs (Powerpoint — ver. 7) and Introduction to Windows 95 and Intermediate Windows 95.

Other Windows 95 compatible software classes being taught include Pagemaker,

WordPerfect for Windows and Netscape.

For dates, times and registration information, call 825-2155.

## IRS Sponsors Electronic Filing Seminars

The IRS is sponsoring free introductory electronic filing seminars for tax practitioners who are interested in filing returns electronically.

The seminars will include information on selecting appropriate software, transmitting a return electronically and the IRS procedures to be followed when participating in the program.

Call Michael Kinsley, EFS coordinator for Rhode Island and Connecticut, at (860) 240-4151 to register.

All classes will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon. The schedule is as follows: Aug. 27 at CCRI, Flanagan Campus in Lincoln, R.I.; Oct. 10 at CCRI, Knight Campus in Warwick, R.I.

## 'Camera Talk' at Camera Werks Once a Month

The Camera Werks will sponsor an evening of networking, exchanging ideas and photographic tips, sharing and receiving critiques on photographs, and tapping into the Rhode Island photographer community on the last Thursday of every month, from 4 to 6 p.m.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Public Schools Must Be Religiously Neutral, Says CRC

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

In an effort to maintain religious neutrality in Rhode Island's public schools, Gershon Levine, director of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, recently sent an updated Jewish calendar and bulletin about First Amendment rights to 1,200 institutions statewide.

"Every year we get calls from parents of students who feel their child has been left out in situations involving Christmas and Easter," Levine said on Aug. 14. "It's usually an unintentional action by an individual who did not understand what it's like for minority students in a majority society."

This year, Levine has taken a special interest in the bulletin because he thinks vital civil liberties issues are now being threatened by special interest groups that cite moral decay in American life, and by proposed legislation such as House Majority Leader Dick Armey's "Religious Equality Amendment." The amendment suggests changing the Constitution "to further protect religious freedom, including the right of students in public schools to pray without government sponsorship or compulsion."

"I want Rhode Island's pub-

lic schools to be a place where students of every background feel accepted and comfortable," Levine explained. "Whether an individual is Jewish or Buddhist, he or she should not be made to feel like they are not part of a whole."

With present pressures in mind, Levine rewrote an explanatory bulletin the council had distributed for about eight years to make it more accessible to readers, and also made sure both the calendar and bulletin were sent out this summer.

"This helps get around the 'December Dilemma,'" Levine explained. "Schools are setting up their calendars now. If these matters are approached in December, it's rarely helpful because the celebrations have already been planned."

The calendar shows where Jewish holidays will fall in the 1996-1997 school year.

The four-page bulletin includes a brief commentary on the importance of the First Amendment, plus a statement about how a series of Supreme Court decisions have protected religious neutrality in the nation's public schools and short explanations of what is legally permitted and what is prohibited there. The bulletin's final section includes relevant questions that arise frequently, such as "Should my

child participate in a religiously oriented program?"

According to Levine, religious neutrality that begins in the school environment is essential because youngsters learn so much about their positions in American society in school.

"Children pick up cues at an early age," Levine said. "They are impressionable, and they have the potential to be hurt."

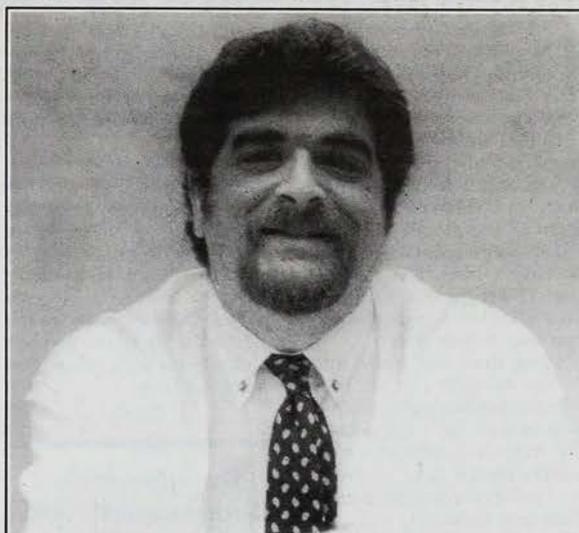
Levine believes that Jewish parents of school-age children need to be particularly aware of First Amendment rights.

"As Jewish children grow up in American society, they will have to find a way to have a Jewish identity and an American identity," Levine said. "I want to ensure that a Jewish child walking into a school will not have religion put on them intentionally or unintentionally."

Levine is aware that his opinions about the full separation of church and state are not shared by all American Jews, for the Orthodox Union dissents from the views held by Levine and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

"They have their point of view and their right to dissent," Levine said. "Still, we believe the public school has to remain in public space."

However, Levine acknowledges that a belief in G-d com-



GERSHON LEVINE, director of the Community Relations Council of the JFRI, has generated a new bulletin about religious freedom in public schools.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan

prises a large part of American life, as related by his bulletin.

"Deep in the root of the American psyche is a firm unshakable belief in G-d," his brochure reads.

"I have tried to acknowledge that G-d does have a place in American society," Levine said. "But it would be very dangerous to subscribe to any

religion in public school. There is almost a cultural belief in G-d, be that G-d Allah or Jehovah or Christ. But those beliefs belong in the church or synagogue or mosque, and public schools need to remain an open forum."

The bulletin encourages individuals with questions or difficulties to contact the CRC.

## New Singing Group Forms at JCCRI

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

Members of the JCCRI have something new to sing about.

This summer, adult members have started the Center Singers, a new singing group that meets at 11 on Thursday mornings. All are encouraged to lend their voices at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island to the group.

"I know the value of people getting together and singing," said Mildred Handel, a founding member who has been involved in singing groups since her high school years.

Handel, who winters in West Palm Beach, was enjoying singing while down there, and did not want to stop when she came back to Rhode Island. She ap-

proached Senior Adult Coordinator Sue Robbio with the idea in early June, and the Center Singers began.

"At first, we were just getting together and singing, and then we hired a piano player," Robbio said. "By the end of the first half hour or 45 minutes, we decided to form a circle and sway. We were really having a good time."

At present, there are about 12 regular attendees coming together to sing a combined repertoire of Yiddish, Broadway, traditional favorites and patriotic songs that members have put together.

Both Robbio and Handel emphasize that a well-trained singing voice is not required.

"Any adult who is interested is welcome to come," Robbio

said.

"People are shy, but I tell them that if they can breathe, they can sing, and that if they sing they'll breathe better," Handel said. "Anybody can just join. It's a lot of hand-clapping and foot-stomping."

"Peoplesay 'I really can't sing,' but they open their mouths and get air in their lungs," Handel continued. "Afterwards they say, 'That was me? I really sang.'"

In the recreation-oriented Center Singers, altos have not yet been separated from sopranos. "Maybe we'll get good enough to go sing at nursing homes, and maybe we won't," Handel said.

Both Handel and Robbio have been surprised by the way the group has taken off, but they both think there is room for the voices of many more.

"This really stimulates the endorphins and the lungs, and it's a wonderful thing to do with your body and with other people," Handel said. "Everyone leaves with a smile."

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## JCCRI Has Space for Art

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

Gallery 401, an exhibition space located in the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, has lined up five artists for the 1996-97 season and has slots for about three more.

"It's going to be an exciting season, and I encourage artists interested in participating to contact me," said Assistant Director Marvin Stark.

According to Stark, the six-member committee that determines the gallery's exhibitors met in July. Using slides and photographs of works, they selected exhibitors for the gallery's 1996-97 autumn to spring season.

"We look for professionalism and quality," explained Stark, who described art as "highly subjective."

The artists selected include

Gershon Ben-Ami, Dr. Stanley Summer, Dante Persechino, Katherine Venemay and Patricia Shreiber.

The committee does not yet know which artist will kick off the exhibition year on Sept. 8 at the center's open house. Most of this year's shows will feature single artists, and will last for three to four weeks.

When works are sold, the artist keeps 75 percent of the work's price while the center keeps 25 percent. The gallery has been part of the JCCRI since its 1970 inception.

"Basically, it's a community service," said Stark as he explained that the heavily frequented gallery was more of a lift for the center's spirits than its bottom line. "The artists get exposure and the community gets to see some art."



SUE ROBBIO, SENIOR ADULT COORDINATOR, was instrumental in forming the Center Singers.

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# EDITORIAL

## Mitzvot Should Not Be Modified

by Mark Leibowitz  
The month of Elul that began recently (Aug. 16) represents a time of reflection for all B'nei Yisrael.

In Elul we each begin to remember and think about our actions and behavior over this past year. Hash-m (G-d) has given us the month of Elul to ask for forgiveness from those we have wronged in the past year. This is the time to "tie up loose ends" and begin the new year with a clean slate.

More than any other time during the year can we individually begin to make a difference in the way we choose to live. More than any other time can we start to take on Torah mitzvot and live according to Hash-m's Torah.

Performing mitzvot and living a Jewish life according to Hash-m is a lifelong commitment of love and sacrifice. There is not a more concrete way in which each of us can connect ourselves spiritually to Hash-m than through Torah mitzvot.

Living according to Torah is not easy at times. It takes great desire to even perform one mitzvah. Because of the difficulty of certain commandments we may not have the will power to act on them with full desire according to Hash-m's will.

However, not performing a mitzvah to His standards takes away from the significance of the mitzvah. It can even make one believe that they performed a mitzvah when in fact the mitzvah conducted was not in accordance to Hash-m's will.

This is one of the biggest problems affecting the three dominant divisions in Judaism to-

day. As the dividing lines become less defined among Reform, Conservative and Orthodox, the idea of performing Torah mitzvot is becoming more obscure.

The divisions are becoming more defined as those who observe Torah mitzvot and those who do not. Certain members of the Jewish community tend to feel that Torah mitzvot are subject to change as society changes. "Keeping up with the times" is the catchy phrase used to describe the logic behind this type of thinking.

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However, by saying that we have the right to modify the mitzvot according to our will is not the angle that we should take as Jews. By "reshaping" the commandments according to our wishes and desires, we are not responding to one of the 613 Divine Commandments given at Sinai.

Instead, we are taking away from the potential "spiritual fruits" of the mitzvot even though we may not even realize it.

For example, it is a mitzvah to go to shul on Shabbat to make a minyan. When we drive to shul on Shabbat (a violation of igniting fire on Shabbat) we do not fulfill the mitzvah to its fullest potential.

Even though we may see this

as unimportant next to the mitzvah of making the minyan, a commandment is still being broken to perform another mitzvah. The eventual reworking of any commandment becomes a real possibility when we start to accept the change to even one commandment.

The Reform and Conservative movements have justified "cutting corners" in the halachah by evoking the idea that the individual has rights and feelings that need respect. We open the door to a host of halachic (Jewish law) problems when we act more on how we feel rather than by what the Torah prescribes.

Intermarriage, the question of patrilineal descent, and ordainment of women rabbis are a few of the problems that, I believe, extend from a lost sense of how to perform and understand Torah mitzvot.

In Chapter One of *Pirke Avot* (*Ethics of the Fathers*) it states to make a fence around the Torah. What does this mean? We each should make a spiritual fence around sacred commandments so that we do not add to or take away from the special significance that accompanies each mitzvah.

For example, we make sure that we live close to a shul or make arrangements to be near a shul on Shabbat so we can walk instead of taking the car to shul. We now fulfill the mitzvah of being at shul on Shabbat and have not tarnished it by violating the halachah.

In the month of Elul and throughout the High Holidays and beyond, we should strive to keep that spiritual fence around the Torah. By performing mitzvot according to Hash-m's wishes and not according to how society or certain movements desire, we each ensure ourselves a sweet and prosperous new year.

## United Synagogue Condemns Sephardi Chief Rabbi's Remarks

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism has issued a statement criticizing Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi Doron for his recent remarks concerning Reform Jews, and questioning Doron's right to maintain a position of leadership in light of these comments.

According to USCJ executive vice president Rabbi Jerome Epstein, "While we are ardent champions of pluralism and fully appreciate that the Torah is open to many interpretations, we believe that Bakshi Doron's particular interpretation of Pinchas says more about him than it does about the subject at hand."

Alan Ades, international president of the organization, noted

further: "It is regrettable that the chief rabbi seems to have construed the teachings of Torah in such a way as to imperil the very existence of Jews who hold opinions other than his own."

"It is even more regrettable for him to use his position of leadership to disseminate these views."

Rabbi Epstein pointed to Tanna D'Bey Eliahu Rabba (chapter 2), which holds: "It was taught: Sages, be careful with your words! Perhaps you will teach something that is not from the Torah and will thus be obligated for divine retribution, and even your students who come after you will teach these things (in your name)."

## The Rabbi Tells 44 Stories

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

Rabbi Robert Alper, who grew up and went to school in Providence, has written a book, *Life Doesn't Get Any Better Than This*, which has drawn high praise from a monsignor, a Holocaust survivor and Oscar winner, a *New York Times* religion writer and another rabbi... a mixed bag if I ever saw one. So I guess we can assume there's something in there for everyone.

It is a collection of 44-800 to 1,500-word chapters, vignettes, stories.

One sample, sent ahead of publication to the *Herald*, deals with letting one's children leave home, for good, as gracefully as possible...no clinging to the rear bumper as the car pulls away...no fainting...no sobbing loud enough to be heard out on the street.

Alper seems to be embarrassed by or wish to dispense with this most natural grief. He

refers to it this way. "And also how sad, how selfishly sad I felt at her departure."

My feeling is that any full-time parent who doesn't feel sorry to see a child disappear into his or her own future (no matter how timely this exit may be) needs to learn more about denial.

If this sadness is selfish, then every sadness that is a response to loss is selfish. There's a judgmental tone to that "selfish." Why not say our grief is as natural as our children's need to be gone.

Anyway, the rabbi hopes to develop an empty-nest ceremony to pull us through this separation as smoothly as possible. Rabbi — sometimes it's a big mistake to try to iron feelings smooth.

In a second article, Alper reminds us to take our work seriously, but take ourselves lightly.

Again — forgive me, Rabbi (Continued on Page 9)

## Victory Over Sin Will be Permanent

The first verse of this week's Torah portion, Ki Teitzel, seems to contain a grammatical error. "When you go forth to war against your enemies," it begins, "and the L-rd your G-d will deliver him into your hands." Why does the Torah begin the verse with the plural — enemies — and continue in the singular?

Every word in the Torah is exact, every letter conveying a multitude of nuances and meanings which teach countless lessons. This verse, which seemingly deals with the subject of conventional warfare, alludes to a different type of war, a spiritual war which is waged by every individual.

A Jew may face two types of enemies: one which threatens his physical existence and one which threatens his special holiness as a member of the Jewish people — his Jewish soul. The Torah uses the word "enemies" to refer to both these threats, for the body and soul of the Jew work in tandem, united in their service of G-d. Whatever im-

perils one's physical well-being threatens one's spiritual equilibrium, and vice versa.

The Torah tells us how to emerge victorious over both types of enemy: "When you will go forth." A person must gird himself with the strength that comes from absolute faith in G-d; even before encountering the enemy. Next, one's approach must be that of ascendancy — "against (literally, 'over') your enemies." Know that G-d Himself stands beside you and assists you in your struggle.

ness and holiness, not only are external manifestations of evil vanquished, but its spiritual source is defeated as well. The Torah therefore uses the singular — enemy — to allude to the Evil Inclination, the origin and prototype of all misfortune.

The verse concludes with the words "and you shall take captives of them." If a Jew is not careful and falls prey to the Evil Inclination, all of his higher faculties, given to him by G-d to be utilized for good, also fall into its snare.

The Torah teaches that sincere repentance has the power to redeem these captive prisoners, elevating them until even "willful transgressions are considered as merits."

Such warfare brings Moshiah and the final redemption closer, when the Evil Inclination will be totally vanquished and the victory over sin will be permanent.

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

## TORAH TODAY

Armed in such a manner, victory is assured, not only against conventional enemies, but against the root of all evil — the Evil inclination, equated in the Gemara with "the Satan (enemy of the soul), and the Angel of Death (enemy of the physical body)."

When a Jew goes out to "war" fortified with the knowledge that there is no force in the world able to stand in the face of good-

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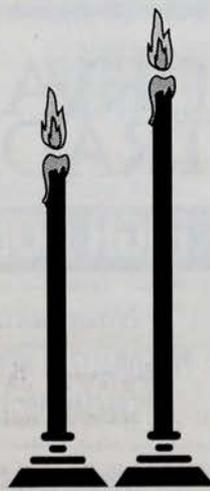
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## Labor Still Rules

by Ruth Matar

Founder of the Women in Green

JERUSALEM — It is very difficult for Jews in the diaspora to fully comprehend the extent of power and control which the Labor Party, even when out of power, exercises over the day-to-day life here.

Economically, the Labor Party, through its supporters and its alter-ego, the Histadrut, maintains a tight-fisted control of the Israeli economy, and vigorously opposes all efforts of privatization that would threaten its virtual monopolistic hold on Israel's industry and commerce.

At the same time, buttressed by their old socialistic credo it is very hard, particularly in the public sector, to fire any worker here.

Unfortunately, the judiciary, whose members for the most part got their jobs through loyalty to the Labor establishment, is supportive of such an unhealthy and short-sighted protective policy.

Thus, the normal changeover and housecleaning in public personnel that occurs after an election bringing a new party to power, does not happen in Israel. The old guard loyalists stay on, even in important governmental posts, making it extremely difficult for a new administration to work effectively.

The Labor government was busy to the last day filling ambassadorial posts with its own party loyalists, who could not be replaced by the new Netanyahu government. But even on the more important level of key foreign service employees, and in the vital area of communications, the judiciary, and even in the army itself, there are scores of irreplaceable employees who owe their loyalties elsewhere.

The recent post office scandal where Likud election literature was proven to have been

jettisoned and not delivered by Labor Party members who held high positions in the post office, is just another example of the malady.

Just an inkling of what is involved came to the fore indirectly in a strong but objective statement made by Uzi Landau, the newly appointed chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. He accused some former and present IDF officers of being yes-men to the previous Labor government, particularly concerning the Oslo accords as they affect Hebron and other areas in Judea and Samaria. The uproar that followed was typical standard Labor character assassination of an opponent who dares reveal its improprieties.

### It will be hard to break the Labor-Histadrut stranglehold on the economy.

The defamation of Landau by Labor lackeys was given widespread coverage by the media, still controlled by Labor. Typically, the media gave most of its time and space to the Labor and Meretz opposition on the issues raised. That stalwart, non-partisan defender of the faith, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid was called upon to observe that the present relationship between the political and military echelons had "never been so bad."

Unintentionally, he proved what Landau was saying had merit; that indeed the situation was bad because some in the military leadership were continuing to justify and promote the former Labor objectives, despite the new mandate given to Netanyahu in the elections.

What is important to observe

from this whole falsely created hullabaloo, is that forces seeking to change the Labor-Histadrut stranglehold on the economy, and Labor's control of every aspect of national life, have an immense and difficult hurdle to overcome.

Today, it is the IDF-Labor relationship that has been exposed. Tomorrow it may be an investigation into why there is an invisible quota to the Labor-controlled appointments to the Supreme Court, where Labor sees to it that not more than one religious Jew is allowed to be appointed to the court at any one time.

Certainly, any attack on Labor's improper use of the Histadrut to disrupt the operation of the new government by the sudden emerging pattern of calling frequent strikes in an attempt to paralyze and disrupt the functioning of day-to-day life, will evoke similar vicious attacks by the Labor establishment.

So will unrestrained attacks be forthcoming on critics of Labor's artificial control of the economy and its labyrinth of administrative and other roadblocks in order to prevent the privatization of industry, and the competitiveness of a free economy.

In the face of all of the above realities, it was truly a miracle that brought about the defeat of the powerful and mighty Labor giant. The results of that election give meaning and hope to all believing Jews.

Despite the powerful Labor forces led by Shimon Peres, there is, as shown by the elections, a majority of Jews who still believe in a Jewish state. The battle for Jewish survival goes on.

It is a battle, however, by new Jewish forces, made up in no small part by immigrants from the United States and elsewhere who are providing the ideology and faith that are needed to assure victory.

momentum to transform the source of pain.

Each of us possesses a burning candle deep within. If we allow its light to shine through, then the resultant energies will bring light to the darkest corner of self, of world, of cosmos. The positive nature of creation is the soul of reality.

**Lesson in Mindfulness:** How do you respond to the newspaper headlines? Are you overcome by grief, do you wallow in apparent compassion, heave a sigh of despair, and then utter the hollow words, "I feel so helpless to do anything about it"?

A Hassidic teaching notes that one positive act or word is worth a thousand groans and sighs. The first step lies with the bright light of optimism and belief that each one of us counts in the process of worldly and cosmic change.

Such change begins with a single positive thought, in the same way as the longest of journeys begins with the first step. Think positively and the outcome will be positive.

## Ah Bubbeh Meiseh

by Harold L. Bloom

Literally translated, the title means "A Grandmother Tale," a story that a grandmother would tell to her grandchildren to teach some lesson — about morals, good behavior, life, etc. In English, we would call it a fable. As time went on, the meaning was stretched to include "tall" stories and any tale that just wasn't believable.

This, then is my "Bubbeh Meiseh," and like any fable it starts out with — Once upon a time — a young boy and his Zaydee were out in the backyard, enjoying the summer evening, while the families were visiting. The grandparents, parents, and children were either listening to Zaydee talk about the "good old days" or engaged in their own conversations.

Zaydee had just finished another of his humorous Byalistok stories and there happened to be a lull in conversation. Into this moment of silence there came the clear voice of the grandson, "Zaydee, how far is it from Byalistok to here?"

Zaydee was just about to answer when he paused, rubbed his chin for a moment, gazed at the boy, and suddenly became serious.

"Well, if it's only distance you're asking about, that's easy. I suppose it's about 4,000 or 5,000 miles away, say a little farther than your cousins in California, but in the opposite direction."

"On the other hand, there's a lot more than distance involved here." At this point, his voice rose, and his eyes turned to the boy. "When I was about your age, coming to this country with my family, I remember it took a long, long time to get here. Between the carts, the trains, the stops at the borders, the inspec-

tions, and the boats, it took us nearly a month to make the trip from Byalistok to the United States of America. Now, you hop on a jet, and in a day or so, bingo you're there. That's another way you can measure how far I've come from my time in Byalistok.

"But that's not all." Now his voice and his eyes took on a sad look. "There's another way to see how far we've come from Byalistok."

"Before I was born, and when I was still a boy, 'we,' and here he motioned at the family around him "the Jewish people, were second-class citizens. There were places we couldn't live, occupations we couldn't engage in, positions of authority we couldn't occupy."

"The majority of the population didn't like or feared us and made our lives miserable whenever they could."

"Fresh in the minds of our parents were the stories of pogroms and other frightful events that had taken place around them. Luckily, they had some friends among the gentry that protected them from much of the violence."

Now his voice rose. "Here we are now. You are in a place where you can be anything you want. You're a first-class citizen like everyone else, you can live any place you wish, learn to do any job you are capable of — even be president of the United States. And the government will see to it that no one bothers you."

"How's that for a measure of how far we've come from Byalistok?"

When he stopped, everyone was listening, thinking, remembering.

Please remember, this is only a "Bubbeh Meiseh." The incident never happened — but it could have. It could have.

## An Experiment on Futility

To the Editor:

The search for peace with Syria is an experiment in futility, which simply means that Assad cannot give Israel peace. Though Assad wants the Golan very badly, terrorism is now a part of the Syrian economy.

One or more of the radical countries of the Middle East is giving Syria large amounts of money to continue the attacks on Israel. Should Assad stop — the money will stop.

Assad must be getting large sums of money to keep these terrorists from acting within the borders of their peaceful Arab neighbors. The word must be, we will pay to keep them out.

Narcotics (which they export) are now a way of life for Syria as the country does not have a strong economy, and this nar-

cotic money is badly needed.

After 20 trips to Syria, Secretary of State Warren Christopher does not even have a partial agreement. This is another reason for no Syrian Peace Agreement. Syria only wants to find out what she can get from the United States and Israel.

The answer to a peace agreement is a joint effort by many countries to give Syria more money than she is now receiving for her terrorism. But this will set a bad precedent. Also she could be advised that industry will come into a peaceful country. But I believe the following is the best plan: advancing the economy of Jordan with grants, loans, and factories. Make Jordan the show place of peace.

Harold Weiser  
North Smithfield, R.I.

## Dispelling the Darkness

by Rabbi Laibl Wolf

"A small amount of light dispels a large amount of darkness." This Hassidic teaching speaks about more than points along the spectrum of light. It instructs us concerning one of the most insightful observations about the cosmos.

The inner nature of creation is dominated by the flow of Hessed — beneficence, empathy, abundance. Since the human being is an Olam Kattan, a microcosm of the macro-cosmos, this Hessed feature is also true of our inner nature and being. So when we introduce even a small quotient of optimism and positive thinking into our outlook, this inner 'spiritual turn' radically alters any previous state of concern, hurt, or despair.

The reverse does not take place in spiritually centered individuals. A little bit of concern does not overpower the happy heart. But a modest quantum of happiness is able to completely transform the deepest of pains.

Have you not observed this

in your own life? Have you not made an attempt to assuage the ache of someone's broken heart by providing room for laughter? What did the laughter do? It had the power to dispel the deepest of emotional pain.

And if one can develop the smiling disposition, not only does this indelibly affect our own inner spiritual climate, but that of others as well? Whilst a frown might also throw a spanner into our emotional works, it will never be as powerful as someone's reflecting smile.

In the same vein, a little bit of goodness goes a long way further than a minor moral setback. We have read many poignant vignettes of individuals who were down and out, only to be touched by the magic wand of someone's altruism, and became "born again" confidant of life's gifts.

Whilst images of hurt and callousness may momentarily drain the energies of the truly concerned, they will subsequently elicit the impetus and

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# FEATURE

## Touro Welcomes Its New Rabbi

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

When Rabbi Mel Eskovitz read about Touro Synagogue in history books, he developed a perception of the shul.

Upon visiting Touro for the first time, prior to becoming the synagogue's new rabbi on Aug. 8, his perception changed completely.

"It sounded like something that was appropriate for a museum," said Eskovitz. "I didn't expect Touro to be a live symbol of Judaism. By contrast, I found that it was very modern and made people feel comfortable."

Eskovitz, who got married for the first time this past May, learned that there was a rabbinic position available at Touro from Yeshiva University's rabbinic placement service.

"I felt it was time to begin a new life with my new wife (Rivka) elsewhere," said Esko-

vit. "So I called Yeshiva University and asked about any openings that were available. I wouldn't have entertained the idea had Yeshiva not suggested it."

Eskovitz majored in English literature at Yeshiva University, and completed his BA in English and MA in religious education and ordination in 1968.

For the last six years, he has been a pulpit rabbi in Reading, Pa.

Although Eskovitz had never been to Newport, many of his congregants in Reading had visited the city.

"I was surprised by the number of people who lived in Reading who have been to Touro," stated Eskovitz. "I didn't realize the city's popularity."

When Eskovitz came to Touro in March for his interview, he was immediately impressed with the synagogue.

"I had read and heard about

Touro, but I didn't know the reality," said Eskovitz. "I didn't realize that I would encounter a synagogue that would transcend Ashkenazic, Saphardic and liberal Judaism — a place where everyone could be happy."

The rabbi described liberal Jews as those "who don't practice the religion, but are happy to be part of Touro." According to Eskovitz, there are several congregants who fit this description.

"The synagogue attracts a lot of young people, people who have little knowledge of Jewish life," said Eskovitz. "There are young people who have chosen to live here so they can go to Touro. They're not religious, but they've been spiritually touched."

Eskovitz said he knows of at least three couples that want to get married in the synagogue.

While the rabbi would like Touro to be inviting to new

congregants, regardless of how religious they have been, he must also maintain the shul's Orthodox tradition.

Eskovitz plans to deal with this "challenge" through education (in and outside of the classroom), dialogue and encouraging people to read as much as possible.

The rabbi said even those who are not proficient in Hebrew will be able to follow the service.

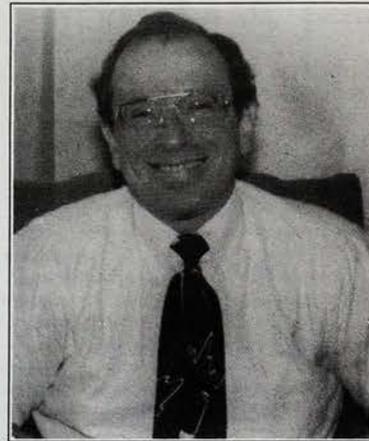
"We announce the page numbers, there's an explanation of the prayers and a step-by-step explanation of the Torah reading," said Eskovitz. "The prayerbooks are the finest English/Hebrew prayerbooks available."

One of the rabbi's major goals is to get the congregation more involved.

"I'm going to encourage people to lead parts of the service," said Eskovitz. "I would like to make the congregation self-sufficient."

The rabbi indicated the need for the congregants to take part not only in prayer, but in all areas of synagogue life.

"The synagogue's vision goes beyond the service," said Eskovitz. "I hope to involve the community through education,



RABBI MEL ES KOVITZ became the new rabbi at Touro Synagogue in Newport on Aug. 8. The rabbi submitted the two poems which appear on this page.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

music and drama. I hope to expand things."

According to the rabbi, the synagogue tours will continue through September. After that, he expects to concentrate his efforts more on the community.

"I would like to focus on the needs of the Jews of Newport," said Eskovitz. "I'm looking forward to getting down to the day by day activities of the members."

On Aug. 18, the synagogue welcomed the rabbi with a breakfast. On Aug. 24, the president of the shul will sponsor a kiddush in the rabbi's honor.



THE JEWISH CEMETERY in Newport is located on Touro Street, a couple of blocks up the hill from Touro Synagogue and across the street from the Hotel Viking. Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

## The Jewish Cemetery in Newport

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1852

How strange it seems! These Hebrews in their graves,  
Close by the street of this fair seaport town,  
Silent beside the never-silent waves,  
At rest in all this moving up and down!

The trees are white with dust, that o'er their sleep  
Wave their broad curtains in the south-wind's breath,  
While underneath these leafy tents they keep  
The long, mysterious Exodus of Death.

And these sepulchral stones, so old and brown,  
That pave with level flags their burial-place  
Seem like the tablets of the Law, thrown down  
And broken by Moses at the mountain's base.

The very names recorded here are strange,  
Of foreign accent, and of different climes;  
Alvares and Rivera interchange  
With Abraham and Jacob of old times.

"Blessed by G-d! for he created Death!"  
The mourners said, "and Death is rest and peace;"  
Then added, in the certainty of faith,  
"And giveth Life that nevermore shall cease."

Closed are the portals of their Synagogue,  
No Psalms of David now the silence break,  
No Rabbi reads the ancient Decalogue  
In the grand dialect the Prophets spake.

Gone are the living, but the dead remain,  
And not neglected; for a hand unseen  
Scattering its bounty, like a summer rain,  
Still keeps their graves and their remembrance green.

How came they here? What burst of Christian hate,  
What persecution, merciless and blind,  
Drove o'er the sea — that desert desolate —  
These Ishmaels and Hagar's of mankind?

They lived in narrow streets and lanes obscure,  
Ghetto and Judenstrass, in mirk and mire;  
Taught in the school of patience to endure  
The life of anguish and the death of fire.

All their lives long, with the unleavened bread  
And bitter herbs of exiles and its fears,  
The wasting famine of the heat they fed,  
And slaked its thirst with marah of their tears.

Anathema marantha! was the cry  
That rang from town to town, from street to  
street;

At every gate the accursed Mordecai  
Was mocked and jeered, and spurned by  
Christian feet.

Pride and humiliation hand in hand  
Walked with them through the world where'er  
they went;

Trampled and beaten were they as the sand,  
And yet unshaken as the continent.

For in the background figures vague and vast  
Of Patriarchs and of prophets rose sublime,  
And all the great traditions of the Past  
They saw reflected in the coming time.

And thus forever with reverted look  
The mystic volume of the world they read,  
Spelling it backward, like Hebrew book,  
Till life became a Legend of the Dead.

But ah! what once has been shall be no more!  
The groaning earth in travail and in pain  
Brings forth its races, but does not restore,  
And the dead nations never rise again.

## In The Jewish Synagogue in Newport

by Emma Lazarus, 1867

Here, where the noises of the busy town,  
The ocean's plunge and roar can enter not,  
We stand and gaze around with tearful awe,  
And muse upon the consecrated spot.

No signs of life are here: the very prayers  
Inscribed around are in a language dead;  
The light of the 'perpetual lamp' is spent  
That an undying radiance was to shed.

What prayers were in this temple offered up,  
Wrung from sad hearts, that knew no joy on earth,  
By these lone exiles of a thousand years,  
From the fair sunrise land that gave them birth!

Now as we gaze, in the new world of light  
Upon this relic of the days of old,  
The present vanishes, and tropic bloom  
And eastern towns and temples we behold.

Again we see the patriarch with his flocks,  
The purple seas, the hot blue sky o'erhead,  
The slaves of Egypt, -omens, mysteries, —  
Dark fleeing hosts by flaming angels led.

A wondrous light upon a sky-kissed mount,  
A man who reads the great G-d's written law,  
'Midst blinding glory and effulgence rare  
Unto a people prone with reverent awe,

The pride of luxury's barbaric pomp,  
In the rich court of royal Solomon —  
Alas! we wake: one scene alone remains —  
The exiles by the streams of Babylon.

Our softened voices send us back again  
But mournful echoes through the empty hall;  
Our footsteps have a strange unnatural sound,  
And with unwonted gentleness they fall.

The weary ones, the sad, the suffering,  
All found their comfort in the holy place,  
And children's gladness and men's gratitude  
Took voice and mingled in the chant of praise.

The funeral and the marriage, now, alas!  
We know not which is sadder to recall;  
For youth and happiness have followed age,  
And green grass lieth gently over all.

Nathless the sacred shrine is holy yet,  
With its lone floors where reverent feet once trod  
Take off your shoes, as by the burning bush,  
Before the mystery of death and G-d.

# SCHOOLBEAT

## Torat Yisrael School Accepting Registrations

Registration is currently in progress at Torat Yisrael School.

Classes for pre-schoolers, kindergarten, first- and second-grade students meet at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Students in third to seventh grades attend a six-hour program with class days convening on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at 3:45 p.m., on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m.

A fully articulated curriculum and outstanding faculty of professionals are only a beginning of the program at what has been lauded nationally as a model school.

It is the student and parent that really "make things" happen by their response to learning, their attitudes and their home follow-through.

Family education is available

in curricular units and special programming. This year Torat Yisrael will continue its school orchestra conducted by temple organist, Steve Martorella.

Rosh Hodesh Hugin — a series of unique mid-week electives will debut as the new academic year is ushered in. Students will be able to choose from a variety of electives that supplement the curriculum.

Membership in the synagogue is a prerequisite for school enrollment in all classes except the Yeladon pre-school program. Yeladon is open to non-members.

The Cranston synagogue is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

For further information, call 785-1890.

## Panken Named Dean at HUC-JIR

Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, a 199 rabbinic alumnus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, has been appointed dean of students of the College-Institute's New York school, it has been announced by Rabbi Zahara T. Davidowitz-Farkas, dean of HUC-JIR/New York.

Panken served as assistant and associate rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Shalom in New York City from 1991 to 1995. Currently a Wexner Graduate Fellow, he is a Ph.D. candidate in Talmud and rabbinic literature at New York University.

He has served as an adjunct member of the rabbinic faculty at the College-Institute and has worked extensively with students during his tenure at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, as a student rabbi at Columbia University, and as a youth director for Reform Movement camps and youth programs.

Panken received the master of Hebrew letters degree from the College-Institute in 1989. He



Rabbi Aaron D. Panken  
Photo courtesy of HUC-JIR

is a 1985 graduate of Johns Hopkins University, with a B.E.S. in electrical engineering, and served as an electronic/biomedical engineering research assistant at the Johns Hopkins Medical School.

## URI to Offer Computer Training

The University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension and Department of Natural Resources Sciences is offering a four-week, short course training program entitled Desktop Mapping and the RIGIS Database.

The course will be held Sept. 16 to Oct. 9, on Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. on the URI Kingston Campus. The cost of the course is \$250.

During the eight-session

course, attendees will explore the world of desktop mapping and the powers of the RIGIS database. Participants will also learn the fundamentals of GIS, discuss the hardware and software options for utilizing desktop mapping, and learn the functionality of ArcView software while working with the RIGIS database.

To register, contact Alyson McCann at 874-5398.

## N.E. Tech Offers New Program

New England Institute of Technology recently added its 23rd 18-month associate degree program to the college's technical course structure.

The new program, Data and Voice Communication Technology, prepares a student to install, service and maintain equipment needed for the rapidly expanding communications information field (integrating voice, sound, video, and

computer information data).

The program is designed to give the student background in electronics, computers, communication principles and networks. It culminates in the set-up and testing of a complete, industry-standard, data communications network.

It will begin in October and applications are available by calling the college's admissions office at 467-7744.

## Religious School Registration for Congregation Agudas Achim

Religious school registration and parents orientation will take place on Sept. 5, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro.

The religious school meets Sunday mornings for grades kindergarten through six, and Wednesday afternoons for grades three through seven. Seventh grade and a monthly pre-school program also meet on Monday afternoons.

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### Tune Into Telecourses

Community College of Rhode Island will offer 21 telecourses beginning Sept. 1 on WSBE-TV (Channel 36) and various cable channels.

The courses being offered are: man and the environment, the human in health and disease, introduction to business, law of contracts, principles of marketing, principles of management, principles of economics I, composition I, introduction to literature, film as literature, survey of western civilization I, history of the United States to 1877, law and society, law of contracts, college algebra, business mathematics, ethics, American national government, general psychology, developmental psychology, abnormal psychology and introduction to anthropology.

For more information on these telecourses, call CCRI's Office of Off-Campus Programs at 333-7126.

gogue curriculum includes Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish holidays and history.

The program includes innovative activities, music and arts to enhance student learning.

For more information about school registration or the synagogue, call 222-2243.

Congregation Agudas Achim is located at 901 N. Main St. (Rt. 152) in Attleboro and serves the Jewish communities of Attleboro, North Attleboro, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Plainville, Wrentham and surrounding areas.

### UMass Holds Registration

UMass Dartmouth will hold early registration and advising on Aug. 26 to 30 for students who are taking one or more courses, but who are not currently enrolled in a degree program.

Robert L. Piper, a professor of political science and advisor in the university's Academic Advising Center, will provide individual counseling to students before they register for courses.

The Academic Advising Office in room 009 of the Foster Administration Building is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Aug. 26 to 30.

No appointment is necessary, but further information about the Academic Advising Office and early registration is available by calling (508) 999-8519.

## School Registration and Open House at Temple Am David

Temple Am David will conduct its school registration on Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the same time it is holding its open house program.

Registration in the school is open to the Jewish community, beginning with children at age 4, with the temple's unique EZ program which is designed to bring youngsters into the temple and teach them the basics, while they're having a good time.

Temple Am David is located at 40 Gardiner St., near Hoxie Four Corners (enter by Bellevue). For more information, call 463-7944. Am David is a Conservative temple.

## Preparatory School Holds Admission Open House

The Community Preparatory School in Providence will hold an open house on Nov. 10 for interested parents and students entering grades four through eight.

Guests will have the opportunity to meet faculty, parents and students, and learn about the philosophy, curriculum and programs of the school.

The open house presentation begins at 2 p.m. Parents should call the school at 521-9696 to R.S.V.P. and for more information. The school is located at 126 Somerset St., near Rhode Island Hospital, in Providence.

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# MILESTONES

## Moshe Mordechai Freedman

Maxine and Elliott Freedman of Brookline, Mass., announce the birth of their son, Moshe Mordechai, on June 25.

Moshe has a big sister, Miryam Zissele.

Maternal grandparents are Sunya and Herbert Aiken of Boynton Beach, Fla., and paternal grandparents are Eleanor and Irwin Freedman of Newton, Mass.

Maternal great-grandmother is Gertrude Newman of Providence and paternal great-grandmother is Lee Aiken of Pembroke Park, Fla.



## Cody William Resnick

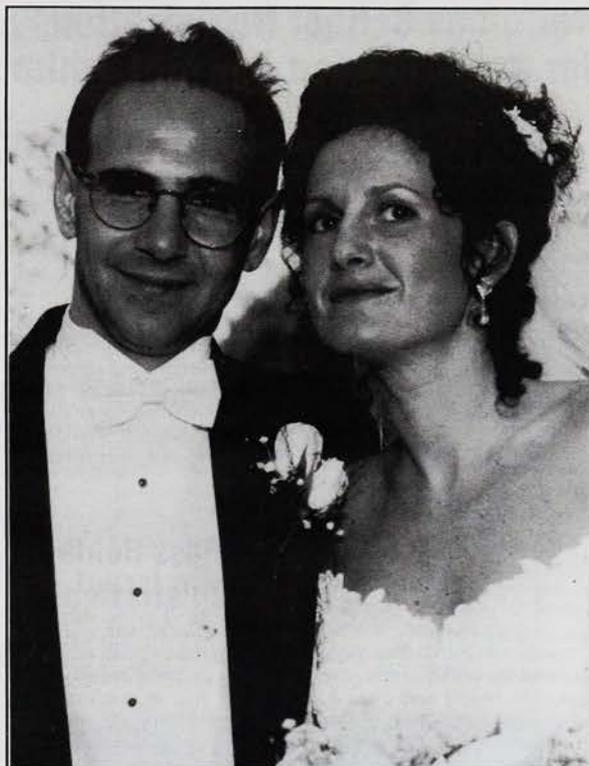
A son, Cody William, was born to Samuel and Lynn Resnick of Woodstock Valley, Conn., on June 7.

Maternal grandparents are Lionel and Alice Ricard of Storrs, Conn.

Paternal grandparents are Albert and Corinne Resnick of Warwick.

Paternal great-grandmother is Gertrude Newman of Providence.

Cody is named in loving memory of his paternal great-grandfather, William Newman.



Mr. and Mrs. David K. Geller

## Debra Resnick Marries David Geller

Debra Lee Resnick and David Geller were married May 26, 1996, at the Potowomut Golf Club, East Greenwich, R.I. The bride is the daughter of Paula

and Harry Katzman of Warwick, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Sylvia and Phillip Geller of Cranston, R.I.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lazar and the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Resnick. The bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gorman and Marian Geller and the late Cy Geller.

Rabbi George Astrachan officiated at the ceremony with Cantor Rennie Brown participating. A reception followed immediately at the Potowomut Golf Club.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. The matron of honor was Wendy Pendergrass. Lauren Pendergrass was flower girl and ringbearers were Dylan Resnick, nephew of the bride, and Bryan Adler, nephew of the bridegroom.

Clark Simmons III was best man and ushers were Mark D. Resnick, brother of the bride, and Adam R. Maxcy, cousin of the bride.

Program attendants were Lorie Adler and Karen Geller, sisters of the bridegroom. Readings were given by Gayle (sister of the bride) and Ed Wilner, and Barbie and Eric Ring.

The bride graduated from Community College of R.I. and is employed by M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Texas. The bridegroom graduated from the University of Texas, where he received a master's degree. He is studying for a Ph.D. at Rice University and is associated with NASA.

The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and now reside in Houston, Texas.

## Melissa Soltz to Wed Jonathan Gershon

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Gershon of Warwick, R.I., announce the engagement of their son, Jonathan R. Gershon, of Warwick to Melissa E. Soltz of Salem, Mass., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Soltz of Salem.

The bride-to-be received a B.S. from Ithaca College, and a master's degree in speech pathology from Northeastern University. She is employed as a speech pathologist with Optimum Rehab of Boston. She is

the granddaughter of Harry Soltz of Florida and Sarah Morse of Lynn, Mass.

Her fiancé received a B.S. from Northwestern University. He is attending Emory University and is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koslow of Cranston, R.I., and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gershon of Florida.

A July 20, 1997, wedding is planned.



Melissa E. Soltz and Jonathan R. Gershon

## Jill Katz to Wed Charles Ginsburg

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Katz of Potomac, Md., and Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Ginsburg of Vestal, N.Y., announce the engagement of their children, Jill Ellen Katz to Charles Daniel Ginsburg.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of William Gerstenblatt and the late Etta Gerstenblatt and the late Harry and Mae Katz, all of Providence, R.I.

Her fiancé is the grandson of the late Joseph and Frances Ballow Rudnick of Philadelphia, Pa. and Paul and Ida Ginsburg of Baltimore, Md.

The bride-to-be earned a business degree at the University of Delaware and a master's degree in social work at Boston University.

Her fiancé earned a bachelor of arts degree at Vassar College and will receive a master's degree in biochemistry from Boston University in December. In January he will pursue a doctorate degree in chiropractic at the National College of Chiropractic

in Lombard, Ill.

A June wedding is planned.



## Corey Goldstein

Mr. and Mrs. David Goldstein of Sessions Street, Providence, R.I., announce the birth of their first child, a son, Corey, on July 20.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Levine of Rosedale, N.Y., and Jerome DeVito of Riverdale, N.Y.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goldstein of Narragansett, R.I.

Great-grandparents are Reuben Marsh and the late Helen Marsh, the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael DeVito, the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris Marks and the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldstein.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Temple Am David Installs New President

Temple Am David in Warwick recently installed Carmine Olivieri as temple president. Also installed were an executive board and board of directors. The installation service took place May 31. Rabbi Nechama Goldberg presided.

Olivieri has been an active member of the temple for five years, serving on the executive board as first vice president and as treasurer. In addition, he has been a member of the board of directors, serving as the chairperson for the temple's long range financial committee.

During his tenure in these positions the temple was able to achieve focus and become fiscally stable.

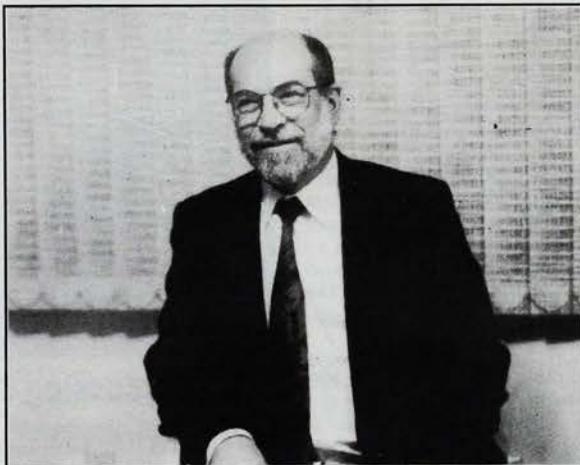
Olivieri stated that he wanted the temple to promote community spirit, both in the Jewish community and in Warwick, as well as the other communities the temple serves, including Cranston, East Greenwich, West Warwick and North Kingstown... that the education of the children will be an area of concentration for the temple. To

emphasize this, the temple recently hired Cantor Stanley Rosenfeld to be school director in addition to serving as cantor.

In addition to Olivieri, the executive board will include: Marsha (Mickey) Silverman, Barry Glucksman, Helene

Wiesman, Beverly Sklaroff, Michael Goldberg, Stanley Grebstein, Toby Horowitz, and Sandy Shaw.

The Olivieri family has been involved with temple for 15 years.



CARMINE OLIVIERI is the newly installed president of Temple Am David.

## United Brothers Synagogue Elects New Officers

The United Brothers Synagogue recently elected a new slate of officers and trustees for the 1996-1998 biennium at its annual meeting. The officers and trustees are as follows:

Officers: president, B. James Suzman; 1st vice-president, Dr. Michael Sheff; 2nd vice-president, Debra Krohn; treasurer, Fredric E. Suzman; recording secretary, Steven Krohn; corresponding secretary, Linda Suzman.

Trustees: Cantor William Crausman, Dr. Maurice Lipson, Mary Lipson, Elaine Kaufman,

Gary Kaufman and Pat Pires.

Newly elected President James Suzman, commented upon his election as follows:

"It is an honor to be elected president of such a historic congregation. I am especially pleased to follow in the footsteps of my grandfather (Fred E.) and father (Maynard), both prior synagogue presidents. I wish to pay a special thank you to outgoing President Robert Kaufman for his dedication to the synagogue these past two years."

## The New Year in Israel

Gershon Levine, director of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island will speak at the Brown Bag Club meeting on Aug. 27. The lunch will start at noon, and the talk at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Levine's topic will be "Politics in Israel Today" and possible developments in the new year.

The fee for the lunch is \$1 per person. Reserve space by calling Evy Rappoport at 861-8800.

## Correction

On page 13 of the Aug. 16 Herald, a striking fashion photo (vintage 1918) of "Mamie Brown Black" should have read "Mamie Brown Block." We received the wrong name, and regret the error.

## Hadassah Volunteers Donate Time to Children's Hospital

A tea to honor the volunteers from the Rhode Island Chapter of Hadassah for their more than 6,000 hours of annual service to the Hasbro Children's Hospital was held by Hadassah on Aug. 1 at the Villa Del Rio Clubhouse.

R.I. Hadassah volunteers play with, read to, and care for the young patients when family members are not available. Since 1991, R.I. Hadassah volunteers have also knit booties for the children and crafted thousands of dolls. The dolls are dressed in hospital gowns and donated to every child entering the hospital.

These medical teaching dolls are specifically designed to allow doctors and nurses to visually explain to the child the nature of his surgery and/or illness. The patient is encouraged to color in the face and add the individual touches of personality.

The importance of this work was recognized in a presidential citation sent by President Bush.

## Friends of Touro Meet

The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue will hold its annual meeting on Aug. 25 at the Touro Community Center, 85 Touro St., Newport.

The meeting will start at 12:15 p.m.

More volunteers, especially sewers, are needed. To be a part of this community service project or to donate a doll in someone's honor, call 463-3636.

## The Temple was Busy, Busy, Busy

The Temple Am David golf tournament on Aug. 15 drew more than 50 golfers including Nancy Chafee, a former Rhode Island Ladies Amateur Golf champion.

Plans for next year's tournament are already in place.

Meanwhile, more than 70 people attended the temple's first annual picnic held on the temple grounds. Helene Weissman, who chaired the picnic and who is the vice president of programming for the temple, stated, "The purpose of the picnic was to get people together and simply eat and have a good time. And eat they did."

"At one point we ran out of hot dogs and had to make a run to a nearby grocery for more kosher hot dogs, even though we had grilled several pounds to begin with."

The picnic began at 5 p.m. and continued till almost dusk, before everyone called it a day.

## Stein Shares Bounty

Marcia Diamond Stein, who was confirmed at Temple Emanu-El and who grew up in Rhode Island, is now the director of New York City Meals on Wheels, which is sharing its surplus with 18 cities, among them Providence.

## 44 Stories

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— I don't think so. Most of us these days are in far more danger of taking our work too seriously than we are of taking ourselves and our private lives, away from the office, too seriously. Let me put that another way. When we are saying goodbye to life, which are we more likely to regret — our omissions at the office, or the ones that took place at home?

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Open House Planned at Congregation Agudas Achim

Prospective and new members are welcome to an open house at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro on Sept. 8 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Members of the synagogue board and committees will be on hand to greet guests and provide information about the synagogue, religious school, High Holy Day services, and programs offered throughout the year.

A highlight of the program will be a short workshop on How to Build a Sukkah, taught by Stu Skerker at 4 p.m. Participants will learn how to construct an outdoor hut for the Jewish festival of Sukkot (booths) which will begin Friday night, Sept. 27. Veteran and novice sukkah builders are encouraged to attend.

Congregation Agudas Achim is the area's only Reconstruction-

ist synagogue. The synagogue's membership comes from a wide geographic area including Mansfield, Foxboro, Norton, Wrentham, as well as Attleboro, North Attleboro, Providence and Sharon.

For more information about Congregation Agudas Achim or the open house, call (508) 222-2243.

## W.I.N. With Hadassah in Israel

Winter in Netanya (W.I.N.), Hadassah's unique one- and two-month Israel volunteer-study-travel programs are scheduled for round-trip departures from New York on Dec. 2, returning Dec. 31 (Trip A), and Jan. 5, returning March 3 (Trip B).

The W.I.N. programs are for men and women age 50 and up who want to spend meaningful time in Israel. Participants stay at a seaside hotel in Netanya, an idyllic Mediterranean resort town 20 miles north of Tel Aviv. They serve as volunteers each

morning, working in hospitals and community centers, tutoring immigrants in English, sorting and packing supplies for the Israel Defense Forces, planting gardens, painting murals, doing carpentry or putting their special talents to use.

Afternoons are devoted to conversational Hebrew lessons and sight-seeing tours to nearby attractions, including the Golan Heights, Masada and Yad Vashem.

One week will be spent in Jerusalem.

In the evenings there are con-

certs, folk-dancing, entertainment, discussions and banquets.

Hadassah's W.I.N. program includes round-trip airfare, accommodations, three meals per day, volunteer program, Hebrew instruction, tours and gratuities.

Trip A price per person double occupancy is \$2,999; single supplement is \$448.

Trip B price per person is \$4,149; single supplement is \$448 per month. For information and applications, call (212) 303-8286; fax (212) 303-4525.



### Discussing Chinese Culture

Dore Levy, professor of comparative literature and the chairman of East Asian studies at Brown University, spoke recently to the Brown Bag Club at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. The topic was "Retributory Illness in Traditional Chinese Culture."

*Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

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## Foundation's Influence Felt Around the World

Grants totalling more than \$4.5 million to support Jewish cultural projects and to train Jewish scholars, educators and communal workers in 33 countries worldwide were announced last week by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture at the biennial meeting of the foundation's board of trustees. The grants cover the period from Oct. 1, 1996 to Sept. 30, 1998.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler of Westport, Conn., chairman of

the executive committee, was elected president.

He is the fifth president of the foundation, which was founded by the late Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

The foundation is the only international body solely dedicated to advancing Jewish cultural activities worldwide. It was established with reparations funds from the government of West Germany. Since its formation, it has allocated more than \$62.5 million. Its aims, according to Rabbi Schindler, are twofold:

(1) To advance scholarly, literary and artistic programs that will make a significant contribution to understanding, preserving and enhancing Jewish culture.

(2) To prepare educators, communal workers, rabbis and religious functionaries for service in diaspora Jewish communities — especially in Eastern Europe — as a way of furthering the revival of Jewish life, all but obliterated by the Nazis.

To this end, said Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, executive vice president, the foundation has allocated grants for the coming two years in the following categories:

(a) \$1,454,000 for 69 educational and cultural projects; (b) \$690,000 for community service scholarships; (c) \$653,000 for doctoral scholarships; (d)

\$818,400 for fellowships; (e) \$551,500 for post-rabbinic scholarships, and (f) \$415,800 for new directions programs.

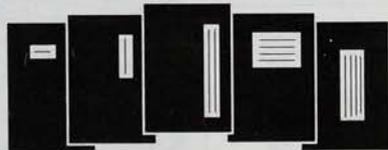
These grants, he added, will go to communal agencies, students and scholars in Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, England, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Moldavia, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Tunisia, Uruguay, and Yugoslavia, as well as the United States and Israel.

## Russian Exchange Student Seeks Host Family

Youth for Understanding is seeking a family who could open their home to Anatassia, of Moscow, who is here until January. She loves swimming, but is willing to try any kind of sport. She has excellent English skills and a great smile.

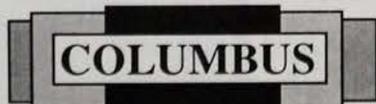
This student is one of a few students from many countries in need of a host family for the school year. To learn how your family and community can learn about another culture without leaving home, contact Pat Schuster at (508) 543-2458, Linda Peterson at (617) 828-2490 or Cheryl Dudley at (508) 699-5593.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Companies Offer Services and Help to Interfaith Couples

by Melinda Greenberg  
Baltimore Jewish Times

BALTIMORE (JTA) — When Joan Hawxhurst, a Methodist, married Steven Bertman, who is Jewish, five years ago, she searched the library near their Boulder, Colo., home for information on interfaith couples. She did not find much, but she has since developed two programs of her own to rectify that situation.

There are about 800,000 interfaith households in the United States.

"We had joined a support group in Denver and had a wealth of material from the Jewish community. What I didn't have was something that made me feel whatever we did was valid," said Hawxhurst, who now lives in Kalamazoo, Mich., with her husband.

In 1992, with her husband's encouragement, Hawxhurst, a free-lance writer and editor, created *Dovetail*, the only independent national newsletter by and for Jewish-Christian families.

Hawxhurst, who would not reveal the choices she and her husband have made in their home and in the upbringing of their 2-year-old daughter, Sarah, has seen membership in *Dovetail* grow from 100 to 1,000 this year.

Because of this interest, she realized that there were needs not being met for interfaith couples.

Together with the owners of three other businesses catering to interfaith couples, she formed a consortium called Interfaith Family Resources.

The other members in the consortium are Good Company, a Chicago-based distributor of an interfaith ketubah (wedding contract) produced by a Reform rabbi; Mixed Blessings, an interfaith and multicultural greet-

ing card company; and Black Bear Productions, which distributes a book written by an interfaith couple married for 32 years.

This informal union of four companies, whose owners met through the small interfaith business network, helps each promote the others' products.

Hawxhurst is hopeful that more companies will join and the consortium will be able to offer more services.

There are about 800,000 interfaith households in the United States, said Egon Mayer, director of the Jewish Outreach Institute.

At Rabbi Allen Secher's congregation, Makor Shalom, in Chicago, about one-third of the 100 families are intermarried. Because of his work with them, Secher created an interfaith ketubah, which is sold through Good Company.

"We receive hundreds of letters from people telling us how they appreciate our cards."

Philip Okrend

"I perform mixed marriages and in every single one of these, the Jewish partner has been very attached to the idea of having a traditional ceremony," Secher said. They want a ketubah because it is a covenant that certifies their marriage.

"Any existing ketubah is inappropriate for the non-Jewish partner to sign or for the Jewish partner to ask them to sign," he said. "My ketubah makes a statement about the couple supporting each other's own traditions and both partners can honestly sign that document."

The rabbi sells about 200 to 300 of the \$95 ketubot a year, by mail order or through bookstores. While he calls the document an "interfaith ketubah," some rabbis see that term as

oxymoronic.

Rabbi Seymour Essrog of the Conservative Beth Shalom of Carroll County, Md., said, "By definition a ketubah is a Jewish document used in the union of two Jews. I understand that these are very sensitive situations, but I don't know if we have to go overboard to diminish the Jewish aspects of the ceremony."

Mixed Blessings, the interfaith greeting card company, was started in 1995 by Philip Okrend and his wife, Elise. They are both Jewish, but have many intermarried friends.

When Elise Okrend, who is an artist, created a holiday card in which a Jewish star merged into a Christmas tree, many of their friends expressed an interest in the interfaith greeting cards.

"We receive hundreds of letters from people telling us how they appreciate our cards," said Philip Okrend, a former attorney who puts card sales at 200,000 last year.

Sharing their experiences with other interfaith couples is what inspired Mary and Ned Rosenbaum two years ago to write their book, *Celebrating Our Differences: Living Two Faiths in One Marriage*, which is distributed by Black Bear Productions.

The Rosenbaums each maintain their own faiths. She is a practicing Catholic and he is an observant Jew. Of their children, only their daughter, Sarah, converted to Judaism; their sons, Ephraim and William, have not made decisions about their religious observance yet.

Mary Rosenbaum, 52, encourages couples to learn from other couples' experiences.

"The more you share with other couples, the more you communicate, the better off you'll be," she said. "You're not always re-inventing the wheel. Sometimes what worked for someone else can work for you, too."

For information about Interfaith Family Resources, call (800) 530-1596.

## Baxter International and Hadassah Establish Immunotherapy Center

The new Baxter-Hadassah Research Center located at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem was recently dedicated by representatives of Baxter International Inc., a medical technology company, and the Hadassah Medical Organization.

The center is one component of a joint venture begun in October 1993 which launched a long-term program to share resources on research that both organizations had been pursuing independently. The new center is particularly devoted to cancer immunobiology research.

"The center will not be solely a basic research facility in which scientists conduct lab experiments to unearth pieces of nature's secrets," said Professor

Shimon Slavin, its director and also head of the bone-marrow transplantation unit. "Discoveries will be implemented as soon as possible to benefit patients at Hadassah."

Baxter's involvement in the venture is in excess of \$5 million, and is being carried out under the aegis of the Sidney Weisner Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation. Research is focused on the development of strategies for the treatment of cancer and genetic disorders by combining new biotechnologies and cancer immunotherapy. Baxter will receive full commercial rights to any products developed under the collaborative research agreement.

## Photo Exhibit Puts Spin on Black and White

The Camera Werks is sponsoring a photo exhibit, "Out of Focus," the work of Providence photographer Barbara Leach. (Camera Werks is located on 764 Hope St., Providence). Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In her exhibit, Providence photographer Barbara Leach captures ordinary objects on black and white film and turns them into colorful, original

pieces of art work, said Patricia Zacks, owner of The Camera Werks. "Hand painting of each black and white photograph results in a very distinctive and surreal look."

Other photographers featured in this month's The Camera Werks photo exhibit include: Anthony Caito, Jean M. Duffy, Becky Ellis, David Lewis, Iman Ali Messiah, Donna Rose, Stanley Summer, M.D., Jennifer Uhrhane, and Samantha Zacks.

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Highlights will include five days of cooking instruction (3 hours each day); a "survival" Italian language lesson; a visit to the museum of a famous porcelain manufacturer; points of

interest in Tuscany, Siena and San Gimignano; and shopping in Florence. Kosher supervision will be by Rabbi Elio Toaff, chief rabbi of Rome.

Cooking K kosher includes accommodations; cooking instruction; meals, taxes and gratuities; tours; Italian lesson and "La Notte a Firenze" (A Night in Florence). Airfare is not included.

Price per person, double occupancy is \$2,400; non-cooking friend/spouse is \$2,200.

For information and reservations, contact the Hadassah Na-

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The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra returns to the Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts on Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in "A Salute to Hollywood," under the direction of celebrated laureate conductor, John Williams.

The concert will feature violinist Joseph Scheer.

In addition to some of his own acclaimed compositions, Williams will conduct the Boston Pops in a number of Hollywood favorites: "Tara's Theme" from "Gone with the Wind"; an arrangement of Walt Disney classics; and the themes from "The Magnificent Seven," "Out of Africa," "Star Wars," "Jurassic Park," "Jaws" and the Oscar-win-

ning theme from "Schindler's List."

Scheer will perform selections from "Fiddler on the Roof."

Tickets for the concert are priced at \$30, \$25 and \$20 for the pavilion and \$10 for the lawn.

Tickets may be purchased by phone through NEXT Ticketing at (617) 423-NEXT (automated) or (617) 423-600 (operator assisted), or in person at the Great Woods box office, the Orpheum Theatre box office, or at select Newbury Comics outlets.

For further information, call Great Woods at (508) 339-2333 or write to the Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts, P.O. Box 810, Mansfield, MA 02048.

## Wind Symphony Welcoming New Members

The Southeastern Massachusetts Wind Symphony, a collaboration between the Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative and the Wheaton College music department, Norton, Mass., begins its sixth season on Sept. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Watson Fine Arts Center at the college. The symphony, under the musical direction of Joseph McKenna, is accepting new woodwind, brass and percussion players ages 14 to adult.

Comprised of adults from surrounding communities, area high school students and stu-

dents from the college, the symphony offers its members an opportunity to perform a wide variety of music for wind ensemble and concert band.

Rehearsals are Thursdays, Sept. 12 through early May, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Watson Fine Arts Center, Wheaton College. Concerts are planned for December and May. There is a \$40 member registration fee and a \$55 non-member fee.

For more information about the symphony and how to join, call (508) 286-3589.

## 'Jazz on the Blackstone' Concert Planned

Woonsocket Mayor Susan D. Menard, along with the Woonsocket Main Street 2000 Development Corporation, have announced the first annual "Jazz on the Blackstone" concert.

This concert will take place on Aug. 29, from 5:30 to 11 p.m., at River Island Park, near Market Square.

Entertainment for the

evening will be provided by Brass Force and Reminiscence. Food and refreshments, along with artistic displays, will be available.

Parking for the concert is available throughout the city, and there will be free trolley transportation to the park.

For more information, call 762-6400, ext. 193, or 765-2000.

## 'Smokey Joe's Cafe' Opens

Nominated for seven 1995 Tony Awards, including best musical, "Smokey Joe's Cafe" will open the 1996/1997 Hospital Trust National Bank Broadway Series at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale for eight performances, Sept. 10 to 15, and may be ordered by calling 421-ARTS.

A celebration of the songs of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, "Smokey Joe's Cafe" blends mu-

sic, dance, and imagery to present a picture of American life in the post-war 1950s when rock began to roll. A parade of hits like "Hound Dog," "Kansas City," "Jailhouse Rock," "Stand By Me," and "On Broadway," highlight this show which features almost 40 Leiber and Stoller songs.

Four-time Tony Award-winner Jerry Zaks directs, and sets are by Heidi Landesman.

## RISD Looking for Docents

The Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design is looking for docents, museum volunteers who act as tour guides.

Museum docents give guided tours to 17,000 schoolchildren and adults each year. The group also visits schools and day care centers throughout the state to give on-site presentations.

While no previous experience is necessary, docents must attend a four-hour weekly ses-

sion to learn the fundamentals of art education and art history, especially as it relates to the Museum of Art, RISD's collection.

Every participant must be able to give at least 20 tours per year.

To learn more about the training program, interested participants can call 454-6531, Monday through Friday.

## Waterfront Festival Calls for Volunteers

The Providence Waterfront Festival is looking for volunteers to help put on the festival. This event has been moved to Waterplace Park and has been expanded to include Friday, so volunteers are now needed for Sept. 6, 7 and 8.

To volunteer, call Catherine King at Save The Bay, 272-3540.

## Rosenberg's Work Exhibited

An art opening for the paintings of Wilbert Stephen Rosenberg, from 1959 to the present, will take place on Sept. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston. The paintings will be on display throughout September.

Call 943-9080 for more information.

## Bristol Antique Show Opens Aug. 24

The sixth Historic Bristol Antique Show will be held on Aug. 24 and 25 at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. The show is sponsored by the Southeastern New England Antique Dealers Association.

Sixty-five dealers will exhibit antiques and collectibles at the Paolino Center on the university's campus. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 24 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 25. The university is located on Route 114 just north of the Mount Hope Bridge. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$3.50.

## Bristol House and Garden Tour Coming Up

A Diamond Jubilee House and Garden Tour featuring 10 historic and contemporary homes of diverse architectural styles will be held on Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine).

The tour is sponsored by Bristol Historical and Preservation Society in honor of its 60th anniversary. There will be complimentary trolley service and adjacent parking.

Advance tickets are \$13, 10 percent member discount, going on sale Sept. 3. Group rates are available. Call 253-7223. Same day tickets are \$16 at the society headquarters, 48 Court St. (off Hope St.), in Bristol.

A champagne reception will follow at Seven Oaks, 136 Hope St., in Bristol, for a \$10 additional charge. A \$20 combination package is offered which includes reception and house and garden tour. This is available in advance to members only.

For more information, call 253-7223 beginning Sept. 3.



**FIGHT TO THE DEATH** — The Hanlon-Lees Action Theater will perform at Roger Williams Park on Aug. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. Photo courtesy of Tambone Associates

## A Joust in the Park

Providence will take a step back in time as knights in full dress armor invade Roger Williams Park (Temple of Music), to stage a horse-to-horse jousting exhibition.

The action takes place Aug. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. and is free to the public.

In addition to the jousting, jugglers, musicians, dancers, sword-fighters, puppets, and

more will be presented free at this King Richard's Faire mini-festival.

The Hanlon-Lees Action Theatre, a theatrical combat troupe, will also perform three jousts per day at King Richard's Faire, South Carver, Mass., weekends beginning Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 through Oct. 20.

For additional faire information, call (508) 866-5391.

## '42nd Street' Takes the Stage

The Broadway musical "42nd Street" will be performed on the outdoor stage at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Vietnam Veterans Peace Memorial Amphitheater Aug. 22 to 25.

Each of the four free shows will begin at 8 p.m.

With music by Harry Warren, lyrics by Al Dubin, "42nd Street" is a song and tap dance extravaganza about a director whose Broadway show is saved by an innocent chorus girl, who

replaces his ailing leading lady.

The show includes some of the most popular Broadway show tunes including, "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway" and the title song, "42nd Street."

Plenty of free parking is available on the UMass Dartmouth campus.

Bring blankets, lawn chairs, bug spray and picnic suppers and come early for the best seats.

## Dog Days at the Museum

The Newport Art Museum will present "Art Historians: Speak!" a lecture series about its major summer show, "Newport Goes to the Dogs: Selections from the Collection of The Dog Museum," running through Sept. 29.

"Newport Goes to the Dogs" is a celebration of the age-old, canine-human relationship, illustrated in 77 works of art from The Dog Museum of St. Louis, Mo.

Join Dr. Robert Rosenblum, Ph.D., on Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. for "Art of the Masters: from Royal Mascot to 101 Dalmatians."

Rosenblum is professor of fine arts at New York University, and the author of *The Dog in Art from Rococo to Post-Modernism*.

Barbara Jedda, manager and curator of The Dog Museum, will present the final lecture, "Paintings, Prints, and Paws; Life at The Dog Museum," Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Most events surrounding The Dog Museum's exhibition are free with museum admission. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors/students, and free to children under 12 and museum members. Group tours are available.

## Printmakers Exhibit at URI

The Printmakers' Network of Southern New England is comprised of 23 members, all of whom are seriously engaged in the practice of printmaking. The September exhibition of recent works by its members in the University of Rhode Island's Corridor Gallery is the first exhibition of the network ever to be held in Rhode Island.

The work of the following regional printmakers will be showcased: Imna Arroyo, Shirley Bernstein, Leslie Bostrom, Claudia Fieo, Nancy

Friese, Donna Frustere-Johnson, Eric Goldberg, Barbara Harder, Victoria Jutras Kniering, Melody Leary, Jim Lee, Tim McDowell, Yue Mei, Jane Miller, Cherie Mittenthal, Barbara Pagh, Eleanor Provost, Margot Rocklen, Grace Bentley Scheck, Kim Tester, Carmela Venti, Sandra Willard, Jo Yarrington and Joan Zamore.

Corridor gallery hours are daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit is open to the public without charge.

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Literary Celebrities to Participate in Yeshiva University's 'Authors-in-Residence' Program

A Pulitzer Prize recipient, an acclaimed writer on Jewish themes, an Academy Award-winning film director and screenwriter, and a husband-wife pair of *New York Times* best-selling novelists will be among the participants in Yeshiva University's innovative new "Authors-In-Residence" program this fall.

The university is located in New York City, at 500 West 185th St. (at Amsterdam Ave.).

The program is under the aegis of the Gottesman Program for Academic Excellence in undergraduate education, an initiative funded by YU board of trustees chairman David S. Gottesman and his wife, Dr. Ruth L. Gottesman.

The participants, each of whom will teach at YU's undergraduate Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women, will be:

- Jane Smiley, professor at Iowa State University and author of *A Thousand Acres*, for which she won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Award in 1992.

- Cynthia Ozick, YU honorary degree recipient and award-winning poet, essayist, and novelist whose writing focuses on Jewish and feminist themes.

- William Friedkin, film and television director and screenwriter whose credits include *The French Connection*, for which he received the 1971 Academy Award, *The Exorcist*, *The Thin Blue Line* and, most recently, *Blue Chips* and *Jade*.

- Jonathan and Faye Kellerman. A modern Orthodox couple, both of whom are award-winning *New York Times* bestselling authors. His thrillers, including *Bad Love* and, most recently, *The Web*, draw on his expertise as a clinical psychologist.

Her mysteries, including *Day of Atonement*, *Sanctuary*, and the just released *Prayers for the Dead*, are solved by homicide cop and *Ba'al Tshuva* (Returnee to Traditional Judaism) Peter Decker, with input from his Orthodox wife Rina Lazarus.

- Grace Paley, noted educator and author of, among others, *The Little Disturbances of Man*, *Long Walks and Intimate Talks*, and *The Collected Stories*, which received a 1994 National Book Critics Award nomination.

- Richard Rodriguez, editor with Pacific News Service and contributing editor to a host of national publications, essayist for the "MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour," and author of *Days of Obligation: An Argument with my Mexican Father*, one of three 1993 Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction finalists.

The schedule of their public lectures is:

- Rodriguez, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. at YU's main campus in Manhattan's Washington Heights section;

- Ozick, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. at YU's Midtown Center, 245 Lexington Ave., between 34th and 35th streets, Manhattan;

- Paley, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. at Midtown Center;

- Kellermans, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at Midtown Center;

- Smiley, Nov. 24 at 5 p.m. at Midtown Center;

- Friedkin, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at main campus.

For further information on the program or lectures, call (212) 960-5217.

## SPNI Tours Are Special

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel has opened a New York office. The purpose of SPNI is to both promote its mission of preserving Israel's environment and natural beauty, and disseminate information on its many tours to American visitors before they depart for Israel.

"The overwhelming number of tourists who go on SPNI tours have heard nothing about the organization until they arrive in Israel," said Stephanie Glickman, newly installed director of the New York office. "Then, if they're lucky, friends or relatives will urge them not to leave Israel before taking one of the tours."

SPNI, Israel's largest non-governmental organization working on behalf of preserving the environment, was founded in 1953 as a non-profit, non-governmental group advocating environmental protection legislation, and bringing Israelis and tourists together to learn about the country's natural features, tradition and history.

While the more than 20 tours,

known in Israel for years as the best of their kind, are the most obvious activity of SPNI to the tourist, the organization also:

- Through its 26 field-study centers and 28 branches, and with some 100,000 dues-paying members, involves almost one in every five Israelis in its activities annually.

- Organizes public campaigns on behalf of nature and environmental issues.

- Initiates and lobbies for legislation on behalf of environmental protection and conservation.

- Gathers data and conducts research, producing alternatives to protect the environment against potentially harmful development.

- Preserves historically important buildings, monuments and sites.

SPNI sponsors professional tours — geology, archaeology, flora and fauna, bird watching, educational tours — seminars on Zionism, bible tours from the Jewish and Christian perspectives, and most popular of all, for tourists and natives alike, hiking tours.

These range from one day tours of Jerusalem, Masada and the Judean Desert to 12- to 15-day tours of the entire country, and cost from a low of \$44 per person, without meals, to a high of \$2,025, including breakfast and stays in deluxe hotels. Some of the lengthier tours feature such modes of transport as camels and jeeps.

"By calling or writing to us we can provide the tourist with all the information he or she will need regarding all tours prior to his departure," said Glickman. "This will make it much easier to make room in the traveler's schedule rather than have to scramble once in Israel to fit in this quintessential Israeli experience."

Call (212) 645-8732 or (800) 323-0035 for more information.

## See Flicks in the Field

"Flicks in the Field" will continue on Aug. 24 at 8:30 p.m. with "Zelig," a Woody Allen film. The film will be shown under the stars; bring a blanket or lawn chair. A donation of \$2 for adults, \$1 for children, is suggested.

The next film will be "Rosie the Riveter," on Aug. 31.

## New Ballet Company and School Forming

A new non-profit dance company is being formed for Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts dance students.

The new group, Rhode Island's Ballet Theatre, will provide dance students of the East Bay and West Bay regions of Rhode Island with a training and performance vehicle to further their classical dance skills, and, in an era of reduced school funding for the arts, a community-supported project to encourage young local talent.

The ballet company will have two divisions and will train out of two locations.

There will be a senior division for dancers 13 and up (ballet pointe skills required), and a junior trainee division for 9- to 12-year-olds.

Admission will be by audition only.

The two training centers will be located at R.I. Ballet Arts Academy studios located in North Kingstown and Tiverton.

Auditions will be held on Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Tiverton at 1719 Stafford Road, and at 2 p.m. in North Kingstown at 7610 Post Road.

Artistic direction will be provided by Nancy McAuliffe.

Call 624-2283 or 294-9279 for more information.

## Zoo Receives 'Innovation Grant' from WWF

The Roger Williams Park Zoo has been awarded a 1996 Innovation Grant by the World Wildlife Fund. The zoo will use the grant to develop and conduct training workshops for environmental educators.

The "train the trainers" workshops are part of a large initiative called Windows on the Wild, a national environmental education program of WWF. These workshops, which are designed for middle-school educators, will give participants an opportunity to provide input into the new Windows on the Wild curriculum, which is currently being tested in school systems across the country.

"We are thrilled to have Roger Williams Park Zoo join the Windows on the Wild team," said Judy Braus, director of WWF's environmental education division. "The educators they train will use Windows and other high quality education materials to enhance their environmental education efforts."

The grant enables the Roger Williams Park Zoo to build upon its success with ZooPower — a program involving more than 20 community centers that trains at-risk and disadvantaged urban youth to serve as environmental educators for children in school-aged child care programs.

The grant project will train community center program coordinators in environmental education techniques, focusing on biodiversity and environ-

mental justice issues.

This network of program coordinators will then train staff members in their centers and will coordinate with the Zoo Power program.

The goal is to link Zoo Power programs in community centers throughout the state to on-going programs offered by community center staff.

Windows on the Wild is aimed at educating people about biodiversity and at stimulating critical thinking, discussion and responsible action on behalf of the environment.

WWF, known worldwide by its panda logo, leads international efforts to protect the diversity of life on earth. Now in its fourth decade, WWF works in more than 100 countries around the globe. For more information on WWF, visit its home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.wwf.org/>

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Amir Subject of Hero Worship

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A television interview with three teenage girls who professed to be members of a "Yigal Amir fan club" has prompted a storm of debate over whether there is widespread admiration among Israel's religious youth for Yitzhak Rabin's convicted assassin.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement that if indeed it was a widespread phenomenon, it must be "uprooted immediately."

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer ordered the creation of a special committee to investigate the matter.

Rabin's widow, Leah, said that nine months after her husband's murder, she fears that Amir has a huge following.

The girls, whose faces were concealed by straw hats, said they sent Amir love letters, made scrapbooks with his pictures and newspaper clippings about him and videotaped television segments about him.

They said they were drawn to him by his "cute smile," adding that the former law student who shot Rabin because he opposed the premier's peace policies was "a national hero."

Amir had sought religious justification for his act, saying that Rabin's policies with the Palestinians were putting Jewish lives at risk.

The students, who attend the Gross State Religious School in Kiryat Gat, said their parents knew of their infatuation and did not interfere.

Rabin's widow, Leah, said that nine months after her husband's murder, she fears that Amir has a huge following.

They added it was clear that some teachers at their schools supported Amir's actions, even if they did not express this openly.

"You can see that some of the teachers supported the murder," one of the girls said.

"They won't say that explicitly. They prefer to be quiet. But when we pressure them, you can clearly see they support it."

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau said he planned to

be at the Gross School when the school year opens later this month.

He reportedly said that if the teachers did indeed support Amir, they should be put in jail.

Hammer described the girls' sentiments as grave, but described them as "an isolated act of adolescent craziness."

"The state religious schools do not condone murder in any way, and certainly not the murder of the late prime minister," Hammer told Israel Radio.

But former Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein of the left wing Meretz Party said many of Israel's young — especially from the national religious camp — had developed anti-Rabin sentiments as a result of the heated rhetoric directed against the premier in the months preceding his assassination. "It's the inevitable result of this vilification campaign against Rabin, who was described as a traitor, depicted as a murderer," he told Israel Radio.

Members of Rubinstein's Meretz Party demonstrated outside the Gross School on Aug. 11, where teachers and administrators convened an urgent meeting to discuss the situation.

## Israeli Trade Deficit at \$820 Million

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's trade deficit for the month of July totalled \$820 million, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported.

Israel's total trade deficit for the first seven months of the year now stands at \$6.4 billion. Imports during July totaled \$2.5 billion, while exports stood at \$1.68 billion.

The bureau also said that Israeli exports are rising at a 5 per-cent annual rate while the level of imports has remained steady.

## Netanyahu and Levy at Odds

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy are at odds again.

The two long-standing political rivals, who put aside their differences long enough to win Israel's May 29 elections, are now feuding over who will steer the country's foreign policy.

Foreign Ministry officials made the feud public recently, telling the Israeli media that Netanyahu has been leaving Levy out of top-level diplomatic contacts and excluding him from foreign policy matters.

The latest insult came recently, the officials said, when Netanyahu made his first visit

to Jordan as prime minister without taking Levy or any other Foreign Ministry staff along.

Levy canceled his weekly meeting with the prime minister.

The feud has underscored the deep rifts in the Likud leader's government, which includes hawks, relative moderates and representatives of Israel's fervently Orthodox community.

The first sign since the elections of tension in the Netanyahu-Levy relationship came in June, when Levy embarrassed Netanyahu before a battery of television cameras with the threat that he would leave the government if Netanyahu did not give Likud hard-liner Ariel Sharon a Cabinet position.

## Lubavitch to Build Synagogue in Kazakhstan

by Lev Krichevsky

MOSCOW (JTA) — Jewish officials, government leaders and foreign diplomats gathered in Kazakhstan early in August to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for a new synagogue and community center in the former Soviet republic.

"In a sense, it's the birth of the Jewish community" in Kaz-

akhstan, said Yeshaya Cohen, an emissary of the Lubavitch movement who serves as Kazakhstan's chief rabbi.

"Before the fall of the Iron Curtain, it was not possible to practice Judaism openly. Now we are constructing a building devoted to prayer, learning and the celebration of being Jewish," he said.

More than 800 people attended the ceremonial cornerstone-laying.

The center, being built in the Kazakh capital of Almaty under the sponsorship of the Lubavitch movement, will be named the Beis Menachem Center in honor of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

During the Stalinist era, thousands of Soviet Jews were exiled to Kazakhstan for, among other things, practicing religion.

Among the Jews sent into exile was Levi Yitzhak Schneerson, the father of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe.

The synagogue is expected to be completed within seven months, with the community center to be finished in another two years.

## Netanyahu Intends To Influence Judiciary

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu surprised the political community last week by indicating that he would appoint Tzachi Hanegbi to the senior Cabinet position of justice minister.

Hanegbi, now the health minister and one of the youngest men in the Cabinet, is a close ally of Netanyahu's within the Likud Party.

The top Justice Ministry post fell vacant early in August, when Ya'acov Ne'eman reluctantly resigned after the attorney general instructed the police to investigate him for allegedly obstructing justice in a key case against an Orthodox political leader, Aryeh Deri of the Shas Party.

Ne'eman, who is Orthodox, publicly accused Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair and the senior echelons of the Justice Ministry of bias against the Orthodox community and of allowing political prejudices to affect their work.

His charges set off a political firestorm.

On Aug. 18, Netanyahu appointed Hanegbi chairman of the Cabinet Legislation Committee, a post almost always held by the minister of justice.

He is expected to name Hanegbi to head the Justice Ministry soon.

By appointing Hanegbi, rather than the widely respected Meridor or Begin — and by supporting Ne'eman in his raucous feud with the state's legal establishment — Netanyahu is sending out a powerful signal. The premier intends to promote an interpretation of law that is shared by the right-religious coalition he heads, and that diverges sharply from the positions espoused by the largely liberal Supreme Court bench and by the great bulk of Israel's legal establishment.

The Netanyahu government would like to see a judiciary that is less interventionist in decisions made by the Israel Defense Force and thus more sympathetic to security rather than civil rights concerns.

And his religious coalition partners would like to see a judiciary that leans towards protecting their interests.

To Americans, there would not be much surprise in the approach Netanyahu is taking.

In Israel, however, where constitutional norms have largely rested until now on British patterns, the courts and the state prosecutors have been seen as impermeable to political change. Israel's Supreme Court, the district courts, the attorney general and the district attorneys have always been seen as pure professional appointees who were not to be influenced — certainly not criticized — by politicians.

The prime minister's support for Ne'eman and his probable appointment of Hanegbi came during the same period when he announced his plan to appoint deputy directors general in all the government ministries. Until now, the directors gen-

eral were the only top officials regularly appointed to office by incoming administrations.

The move has provoked protests throughout the civil service.

Long-serving officials contend that their chances of promotion within their departments are significantly reduced by the appointment, every four or eight years, of a new deputy director general.

The commissioner of the civil service, Professor Yitzhak Galnour, added his voice to those of the protesters, warning somberly that the professionalism of the civil service would be eroded by the government move.

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The widespread naming of political appointees — a hold-over from Netanyahu's experiences in America — reflects his desire to control most aspects of the top echelons of government.

This desire has also spilled into the area of foreign affairs, where Netanyahu has made it clear that he wants to manage how negotiations with Israel's Arab neighbors proceed.

He harbors a deep distrust of the Foreign Ministry staff, whom he believes will not implement the new approach to the peace process, and of his longtime political rival, Foreign Minister David Levy, whose aides have complained publicly that Levy is on the verge of resigning for being left out of foreign policy decisions.

Levy made a private visit to New York last week, and there has been much speculation regarding what would happen between him and Netanyahu upon his return to Israel.

Earlier this month, barbs of distrust from a high-ranking Likud official were directed at what is perhaps Israel's most venerated institution: the Israel Defense Force.

Uzi Landau, the chairman of the prestigious Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, launched an unprecedented attack on the professionalism of the IDF's top echelons, questioning whether they were maintaining the apolitical stance generally expected of them.

Landau declared that the IDF's generals were by and large "sold on" the previous Labor government's peace policies and therefore were not to be trusted by the new government to carry out its policies.

Landau blamed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his successor, Shimon Peres, for involving the army brass in the various negotiations that led to the signing of the self-rule accords with the Palestinians.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Holocaust Museum Reaches Milestone

by Marcia Kay

Washington Jewish Week

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., recently reached another milestone, admitting visitor number 6 million.

The figure is significant because it illustrates "what that resonant number really means," said Walter Reich, director of the museum, alluding to European Jews killed in the Nazis' Final Solution.

"It took a crowd of people visiting 363 days a year to reach the number 6 million after three years," Reich said. "It gives you an idea of what a gruesome [task] it was to physically murder 6 million."

In June 1995, Reich took his oath of office from Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer in the museum's Hall of Remembrance. When Reich became the museum's second director, he set three priorities for himself and the institution.

"It was most important for us to secure our core and strengthen the identity and reality of what we are," he said, adding that as a national museum, "we are dedicated to preserving artifacts and our archi-

val collection.

"We have an obligation to history to collect documentary evidence," he said. "This should be a place to which anyone who is a scholar or student may come physically or by e-mail to find what they need to know."

Time is of the essence in the collection of many of these artifacts. "Archives in other countries may be moldering away," Reich said. Some nations do not want to release records.

Recently, the Holocaust museum came to an agreement with the French government to view and collect 3.5 million pages of archives detailing France's role in the deportation of Jews during World War II.

For Reich, public eagerness to view the museum's permanent exhibition stems from more than curiosity. When the facility opened, many visitors were expected to be Jewish.

Exit surveys done several months after the museum's opening indicated that "one-third were Jewish, initially," Reich said.

Survivors and relatives of survivors have visited the museum more than once.

This year, exit polls have determined that the number of

non-Jews walking through four floors of exhibits is approaching 62 percent.

"There is more of an appreciation throughout the country of what the museum shows," Reich said.

The average time needed to view the permanent exhibition is about three hours. To date, the number of visitors to the museum has been four times larger than officials predicted.

"You would think the novelty [of the museum] would wear off, but we have made up for it by word of mouth and other forms of communication," Reich said.

In 1995, the museum hosted more than 406,000 students registered in school groups from all 50 states as well as abroad. In 1996, those figures are expected to increase.

Also in 1995, more than 36,000 requests for information, sent by letter or via the World Wide Web, were sent by schoolteachers wishing to visit the museum. One year ago, the museum established its own site on the Web.

At first, requests averaged 5,000 a week. Now, that number has grown to more than 50,000 weekly.

## Internet Research Jobs Available to Students

American Computer Resources, Inc., a computer distributor to the education market, is hiring high school and college students across the United States to assist in the development of *Study WEB*, a free online meta-encyclopedia of research-quality information sites to help students and teachers spend more time viewing targeted information rather than searching for it.

"Students and teachers nationwide are tapping into the rapidly growing Internet universe, and finding it difficult to locate focused information from the multitude of listings which might incorporate similar key words.

"Our *Study WEB* program

offers students, and others within the educational arena, the opportunity to work part-time at their convenience from home or school while helping to build a free online education resource. We are going to need many part-time researchers to keep up with the information pouring onto the Internet daily," said Hubert Bowen, president of American Computer Resources, Inc.

For more information on Internet research jobs, contact Leslie Kenny at: Email lkenny@the-acr.com, phone (203) 380-4600 or fax (203) 380-4622. *Study WEB* can be found on the internet at <http://www.the-acr.com/studyweb/studyweb/htm>

## 'Life' Pays Tribute

On Sept. 18, a unique and unprecedented event will take place on Ellis Island. Many of America's most noted Jewish figures will gather to celebrate their shared heritage and the Jewish New Year, which falls this year on Sept. 14.

Luminaries such as Barbra Streisand, Saul Bellow, Steven Spielberg, and Itzhak Perlman — all featured in the September issue of *Life* magazine — will participate in a group photograph taken by the renowned Frédéric Brenner. Brenner's photographs are part of a *Life* story in the September issue on the diversity of Jewish life in the United States. His book, *Jews/America/A Representation*, will be published by Abrams in September 1996.

Brenner asks, "...how much can one people become part of another and yet remain themselves?" Over the last 18 years, he has photographed Jewish

communities in transition in more than 38 countries throughout five continents, from Azerbaijan to Rome, from Ethiopia to the United States.

Brenner's work covered many of the communities in which the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was carrying out humanitarian rescue and relief work.

Since its inception in 1914, JDC has maintained an extensive photographic archive, understanding the importance of preserving visual testimony of the changing Jewish world.

Just as JDC supported Roman Vishniac in his efforts to document the vanishing world of Poland's Jewry, so JDC adopted Brenner's projects early in his career. Thus, the eye of the photographer and the arm of rescue met and have since worked together in Jewish communities throughout the world.

## Wiesenthal Center Honors Dalai Lama

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet, quickly established his rapport with the Jewish people in accepting the Peace Award of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance.

"I am encouraged by the support of your community, which has had many difficulties and suffering. I feel like an elder brother and I easily understand the troubles of other brothers," said the Buddhist holy man, who has known the subjugation of his people and exile by China for 37 years.

"Since I have been a refugee living in India, I have thought that the Jews must have some secret to survive in different countries, often in hostile communities, and have never given up," he said.

"So we would like to steal some of your determination and the keeping of your tradition," said the smiling Dalai Lama.

The Dalai Lama struck many in the audience as a kind of favorite, avuncular rabbi, swaying gently while listening to introductions, gesturing to emphasize a point, smiling frequently, playing a bit to the crowd, and lacing his talk with homely observations.

"Compassion is the crucial factor, it brings us inner strength," he said. "The future of the individual and community depends on inner transformation. That is my basic belief."

Yet his tranquillity stood in contrast to an eventful and even tragic life path, which started when he was enthroned as the 14th in the line of reincarnated

Dalai lamas at age 5.

In 1950, China invaded his mountain-ringed country. Nine years later, when the Communist regime annexed Tibet, the Dalai Lama and 100,000 of his followers fled and set up a government-in-exile in northern India.

Since then, he has led a non-violent campaign to end Chinese domination, a campaign which was recognized in 1989 with the award of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, alluded to the Dalai Lama's non-violent struggle, when he described the honoree as a "Rodef Shalom," a 'pursuer of peace.'

"He has been forced to endure much indignity, his countrymen have been maligned and violated by a Goliath-like neighbor state," Hier said.

## Jerusalem 3000 Approaching Climax Events

Twelve months into the Jerusalem 3000 celebration, Jerusalemites are reading for a series of spectacular events which will bring Jerusalem 3000 to a close in January 1997.

On Nov. 6 runners from Israel and around the world will participate in the Jerusalem marathon, following a 26-mile course through the capital.

On Dec. 12, a concert entitled "A Song for Jerusalem" will take place at the Jerusalem Theatre. The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and the Israel Broadcasting Authority Choir will perform songs in tribute to Jerusalem.

From Dec. 8 through Jan. 9, 1997, the Liturgica Festival of Sacred Music will take place throughout the city. The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, joined by choirs, conductors and leading soloists from around the

world, will perform concerts of music sacred to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The International Symphony Orchestra will present a monthlong series (Dec. 12 through Jan. 9) of masterclasses, open rehearsals and concerts.

The highlight of the celebrations comes on Dec. 28 with a concert at Jerusalem's International Convention Center entitled "King David's Violin." Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, along with some of the world's greatest violinists — Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zuckerman, Midori, Shlomo Mintz and Gil Shaham — will perform music in special homage to King David.

On Dec. 30, youngsters from Israel and around the world will participate in The International Jerusalem Quiz, a special con-

test dedicated to the history of Israel's capital.

Full details of Jerusalem 3000 events are available from El Al Israel Airlines reservations system, from Edwards & Edwards ticket brokers, tel: (914) 328-2150 or, on the Internet, by visiting <http://www.netmedia.co.il/Ads/3000/>.

## Tourism Is Up

Tourism to Israel increased seven percent in the first five months of 1996 over the same period of 1995, it was announced in New York by Uzi Michaeli, Israel's commissioner for tourism in North America. The figures indicated a continued growth in travel to Israel coming on the heels of three successive years when tourism broke the previous year's record.

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# FEATURE

## Bringing Judaism to Small Communities

by Heather Camlot  
NEW YORK (JTA) — Some 100 senior rabbinical students from Lubavitch yeshivas around the world are practicing "Judaism in a suitcase" this summer.

The students are part of the Lubavitch Summer Peace Corps, now in its 50th year, sponsored by the Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y.

During the eight-week project, students have been traveling in pairs to reach out to members of Jewish communities where there may be no resident rabbi, synagogue, community center or services.

"The Rebbe, he taught us students not to forget the Jewish people far away," Rabbi Hirsch Minkowitz said in a telephone interview from Bangkok, Thailand. "People were so thankful that somebody actually thought of them."

Other rabbinical students have visited Bolivia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Japan, Portugal and Vietnam, among other countries.

Students also have been trav-

eling to American and Canadian Jewish communities that may have few, if any, social and religious activities, including those in Montana and Nebraska in the United States and Saskatchewan in Canada.

With videos, brochures, books, Shabbat candles, mezuzahs and kosher food, the students host Shabbat dinners and educate the isolated communities in Judaism.

Minkowitz and Rabbi Reuven Mintz hosted a Shabbat dinner in July in Shanghai that was attended by 15 people, mostly business people who are in the city as agents for American companies.

For some, "this was their first Jewish event, their first taste of Judaism," Minkowitz said. There is no established synagogue or Jewish community and no one to lead the Jewish population in Shanghai, which totals some 150 people, he said.

"They light the souls of the Jewish to be strong and not to be assimilated," Nisan Anav, the Jewish community director in Kobe, Japan, said in a telephone interview about the Lubavitch

students.

Minkowitz and Minz traveled to Kobe, which has some 200 Jews, before heading to Shanghai.

In Honduras, the Jewish population is divided between the capital city of Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula, each of which has about 50 Jewish families.

The only synagogue in the country is located in San Pedro Sula and the third-generation Honduran Jews have not received any Jewish education, said Yaeli Zylberman Starkman, general coordinator of the San Pedro Sula Jewish community.

"The connection with Jewish life has been lost. There's a gap," Starkman said. "With the Lubavitch visit, it was a great opportunity to look at real Jewish life, real Jewish religion. I can see how they do it and adapt it to here."

Although the Lubavitch peace corps program ran from June 20 to Aug. 18, some students will return abroad to lead isolated communities in High Holiday services.

## U.S. Gay Olim Find Tel Aviv Accepting

by Lesley Pearl  
Jewish Bulletin of  
Northern California

TEL AVIV (JTA) — In America, Robert Lebow was enemy No. 1 of the ultra-conservative right. In Israel, he is not.

"Folks here face different threats," said Lebow, an openly gay resident of Tel Aviv. Israelis live with the specter of "bombs on buses and buildings blowing up."

"Everyone here knows someone who has been injured or maimed," he said. "You think they're going to worry about two men kissing?"

When Lebow moved to Tel Aviv six months ago, it was for personal rather than political reasons.

Nonetheless, when he arrived he could not help but notice Tel Aviv's sexually progressive atmosphere, especially when compared with that of the United States — specifically Detroit, where he lived for about 40 years.

On a warm recent evening, Lebow kept company with gay men sipping lemonade and espresso at Cafe Nord on Tel Aviv's Ben Yehuda Street.

The cafe's patrons — dressed in tight T-shirts, denim shorts and work boots — bear a striking similarity to many gay men in San Francisco's Castro district.

However, Tel Aviv's gays maintain a comparatively quiet presence. This is not for fear of discrimination or oppression, though the Middle East is undeniably macho, but rather because there is nothing to fear.

"There are few gay activists here. We don't need them," Lebow said.

For Tel Aviv residents, being gay "just is," he said, adding, "I think that's why people aren't aggressively 'out' like I was in Detroit."

Compared with the United States, Israel's laws regarding gays are progressive.

In 1988, the Israeli Supreme Court decriminalized sodomy. In 1992, it passed an equal opportunity law forbidding dis-

crimination against workers based on sexual orientation.

A gay El Al Airlines steward emerged victorious from the same court in 1993 after a decision that rendered gay partners eligible for employee benefits. Such benefits were previously reserved for spouses only.

The Society for the Protection of Personal Rights for Gay Men, Lesbians and Bisexuals in Israel spearheaded these battles. The organization, established in 1975, hosts support groups, political forums and a prayer group called Congregation Ga'avat Israel.

Meanwhile, gays and lesbians in Israel continue to serve their three-year mandatory military service alongside their heterosexual compatriots. Sexual orientation is not a valid excuse for dodging army service.

In addition, the Tel Aviv-Jaffa municipality acknowledges gay and lesbian domestic partnership agreements drawn up by local lawyers. This legal document affords couples the benefits of a religious marriage under laws of the Jewish state.

All told, Tel Aviv's gay scene appears remarkably "closeted" by San Francisco standards. Absent are Western-style flamboyance and the radical activities of groups such as Queen Nation.

Still, "that does not mean a healthy gay society is nonexistent," Lebow said.

He points to newsstands displaying an Israeli magazine simply titled GAY, and he notes that thousands of gays and lesbians from around the world converge in Tel Aviv each year for an annual gay film festival.

"You can see gay couples being affectionate and openly gay on beaches, on the streets, in coffeehouses. Not everyone — some," Lebow said.

They are at Cafe Nord and at Abbis — a smoky pub pulsing with 1970s music and American films. They are at the Playroom — a loud, high-priced disco catering to the under-20 crowd — and a number of other locations.

## 'Tomorrow's Life Will be Sweeter'

by Naomi Arbit  
BAYSIDE, Wisc. (JTA) — To symbolize the wish that tomorrow's life will be sweeter, the Rosh Hashanah dinner will start and end with sweet foods.

The traditional challah, baked in a round loaf, often studded with raisins, is blessed, sliced and served with slices of apple.

Both are dipped in honey before eating.

Recipes for cakes and other sweets made with honey are as ancient as the Bible and are handed down from one generation to another.

There are about 200 kinds of honey, each with a distinct flavor. The color of honey varies, too, from off-white to amber. The darker the honey, the stronger the flavor. For easy measuring, lightly coat your measuring cup or spoons with vegetable cooking spray or oil. One 12-ounce jar of honey measures one cup.

We include the recipe for Legendary Honey Cake to get you into the Rosh Hashanah frame of mind.

- 5 large eggs, separated, whites at room temperature
  - 3/4 cup sugar
  - 2 cups sifted flour
  - 1/2 tsp. baking powder (double-acting)
  - 1/2 tsp. baking soda
  - 1/2 cup strongly flavored honey (preferably buckwheat)
  - 1/4 cup double-strength brewed coffee
  - 1 1/2 tps. freshly grated lemon rind
  - 2 tps. fresh lemon juice
  - 1 Tbsp. whiskey
  - 3 Tbsps. sliced almonds
- In a large bowl with an electric beater, beat the yolks with the sugar for 5 to 7 minutes, or until the mixture is thick and pale and forms a ribbon when beaters are lifted.

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## 'How Did It Go?'

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

"How was your day?" I ask the polite query. People pose it to me. In the mists and fogs of August something is sure to step out of the silvery air to make or break the mood.

I see a hummingbird in my garden, while I sit under my umbrella. I glimpse a whole flock of goldfinches as I bike past a neighbor's garden. But then, next door to us, a new householder is taking down some ancient, ailing weed trees that are choking his porches. Among the wreckage he finds an oriole nest, with some strange blue string woven into the well-wrought bag that held an earlier summer's brood. A group of sparrows is deeply disturbed by the racket. A bewildered finch sits on the planks of my deck all day long. These are the adventures of a vacation day.

At 5 each weekday afternoon I stop at a local bar for my daily vodka and lime. Fishermen, lawyers, farmers and handyfolk sit among the fancy glasses and the multiple televisions.

Nobody knows my name. My wife tried to phone me the other twilight, and the bartender couldn't find me.

Why do I like this place? You walk out of your day into a hot vestibule and then, beyond, into a cool, dark refuge. Today's server tells me her bird tale. A warbler got trapped in that torrid entryway. It must have dropped down from a tree in the front garden and got caught in a draft. She grabs it and lets it fly free.

"What a mitzvah!" I declare,

knowing she can't have any idea of the term. And then, out of the dim light, an old friend from high school days makes a laughing entrance, orders drinks for everybody, and tells a joke to each of the usuals. It's Alan Dworkin, who once sat beside me at a desk at Hope High School, just as he sits on a stool next to me here in Wakefield. Out of the blue haze, a friend, a wild creature, a call or a note, a happy or an unhappy glance into the nature of being, can emerge and take over your time in the sun and shade of late August.

Even got a call from "Marco Polo," Marc Levitt that is, who plays that role at Roger Williams Park.

There's the blue rotary phone in our parlor, the yellow rural mailbox, the little parking space at our front door. Somebody can come by, or not. Maybe a nap, or a hike along the beach among the terns, or an ear of exquisite corn, or just a rich thought or memory figures in your sojourn in time.

"I had a lovely day, thanks for asking." "I'm feeling grey and gloomy, thanks for asking."

I do get a little sad before getting those cardboard packing crates before Labor Day. Instead of looking forward to the new year, I dwell on the days and nights of August and try sort out the brief interludes of beauty. I try to put a Chassidic twist on every little anecdote. "How was your day? How was your summer? How was your lifetime?"

## In King Arthur's Realm

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

Arthur Strauss works for the South County Chamber of Commerce—as The Explainer on The Explorer, the 48-passenger river barge. This wonderfully adaptable vessel continues its mild, easy tour of Rhode Island waterways, and Arthur goes on with his equally easygoing, good-natured, and competent discourse on our history and destiny.

This time the peripatetic ensemble chose a section of the Wood River in Bradford. We wound our way through Indian territory in Charlestown until we found the charming spot.

A large, smooth-barked tree leans out across the golden brook, its sunny color due to the oak leaves that layer the bottom with tannic acid. All on a lazy afternoon, the tree bears a team of young barefoot boys gleaming in the beams of light. With Tarzan cries and whoops, they swing from a thick rope and hurl themselves into the channel. The barge cruises by just like a tourist ship in any port of call in any season. And yet the moment has a special rural Rhode Island touch as well, and the lads look like farmhands in a sketch by Al Capp, or like the early photographs and drawings of earlier eras.

Strauss enjoys each anecdote and small adventure of the hourlong journey. "Look out for the dinosaurs!" he warns the small fry on board, and sure enough, round the bend, enormous model dinosaurs munch away half-hidden by that band of trees whose roots drink the waters.

"When an oak falls, it just rests like a log hammock, and the turtles make the most of it," notes Arthur, and sure enough,



ARTHUR STRAUSS abroad the Explorer. Herald photo by Mike Fink

we all smile at the sight of whole families of turtles, yellow and green like the dancing sunshine, basking with their heads up.

Arthur keeps up his commentary, a familiar tale among the canals of our state, but the words come alive with the twists and turns of the Explorer, with its bell and its flag.

"The Wood or Pawcatuck looks pretty much the way it did even before the Native Americans came here to fish upon perch. The settlers industrialized and polluted the pure fluids, but by now it has been cleaned up beyond anyone's dreams. It's as good as it has ever been. And don't forget, I'm a native Rhode Islander too."

If you went out at dawn or dusk, you might make out a muskrat or gasp at a gathering of egrets. In the bright hours

after high noon, you just take in the quality of August, a stillness with only a touch of anxiety as red leaves appear among the rich greens.

When we docked, I couldn't resist joining the youngsters. I jumped in for a quick dip, while my dog watched with her concerned little face at the shoreline.

I shook hands with Strauss. "I have your picture from last winter's garden show. You have a genuine love of nature and of beauty," I say as I thank him and pick up a poster of the circus sponsored by Hadassah and the Chamber of Commerce.

People picture Jews as an urban people, but an early American Jewish dream was rural. Strauss left South Providence for South County, and he is a figure of reassurance and reminiscence among the plantations.

## Stokes Shows Jewish Newport

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter

"People drive among the mansions of Newport, but often they pass by the older, smaller homes that tell a longer tale." Keith Stokes, head of the region's Chamber of Commerce, takes a tour group of some 20 visitors from the Touro Synagogue, to the cemetery, and into the labyrinth of lanes that surround the downtown square.

His words carry the weight of his own heritage, which includes the history both of the original Jews and the original Africans who built this once thriving city.

"Slaves in Rhode Island were taught skills that could help them once they were free. In the great southern plantations knowledge and training were deemed harmful. But here, they proved helpful in industry and craft.

"As for the Jews, under the charter they, too, were deprived of the right to vote. People are shaped by the prejudices of their age."

Stokes is a friendly, soft-spoken guide, but deeply informed and widely educated in colonial lore. He takes us to the

church and home of Ezra Stiles, friend of the Touro family and other synagogue congregants. He kept a log of his impressions, a mix of respectful and scornful commentaries. You can get the account in local libraries. The newest Yale residential college is named for Ezra Stiles, who spoke Hebrew and often attended services at his neighboring house of worship. And yet, the revolutions slowly eroded the empire of the Jews of Newport. They moved to other cities south of New England, and left the Touro vacant until the Jews of East Europe came to re-establish their spiritual life upon the island.

"I want to show the younger generation how the Portuguese, the Cape Verdeans, the Irish, and others worked to build the culture of Newport—and the other centers of life in New York, Philadelphia, and the cities of the south."

As the mid-August twilight deepens into evening, Stokes conveys both his wholehearted enthusiasm and his scholarly seriousness. Oddly, a group of observers lying upon the benches in the park heckle him and the eager audience. It's just a few

local idlers, but it highlights the need for education and legitimate civic pride.

Members of the Sousa Mendes Society, including Lowell Lisker, Manuel Silveira and Leah Nelson, joined a group from the Federation of New Bedford, represented by Steve Gorban, program director of the Saudade series in that southeastern Massachusetts area. "Once, it was the Jews of Newport who owned the ships that shaped the growth of our shores and the prosperity of the New World.

"They held fast to their faith. There was a generation of beautiful and cultivated ladies who never married, because they would rather leave a legacy of loyalty than intermarry. That refined world vanished, but in our memory it lives on as a reminder of the contributions of Jewish energy to the construction of this country."

Stokes wins the respect and good will of all who deal with him for his zeal and his zest.

Meanwhile, back at the Touro, another group of observant Jews pray according to their custom, and the future moves forward with confidence.

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# OBITUARIES

**TOBY CHAKRIN**  
**PROVIDENCE** — Toby Chakrin, 75, of Fourth Street, died Aug. 17 at home. She was the widow of Aaron "Warren" Chakrin.

Born in Radzivilow, Poland, a daughter of the late Mendel and Libby (Barchoff) Sirota, she lived in Providence for the last two years, previously living in Queens, N.Y., beginning in 1947.

She was a cashier at Genovese Drugs in Queens for 35 years. She was a survivor of the Holocaust, in which her seven brothers and sisters were killed. She was a member of Na'Amat (Pioneer Women), and Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

She leaves two sons, Michael Chakrin of Fresh Meadows, N.Y., and Robert Chakrin of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter, Laura Chakrin Cable of Providence; and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Azriel, Idel, Moishe, Erish, Shlomo, Necha and Chaika Sirota.

A graveside funeral service was held Aug. 18 in Beth-David Cemetery, Elmont, N.Y. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**NORTON HIRSCH**  
**BREWSTER, Mass.** — Norton Hirsch, 75, of 15 Overlook Lane, Brewster, vice president and treasurer of Balfred Floor Covering, Providence, for 50 years until retiring last year, died Aug. 14 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. He was the husband of Doris (Fain) Hirsch.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late John and Sophia (Horowitz) Hirsch, he had lived in Providence most of his life before moving to Brewster a year ago.

He graduated from Brown University, Class of 1943. He was the Brown University reunion chairman and class marshal. He was scoutmaster of Troop 20 at Temple Emanu-El. He was on the board of managers of Camp Fuller and a volunteer for Jewish Family Services.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, John Hirsch of Providence;

a daughter, Toby Lee Brennan of Brewster, Mass.; two sisters, Doris Shumer of Floral Park, N.Y., and Ruth Slotoroff of Pleasantville, N.J., and two grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Nathan Hirsch.

The funeral service was held Aug. 16 at Temple Beth El, Orchard Avenue. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**BARNEY L. KAY**  
**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** — Barney L. Kay, 88, of 2450 Presidential Way, founder and president of Kay's Newport Shoes, retiring in 1986, died Aug. 14 in the Good Samaritan Hospital, West Palm Beach. He was the husband of Ruth (Cabot) Kay. He was the husband of the late Florence (Levy) Kay.

Born in Albany, N.Y., he was the son of the late Abraham and Bessie (Silverman) Kay. He was a lifelong resident of Providence until moving to Florida 10 years ago.

He was a member of Temple Beth El.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Stephen Kay of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; a stepson, Mickey S. Alpert of Washington, D.C., a stepdaughter, Joan A. Foreman of East Greenwich; two grandchildren and six step-grandchildren. The funeral was held Aug. 16 at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Burial was in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue, Cranston. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

**SAMUEL ROSENBERG**  
**PROVIDENCE** — Samuel Rosenberg, 89, of 81 Glenwood Avenue, Pawtucket, a former director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Savannah, Ga., for 30 years, died Aug. 14 in the Rosewood Manor, Providence. He was the husband of Yetta (Meyer) Rosenberg.

Born in Lithuania, he was the son of the late Aryeh Leib and Etta Rosenberg. He came to the United States in 1928. He lived in Savannah since 1946 and moved to Pawtucket in 1972.

He graduated from Columbia University in 1930 and received a master's degree in economics from Columbia.

He was a member of B'nai B'rith and a past president of the Zionist Organization in Savannah. He was active in both the United Jewish Appeal and Yiddish-speaking circles.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Ethan Rosenberg of Monsey, N.Y.; a daughter, Rena Jurkowitz of Providence; a sister, Sara Tal in Israel; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral and burial were held in Savannah. Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, assisted with arrangements.

**JEAN SHEPARD**  
**PROVIDENCE** — Jean Shepard, 84, of 331 Hope St., a medical records librarian at Butler Hospital for 20 years before retiring, and a consultant for several nursing homes and Rhode Island courts, died Aug. 12 in Summit Medical Center.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Max and Martha (Jenkins) Shepard.

She attended Bryant & Stratton College, now Bryant College. She received an A.R.T. degree in medical records from LaSalle Institute in Chicago. She was a member of the Rhode Island Medical Records Association and the Rhode Island and American Health Information Management Associations. In 1994 she received a citation from the attorney general's office in recognition of outstanding service to the community as a volunteer for its victim-witness assistance program. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

She leaves a brother, J. Sidney Shepard of Boynton Beach, Fla., a niece and a nephew. She was the sister of the late Ralph H. Shepard of New York City.

A graveside service was held Aug. 13 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence, assisted with the arrangements.

## The Maid of the Mist

by Cindy Halpern

Recently, my husband, daughter, and I went on an odyssey through Canada to New York to retrace 50-year-old footprints. In 1944, as a Holocaust refugee, my mother sailed aboard a United States Military ship to American shores. She became one of the 1,000 "secret" guests of the Roosevelt Administration who lived behind a barbed wire fence in upstate New York in a town named Oswego.

Oswego was once a popular port on Lake Ontario. Fort Ontario, she was caught in French and English crossfire (in the French-Indian wars) because of its valuable harbor.

Today it is a place where tourists come to see where those battles were fought and where the local townspeople come to play sports and picnic by the lake shore. I came to visit Fort Ontario to make an emotional connection with my mother's past, but I was to be bitterly disappointed.

A few of the barracks remained intact. One now housed the Haven Museum, where the story of the Oswego's 1,000 Holocaust Survivors is told. Unfortunately, the museum is only open from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, very limited hours that didn't coincide with the time on Friday afternoon when I stood before its closed doors.

However, I tried to make the most of my visit anyway. I gazed at the buildings trying to envision the 1,000 souls who were once interned there and those who died in captivity. But I felt nothing at all as I stared at one brick building that had been converted to a day care center and another which had become a community theater. I was told that somewhere on the grounds was a plaque commemorating the Oswego Holocaust Survi-

vors, but I couldn't find it.

My numbness turned into rage because it seemed to me that history had been rewritten the way Franklin Roosevelt had originally intended. He had only wished to permit the 1,000 to stay temporarily as a means to downplay criticism for his not allowing millions of Jews to immigrate to America. Roosevelt would probably have returned the 1,000 to Europe after the war ended, to erase traces of their two-year existence in this refugee camp.

But as fate would have it, when Roosevelt died, Harry Truman became his successor. Truman decided to let the surviving refugees (some having died of natural causes while interned and been buried on the grounds) cross legally into the United States from Canada.

It was on the Rainbow Bridge, which divides Niagara Falls, Canada from Niagara Falls, New York, that my mother legally crossed into the United States in 1946.

My mind wandered back to our visit there just two days before our visit to Oswego. We rode on "The Maid of the Mist," a boat ride that circles across both the Canadian and American falls. The ride makes one feel as if she left a storm behind to discover a rainbow.

My rage subsided as I realized that it was "The Maid of the Mist," not the few brick buildings that remained at Fort Ontario, that best represented my emotional link to the past. For me, my mother was "the Maid of the Mist" who emerged from a raging storm in hell to take her rightful place as an American citizen. As my mother's only surviving child, it is her legacy to me that allows me to visit Niagara Falls as a tourist instead of a refugee.

## VA Cemetery Questions

Following are representative questions answered daily by Veterans Affairs counselors. Full information is available at the VA regional office.

**Q:** My wife and I are divorced, but still good friends. Can she be buried in a Department of Veterans Affairs national cemetery?

**A:** No. Once divorced, she cannot be buried in a VA national cemetery unless she is a veteran herself or she marries another veteran.

**Q:** My father recently passed away, and my two brothers, three sisters and I would each like a burial flag from VA. Is this

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## Judiciary

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Landau's attack provoked a long and loud outcry in the media, both from "sources close to" the senior IDF officers and from leading members of the previous administration.

Labor and Meretz Knesset members urged Netanyahu to dismiss Landau from his powerful parliamentary post.

But Netanyahu—while duly voicing his own "complete confidence" in the IDF chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak, and in his senior staff—nevertheless reiterated his own resolve to sharply reduce the army's role in future negotiations.

He was thereby hinting that he did not entirely dissociate himself from all of Landau's accusations.

There have so far been no individual firings in the army—nor in the legal establishment, nor in the senior ranks of the civil service.

But an atmosphere of uncertainty and concern hangs like a gray cloud over Israel's military officers, government attorneys and civil service officials.

Many of them wait with trepidation for the cold gale of "Americanization" gusting through the state.

## Going Veggie in Israel

Mark Weintraub and The Vegetarian Resource Group have produced the *Guide to Vegetarian Restaurants in Israel*. This book is a guide for the vegetarian, health-conscious, or kosher traveler, wishing to eat healthy, meatless meals.

Restaurants in the guide are divided by section of the country. Each listing gives name, address, phone number, type of restaurant, description, hours, credit cards accepted, and average price of main meal. Restaurants range from Italian to Indian, from cafe and nightlife to upscale hotel and resort, and from dairy to juice bar and Chinese.

Included are historical tidbits on each location.

The guide includes health food stores in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa, and a bibliography of vegetarian, environmental, and animal welfare groups in Israel.

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## VA Questions

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possible?

A: No. Only one burial flag may be issued on behalf of each veteran. Burial flags often are arranged by the funeral home, but a survivor can obtain a burial flag directly by contacting VA at (800) 827-1000 or contacting a local VA cemetery. A veteran's survivor also may apply for a burial flag at his or her local post office.

Q: I heard that a VA cemetery was no longer open to casketed burials. What does that mean?

A: In some parts of the country, where older cemeteries are reaching the point where available land for casket burials is becoming scarce, there have been decisions to accept only cremated remains, or casketed burials of eligible family members related to those already buried at the cemetery, in the future.

VA maintains an ambitious program to develop new cemeteries, and those who are interested are urged to inquire about any limitations. The national cemetery at Bourne, Mass., still has gravesite capacity beyond the year 2030.

## Honey Cake

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In another bowl, combine flour, baking powder and baking soda. In a small bowl, whisk together honey and warm coffee and whisk into the yolk mixture gradually, along with the rind, lemon juice and whiskey.

Fold in the flour mixture until just combined. In a large bowl, with an electric mixer, beat egg whites with a pinch of salt until they just form stiff peaks. Stir about one-quarter of the whites into the flour mixture, and then fold in remaining whites gently but thoroughly.

Spread the almonds on the bottom of an oiled or sprayed 9-inch tube pan, pouring batter over them.

Bake the cake in a preheated 325° degree oven for 40 to 50 minutes until golden and surface springs back when pressed lightly.

## Quebec Leader to Lecture

The former prime minister of Quebec, who called the latest referendum on the sovereignty of the province, will speak Aug. 29 at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Jacques Parizeau will discuss "The Long March Toward Quebec Independence" at 8 p.m. in room 153 of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Parizeau resigned as prime minister of Quebec in January 1996, after the separatists lost the referendum by half a percentage point.

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# Beilin Proposes JNF Merger Were Germans 'Willing'?

## JNF Fights Back

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Knesset member Yossi Beilin has called on the Jewish National Fund and the Israel Lands Administration to merge and privatize their activities.

Beilin, who unveiled his proposal in an interview last week with the Jerusalem Post, said as many as 1,000 jobs could be lost through the merger.

The Labor Party member told the newspaper that "the areas of [land management] must be privatized. Things that were OK

100 years ago are not appropriate today," he said. "There is no need for the JNF to exist separately."

The JNF, a non-governmental body that raises funds in the diaspora for land reclamation projects in Israel, and the Israel Lands Administration, a government organ that oversees the management and development of 93 percent of the Jewish state's lands, jointly determine how land is utilized.

Under Beilin's proposal, both bodies would be greatly streamlined, and much of their work would be contracted out to the

private sector.

JNF Chairman Moshe Rivlin blasted Beilin's plan, saying that "the land of Israel belongs to the people of Israel and it must not be privatized. The land must be available to absorb hundreds of thousands" of immigrants.

Rivlin charged in an interview that it is "fashionable" to speak about bureaucracy, and added that both JNF and the ILA have "done a lot to cut corners in recent years."

Should Beilin's proposal be implemented, Rivlin said, "the main goal, the vision of JNF would be lost."

## Is Germany 'Just Another Normal Country'?

by Daniel Dagan

BONN (JTA) — Did the German public at large willingly conspire to help Hitler carry out the Holocaust?

A book that answers this question in the affirmative — American Jewish author Daniel Johan Goldhagen's *Hitler's Willing Executioners* — has sold out its first German edition of 40,000 copies in less than a week and has prompted a flurry of debate here.

In many bookstores across Germany, customers have been confronted by television crews asking buyers of Goldhagen's book why they would purchase a work that is so unflattering toward the German people.

Some answered that they wanted to know what the outside world thought of them.

Others said they want to get a chance to develop their own opinions about the book, which has been the subject of much discussion in the German media.

For many Jews in Germany, the book's value lies in the fact that it tells non-Jewish Germans that the Holocaust did not begin in the gas chambers and was not perpetrated solely by SS officials in the death camps.

They point to Goldhagen's suggestion that the persecution began in schools, at the workplace, in stores, at every street corner — that it was committed by millions of "simple" Germans from every walk of life.

A first wave of largely negative criticisms surfaced here and in the United States immediately after Goldhagen's book was published in America.

Many German commentators suggested at the time that Goldhagen was merely repeating the "collective guilt" thesis, which is seen here as very unfair and even dangerous.

Others criticized the book's research methods.

With the German edition now hitting the market, a new, intensified wave of public debate is under way, with almost daily newspaper articles as well as radio and television commentaries.

The German weekly *Die Zeit* drew a lot of criticism for publishing excerpts of the book in advance of publication, but another publication soon picked up the story.

Another weekly news-magazine, *Der Spiegel*, devoted a 20-page cover story to Goldhagen's book.

*Der Spiegel* roundly attacked Goldhagen's thesis, finding it absurd to believe that every German who lived during the Third Reich was intoxicated with anti-Semitism and was therefore guilty of complicity in genocide.

Some commentators here angrily suggested that the book

"We have to discuss the issues raised by Goldhagen because they are on the minds of so many people..."

Hans Mommsen

German Holocaust scholar

was not even worth discussing, because it failed to satisfy even the lowest academic standards of research.

But Hans Mommsen, a leading German scholar of the Holocaust, did not agree.

"We have to discuss the issues raised by Goldhagen because they are on the minds of so many people, even though the author has clearly failed to prove his thesis scientifically," he said.

For many here, this was an opportunity to put an end to what they viewed as an excessive occupation with the Holocaust.

For them, Goldhagen was just another gadfly who was confronting the German people with the country's Nazi past.

Josef Joffe, a German Jewish journalist, while favoring a debate on the book, said it should be made clear that Goldhagen was completely wrong.

"If Germans were imbibing anti-Semitism from their earliest infancy," he said, how is it that "today's Germany is just another normal country among other nations?"

## Netanyahu Tells Investors To Cool It

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has urged Israelis to stop selling long-term savings plans and provident funds and to "consider things coolly."

Soon after his statement, the Bank of Israel announced that it would buy millions of dollars of bonds to help banks raise cash and meet growing public demands to cash in savings plans.

The prime minister also issued a government guarantee to provide a safety net for state bonds.

The government is committed "to take whatever necessary means to ensure that the bonds always enjoy support," the prime minister told Israel Radio.

Netanyahu's remarks came after an Aug. 14 record number of sell orders, totalling \$500 million.

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