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Calls to Widen Israeli Coalition Await Outcome of D.C. Summit

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's trip to Washington for an emergency summit gave him a welcome respite from domestic political pressures.

The trip, for whatever it may accomplish, put on hold moves to bring about a broadening of the Netanyahu coalition to include a possible national unity government.

President Clinton called for the summit after the recent violent clashes in the West Bank and Gaza threatened to derail the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein were also expected to attend.

In the violence — sparked by Israel's opening of a new entrance to a tunnel near the Temple Mount — at least 14 Israeli soldiers and more than 50 Palestinians were killed, almost all of them in gun battles.

The domestic political fallout from the crisis was graphically illustrated on Sept. 29, when opposition leader Shimon Peres, and then Netanyahu, met with the spiritual leader of the fervently Orthodox Sephardi Shas Party, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, during visit to his sukkah in Jerusalem.

Peres' visit had in fact been announced two weeks earlier. But it took on a dramatic air when it actually took place.

The night before, at a

crowded lecture in Jerusalem's Bukharan Quarter, Yosef called for unity in the nation — which some members of the Labor Party immediately interpreted as a hint at his preference for a national unity government.

The Shas Party's 10 seats in the Knesset are pivotal for Netanyahu.

While the new electoral system that went into effect this year does not allow a sitting Knesset to vote out a government and appoint a different one, a government that loses its majority would find it hard to stay in power for long.

The Shas leadership's discomfort with the recent events was apparent not only in Yosef's sad demeanor, but also in a harsh condemnation by the elderly and widely respected kabbalist, Rabbi Yitzhak Kadourie, of the decision to open the tunnel.

He said those who had made this decision were "crazies who want to enrage the whole world against us" and urged that the newly opened entrance to the tunnel be closed again.

In a statement to Channel Two Television recently, Kadourie also called for Hebron to be "divided between the Muslims and the Jews" and for the rest of the Palestinian self-rule accords to be implemented immediately.

But Yosef refused to call specifically for a unity government and instead demanded closer consultation between government and opposition.

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THE BARROS FAMILY was recently named one of the "Families of the Year" by Jewish Family Service.

Photo courtesy of Roberta Segal and Associates

Jewish Federation of R.I. Hosts Candidates Forum

The Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island State Council of Churches and the Rhode Island State Chapter of Hadassah are sponsoring a candidates forum on Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence.

The special moderator for the evening will be M. Charles Bakst, political columnist for the *Providence Journal Bulletin*.

Each candidate for the House of Representatives and the Senate will have time for an opening statement. Following the opening statements, there will be separate question and answer periods for the House and Senate candidates.

The public will be asked to submit written questions for the candidates between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. and Bakst will direct the questions to specific candidates at the appropriate time.

For further information, call Gershon Levine at 421-4111 or Doris McGarry at 725-7458.

JFS Celebrates on Oct. 17

Jewish Family Service will spotlight two "Families of the Year," install a president for the upcoming year, and honor its executive director at its 1996 annual meeting on Oct. 17. The event will take place at the Roger Williams Park Casino. It will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Families of the Year were chosen by a JFS board-appointed committee. They are the families of Gershom and Gabriella Barros of Providence and Alan and Avis Gunther-Rosenberg of Warwick. The Family of the Year honorees exemplify those qualities that support a strong family unit and thus a strong foundation for our community.

Gabriella Barros, mother of three daughters: Shoshana and Naomi, 20-year-old twins who

are studying in Israel, and Ahuva Bracha, 6 years old and a second-grade student at Providence Hebrew Day School, said, "When you are taught to honor your parents, it translates into every facet of your life. You act in an honorable way. You honor G-d, other people and yourself. When your children have respect for you they also have respect for their teachers."

"Respect" according to Gabriella Barros means to hold in esteem, to value. It is tempered with love and indicates that there is value for the wisdom that the parent has accumulated.

Chana Borisova, one of two friends who nominated the Barros family for the award,

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Angell Street is one of the streets that makes up Wayland Square in Providence. See pages 14 to 18 for articles and pictures of Wayland Square.

Herald photo by Alison Smith

Wayland Square

On Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony welcoming new businesses to the area. Mayor Vincent A. Cianci will do the honors. The ceremony will take place at 178 Wayland Avenue near Peter Pots Flowers and the relocated Stork's Landing. There will be sidewalk sales on the 4th and 5th, weather permitting.

INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

A Discussion of 'Divorce, Money and Marriage'

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Going through a divorce can be difficult enough emotionally, but when there is a lot of money involved, it can also be a very complicated process.

To sort out the many issues and options involved in a divorce, Rhode Island Hospital Trust will host a panel discussion titled, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Divorce, Money and Marriage, But Were Afraid to Ask."

The discussion will take place on Oct. 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings. It is geared toward households with assets in excess of \$1 million.

"People come to us after they've gotten a divorce, with their lives up in the air," said Patrick Sier, a certified financial planner with the Private Bank of Hospital Trust. "We thought it would be appropriate to better prepare people for what takes place during and after the divorce process."

"Even though we deal with money, the emotions and relationships around these issues are important," said Stephanie Tower Keating, also a CFP with the Private Bank. "Emotions can often get in the way of financial decisions."

Sier and Keating will be two of the panelists. The others include Deborah Tate, a divorce attorney; Linda Miller, a family counselor; and David Rooney, a certified public accountant. Each is highly regarded in their field of expertise.

This will be the first time Hospital Trust will host such an

event. Admission is free, but space is limited. Call Kym Januario at 278-7639 to register.

The discussion will include five segments: preparing for emotional and financial independence, emotional issues, legal issues, tax issues and financial planning issues.

"With the divorce rate what it is, we're beginning to see a lot of people who have a lump sum of money, but need guidance," said Keating. "It can be overwhelming for people to be all of a sudden financially dependent on themselves. They're not prepared for it."

Keating stressed the importance of thinking things through before making any financial decisions following a divorce.

"The issue is not investing, but what you need the money to do," stated Keating. "You want to take care of yourself, but you don't want to just rush in and let someone take care of your money."

Bookstore Hosts Editor

Books on the Square will host a book signing, discussion, and reading on Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. with Martha Roth, the founding editor of *Hurricane Alice: A Feminist Quarterly*.

Roth has written her first novel, *Goodness* (Spinsters Ink, \$10.95), about the coming of age of a circle of friends.

The event is free and open to the public. Books on the Square is located at 471 Angell St. in Wayland Square, Providence (331-9097).



NON-PARTISAN PLANNERS — Planning this election year's pre-victory celebration party for Volunteers in Action — The Volunteer Center for Rhode Island — are VIA board members (from left) Andrew D. Jencks, chairman of the ad book committee and president of Neocorp, Inc., Pawtucket; Estelle K. Singer of Providence, event co-chairwoman; Doris R. Goldstein of Riverside, publicity chair; and Judith Litchman of Providence, event co-chairman.

VIA Wants You at Its Party

This election year, Volunteers in Action — The Volunteer Center for Rhode Island is setting politics aside and inviting everyone to attend its pre-victory celebration party.

VIA's annual major fund-raising event will kick off with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18, at the Inn at the Crossings, 800 Greenwich Ave., Warwick.

The party will feature Charlie Hall's Ocean State Follies with a humorous look at the political

scene. A silent auction of gifts and services donated by Rhode Island businesses will be conducted, and Gene Valicenti, WJAR-TV Channel 10 reporter, will serve as the evening's master of ceremonies.

The honorary chairman of the celebration party is Lawrence K. Fish, president and chief executive officer of Citizens Financial Group.

Ticket prices are \$50 and \$100 per person and are available by calling VIA at 421-6679.

Adult Day Center Offers Help for Care Givers

Do you have those "Care-Giver Blues"? Are you feeling rundown, frustrated, and unappreciated?

These are common feelings among care givers of the frail and elderly.

As the health care system continues to evolve, adult day care centers, as providers of a pivotal service on the long-term care continuum, are very much a part of that process.

Centers are offering expertise, beyond their daily programs with care giver education and support groups.

As a care giver you have the right to feel emotions such as anger or depression, and you have the right to seek help.

Call the Comprehensive Adult Day Center at 352-3440 for information regarding their weekly support group.

The first meeting of the fall session will be Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. at the center, 99 Hillside Ave., Providence.

Free Depression Screening

Butler Hospital will hold a free depression screening and public information program on Oct. 10, at the Ray Conference on the grounds of Butler Hospital, 345 Blackstone Blvd. in Providence.

Heart & Sole Biathlon and Road Race Set for Oct. 5

The annual Fleet Heart & Sole biathlon and Road Race, to benefit the American Heart Association, R.I. Affiliate, will take place on Oct. 5 at Lincoln Woods State Park, Lincoln.

Individuals collect pledges for their participation, and the proceeds support the research and education programs of the American Heart Association.

Participants may elect to be in the road race, alone, which is a 2.5 mile loop through the park, or the biathlon, which adds a 10-mile bike ride to the race.

Entry in the race costs \$15 and \$25 for the biathlon.

Both events will start at 9 am. The event is open to individu-

als, corporate teams, or relay teams. Teams may be composed of all male participants, all female, or a combination of males and females. Cash prizes and merchandise will be awarded in all categories.

Participants raising and turning in \$15 or more in pledges on race day will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt, and prizes will be awarded at the \$75, \$100 and \$150 levels.

The event will be held rain or shine and helmets for bikers are required. For more information and registration forms, call the Fleet Fitness Center, 278-6369, or the American Heart Association, 728-5300.

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Local Shatnez Tester Says Linen and Wool Don't Mix

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Some observant Jews need more than fashion savvy and a good tailor to make sure their clothes are right.

In Rhode Island, these folks ask Deborah Hirschon if their clothing is fit to wear according to the Torah. To make the determination, Hirschon must make sure the clothing does not contain shatnez, or the combination of linen and wool that is forbidden by religious law.

In Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 19, people are commanded not to wear clothing of "mixed origin," or clothing that contains both wool and linen. This prohibition occurs again in Deuteronomy, Chapter 22, Verse 11, that states, "Do not wear wool and linen."

Hirschon charges "a small fee" to check garments to make sure they do not incorporate both fabrics.

"This custom may be traced back to the story of Cain and Abel," explained Rabbi Mitchell Levine of the Orthodox Congregation Beth Shalom in Providence. "These two brothers both offered sacrifices to G-d. Abel brought a sheep, which G-d accepted. Cain brought vegetables, which G-d rejected. Then, Cain angrily slew his brother. There, you see a symbolic conflict between animal and vegetable."

From her home on Burlington Street, Hirschon makes sure the restrictions against their joining are honored by examining both the exterior and linings of garments with sight, touch and the help of The Shatnez Laboratory.

"I must have had 40 suits, plus an assortment of slacks, skirts and vests for Rosh Hashanah," Hirschon said.

Hirschon, who converted from Christianity to Orthodox Judaism when she married, learned how to check clothing for shatnez from a woman in Brookline. Hirschon did not identify the woman by name.

"I started quite by accident about four years ago," remembered Hirschon. "A friend of mine in the Boston area learned

that the woman who checked clothing for shatnez was moving away because of her husband's job transfer. She was worried that no one else in the area could do it, and she knew I had the skills for it."

Shortly thereafter, Hirschon went to the woman's Brookline apartment and began to learn the craft.

"I can't divulge all that I learned," said Hirschon, 49, a graduate of Hyde Park High School and Katharine Gibbs Business School. "It's sort of something that is handed down. My teacher had authorization from Joseph Rosenberger, who founded The Shatnez Laboratory in New York."

Hirschon checks first the outer shells of garments to make sure they do not contain both linen and wool. Then she moves into the inner linings.

"The most shatnez-susceptible garments are men's suits," explained Hirschon. "There are certain linings in the shoulders and collars and waistbands. Linen gives fabric a nice, stiff look. The more expensive a suit is, the more likely it is to contain shatnez."

Hirschon also pays a great deal of attention to the clothing's country of origin.

"Clothing from Poland, Rumania and the New Ukraine are very suspect," Hirschon said. "They re-use products, and the prospect of having shatnez in the shoulders of men's suits is very great."

If the objectionable material is not removable, the garment should be returned or discarded, said Hirschon.

To check a garment, Hirschon sends small fabric samples of the piece to The Shatnez Laboratory in New York, where the fibers are examined by experts. The entire process takes from 10 days to two weeks for Hirschon's customers.

Although many members of the religious community require the service, many were unable to determine how many individuals provide the service.

"People learn about this through word of mouth," said

Hirschon. "There are, I think, two others who do this in the Massachusetts and Rhode Island area. There also may be a few checkers in Brookline."

Joel Roth, a professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, also said the number of checkers would be difficult to determine.

"It's kind of an art passed down from teacher to student," explained Roth.

The *Shatnez News Bulletin*, published by The Shatnez Laboratory, described other shatnez laboratories in Mexico, Chile, Cleveland and Los Angeles. The bulletin also says that other items that touch the skin such as upholstery and baseball gloves need to be tested for shatnez as well.

According to Roth, the need for shatnez laboratories and testers sprang up as Jews moved away from their traditional communities.

"Back in Europe, Jews went to tailors to have their suits made," explained Roth. "The tailor knew what to include and what to leave out. Now, people go to enormous stores. The parts of any suit may come from all over the globe."

"Then, clothing was a cottage industry," said Levine. "Now, the complicated global economy has created a need for the service."

Many remain unsure why the shatnez commandment is usually observed only by the Orthodox.

"The religious have always been concerned with shatnez," said Roth. "There are no lesser commandments. But for whatever reason, some observances, such as kashrut, have been closely tied to Jewish identity. And no one ever pressured Jews to abandon the custom, as they did with portions of kashrut."

"I don't really know why it fell out of fashion," said Rabbi Zevulun Charlop of Yeshiva University. "It was shed even before Shabbat went by the wayside. But the interest in shatnez is growing along with the interest in traditional Judaism."

Ohawe Shalom Rebuilds Roof

by Emily Torgan
Jewish Community Reporter

Members of Pawtucket's Congregation Ohawe Shalom realized they had a leaky roof over their heads during the High Holy Days, so they soon had some contractors hit the ceiling.

One of the first things the congregation decided to do during the new year was to get a new roof.

"The building was built in 1980, and flat roofs wear out more quickly," said Congregation President Nita Pliskin.

According to Pliskin's husband David, the new roof will cost about \$21,000.

"We are a small congregation, and we are trying to recoup the costs," David said.

But the roof is not all that is new at the small Orthodox congregation.

At present, the congregation, which includes about 75 families, is seeking a part-time rabbi to lead it.

Additionally, the influx of new Americans from the former Soviet Union to Pawtucket is helping the congregation to diversify and grow.

"We have about four member families from the former U.S.S.R.," Pliskin said.

Many more new Americans attend services with the congregation regularly, including the morning minyan.

According to Pliskin, language is not a significant barrier.

"When new Americans have been here for a while, they learn English," explained Pliskin. "Some of the older new Americans speak Yiddish, and so do some of the older Americans."

During the years the Pliskins have been congregation members, they have watched Shabbat services grow from an average 15 attendees to an average of 50.

"Anyone who wants to come is encouraged to attend," Pliskin said.

Spend a Week in Paradise

If you love travelling, studying Judaism and are over 55 years of age, B'nai B'rith has a program for you. B'nai B'rith is offering a weeklong Jewish learning seminar in Hawaii this winter.

The new program, "Elder-Eden: A Week of Jewish Learning and Leisure on the Island of Hawaii," will take place at the Royal Kona Resort in Hawaii Feb. 23 to March 2, 1997.

B'nai B'rith's program combines relaxation, classroom studies, informal get-togethers, tours and celebrations.

Discover the "Wonders of Jewish History" with Rabbi David Kopstein, the group's host. Participants will study the

Dead Sea Scrolls and explore similarities and differences between Jewish traditions and those of the native Hawaiians.

The program includes eight days, seven nights at the Royal Kona Resort, breakfast and dinner daily, a lei greeting, airport transfers, a complete island tour, Polynesian cultural program, visits with the local Jewish community, an evening luau with kosher-style and vegetarian options, dynamic classroom presentations and much more.

The cost of the program is \$1,190 per person, double occupancy. Airfare is additional.

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NEWS REPORT

MOOSE MAKES HIS HOME IN REHOBOTH

Rehoboth, MA. — After weeks of eluding local police, the wandering **Reluctant Gourmet Moose** has finally come to an agreement to make his home at **The Reluctant Gourmet**.

Roger Abrahamson of **The Reluctant Gourmet** said that after negotiating an arrangement with the lost moose, the moose agreed to behave himself and drop by occasionally to visit with **Reluctant Gourmet** customers.

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The Good Guy Group

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

In oldtime movies and comic strips, editors and publishers play the heavies. They miss the point. They lose their tempers. You have to work against them. Michele F. Cooper, editor, publisher, and creator of the new magazine called *Crone's Nest* sure gives the lie to that outdated image.

At a recent reading by writers of their poems and pieces appearing in the current issue, held among the bookcases of Border's cafe in Cranston, Cooper greeted guests and artists, all dressed up and beaming with pride.

Her special skill lies in building up everybody's confidence and good will. Her introductions, brief and succinct, set you

up and make you feel just right. "This next writer will thrill you, hold you in thrall as she did me."

Cooper taught with me at RISD and also gave writing courses at URI. She brought out the first issues of *Newport Literary Review*, and always gave parties to celebrate the new edition. But *Crone's Nest* specializes in the designs and concerns of women over 55. The periodical is subtitled "Wisdom of the Elderwoman."

"Don't let it throw you," she writes on the flyleaf. "Our nest is full of new life, hatched by mothers. We have to detoxify the word. Crones are elders who have gained wisdom from experience." You don't have to be over 55 or a woman, though. In person as well as print, Cooper assures readers and listeners that she also welcomes young people and even submissions by men. I can testify to that.

I gave her an essay this year, and another for next time round. The first was called "The Proud Beauty," a study of antique photographs, and the second is a defense of the keeping of journals and diaries by a childless widow, now deceased, who recorded every visit of her sociable and lively career on earth. On the return envelope from the office of *Crone's Nest* the profes-

sor-publisher notes reassuringly, "Acceptance Letter." She doesn't want you to worry and fret before you rip open notice of the fate of your efforts. Now that's fancy care! I think my favorite of the verses offered at Border's was a hymnal, a lyric, a look backward at a mastectomy many years past. The slim, elegant lady spoke without sentimentality or pity, telling us she accepts her form...except sometimes, after a glance in the mirror, with a sigh of regret. She misses not only her body, but, symbolically, some other unnamed loss. This was not a blatant confession, but an artistic account. You have to trust your editor to come out like this.

I'm going to move along to a couple of other editor-publishers here and about. The *Narragansett Times* has a new publisher, named Marc Romanow, who takes charge of the Southern Rhode Island newspaper group from his office in Wakefield. He commutes in from Pawtucket, and prays at Temple Emanu-El.

"I hope to run a series of historical portraits of U.S. Presidents," Romanow declared to me in his comfortable quarters on Main Street. "The name of this county is really 'Washington County' and people need to know more about our past."

Although his childhood was in Connecticut, and his business background was not primarily in the editorial department, clearly the new publisher has an interest in encouraging research, education, and the participation of local scholars, like Helen Allen, who will put together the new column.

Finally, a friendly word about



Michele Cooper, creator of *Crone's Nest*. Herald photo by Mike Fink

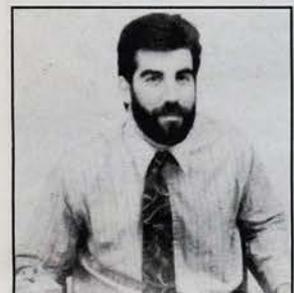
Barry Fain, who shaped the destiny of the *East Side Monthly*, which began decades ago, when small papers had to fight the tide, and continues to the heyday of alternatives and locals, which have endured and prevailed. Fain has a taste and talent for humor. He mixes a love for the streets and stories of the East Side with a broad journalistic concern for the daily planet. He is a great traveler, and writes for local papers wherever he goes. "When I was just out of college, it helped pay for my journeys," he claims to my classes. He welcomes and prints stories and photographs from Brown and RISD students, and eagerly enjoys the play of the pen.

This past summer the Fains

went on an African safari, watching the great beasts with the same fascination that he brings to every small story that crosses his desk.

No, I don't think of editors and publishers as people who say "No," but as allies who say "Yes," or at least "Maybe." When I run into Fain at Temple Emanu-El, I wish him a good holiday, and I let him know what I hear among my sources on the East Side. He nods his head with a gesture of encouragement.

Rhode Island is a happening place. As leaves turn red before the branches go white with clumps of snow, what's black and white and red all over? The newspapers! And who's in charge? Cooper, Romanow and Fain!



Marc Romanow, publisher of the *Narragansett Times*.

Herald photo by Mike Fink

The Other Side of Hurricanes

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter

Cruise along Allens Avenue. Whip a left to the sign that reads "Collier Park." You will come upon a strange embankment. Narragansett Electric, once fueled by coal, has made a landscape-museum with the ancient structures standing like surreal sculptures. They've planted beach roses and wild grasses among patches of sand and gravel, an eerie living memory, an ecological design.

On a soft, early fall afternoon, warm and peaceful, the gulls and cormorants rest on the blue bay or soar calmly in the blue sky. Sunny yellow benches wait for pedestrians. Not a single graffiti yet mars the Seurat-like scene. Then a passerby on a bike moves

past. A sailboat or an ancient sea-going vessel floats slowly along the horizon. It's the season of Succoth, a time when you think about smoke and cloud, about earth and its lights and darks. "Hallo!" rises up from the smooth surface of the waters. It is the voice of Jan Baker, my colleague and friend from Rhode Island School of Design, the illustrator and graphic designer whose art books were recently shown at a downtown gallery. She is out canoeing and wants to shout out a new year's greeting, and a message of good will during the week of Succoth.

This open space is a brand new event in town, and a t'shuvah, a return to the waterfront as it was. Surely it is a mitzvah!



Jan Baker

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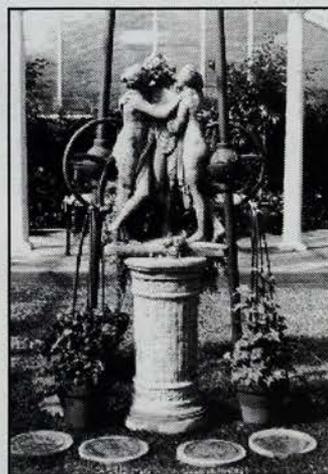
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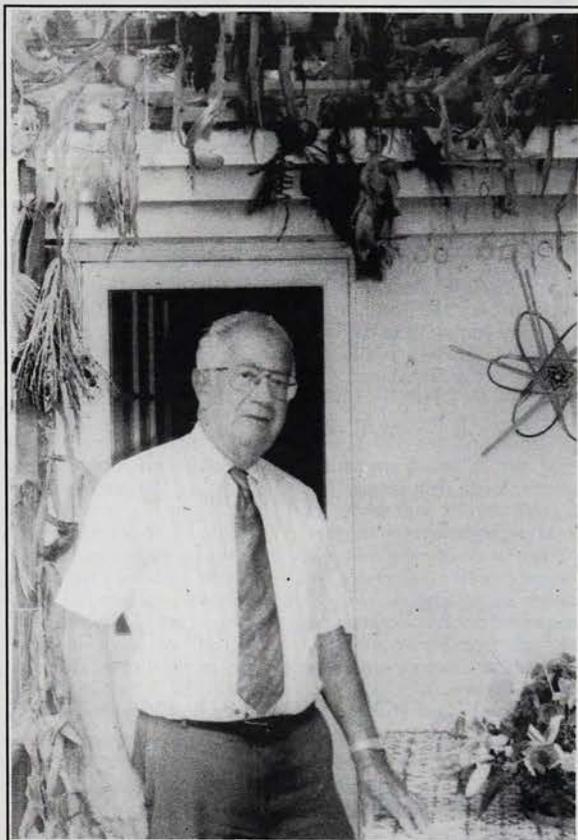
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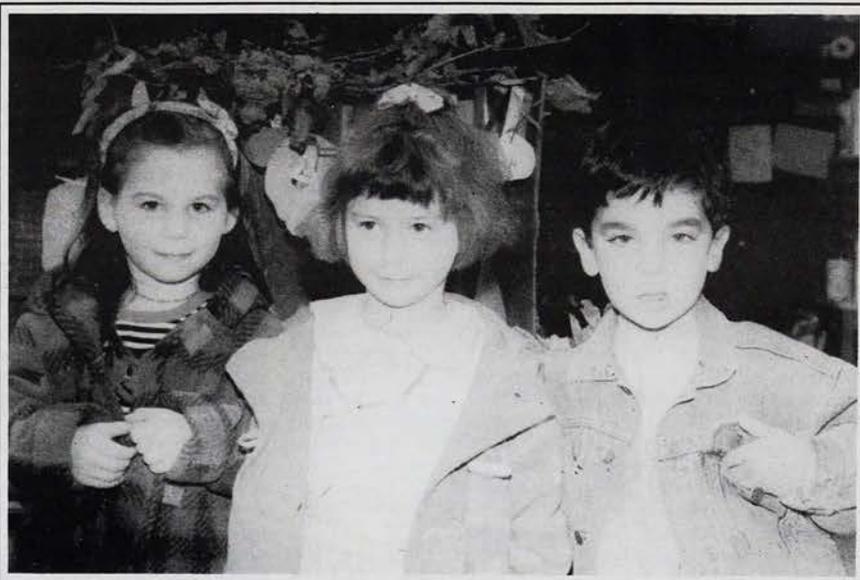
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CELEBRATING SUKKOT

In the days following Yom Kippur, the local Jewish community was busy building and decorating their sukkahs. Families, classes and temples were eager to show us what they had created. Unfortunately, we weren't able to photograph every sukkah. The *Herald* hopes everyone had a pleasant holiday.



EACH YEAR IT GETS BETTER — Sidney Goldstein and his wife, Alice, who both work in the Department of Population Studies at Brown University, have been collecting decorations from all over the world for their sukkah. Over the past 40 years, the Goldsteins, who live in Warwick, have picked up items from such countries as Israel, Egypt, Denmark, Brazil, Thailand, England, Brazil, Mexico and Lithuania. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*



REPRESENTING THEIR CLASS — From left, Rebekah Page, Rebecca Goldman and Scott Dressler display the sukkah their prekindergarten and kindergarten class made at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*



FINAL TOUCHES — From left, Roza Rabinovich, Joseph Gornya and Raya Gornya put the last touches on Temple Beth El's sukkah. The pine branches are from the (Massachusetts) state forest. The three congregants are members of Fall River's Russian-Jewish community. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*



HOORAY! — Some preschool students at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island celebrate the completion of their sukkah. From left, David Padwa, Joshua Lavine, David Oresman, Daniel Kazakov, Alisa Goldin and Natasha Blackadar. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*



STANDING PROUD — Zachary Page (left) and George Felder show off the sukkah their preschool class made at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. *Herald photo by Neil Nachbar*

Where there is a
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there is a
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In 1993, a study commissioned by AVI CHAI concluded that *"at least nine years of Jewish education mark the most significant upward jump in Jewish involvement. Jewish day schools are the only type of Jewish education that stands up against the very rapidly growing rate of assimilation."*

Over the past several weeks, we have tried to focus the attention of American Jewry — families as well as leaders and decision makers — on the good news. The news of a groundswell of Jewish high schools all across America.

These high schools build on the accomplishments of America's 500 day schools, which have enjoyed uninterrupted growth over the past two decades.

Each new high school is the result of cooperation — between concerned parents and grandparents, rabbis and congregations, school officials and educators, community leaders and Federations.

We should all take a moment to celebrate. Because where there are Jewish high schools there is a Jewish future.

But it is not enough to celebrate. Much remains to be done.

If your community does not yet have a Jewish high school, establishing one should be at the top of your agenda and your community's agenda. Where there is a Jewish high school, everything should be done to nurture it, and give it the resources, respect and recognition it so richly deserves.

Never before in American history has there been such a broad interest in Jewish education. The window of opportunity is now open. But windows of opportunity are notoriously fickle. They are not open forever.

If you are a parent or grandparent, a federation officer or a foundation executive, you can help build Jewish education for coming generations.

It's our future. Be a part of it!

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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

JCCRI Introduces Soccer You Have to Plan Ahead if You Want to Cruise

by Neil Nachbar
Herald Associate Editor

Soccer has long been one of the most popular recreational sports in the United States, especially among young children.

Now, the sport has made its debut at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. The JCCRI recently started a co-ed soccer program, consisting of two age groups: 4- and 5-year-olds, and 6- to 9-year-olds.

"Since many youth soccer programs are offered on Saturdays (the Sabbath), this program is a good alternative for Jewish kids," said Tim Chant, the JCCRI's director of physical education.

Chant, a former soccer player and coach at the University of Vermont, joined the JCCRI staff on March 1.

"Soccer was one of the first programs the physical education committee brought to my attention," said Chant.

Chant, who previously worked at the JCC in Newton, explained why the sport is so popular among children.

"Soccer is easier to get involved in (than other sports)," said Chant. "There is less standing around. Also, the fact that you play with your feet and not your hands is a great equalizer. Size and strength are not big factors, like in other sports."

The children are anxious to learn more about the game.

"I think it will be fun to learn the different positions," said Jonah Siegel.

"Most sports you play with your hands," said Ken Ueda. "It's fun to play a sport with your feet."

Currently, there are 20 kids in the older group and 17 in the younger group.

The older group, named the Youth Soccer League, meets for 16 sessions, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The younger group, called the Soccer Squirts, meets for 12

sessions, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

If your child would like to get involved in the program, the fee would be prorated. Also, volunteer support is appreciated.

Chant has been impressed by



NELSON PECORA learns to dribble a soccer ball at the JCCRI's new soccer program. Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

the number of participants who chose to play soccer and hopes to see the program grow next year.

"We didn't know how it was going to go," stated Chant. "We would like to build up the number of teams. Hopefully next year we can run it as a league."

For more information about the soccer program, or to register your child, call Tim Chant at 861-8800, ext. 149.

JCCRI Hosts First Bridge Tournament

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island has announced the first Albert Stone Duplicate Bridge Tournament to be held on Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.

Albert Stone was a master bridge player and longtime supporter of the JCCRI.

This is a non-sanctioned tournament for novices.

There is a \$5 entry fee. For reservations and further information, call Marvin Stark at 861-8800, ext. 110.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first World Zionist Congress, held in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897, Hadassah has planned its first international Jewish culture cruise, Sept. 3 to 18, 1997.

Participants will spend three nights in Switzerland, sight-seeing and participating in special events commemorating 100 years of the Zionist movement. Next, they go by motorcoach to Genoa where they board their ship, the TS Monterey.

This trip will feature a variety of Jewish cultural events including music, drama and

comedy, dance, a film festival, a symposia on Jewish culture and Israeli politics, and kosher cuisine, including cooking demonstrations and more. Celebrities including Giora Freidman, the klezmerist; Debbie Friedman and Mike Burstyn will be among the entertainers.

The cruise departs Genoa on Sept. 7, stopping for a day in Capri for optional sight-seeing. It arrives in Haifa on Sept. 11 where special entertainment has been planned.

Guests will share a special Shabbat on board ship before departing for their return voyage

the evening of Sept. 13. During the return trip through the Mediterranean the TS Monterey docks at Heraklion for more optional sight-seeing and arrives back in Genoa on Sept. 18.

Air, land and cruise rates is from \$5,100 per person, departing from New York; options are available — air/land/cruise; land/cruise; air/cruise; cruise only.

A deposit by Dec. 16, saves \$150 per person with the early bird special. For further information and reservations, call the National Hadassah Travel Department at (800) 363-2372; (212) 303-8031/8101.

Hadassah's Mother and Child Center Opens

On Sept. 9, the ribbon was cut opening the doors to Hadassah's state-of-the-art Mother and Child Center in Jerusalem. The center houses the Wolfson Children's Pavilion and the Jula Goldwurm Maternity Pavilion and is equipped with the latest diagnostic tools and treatment facilities. They may come to define the standard in maternity and pediatric care in the Middle East.

The maternity pavilion, which occupies the first two floors of the center, will provide mothers-to-be with comprehensive prenatal and delivery facilities in warm, comfortable

surroundings. It includes 40 maternity and high-risk beds, 6 labor/delivery rooms, 1 maternity operating room, 24 cradles for newborns, 12 cradles for premature babies, as well as clinics and doctors' offices.

"The building's labor/delivery rooms leave old-style hospital births on another planet," said child psychiatrist Esti Galili. "In too many places, childbirth is a lonely, frightening, depersonalized and demeaning experience for a woman, separated from her husband and family and drugged during labor. Hospitals must adopt an approach to maternity care that restores

autonomy and personal dignity to childbearing."

The children's pavilion, which occupies the three upper floors of the center, is "child friendly," with murals, bright play rooms, and music and study areas. The large patient rooms have plenty of windows and light, and accommodate two children each, with fold-up beds for parents.

The blueprint for the pavilion combined the finest in medical facilities, state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, and loving, tender care in a colorful, happy and healing atmosphere.

Agudath Israel to Host Convention

Agudath Israel of America, the Orthodox Jewish grass-roots coalition, will hold its 74th annual convention on Nov. 28.

The theme will be "Me'chayil El Choyil (From Strength to Strength): The Challenges and Responsibilities of Our Community's Growth."

According to a spokesman at Agudath Israel, the four-day weekend convention, which will begin on Nov. 28 at the Parsippany Hilton, in Parsippany-

Troy Hills, N.J., will bring together Orthodox Jews from across the country and around the world for a weekend and Shabbos of Torah-study, symposia, roundtable discussions and words of Gedolei Torah.

Thousands will participate over the course of the convention, whose purpose, the spokesman averred, will be to help ensure that the ultimate Orthodox strength be of the most important genre, the spiritual.

Fly With El Al in Cyberspace

El Al Israel Airlines has launched into cyberspace and can now be reached at its new Web site: <http://www.elal.co.il>

The comprehensive home page allows viewers to browse through a host of topics including: special fares from El Al's gateway cities; the "Deal of the Month," a low fare advertised only on the internet; and El Al's "Milk and Honey" vacation packages.

Other features of interest include El Al's route map, timetable and a listing of El Al's United States sales offices. In addition, viewers can register for El Al's Frequent Traveler, "Matmid" Club and request ticketing information.

Future plans for El Al's web site include online ticket purchases by credit card and information on flight availability.

For more information, call El Al at (800) 223-6700.

Introduction to Judaism Course at Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El will offer a 20-week course on Judaism on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:15 p.m., beginning Oct. 9.

This introductory class is for individuals who may be considering converting to Judaism, as well as for Jews who would like to rediscover their Jewish roots.

Under the leadership of Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana, Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman, Cantor Ida Rae Cahana and Julie Gutterman, M.S.W., students will survey many aspects of Jewish life including history, the holidays, lifecycle events, practices and observances.

All in the community are welcome to attend. For further information, contact Rabbi Cahana at the Temple Beth-El office at 331-6070.

BJE/RI Offers Yiddish Class

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will offer a beginners/intermediate conversational Yiddish class.

The class will meet on Thursday, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., twice a month, at BJE, 130 Sessions St., Providence, and will continue through January for eight sessions. The dates are Oct. 24, Nov. 7 and 21, Dec. 5 and 19, Jan. 2, 16 and 30. Tuition is \$65.

Master teacher, Lea Eliash will conduct the classes. Eliash, a native of Lithuania, is a veteran language teacher whose mamaloshem is Yiddish.

If you are interested in the conversational Yiddish class, or want further information, call Ruth Page at the BJE, 331-0956.



The Children Were Here

Congregation Beth Shalom's sukkah was decorated mostly by the children of the shul. Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

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The Stories of Three Jewish Immigrants

On Oct. 9 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., a reception will be held at the Roger Williams National Memorial for the opening of the new visitor center, featuring two new exhibits: "Roger Williams, His Ideals and the Evolution of Liberty" and "Freedom of Conscience as Experienced by Jewish Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union."

The second exhibit should be of special interest to the local Jewish community as it features three immigrants to Rhode Island, Alla Goman, Irina Goman and Natasha Ushomirsky.

Presentations will be at 5 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. For further information, call 521-7266. The Roger Williams National Memorial is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It's located at 282 North Main St., Providence.

The following excerpts are from the exhibit at the Roger Williams National Memorial:

Alla Goman

"Imagine living in a city in which there are no synagogues or churches. Only your grandparents remember being in a place of worship, and that is now a town clerk's office with every possible trace of its original identity erased.

"Gone are the prayer books, the religious art works, the music, the literature, the theater and the culture. Radio and television announcers insist that religions do not exist. Teachers in schools teach that there is no G-d. The authorities enforce the absence of religion everywhere. Those who challenge this policy face imprisonment or worse. That was my country.

"This place is where I grew up, married Semyon and had my children, Irina and Tanya. It is a real place called Gomel, Byelorussia in the former Soviet Union. For over 70 years things were this way.

"I did not receive religious training, for that would have

been too dangerous. Jewish holidays were secret family events, greatly reduced in practice.

"...You can just imagine how I felt when I came with my family to America. We arrived with only one suitcase apiece. After many anxious months in Italy and Austria waiting for refugee status papers, we experienced freedom.

"Freedom for Jews was everywhere — in synagogues, schools, kosher grocery stores, community and service organizations, and remarkably in libraries. I was 'hungry for information, for learning. At last I could satisfy my deep yearning for Jewish culture.

"We had much to learn about life in the United States and much to learn about being Jews. The Refugee Resettlement Program of the Jewish Family Service provided us with the necessities of life. This included arranging for a Jewish family to 'adopt' us.

"They helped us to adjust to the challenges of the bank and grocery stores and to Jewish life itself. By including us in their Passover Seder and other holidays, we became part of a Jewish community for the first time.

"Under the sponsorship of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Irina and other refugee children could attend private Jewish schools and camp. One night I went to a program at her school, the Alperin Schechter Day School.

"At the conclusion of the program, we sang a variety of Jewish songs, including the Israeli national anthem. I burst into tears, overwhelmed....

"I have now been in America for six years. As an office manager and Russian translator for Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island, I work for Jewish Family Service. It amazes me to see the wide variety of Jewish social agencies in this country. These services would have been completely unthinkable in the So-

viet Union.

"When I think about all the changes that have occurred in my life since coming to America, one stands out. Now my children have a future."

Irina Goman

"I lived in Gomel, Byelorussia, in the former Soviet Union until I was nearly 13 years old and a seventh-grade student....

"I was the only Jew in my class of 40 students; anti-Semitism haunted me for almost seven years. Every year I dreaded the first of September — the first day of school. I had



Irina Goman, 7 years old
Photo courtesy of Alla Goman

to stand in front of a silent room filled with 40 students who were not Jewish. I loudly stated my religion and listened to the gasps and giggles that would follow. I can recall the smirk on my teacher's face and her fake command to the class to quiet down.

"Not accepted by my schoolmates, I felt like a stranger, excluded from the rest because of my religion. As a child, I did not know that Jews had the same rights as everyone else. I believed that they were somehow inferior, and deserved bad treatment.

"Adults and children often hurled slurs at me. 'Jew,' 'Dirty Jew,' 'Go back where you belong!'

"When I was in third grade, I was followed home by some older boys who pelted me with snowballs and yelled painful insults. My grandmother, who took care of me after school, complained to the school authorities, and the boys' parents made them apologize to me. But things did not get better.

"After each incident like this one, the teacher had a class meeting to discuss how we were all the same. I hated these meetings. They only seemed to make things worse, because everyone knew she was talking about me, a Jew.

"On Feb. 2, 1990, at the age of 13, I came to America. A year to the day later, I celebrated my bat mitzvah. I prepared for a whole year and was very nervous about reading Hebrew. After the bat mitzvah, my school held a party and gave me a Jewish star pendant, which I wear to this day.

"How unbelievably different this school was from my school in Gomel. At the Alperin Schechter Day School, I was in a class with Jews just like myself. Finally, I could freely admit without fear that I was a Jew.

"America has opened a door to opportunity and freedom for me. I hope to make my dreams come true. So far, everything I ever wished for when I was little has become a reality. In this country my future depends on me, not on the prejudices of society."

Natasha Ushomirsky

"It is hard to believe that five years ago I didn't even know what Rhode Island was. When I was told that we would be moving to the United States, the first image that came to my mind was a picture of Mickey Mouse. To those growing up in Moscow, the symbol of America was

either Disneyland or the Statue of Liberty.

"In Russia, there was really no such thing as religion. The only acceptable concept was nationality. You were either pure Russian (Russian Christian) or you were something else.

"My family was Jewish. Some people consider being Jewish to mean being a religious Jew. To the Russian government and to my family during our time in the former USSR 'Jewish' was a word printed inside the passports. It was a nationality, not a religion, a type of person, not a faith.

"The only thing I really knew about Judaism was that Jews believed in the Old Testament. Sometimes, very rarely, my grandparents would tell me some of the things they remembered about Jewish holidays that were celebrated in their home when they were children....

"When we moved to Providence.... I went to Alperin Schechter Day School which not only taught me about my religion but about my people and my heritage as well. Today, based on what I have learned at this school, I have a chance to make a choice about whether or not I want to be more religious. I have the chance to see and be a part of a Jewish community. Before coming here this was an impossibility.

"If I said that I wanted to come to America because of the religious freedom, I'd be lying. The truth is I was too young to even understand the value of having the freedom to believe what you want.

"I was only 10 years old at the time, and in Russia children only think about dolls at that age. Today, four years later, I have to say that one of the things I value most in this country is the freedom to choose what I want to believe and the ability to be proud of who I am, and what I am, after studying my heritage."

Men's Club Hosts Reed

The Men's Club of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold a breakfast program on Oct. 13.

Breakfast starts at 10 a.m., followed by guest speaker, Congressman Jack Reed. The congressman will give an update on current events in Washington.

Sheldon Sollosy will complete the program with a few words of wisdom.

All temple members are invited. Mark your calendar accordingly.

Cranston-Warwick Hadassah to meet

A general membership meeting will be held on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at Shalom Residence, 1 Shalom Drive, in Warwick.

Beatrice Feldman and Sylvia Tippe, are the coordinators of the meeting, and Lillian Lewis and Betty Kriss will be hostesses.

Helen Abrams, vice president for program, advises that Yehuda Lev will be the speaker.

Lev, writer for the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, covers Middle East issues and will bring news from the political scene in Israel. Refreshments will be served.

Temple Sinai News

Temple Sinai just successfully completed its annual Yom Kippur food drive by receiving 13 large boxes of non-perishable food items from its congregants. These items have been donated to the Warwick Shelter, a small family shelter which assists the poor with shelter, food and clothing.

On Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m., Temple Sinai will consecrate 28 children into its religious school for the first time.

Celebrate Simchat Torah

The Chabad House, 360 Hope St., Providence, will host a Simchat Torah celebration on Oct. 4 and 5 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. and Oct. 6 at 10:30 a.m.

There will be Chassidic song and dance and holiday refreshments. The entire community is welcome to attend. Call 273-7238 for more information.

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Cranston Senior Guild Announces Its Schedule of Upcoming Events

The new policy of the Cranston Senior Guild is to plan all its activities with the members' enjoyment and entertainment in mind and to have the meetings, shows and trips so interesting and exciting that they shouldn't be missed.

All meetings will be held at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, and will be called to order at 1 p.m. A social hour will follow and refreshments will be served.

• Oct. 9 — The speaker will be Suzette Rabinowitz (first meeting) who is in charge of elderly affairs for the City of Cranston, with pertinent information.

• Oct 23 — Starting off the fall season will be a trip to the Foxwood Casino in Ledyard, Conn. With credits, the net cost to members will be \$4. For further information and reservations, call Lillian Lewis (chairperson) at 738-6656.

• Nov. 13 — Program chairman Ben Gilstein has arranged a blockbuster meeting that shouldn't be missed, a program of professional entertainment.

• Dec 11 — Annual Chanukah party, this year to be held at the West Valley Inn, West Warwick at noon. For information, cost, table seating and reservations, call Sam or Selma Price at 943-3427.

• Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5 (all weather permitting), April 2, May 7 — All meetings and programs to be announced.

• June 4 — Installation luncheon at Venus de Milo, noon. Chairman is Mal Ross. For more information, call Ross at 723-

8580.

President, Judah Rosen, and vice president, Dorothy Rosen (trip chairperson), are working to make the coming season exciting and worthwhile with these trips and more to look forward to: Foxwood Casino; *Royal Palm Dinner Theatre, Boca Raton, Fla.; Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills; annual picnic, Matunuck Theatre-by-the-Sea (two shows); Boston show with lunch; Warwick Musical Theatre; Montreal-Quebec trip; and much more as they become available. Any suggestions, call Dorothy Rosen at 942-0985.

*Cranston Senior Guild Florida showtime continues with the all-Gershwin, Tony award-winning musical "Crazy for You" at the Royal Palm Dinner Theatre, Feb. 20, 1997. The package includes full course dinner (choice of five entrees), show, tax and all gratuities.

For further information, table seating and reservations, call Hy Jacobson at 739-1265 until Oct. 22 and (954) 964-1451 after that date.

To join the Cranston Senior Guild, call Rose Portney, financial secretary, at 467-4964.

They Changed Their Minds

Brown University has announced that its Israeli and Holocaust Film Series is not open to the community. Originally, Brown said the series was open to the public, but now attendance is limited to those with a Brown identification.

Jewish Family Service Honors

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said: "The children reflect their parents' high moral and ethical qualities. The doors of their house are always open for any member of the community who needs a place to stay, help with a problem, or just a patient ear and a kind word."

Gershom Barros, husband and father in the household, is a convert to Judaism who has gradually come to embrace traditional Judaism. He is very involved with community service, serving as head of the Jewish Burial Society and an organizer of the community Eruv corporation, volunteering countless hours of his time to maintain a physical boundary consisting of miles and miles of linked telephone poles that serve to mark an area within which Orthodox Jews are allowed to carry on Shabbat.

Along with Rabbi Abraham Jakubowicz, head of the Providence Hebrew Day School, Gershom Barros runs the Jewish Burial Society, volunteering to prepare the bodies for burial at both Jewish funeral homes in Providence.

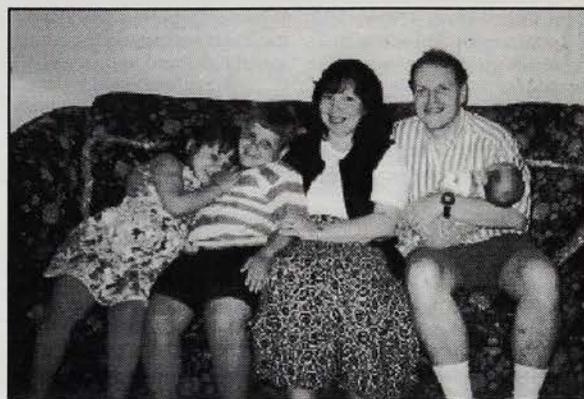
Jakubowicz said of the Barros family: "At their Shabbat table you'll never see less than 10 people. Anyone passing through the area without a place to spend Shabbat is welcome to stay. He is such a doer in every sense of the word."

The Rosenberg household strikes an onlooker as happy, busy, nurturing — in a word "wholesome." It is a home run with love, but also with a great deal of intelligence and organization. Alan Rosenberg is the assistant features editor at the *Journal Bulletin*, where Avis Gunther-Rosenberg works as a staff writer. Together they also write restaurant reviews for the newspaper.

Schedules are managed so that almost always one of them is at home with their children — Ethan, who is in fourth grade, Rebecca, who is in kindergarten, and the newest family member, Jacob, born this past June.

Avis feels fortunate to be able to do most of her work at home. She says that her most important role is that of a parent building a Jewish home.

She is also quick to praise her husband's parenting skills.



THE ROSENBERG FAMILY was recently named one of the "Families of the Year" by Jewish Family Service.

Photo courtesy of Roberta Segal and Associates

"Alan sets the best example, he's as much a nurturer as I am." Alan Rosenberg took a month's leave from his job when each of the children were born.

The compatibility of this couple extends to their values, which they feel are best taught to their children by example. It is necessary to treat everyone with respect — family members as well as outsiders. They want their children to feel that they can talk to them about anything.

Nancy Brown, who nominated the Rosenbergs for "Family of the

Year," met them through a "havurah," an independent group whose purpose is to study, discuss or celebrate any aspect of Jewish life. In her words, "The Rosenbergs are a close and loving team... with a sincere respect for each other. Their Jewish identity and devotion to G-d and to each other serve as a solid foundation for the respect, integrity and individuality of each member of this family... They listen to each other. Although Avis and Alan both lead demanding lives, the family is their highest priority."

Rabbi Leslie Y. Gutterman, of Temple Beth-El in Providence, who knows the family well as active congregants, said: "The support and caring that the Rosenbergs give to each other translates into

a love that transcends their family — touching many others in the community."

Richard Kaplan will be installed for his third term as president of Jewish Family Service at its 67th annual meeting.

The accompanying slate includes: vice president, Jerrold Dorfman; treasurer, Samuel Zurier; assistant treasurer, Alan Harlam; and secretary, Nancy Kaufman.

Board members to be installed are Marjorie Blake, Robert Gessman, Marion Goldsmith, Jenny Klein, Susan Smith, David Wollin and Debra Zuckerman.

The chairpersons of the evening are Carl and Jocelyn Feldman.

Paul L. Segal, the executive director of JFS since 1971, will be honored on his 25th anniversary with the agency.

His commitment has led his staff to pursue the highest standards of professionalism in community service.

Alvin Pansey, who was president of the agency and on the search committee that hired Segal, said, "I am proud to have had a hand in bringing him here. He was and always is a caring, guiding person and he has grown since then to achieve a national reputation in his field."

"I arrived here 25 years ago," said Segal, "to find a staff of one social worker, three aides, a receptionist and a part-time bookkeeper. It was an agency looking for a direction and not sure of its way. We started again from scratch to gain the confidence of the community. I learned a lot on the job and I have always been blessed with strong board support to help me."

JFS board president Richard Kaplan credits Segal's leadership for the growth and success of the agency. He sums it up best by saying, "Like the agency, Paul is always here. He dedicates a heroic part of his time and can always be called on, because Jewish Family Service is an important part of Paul Segal's life."

For more information about Jewish Family Service, which is located at 229 Waterman St. in Providence, call 331-1244.



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PHDS Establishes Resource Center

Rochelle Blazar, who worked in the accounting office as well as in other departments at Providence Hebrew Day School for more than 35 years, passed away on Aug. 24.

Thousands of students and families were touched by her kindness and thoughtfulness. She loved to watch the children enter the school building every day, to see each smiling face and to observe them at their learning.

Every child who had a special need or a request, a permission slip or a band aid, received a warm welcome from Blazar as well as a solution to the problem at hand.

And how well she guarded the assets of the PHDS. From paper clips to thumbtacks, from sheets of paper to accounts payable, she made sure that the as-

sets of PHDS were used prudently. Her sharp eye assured that nothing went to waste.

In loving memory of Blazar, PHDS is establishing a resource center at the school. Individual students with learning deficiencies and difficulties or those who need novel learning strategies will be able to receive the necessary special attention.

The center will house a variety of texts and materials to support the program. The resource center will be under the direction of a special education resource teacher who will be working with those students assigned for extra help.

The school feels that this is a fitting memorial to Blazar in recognition of her love for every child who ever walked into PHDS.



Rochelle Blazar

The school is making an initial grant to fund this project. All friends of PHDS are urged to contribute so that the center will grow and become of greater service to the students and as a memorial to Rochelle Blazar.

Students in Warwick Learn About Community Service

Paula Goldberg, a teacher at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, has been instructing a community service learning class.

The following article was written by one of Goldberg's students, Shannon Hastings, and it describes the class:

Where does kindness begin? Some say it begins here, in the community service learning classes at Warwick Veteran's Memorial High School.

What can a bunch of high-school kids do to help people? Plenty!

While the students haven't yet gone into the community as a group, they have already begun to brighten the lives of those around them in small ways.

As part of the class requirements, the students are doing

two "random acts of kindness" every week. It could be as simple as holding a door and giving a smile. They might help an elderly neighbor, pick wildflowers for a friend or do household chores without being asked.

However the students do it, they are bringing a little bit of sunshine into someone's life. It's such a wonderful thing because it spreads. If someone is happy, he is more likely to do something kind, and make someone else happy.

Why are the students doing this? For credit you might think? Yes, but it goes far beyond that. It is the way the students feel when they see the look of happiness on the face of the person they have helped that brings the greatest reward.

Camp JORI Forms Alumni Association

Fond memories. Old friends met anew. These are the motivations for the beginning of an alumni association for Camp JORI, Rhode Island's only Jewish overnight camp.

Many of the camp's board members, staff and counselors were once JORI campers. Some met their spouses at Camp JORI. To those who have attended, Camp JORI is not just any summer camp.

Former campers and counselors are invited to join the alumni association. For those who have or know people who have had a Camp JORI connection, contact the camp's office at 521-2655 or evenings, Ronda Schuster at 351-8182.

Free Sundaes This Sunday

NYNEX and Newport Creamery join The Children's Museum of Rhode Island for a special Free Sunday celebration on Oct. 6, between 1 and 5 p.m.

Newport Creamery will give each visitor a free ice cream sundae from 1 to 3 p.m. Thanks to NYNEX, admission to the museum is free.

During free Sundays, families explore and enjoy The Children's Museum's hands-on exhibits and hidden treasures.

In The State Room, children investigate history and geography on a giant play-on map of Rhode Island. Visitors see what's cooking in the 19th-century Great Grandmother's Kitchen. The Shape Lab offers a lively approach to geometry.

'Heidi' Comes to URI Theatre

The URI Theatre will present "The Heidi Chronicles," by Wendy Wasserstein, on Oct. 10 to 12 and 16 to 19, at 8 p.m. each evening.

Performances will take place at the Robert E. Will Theatre, Fine Arts Center, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I. For reservations, call 874-5843. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$6 students/seniors, \$4 children under 12. Group rates are available. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

This is the funny, touching story of one woman coming of age. "The Heidi Chronicles" follows sincere, determined Heidi Holland through the trials of life from her teens to adulthood.

"The Heidi Chronicles" won a Pulitzer Prize.

Science Pen-Pal Program

Science-By-Mail, a national pen-pal mentor program that pairs children in grades four to nine with scientists, is accepting applications for the 1996-97 program year until Oct. 15.

Developed at the Museum of Science, Boston, the program is designed to stimulate and challenge participants in different fields of science.

This year's topics are "Simple Machines" and "Flight." During the course of the school year, members will receive these two hands-on activity packets which contain instruction and materi-

als to perform a variety of activities, culminating with a "Big Challenge."

As the children work on their Science-By-Mail activities, they will correspond with their scientist pen-pal, who offers ideas, advice, and encouragement.

Members may register with their schools, families, neighborhood groups, scouts or other clubs, or as part of home schooling. For information, call (800) 729-3300, write Science-By-Mail, Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, MA 02114-1099, or e-mail sbm@Al.mos.org.

Philanthropy at Lincoln School

Oct. 16 will be a day of recognition and celebration at Lincoln School. The schedule for the day will include the following events:

At 8:30 a.m. the dedication of the front wall restoration in honor of the David D. Wasserman Family; at 10:15 a.m. the introduction of the "Alexis Allen Boss '89 Endowment for Community Accord and Public Service"; and at 4:30 p.m. the dedi-

cation of Lincoln's main school building, the Constance Briggs Faxon '36 Hall.

Music will be provided by Lincoln lower, middle, and upper school students. A reception will follow each dedication. All dedications are open to the public. Lincoln School is located at 301 Butler Ave. in Providence.

For more information, call the school at 331-9696, ext. 105.

URI Teaches R.I. Children How to Manage 'Alone'

"Home Alone" was a funny movie, but in real life there's nothing amusing about being alone while you're still in grammar school. Yet that's a reality for many of children.

"After fifth-grade, many children are not only home alone, they're responsible for other children," said Marilyn Martin, a URI family studies specialist who has worked with youth at risk for the past 19 years.

What, for instance, do children home alone do when one of them gets a bloody nose? Pan-

icked, some children call 9-1-1 and fire departments get swamped with youthful pleas for help.

How can these children be helped? By giving them skills to cope with the situation. That's what a new, after-school program developed by URI is offering children in grades kindergarten through six in the communities of Central Falls, East Providence, Providence, Pawtucket, and Woonsocket.

Funding for the five-year \$750,000 collaborative project,

called Families and Communities Engaged in Issues Together, comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. An additional \$63,000 grant will be used for the necessary technology to electronically link communities involved in the program.

For nine months, children from diverse populations will meet after school for two hours to learn such things as "stop, drop and roll" if they catch fire, what kinds of food are healthy, the importance of cleanliness, and how to build and maintain self-esteem. The lessons come from the 4-H curriculum.

This project replicates and expands the successful school-age child care project spearheaded by faculty and staff of URI's Cooperative Extension begun in 1992 for Cranston, Newport, and West Warwick.

So far the impact has been enormous. The children were tested before and after the training. The results speak for themselves: 100 percent showed an increase in knowledge of independent living skills; 61 percent maintained or improved their grades in reading and math; and 75 percent improved their interpersonal skills.

For more details, call Marilyn Martin at 277-5255 or 874-4656 or Sharon Kolisz at 277-5261.



URI STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: Human development and Family Studies students Esmeralda Martinez of Providence, Jill Goldstein of Flushing, N.Y. and Lynnsley Cadwallader of Lambertville, N.J. (l-r) talk with Marilyn Martin (far right) about the after school program.

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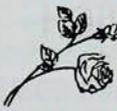
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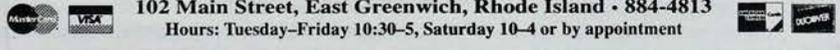
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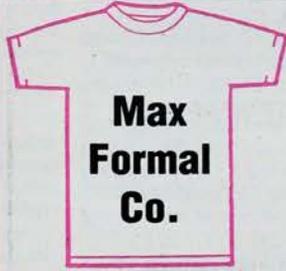
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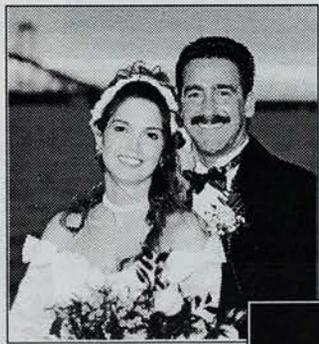


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Wayland Square Was, and Is a Special Place

by Alison Smith
Herald Editor

As soon as Mike, the owner of Ruffuls Restaurant, joined me in a booth and started to talk about Wayland Square, I knew I'd struck paydirt. This man came to Wayland Square in 1949, as a youngster working at the

Wayland Bakery — and never left.

In 1957, he and his brother opened Ruffuls (which they ran as partners till the '80s). Since then, it's been Mike's place.

I asked him how the square had changed since he first came there. "It was such a family

area," he said. "It drew families, from everywhere, from Barrington, and Cranston and Warwick, even." He tried to make the square's attraction clear for me. "Anything and everything you wanted—it was here. There was Dorothy Kay — she sold strictly for small children. There were three shoestores — such a variety! You had Herbert Brown... did you ever hear of Herbert Brown's?"

I had. "Well, he dealt strictly with young boys, from very small to the teens. That's all. He'd outfit them completely."

I've seen ads from Herbert Brown's ads from 1960, and it's clear he ran a very prosperous store. Big ads, pointed directly at the parents of very young men.

I asked him how the square had changed.

The most obvious change — the one that made both of us laugh a little — was a matter of price. When Ruffuls opened,



Wayland Avenue Herald photo by Alison Smith

Mike charged 15¢ for an egg salad sandwich, 10¢ for a cup of coffee, 5¢ for a Coke. Muffins were 10¢ each.

And, of course, there were changes through the years due to death. (People like Mrs. Robinson, who had become a legend in her own time, "a very sharp lady, and everyone liked her" and, just last month, Harry

Limer of Reliable Gold, another pillar of the Wayland Square "family.") "Harry was a customer... he was in here twice a day... He came to the square in 1958, just a year after we opened."

And, of course, customers died or moved away.

Sometimes, they came back. "Thirty years later, they walk in the door," and Mike looks up and says hello, and calls them by name, and they are dumbfounded. "You remember me?"

Of course Mike remembers them. He and his staff seem to be on a first name basis with most of the people who walk into his restaurant. That, of course, is a holdover from those days when every retailer knew many of his clients by name, and by taste and color preferences, and by size of pocketbook. And what still sets Wayland Square apart today, and makes it different from most of the shopping centers and malls around Rhode Island, is the personal contact between

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Walk Through Wayland Discover It Again

by Alison Smith
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I parked on Elmgrove Ave., about a block from Angell Street, and walked into Wayland Square.

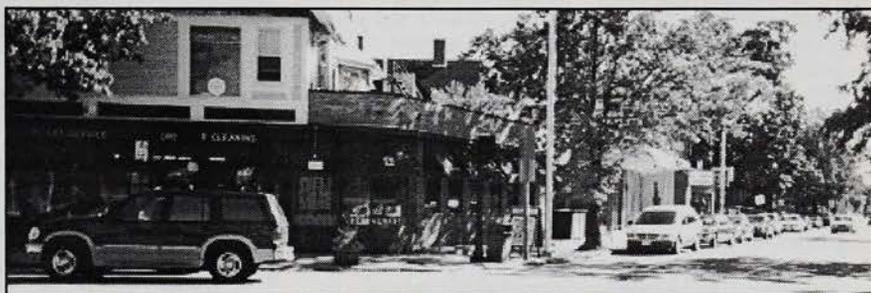
Where Elmgrove ends at Angell, I saw Vincenzo's — where the specialties are hair, skin and nail care. The shop runs from Angell through to the parking lot on Medway Street, and is bright with mirrors, pale cream walls, and windows at either end. Quality brand-name products were discreetly mentioned in the windows.

Next to Vincenzo's, I passed Gabrielle's, a clothing store for women. New fall styles filled the windows. There were fascinating textures and weave mixes in the darker earth tones suitable for fall — herringbones,

plushes, wide wale corduroys, hand knit vests with carved leaf buttons, cuffed pants, richly patterned scarves draped over the shoulders of jackets with nubble or color thread interest... a rich, textured and warm look, with lots of layering.

Next, I passed Books on the Square, which has become the cultural hot spot of the area. There was no big table overflowing with sale books, this morning, because rain threatened, but inside there were comfortable chairs for browsers, and all the time in the world.

A CVS pharmacy stood where first a Gladdings, and then a Peerless, had stood before it, and beyond the pharmacy, Tre Sorelle. One window featured princess line dresses with flattering velvet or satin



South Angell and Wayland Avenue Herald photo by Alison Smith

collars for the young lady. The other featured fall dresses with graceful skirts embroidered here and there with tiny flower clusters, and topped with chenille sweaters. This kind of outfit can go from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. without requiring any additions or subtractions.

Liberty Travel takes up the whole rounded corner of Angell Street and Wayland Avenue. It is probably the largest travel agency I've seen, with gleaming desks, chairs and counters, and rack upon rack of travel brochures. Phones were ringing, computers humming, ready to set in motion a flight to almost anywhere on the planet. Posters lined the walls, and beckoned

from the windows.

Wayland Square Wine has everything in the way of liquors from Absolut Vodka to Samuel Adams Octoberfest Beer, plus, keeping up with the times, cigars! A snappy neon cigar sign in the window indisputably draws the eye.

Across Wayland, Paul Michaels — Fine Men's Clothes — remains hidden behind pristine sheets of white paper. "Coming soon!"

The Opulent Owl, at the corner of Wayland and Medway Streets is the kind of store that lures grandmas into crazed spending. There are Gund stuffed animals, T-shirts of incredible cuteness, kits, even a complete

western outfit featuring fringed trousers and shirt, complete with gold sherriff's star, red scarf and straw hat. Also, marvelous and unusual door mats (golden day-lilies with vibrant green foliage) hand-painted mirrors and bird-houses, plates, bowls, sundials, clocks, candles, glassware... If you leave this place without buying something, you've got moresales resistance than I do (not that I have that much, to begin with).

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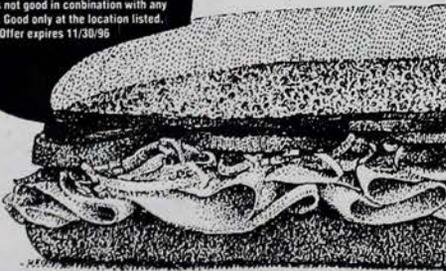
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Across Wayland from Reliable is Fabulous Fakes. Here's where you pick up a touch of glitz, or more than a touch. This is the store that will equip you to make a statement. A fabulous statement.

Stork's Landing offers clothing for the mom-to-be and the baby when it arrives. In the window I saw tiny, delectable outfits that were oh, so stylish, despite the fact that the wearer would be in diapers underneath. These clothes are the kind that exert a magnetic pull on moms, grandmothers and aunts. I was stunned by a two-piece outfit for someone maybe 18 months old — tiny rose suede Mary Janes, a jacket in an old-fashioned rose print with a lace collar, and a one-piece jumper underneath, pants in the rose print, top in ribbed cream knit, with a pearl and artificial rosebud decoration to fit under a tiny chin.

At the Cheese Shop, signs in the doorway told me that locally made, fresh mozzarella cheese was available within, and also Mrs. Prindale's Apples. Further investigation revealed that there were mugs, baskets, crackers, imported oddments and fancies, jams, jellies and cheeses also. I picked up five pounds just looking in the window. Don't tell me that's impos-

sible. I could feel them glomming onto these hips. With all the rest.

Peter Pots Flowers is always easy to spot from blocks away. There's a sign about roses on sale, there are usually banners, and, at this time of year, a charming if daffy scarecrow. And there's usually a stand featuring bunches of the bargain flowers of the day. Inside there are wreaths, wall decorations, pot plants, cut flowers, artificial flower arrangements, cards, and vases.

Classic Clips is a different kind of pet grooming establishment. Usually, and I speak from lots of experience, you walk in to a small front room, surrender your dog who is immediately whisked away behind walls or latticework, and told when to report back to pick up your pet.

Wes, at Classic Clips, works right out in view, where you can see him and your pet, while you relax in an armchair or sofa. The fact that he works this way makes it easier to leave one's pet with him. He handles all breeds of dogs and cats. It's a good idea to call a day or two in advance for an appointment for your pet. While I was talking to Wes, he introduced me to his own two Standard Poodles, and his Bichon Frisee, and it tells a lot about his way with animals that his own dogs were beautifully groomed, self-assured, disciplined and adoring. Wes opened Classic Clips on April 1, and business is booming already. I asked him about Newfies — I own a 165-pound Newfie. He was not at all nonplussed. Seems he does two Newfies that size regularly, and four Pyrenees.

Minerva Pizza across the street was still closed, but I remember the delicious smells in the air last time I visited the store. Ah...bellissimo!

American Video, next to



Wayland Avenue Herald photo by Alison Smith

Minerva Pizza, is a big video rental place, and I could tell, looking through the windows, that this place carries the very new and hot, the very old and marvelous, and those small, excellent films that many big video places will not bother with. AND they sell previously viewed tapes starting at \$5.99.

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last stop for the morning. It offers a complete selection of components for creating just the right frame for any picture, plus charming ready-mades. A marvelous window display of very old pictures framed with great sensitivity indicated that East Side can be trusted with your priceless old photos.

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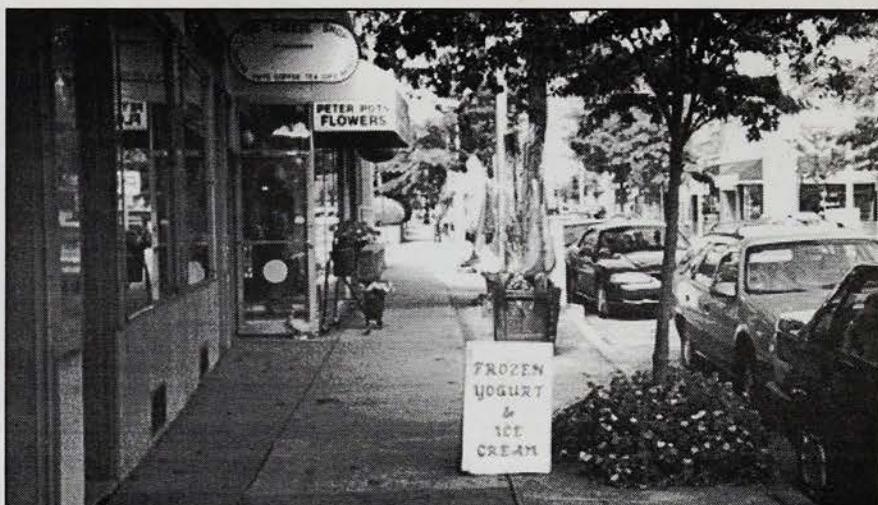
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Here's to You, Mrs. Robinson

The following story about a family business at Wayland Square is an excerpt from the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes. It was submitted by Eleanor Horvitz of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association.

A chance circumstance led to the family business of Bess and Matthew Robinson and their son, Erwin. Bess had severe hay fever. Her doctor suggested she go to the White Mountains during the height of the hay fever season to alleviate her symptoms.

Taking her young son with her, she went to the White Mountains early in August of 1928. There she took a position as clerk in a linen shop. The owners had several wealthy clients who came

from the Providence area. When Bess was ready to return to Providence, the owners suggested that she represent the linen business, using their merchandise to fill orders.

The offer came at a fortuitous time. Matthew had been working for his father, Jacob Robinson, in a dry-goods store on North Main Street. However, problems with his eyes interfered with his ability to drive, and the family had to re-think their financial situation.

From 1929 to 1936 Bess conducted her business by setting up appointments and calling on her customers at their homes. She brought samples of merchandise and took orders.

In 1936 she opened up a shop in Wakefield, R.I. Two years later she moved to the Wayland Square area of Providence to Room 3, 201 Wayland Avenue, over what was then the Weybosset Market. She called her store Mrs. Robinson. In 1945 she again moved, across the street to 206 Wayland Avenue.

Erwin Robinson married and left for overseas duty during World War II. His mother waited for his return, anticipating that he would join her in the linen-lingerie business.

Erwin had been a salesman before his military service and enjoyed that type of work. After he was discharged from the Army he took a sales job with Longine-Wittnauer. His mother asked him to give up that job and join her establishment. He initially refused, for he found the long, narrow store physically constricting.

Liggett's Drug Store, which occupied the large corner space at Wayland Avenue and Angell Street, was about to leave. Bess Robinson decided to occupy that store. Erwin, therefore, agreed to join her, and in 1951 they moved the store to the former Liggett's space.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



Artists' Showcase at JCCRI

On Oct. 9, the fourth annual Artists' Showcase will be conducted at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Forty-five presenters have registered to participate in programs which are designed to appeal to a variety of age groups (from preschool through senior citizens) and interests.

Potential bookers from schools, libraries, recreational centers, senior citizens' groups and a wide variety of local and state agencies are invited to attend.

If you would like to have a brochure mailed to you, or for further information, call Donald Babbitt at 433-1682.

Learn Basic Painting

The Wickford Art Association Gallery, 36 Beach St., Wickford, offers art classes for adults interested in learning the basics of painting with oils and watercolors.

In the **Beginner Watercolor** class, students will learn how watercolors work; color mixing and theory; negative space painting; hard and soft edges; wet on wet, damp, dry, etc. List of materials provided on request. Dates: Mondays, Oct. 21 to Nov. 25 (six weeks). Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Carol Berren Cohen. Cost: \$75

The **Beginner Oils** class will cover the fundamentals of painting with oils: composition, color mixing, use of materials and

techniques. No previous experience is needed. The instructor emphasizes individual instruction and personal-paced development. Dates: Mondays, Oct. 21 to Nov. 25 (six weeks). Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Br. Michael Dundin. Cost: \$75.

A **Watercolor Workshop** that will focus on advanced watercolor techniques is also offered. This two-day intensive workshop is targeted at the intermediate-level artist and above. Dates: Oct. 8 and 9. Times: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Instructor: Al Albrekton. Cost: \$75.

Pre-registration is required. Call 294-6840 to request a registration form or pick one up at the gallery.

Orpheum Hosts 'Goblin Market'

The Foxborough Regional Center for the Performing Arts announced recently the addition of a fifth production in its highly acclaimed Off-Broadway series.

"Goblin Market," an original musical based on the poem by Christina Rossetti, will make its Boston area debut at Orpheum Theatre in Foxboro from Oct. 3 to 20.

"Goblin Market" is the story of a real and loving relationship between two sisters, Laura and Lizzie, who return to their childhood nursery to relive the memories of their youth.

After being transported to their girlhood, Laura and Lizzie retell the memory of a magical encounter with goblins when Laura was cast under a deadly spell.

The performance schedule is Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7 p.m. (except Oct. 20), matinee performances on Oct. 10 and 17 at 2 p.m., and Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$20 for adults and \$17 for seniors/students on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings; \$25 for adults and \$22 for seniors/students on Friday and Saturday evenings and \$15 for the matinee performances.

To purchase tickets or for further information, call (508) 543-ARTS or toll-free at (888)-ORPHEUM.



A CAST OF THOUSANDS — The students at the barricades in a scene from "Les Misérables." Photo by Joan Marcus

RIC Chamber Music Series Offers Jazz to Classical

The Rhode Island College Chamber Music Series this fall will offer a range of music from solo jazz violinist Mireille Proulx to the classical renditions of the Ariel Quintet.

All performances are at 1 p.m. in Roberts Recital Hall 183. Members of the college community and community at large are invited to attend free of charge.

Jazz violinist Proulx, who comes from Montreal, will perform both classical and her own jazz compositions on Oct. 9.

The Lydian String Quartet will perform contemporary music and standard quartet repertoire on Oct. 23.

The Ariel Quintet, comprised of New England Conservatory graduates and recipients of

artist's diplomas from the Longy School of Music, will perform Oct. 30.

The Jubilee Trio will present a program of vocal music entitled "The Great American Songbook: African-American Composers and Classical Song" on Nov. 13.

Concert and oratorio soloist D'Anna Fortunato, who has appeared internationally with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, will perform Nov. 20.

Pianist Rieko Aizawa, who has appeared at Tokyo's Casals Hall and the Kennedy Center, will perform Dec. 11.

For more information, call John Pellegrino, series coordinator, at 456-8244.

Actress to Stage Reading

Nationally acclaimed actress and singer Rose Weaver, an alumnus of Wheaton College, will stage readings from a new screenplay now in development and then discuss the project on Oct. 9 at Wheaton College.

The lecture and dramatic reading "Upward Bound: A Coming of Age Story on the Campus of Wheaton College" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Watson Fine Arts Center Auditorium. It will be free and open to the public.

Weaver is an actress, singer, teacher and writer. She played opposite Jodie Foster in "The Accused," and has appeared in "LA Law" and "The Young and the Restless."

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The winner will need no prior weaving knowledge as members of the studio will guide him or her through the process of weaving their own 27 inches by 44 inches rag rug chosen from a wide selection of colors.

Anyone may enter the drawing by visiting Flying Shuttles Studio during National Spinning and Weaving Week. The studio is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An open house is scheduled for Oct. 5 from noon to 4 p.m., to celebrate the opening of the studio at 782 Hope St., Providence.

Also scheduled throughout the week are slide shows highlighting rag rugs woven from all over the United States. Stop in to visit and watch the weav-

ers in action at one of five working floor looms.

Flying Shuttles Studio is a non-profit center that provides skilled job training for adults with developmental disabilities.

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MILESTONES

Judith Schreiber Weds Raymond Rowland

Judith Lynn Schreiber and Raymond H. Rowland were married Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk, Mass. The bride is the daughter of Ira and Joyce Schreiber of Cranston, R.I., and Delray Beach, Fla. The bridegroom is the son of Richard and Martha Rowland of W. Newton, Mass.

Judge Thomas May officiated at the ceremony. A reception followed at the Ledgemont Country Club.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Jill Ann Schreiber, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Marcy Rosenthal and Alissa Fine.

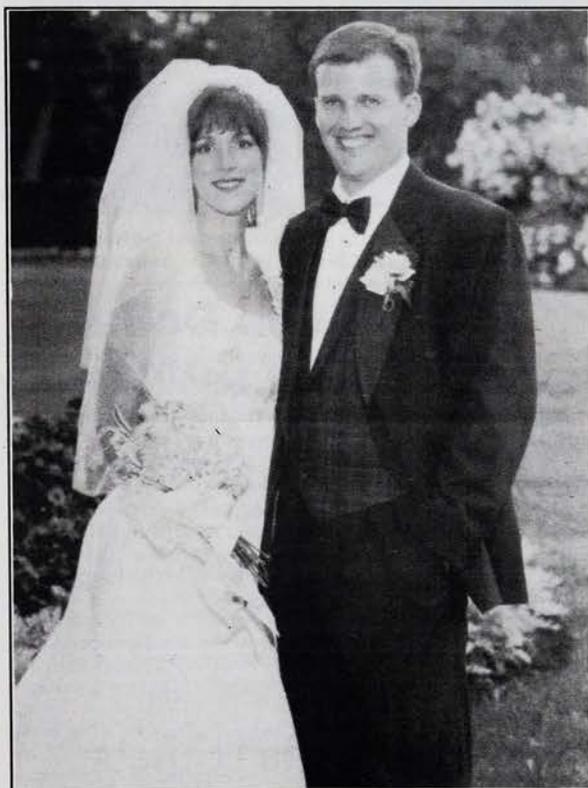
Steven Rowland, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were David Rowland,

brother of the bridegroom, and T.J. Dieveney.

The bride graduated cum laude from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a bachelor of business administration, and received a J.D. from Suffolk Law School, cum laude. She is a CPA and works as a management consultant at Ernst & Young, New York, N.Y.

The bridegroom received a bachelor of administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a J.D. from Suffolk Law School. He is presently an assistant district attorney at the Manhattan office of the District Attorney, New York City.

The couple honeymooned in Dixville Notch, N.H. They presently reside in New York City, N.Y.



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rowland
Diane Miller Photography

Handwerger Opens Law Practice

Louis Handwerger, Esq., recently announced the opening of his law office for the general practice of law at 127 Dorrance St. in Providence.

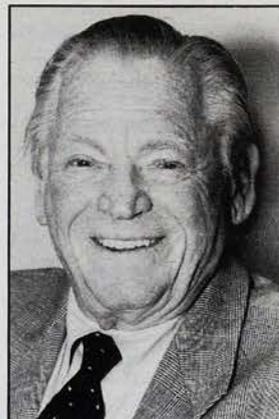
Admitted to practice in 1940, Handwerger spent more than 35 years as president of Rau Fastener, a former multi-million dollar, Providence-based manufacturer of fastener components and findings. Under Handwerger's leadership, Rau Fasteners grew from a \$1.5 million to \$25 million company and built additional facilities in both Canada and Europe.

After receiving his law degree in 1939 from New York University, Handwerger began his career in private practice in

New York. In 1950, he joined Rau Fastener, the family business founded by his wife's grandfather in 1912.

Dedicated to numerous volunteer activities in the community, Handwerger served as the president of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island and continues to be active in the Groden Center, a behavioral development center dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with autism and other emotional and behavioral disorders.

Currently admitted to practice in Rhode Island, Handwerger is a certified family court mediator. He is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.



Louis Handwerger, Esq.

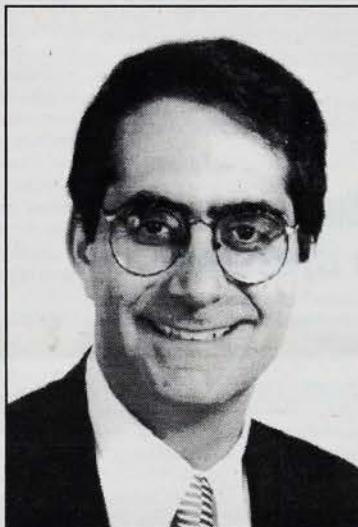
Nathan Beraha, M.D., Named Pediatrics Chief at HPHC-NE

Nathan Beraha, M.D., has been appointed Harvard Pilgrim Health Care of New England's pediatric service chief.

A pediatrician and pediatric cardiologist with HPHC-NE since 1985, Beraha most recently served as pediatrics chief at HPHC-NE's Lincoln Health Center.

In his new role, he is responsible for assuring the delivery of high-quality health care to children and adolescents within HPHC-NE.

Beraha earned his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School and completed his residency and fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. He lives in Providence with his wife and children.



Nathan Beraha, M.D.

HPHC-NE is a not-for-profit health maintenance organization serving more than 94,000 members throughout Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts.

MOTC Meets

The Attleboro/Taunton Area Mothers of Twins Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 647 N. Main St. (Rt. 152) in Attleboro, Mass.

This month's meeting (Oct. 14) will be a potluck supper. All mothers, expectant mothers, grandmothers and godmothers of twins and multiples are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Annette Valentine, 285-7336, or Traci Lorenz at 698-3523.



Rena Glenn Levin

Katie and Michael Levin of Providence announce the birth of their daughter, Rena Glenn Levin, on Kol Nidre, Sept. 22.

The maternal grandparents are Joan Greene and Alan Greene of New Jersey. Great-grandmother is Hilda Leibo of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Paternal grandparents are Milton and Cynthia Levin of Providence. The great-grandmother is Ceil Katz of Boca Raton, Fla.

Correction

In last week's *Herald*, there was an error in the Goldfinger/Tuggle wedding article. The headline should have read, "Laurence Goldfinger Weds Wendy Tuggle." The *Herald* apologizes for the mistake.



Brills Announce Two Grandchildren

Deanna and Jake Brill, of Pawtucket, R.I., announce the birth of two grandchildren.

Amy and Stephen Benford of Woodbridge, Va., had a son, David Alexander, on June 2.

Lauri and Barry Cohen of Ashland, Mass., had a daughter, Allyson Emily, on Sept. 12.

Israel Appoints Arie Sommer

The Israel Ministry of Tourism announced recently that Arie Sommer will be Israel's new commissioner of tourism for North America and Mexico, effective Oct. 1, succeeding current commissioner Uzi Michaeli, who retired at the end of September after four decades at the heart of Israel's tourism promotion.

Sommer, a veteran of the Ministry of Tourism since 1972, has held various posts in the past 24 years, including director of the IGTO offices in Hous-

ton, Los Angeles and Atlanta.

Most recently, he was director of Overseas Offices and Operations Department at the ministry head office in Jerusalem. He was also responsible for organizing the first ever convention in Israel of Jordanian travel agents in December 1994, and for organizing the Prime Minister's Conference on Peace Tourism in September 1995.

A graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Sommer holds a bachelor of arts degree in international relations.



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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Clashes Strengthen Arafat's Position

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat has emerged far stronger than he was before the recent bloodshed.

The widespread fighting in the West Bank and Gaza that erupted over Israel's opening of a new entrance to an archaeological tunnel near the Temple Mount united extremist and moderate Palestinians behind Arafat.

The consensus that was so swiftly built around the Palestinian leader also included Israel's Arab citizens, who held a general strike last Friday and a protest in Nazareth that turned into a violent clash with Israeli police.

"You must understand," said Ahmad Jabarin, 25, of Umm el-Fahm. "This is no longer a national conflict, it is a religious one. And in religion we are all united."

Whatever happens this week in Washington — where Arafat was slated to attend a meeting with President Clinton, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other regional leaders — Arafat has already found new strength, not only among his own people, but also in the international arena.

His international support was evident on Sept. 28, when the United Nations Security Council voted 14-0 on a resolution that

indirectly called on Israel to close the tunnel entrance. It did not even mention the use of force by the Palestinian police.

Among his own people, Arafat's prime consideration in the crisis was his own survival.

The man who in recent weeks had failed several times to rally the masses behind him, the man who had become the target of wide-ranging criticism from his own people, felt that unless he took drastic action, the Palestinian Authority might collapse.

The opening of the tunnel entrance provided Arafat with a new opportunity.

On Sept. 24, Arafat described the opening of the tunnel en-

Israeli intelligence officers said that they had no doubts that it was Arafat who personally instructed Palestinian police to open fire on Israeli troops.

Their assessment contradicted earlier speculation that Arafat had lost control over his police.

After months during which he seemed to lose ground among his own people, Arafat has found a formula to rally their support.

He acted as a chief flag-bearer in the struggle against what he described as an Israeli declaration of war on Islam's most sacred sites.

And in the process he beat his rivals, the Hamas fundamentalists, at their own game.

"I am not a religious believer," Ali Jiddah, a former member of the rejectionist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said in an interview.

"But as far as I am concerned, the opening of the tunnel is a declaration of war against the Palestinian people. If Netanyahu wants war, he will get one. We have nothing to lose, only you do."

Before the tunnel opening, it would have been hard to believe that people like Jiddah — or the leadership of Hamas — would rally behind Arafat.

Arafat has found a formula to rally their support.

trance as a "crime against our religious and holy places," and called on his people to launch a massive protest.

The next day, armed Palestinian police joined a stone-throwing populace for a three-day confrontation with Israeli soldiers and settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that was the bloodiest since the 1967 Six-Day War.

by the international community.

As it turned out, it became for Israel a test of strength in the face of widespread condemnation and for the United States a test of loyalty toward its ally after an action that took it by surprise.

But if Levy felt under siege in New York, he deflected it by going on the offensive. He told reporters that Israel would refuse to give in to those who sought to put it on trial and indicated that he was relatively unconcerned about damage to Israel's international profile in light of the current conflict.

"If we have to choose between our image and Jerusalem, they should know we'll choose Jerusalem," he said, adding that any concessions in the wake of the classes would precipitate "a never-ending cycle of violence."

Days earlier, Levy struck the same note before the Security Council, calling the resolution initiative an "orchestrated attempt to place blame on Israel and to portray her as the sole responsible party for the bitter harvest of blood."

The purpose, he said, was to pressure the new Israeli government and to "isolate Israel" during the opening of the 51st session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Indeed, the conflagration erupted while the diplomat was in New York for a week's worth of meetings with foreign minis-

"If we have to choose between our image and Jerusalem, they should know we'll choose Jerusalem."

Foreign Minister David Levy

ters who were in town for the opening of the session.

Levy's visit, which was slated to culminate in a speech before the General Assembly, was to be an important test of the new Likud government's reception

Israeli Foreign Minister Levy Stands Firm

by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK (JTA) — Foreign Minister David Levy made it clear recently that Israel would defy international pressure to make concessions in the wake of deadly riots and gun battles sparked by the opening of an ancient tunnel next to Jerusalem's holiest sites.

Levy made plain the stakes of the now-diplomatic conflict when he called any challenge to Israel's decision to open the tunnel a challenge to Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem.

On this, there can be "absolutely no compromise," he told Jewish reporters at a briefing in New York on Sept. 30.

"The only reason for the outcry we heard is to undermine Israel's position in Jerusalem," he said. "That is the true struggle."

In a new twist, he also said Israel had reason to believe that the clashes were "premeditated," the result of "coordinated action by the Palestinian Authority, the Arab nations and some of the European states."

Netanyahu Demands Secrecy Pledge From Inner Cabinet

by David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The members of Israel's Ministerial Defense Committee have signed a secrecy pledge at the request of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, following leaks from the committee's deliberations.

Netanyahu and Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair told the 11-member panel that they would launch legal inquiries the next time information from the panel's meetings was leaked to the public.

Former Prime Minister Shi-

mon Peres extracted a similar secrecy pledge from his ministers in an effort to plug up leaks.

The committee, or "Inner Cabinet," meets at least once each week.

The premier was furious about reports of a "rebellion" at the Sept. 18 meeting of the committee by hard-line ministers over Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's scheduled session, later that same day, with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat.

Cabinet members Ariel

Sharon, Rafael Eitan, Ze'ev "Benny" Begin and others complained that Arafat would learn about the Israeli proposal for the redeployment of its troops in the West Bank town of Hebron before the Israeli Inner Cabinet did.

They demanded that the proposal be fully discussed in the Inner Cabinet before the Mordechai-Arafat meeting took place. But Netanyahu refused to open the proposal for discussion or to postpone the meeting with Arafat.

X-Men Fired in Controversial Move

by Adam Dickter
New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — The management of a state-subsidized Brooklyn, N.Y., housing project has served written notice to a controversial Nation of Islam security group that its contract has been terminated.

The notice came after Gov. George Pataki's top aide in New York City, influenced perhaps by a *Jewish Week* inquiry, called the management company and demanded an end to what he called months of delays.

The contract is terminated effective Oct. 10.

A cordial letter of termination thanked the X-Men, followers of the Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, "for the excellent service that you have provided."

The X-Men assumed responsibility for the Coney Island Ocean Towers complex in July 1993 under an emergency provision when the previous security firm was dismissed. They have been retained by the realty company management on a month-to-month basis, according to Harry Ryttenberg, a spokesman for the state's division of housing and urban renewal.

But the X-Men contract violates state regulations because it was not subject to a bidding process and the agency employs only black males. The situation is also controversial because the X-Men allegedly have proselytized while on duty, raised money for the Nation of Islam, and sold a Nation of Islam newspaper, *The Final Call*, that is considered anti-Semitic.

On Sept. 9, Jeff Wiesenfeld, the governor's executive assistant for the New York City metropolitan region, demanded that BSR Realty oust the X-Men

within 30 days, threatening to have the police remove them if necessary. The letter of termination was dated the same day.

In keeping with an apparent BSR policy not to discuss this issue with the press, the company did not return calls.

Calls to X-Men Security also were not returned.

Ryttenberg said BSR had been ordered to call for contract bids in November 1994 and again in November 1995, but bidding did not take place until March of 1996.

Task Force Security, a company with contracts in two state-subsidized projects in Harlem, submitted the lowest bid for the service, at \$622,836 for three years. Both the X-Men and another group linked to Farrakhan, NOI Security, submitted bids that were substantially higher, at \$942,663 and \$950,302, respectively.

According to Wiesenfeld, BSR had been reluctant to end the contract because of the X-Men's success in eliminating drug-related crime at the Coney Island complex.

The move by the Pataki administration won praise from Jewish groups, including the American Jewish Congress, which called on state authorities to carefully monitor the hiring and work of the new company.

Tenants at Ocean Towers were "enormously angry" at the termination of the contract, Polonetsky said.

In a phone interview, Sheila Boyd, the president of the Ocean Towers Tenants Association said, "It looks as if, because we're poor people and African Americans, we don't seem to have a say in what kind of security company we can have."

Argentine Police Flooded With Anti-Semitic Leaflets

by Sergio Kiernan

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — Argentine police officials have reported that hundreds of members of the force have received anti-Semitic pamphlets charging that Jews are trying to blame "good Argentines" for the July 18, 1994, bombing of the Jewish headquarters in Buenos Aires.

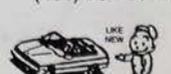
The officials said recently that the pamphlets defend several members of the Buenos Aires provincial police who are currently facing charges in connection with the still-unsolved bombing of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Aid Association, also known as AMIA, which left 86 dead and more than 300 wounded.

"Jews created 3,000 years ago the figure of the scapegoat, and now they are using the Buenos Aires police force as a scapegoat," read one of the pamphlets.

It further claims that the bomb that leveled the Buenos Aires Jewish community center was "planted by Jews who sent it from the AMIA building in Cordoba to the AMIA building in Buenos Aires."

Sources in the Buenos Aires provincial police said in interviews that several other similar letters and pamphlets had been distributed anonymously in recent days.

Argentine authorities have promised to identify and punish the pamphlets' authors.

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OBITUARIES

GERD M. BAUM

BRISTOL — Gerd M. Baum, 67, of 110 Windward Lane, Bristol, a purchasing agent at Kramer Lighting in Middletown, died Sept. 22 at home. He was the husband of Doris (Schueller) Baum.

Born in Marburg, Germany, he was a son of the late Karl and Sitte (Bleiweiss) Baum. He was a survivor of the Holocaust.

He had lived in New York City from 1939 to 1992, moving to Bristol in 1994. He previously worked for McPhilbin Lighting in Long Island, N.Y.

He was a photographer and music lover.

Funeral services were held Sept. 25. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

HARRY LIMER

PROVIDENCE — Harry Limer, 73, of 37 Cushing St., co-founder and co-proprietor of Reliable Gold Ltd., Wayland Square, for many years, retiring last July, died Sept. 24 at home. He was the husband of the late Claire (Hochman) Limer.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Fred and Rebecca (Schwartz) Limer, he was a lifelong resident of the city.

He was an officer of the Wayland Square Business As-

sociation; a member of the Providence Plantations Lions Club and had been a past master of the Roosevelt Lodge 42 F&AM. He was the first Masonic Master to be involved in international Free masonry which resulted in the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Portugal with the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island at a Roosevelt Lodge regular meeting.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps.

He was a graduate of Boston University and was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

He leaves three daughters, Ann Limer Lange of Great Neck, N.Y., Tina Limer of Berwyn, Pa., and Lisa Limer Ugarte of Madrid, Spain; a sister, Ruth Rotenberg of Providence, and six grandchildren. He was the companion of Elaine Ohlsen.

The funeral service was held Sept. 26 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

SAUL LINDENFELD

PROVIDENCE — Saul Linenfeld, 44, of 118 Sheldon St., an executive of New Metal Box Co., Woonsocket, and previously a restaurateur, operating Cafe at Brooke's for 15 years,

died Sept. 26 at home.

Born in Passaic, N.J., he was a son of the late Abraham and Bessie (Flug) Lindenfeld. He had lived in Providence since 1976.

He leaves two brothers, Jack and Nathan Lindenfeld, both of Providence.

The funeral service was Sept. 27 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

HARRIS 'HARRY' L. LURY

WARWICK — Harris "Harry" L. Lury, 80, of Villa Del Rio Apartments, Warwick, proprietor of the Ocean Street Market in South Providence from 1937 to 1958 and the proprietor of the J. Goodshilds Market in the Elmwood section of Providence from 1958 to 1974, died Sept. 25 in Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Pawtucket. He was the husband of the late Beatrice (Levin) Lury.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Frank and Frieda (Gursky) Lury and had lived in Warwick for 10 years. He also was employed in the meat department of the former Food Basket in downtown Providence from 1974 until his retirement in 1985.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and its Men's Club and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association. He was an avid fisherman and gardener.

He leaves a son, Alan D. Lury of Pawtucket; a sister, Frances Cohen of Cranston, and a granddaughter.

The funeral service was held Sept. 27 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

JULIUS 'RICH' RICHMAN

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Julius "Rich" Richman, 85, of 4045 Newcastle C, Boca Raton, Fla., founder and proprietor for many years of the former Albert's Home Supply, Providence, retiring in 1979, died Sept. 27 in Manor Care Health Services in Boca Raton, Fla. He was the husband of Jeannette (Travis) Richman.

Born in Poland, he was a son of the late Alex and Lillian (Schoenfeld) Richman. He had been a full-time resident of Boca Raton for the last two years and a winter resident since 1982. Previously, he had lived in Cranston for 40 years and before that

in Providence.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Brotherhood. He had been a member of Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club. He was also a member of the Cranston Senior Guild and a member of the Jewish War Veterans of American Post 284.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Albert Richman of Livingston, N.J., and Elliott Richman of Milton, Mass.; a sister, Ann Vyce of Hartford, Conn.; two brothers, Theodore Richman of Delray Beach, Fla., and Louis Richman of Las Vegas, Nev., and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sept. 29 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue, Providence.

Support Groups Offer Help to Caregivers

Caregivers in the community are invited to join one of two support groups offered by Central Adult Daycare, beginning Oct. 9.

The first group is designed to assist persons who are living with a spouse who has a long-term illness and/or disability. It will meet on seven consecutive Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Warwick Central Baptist Church, 3270 Post Rd., Warwick.

The second group, which will begin on Oct. 9, is intended for adult children and other family members. This group will meet on seven consecutive Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Central Adult's Alzheimer's Care Center, 140 Warwick Neck Ave., Warwick.

Session topics for both the spouses' group and the adult children/other family members' group are: Oct. 9, Communication Challenges and Strategies;

Oct. 16, Adjusting to Changes in Roles and Lifestyles; Oct. 23, Dealing with the Situation and Feelings; Oct. 30, Time-out for the Caregiver — The Importance of Self Care.

Also, Nov. 6, Decision Making and Planning; Nov. 13, Using Community Resources; and Nov. 20, Negotiating the Medical and Legal Systems.

There is no fee to attend the support groups, but registration is required. Call Fran or Kim at 739-2844 to register and/or for more information.

Central Adult Daycare provides services to frail elderly, impaired adults and individuals with Alzheimer's Disease at its Apponaug Day Center, its specialized Alzheimer's Care Center, through an in-home services program and through a transportation program. More information on agency services may be obtained by calling 739-2844.

Unveiling

There will be an unveiling at 11 a.m., Oct. 13, at the Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick for Maurice and Martha Revkin.

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During an average 8-hour work day, 140 babies will be born with a birth defect and seven babies will die from a birth defect.

Lite 105's Linda Leise, honorary celebrity chairperson for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation's fourth annual Blue Jeans for Babies campaign, asks employers to designate Blue Jeans for Babies Day on Oct. 21.

Volunteers will sell Blue Jeans for Babies stickers to employees of participating local businesses for a \$5 donation to the March of Dimes. The sticker entitles employees to wear blue jeans or casual dress to work on a designated day. The sticker also serves as free entry to the official Blue Jeans for Babies celebration party at Mustang Sally's the evening of Oct. 21 which includes a complimentary buffet.

Lite 105 will be there with prizes to give away. All participants will receive a \$5 value discount coupon to a local retailer.

"Today even the most conservative corporate managers

recognize that casual dress in the work place — even if only occasionally — can increase employee productivity and morale," said Jack Sulterland, vice president/finance at Women & Infants, which has been the number one company for Blue Jeans for three years in Rhode Island.

The March of Dimes has achieved major health breakthroughs for America's mothers and babies including a newborn screening test for PKU, a condition which can cause mental retardation if left untreated, and the development of surfactant therapy, which saves the lives of thousands of premature babies with immature lungs by helping them breathe.

Funds raised in Rhode Island help support local March of Dimes programs including the Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies (smoking cessation for pregnant women), Women's Resource Center of South County (training protocol for abuse during pregnancy), and Initiatives for Human Development — Teen Institute (prevention of high risk adolescence sexual behavior).

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Congregation Agudas Achim Celebrates the Holidays

Celebrations for the festival of Sukkot continue at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro.

A brown bag lunch for adults will be held in the sukkah on Oct. 3 at noon. Families are invited to bring their dinner to the sukkah on Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. for singing and celebration. All food brought to the sukkah should be vegetarian (dairy or pareve).

Shemini Atzeret services will be held Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. Yizkor memorial prayers will be said during these services.

Simchat Torah will be celebrated Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. This festive service features singing and dancing and is most appropriate for children of all ages. Adults are also much needed to carry Torahs and participate in the festivities.

Congregation Agudas Achim is located at 901 N. Main St. in Attleboro. For more information, call (508) 222-2243.

Coalition

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At Yosef's suggestion, Netanyahu briefed Peres on the military and diplomatic situation before departing for Washington.

Peres said after his meeting with Yosef that he was "skeptical" about the prospects of a unity government.

Netanyahu's aides said the prime minister did not want such a government at this time and that this was the position he had taken during his meeting with Yosef.

In a related move, the Third Way Party, another of the Likud's coalition partners, called Sept. 29 for "the creation of dialogue between the government and the opposition."

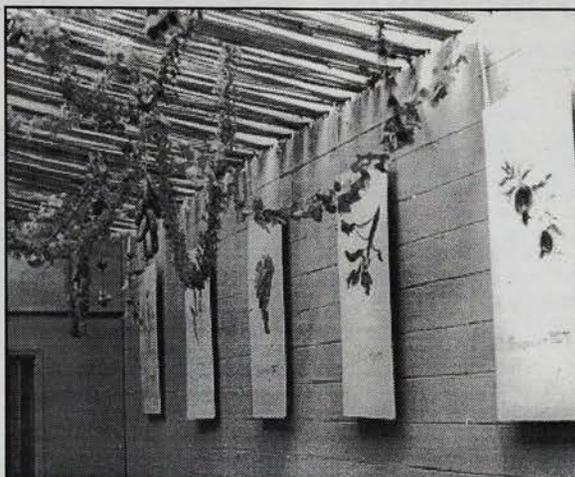
The Third Way urged Israel and the Palestinian Authority to move immediately into the permanent status negotiations, which will deal with the status of Jerusalem, Israeli settlements and the question of Palestinian statehood.

These rumblings from the more moderate elements of the Netanyahu Cabinet dovetailed with muted criticisms within government circles over the decision-making process that led to the opening of the tunnel entrance.

The defense establishment — from Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, through the Israel Defense Force's top brass and on to the Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelligence agency — all have made it known that they were not properly consulted, and certainly not heeded, in the discussions that did take place.

Netanyahu has won some unusual support from more conservative Cabinet members. Minister of Science Ze'ev "Benny" Begin is one hard-liner previously critical of the premier who has strongly backed him during this crisis.

But the mutterings in the defense establishment, widely reported in the media, weakened Netanyahu's standing.



Room For Everyone

The sukkah at Congregation Adas Israel in Fall River seats 40 to 42 congregants. The morning minyan ate their breakfast meals in the sukkah and all kiddushes were held in the structure.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Sinai Seniors Host Workshop

The Sinai Senior Group of Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston, will host a one-hour workshop entitled, "When a Will Won't: An Estate Plan for the Living."

It will take place at Temple Sinai, Oct. 18, at 12:30 p.m. There is no charge and the workshop is open to anyone interested in attending.

The speaker is Providence

attorney Larry Berren, an accomplished lecturer and estate planner. Through the use of slides, audience participation and maybe, a surprise or two, Berren will make a serious topic come alive.

This early afternoon event promises to be informative and entertaining. Call Baila Bender at 461-6124 by Oct. 14 if you plan to attend.

Orthodox Speakers Bureau Formed

The Conference of Synagogue Rabbonim of Agudath Israel of America has established a speakers bureau to help synagogues, yeshivos, day schools and Jewish communities obtain lecturers and orators for their educational and organizational functions.

In conjunction with the announcement of the bureau formation, the conference published a 23-page pamphlet listing nearly 60 Orthodox Jewish speakers with a short biography of each.

According to Rabbi Avrohom Nisan Perl, the executive secretary of the conference, initial response to the idea of a speakers bureau has been gratifying.

Copies of the speakers bu-

reau pamphlet can be obtained by sending a 55-cent stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to: Conference of Synagogue Rabbonim, Agudath Israel of America, 84 William St., New York, N.Y. 10038.

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Synagogues

Toronto has more than 60 synagogues representing all branches of Judaism from Reform to the very Orthodox Hasidic community.

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto is the largest Orthodox synagogue in North America. Commissioned by Joseph and Fay Tanenbaum, this \$14 million synagogue features an outdoor wedding garden, banquet facilities and boardrooms. 397 Markham St., (905) 886-3810.

Beth Tzedec is the largest Conservative congregation in North America. Designed by architect Peter Dickinson, the synagogue features marble and bas reliefs and a 60-foot high mosaic wall. Jewish artifacts are on display in the Reuben and Helen Dennis Museum. Its collection of Judaica includes some of the finest artifacts outside New York City and Israel. Treasured items include a ketuba from Venice, circa 1645, and a gold illuminated Megillah from China that dates back to the 1700s. 1700 Bathurst St., (416) 781-3511.

Kneseth Israel is an old-world synagogue housed in a historical building featuring

paintings on the ceilings and walls. The downstairs wooden pews are for men, and the gallery is for women. 56 Maria St., 783-5871.

Holy Blossom Temple is the largest Reform synagogue in Toronto. Its unusual name stems from a silver Torah pointer which was engraved with "Pirchei Kodesh," holy blossom or flower. The entrance is embellished with wood beams and a circular stained glass window above the entrance. 1950 Bathurst St., (416) 789-3291.

Anshe Minsk is one of the few remaining synagogues in the Kensington Market area and the only Orthodox synagogue in the downtown area to hold daily service. 10 and 12 St. Andrew St., (416) 595-5723.

Places to Go...

The Lipa Green Building, named after a patriarch of a prominent philanthropist family, houses some of the community's social service organizations, a museum, library, and the archives of the Jewish community of Ontario. 4600 Bathurst St. (416) 635-2883.

The Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library includes fiction, reference materials, children's books, periodicals and magazines, a 40,000-volume collection of Judaica, and a music library. The archives hold manuscripts and printed documents, personal papers, notebooks, diaries, financial and cemetery records, passports, newspapers, films, paintings, tape recordings of interviews, and artifacts. 4600 Bathurst St. (416) 635-2996.

The Holocaust Education and

Memorial Centre is dedicated to the memory of the 6 million Jews murdered during the 12 years of Nazi rule. The center presents a panorama of Jewish Life in pre-Nazi Europe with a continuous slide presentation called "Images of the Holocaust," an audio-visual documentary, and a display of memorabilia from that period. Admission is free. 4600 Bathurst St. West, (416) 635-2883, ext. 144.

The Koffler Gallery has exhibits of Jewish and non-Jewish art as well as arts and crafts from Israel. 4588 Bathurst St., (461) 636-1880.

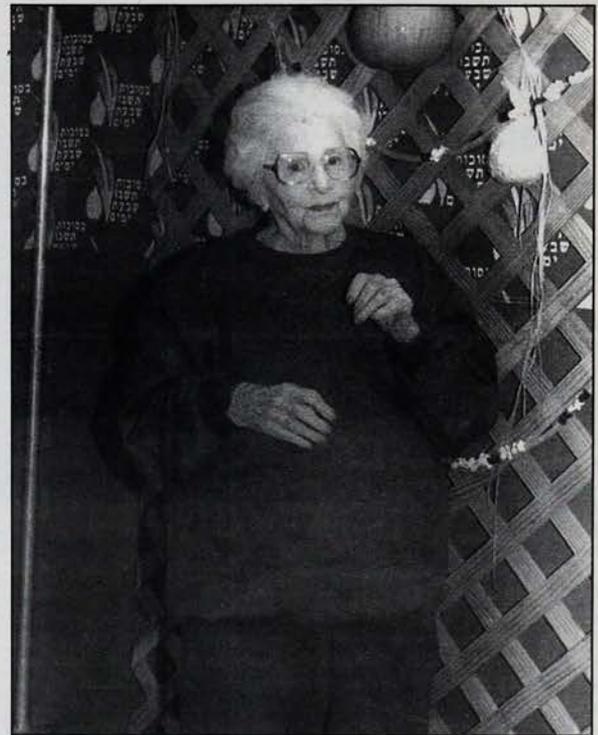
Earl Bales Park, named after the Swedish war hero who saved thousands of Jews from concentration camps, has concerts in the summer. Bathurst and Sheppard.

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Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is a multi-service facility which includes the Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest Hospital, Baycrest Day Care Service, a multi-purpose activity center and the Kanner Museum. 3560 Bathurst St., (416) 789-5131.

Shopping

Kensington Market: Kosher butcher shops, fresh fish stores, bakeries and fruit markets line the streets of Kensington Market. The market is located off Spadina below College St. on Baldwin St., Augusta and Kensington avenues.



Feeling Right at Home

Dorthoy Elias stands in the Fall River Jewish Home sukkah. The sukkah has become a tradition at the home.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

Bookstores: Aleph Bet Judaica, where hundreds of books line the walls of the 20-year-old shop at 3453 Bathurst St., (416) 781-2133; Israel Book & Gift Ltd., 897 Eglinton Ave. West, (416) 256-1010; Negev Book Store & Gift Store, 3509 Bathurst St., (416) 781-9356. A few kosher restaurants (there are too many to list): Chicken Nest, 3038 Bathurst St., (416) 787-6378; Dairy Treats European Cafe/Bakery, 3522 Bathurst St., (416) 787-0309; Milk'n Honey Restaurant, 3457 Bathurst St., (416) 789-7651; Marky's Deli and Restaurant, 280 Wilson Ave., (416) 638-1081.

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EDITORIAL

Tunnel Vision, Tunnel Wars

by Ehud Yanoy

There was something Shakespearean in the way the opening of an ancient trench hole in the ground, an archeological tunnel going through nobody's sacred property and far below anybody's bedroom to make a difference, recently brought two nations to the brink of war, an entire region to the far edge of peace, and two leaders to the limits of their credibility.

Shakespearean, but no "Comedy of Errors," the tunnel affair, and the bloodshed and destruction it wrought on both sides, was about an archeological restoration in the same way that Othello is a play about a misplaced handkerchief.

When Ehud Olmert, the mayor of Jerusalem, asked a rushed and precocious Benjamin Netanyahu, the 100-day prime minister of Israel, if it was all right to open the northern end of the tunnel near the Via Dolorosa in the Arab section of East Jerusalem, his question was as innocent as Iago's suggestion to Othello that he asked Desdemona to produce the new handkerchief he had given her.

That both have remained hungry looks may be a coincidence, but like Iago, Olmert kept and counted on what Netanyahu's answer would be, even if not all the horrid consequences that followed. Like Iago, Olmert had a personal agenda — in his case an intensely personal version of the national agenda — for which he misled if not betrayed his leader, his city and his state.

That Olmert had a good idea of what Arab reaction to the

opening of the tunnel would be was clear by the way he sent his work crews to do the job — like thieves in the night, cloaked by darkness and ringed by heavy police guards.

There were other ways of accomplishing this, if indeed all that was about was the unveiling of an archeological marvel. Since Jewish, Moslem and Christian histories intermingled the city's foundations, the opening of a tunnel that explores and sheds light on those foundations could have occasioned a joint celebration of a joint past.

Arab dignitaries could have been invited to walk the underground path alongside Jewish and Christian leaders. Arab schoolchildren could have gone through so they, too, could see where their roots were. A peace and harvest (on the occasion of Sukkoth) feast could have culminated the affair, none of which anyone on either side could have faulted.

At the very least, as mayor of a turbulent and tense city, Olmert should have realized that opening the tunnel stealthily and without any attempt to engage the Arabs would adversely affect the peace and welfare of his citizenry. Had Netanyahu hatched the idea of opening the tunnel at night, Olmert should have vetoed it or come up with a better way. He did neither.

Having said all that, it is also important to note that neither Olmert, Netanyahu, nor the opening of the tunnel created the tensions that exploded recently. At best, Olmert or Netanyahu may have underesti-

mated them. At worst, they may have manipulated and exploited them. But if not over this, those tensions could have gone off over any slight incident that could be construed as a provocation.

Arab frustrations over the closure of the territories and Israeli delays in evacuating Hebron were long ready to explode. So were Israeli frustrations over what some view as too slow a progress on the peace front, and many more view as too rapid a progress.

Also Shakespearean is the fact that once events were triggered, they kept on going precisely because actors pursued old and familiar roles, mouthing old scripts and motivated by self-fulfilling prophecies. Olmert may not have posed the tunnel issue as a matter of national sovereignty, but he must have known that because of who and what he was, there was no way that Netanyahu, eager not to appear a betrayer of the Israeli Right Wing that put him in power, would delay the opening for fear of what the Arabs might say.

Similarly, with his own Islamic Iago's making every small issue a test of his true commitment to Palestinian nationhood, there was no way for Arafat to acquiesce in the stealthy opening of the tunnel. It would be ludicrous were it not so bloody-ironic that senior Palestinian officials describe the opening of the tunnel in the same esoteric terms as senior Israeli officials now describe the demands to shut it.

In each case, an open or closed tunnel is made a matter of national annihilation or survival.

Whatever followed the opening of the tunnel was just as predictable. Once the Shebab, the inflamed Arab youth, poured into the streets to draw Israeli fire, there was no way for

the Palestinian police to remain entirely neutral. To do so would make them traitors to their own people and stooges for Israel.

When some of them fired back at the Israelis, the latter had no choice but to switch from rubber bullets to live ammo. In turn, Netanyahu had no choice but to complain about Palestinians firing at Israelis with weapons the Israelis had given them, and so it went, at a cost of 55 dead Palestinians and 15 Israelis.

The ultimate Shakespeareanism, of course, was that even as both sides rushed into the bloody breach, propelled by their respective histories, affiliations and personalities, neither wanted that confrontation.

Quite the opposite. Imperfect and troubled as it is, and unsettling a test of it is to many on both sides to admit, there is peace

Clinton Commends Wiesenthal

Dear Mr. Wiesenthal:

I want to take this opportunity, on the 50th anniversary of the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, to commend you and your life's work in the pursuit of justice.

Although the atrocities of the Holocaust occurred more than five decades ago, the pursuit of Nazi war criminals is as important now as ever.

The victims of the Holocaust, and their families and loved ones, still cry out for justice, and we must never let up in our efforts to ensure that Nazi war criminals are held accountable for their offenses.

As you have often reminded us, the pursuit of justice requires more than punishment for past crimes. Our obligation to those who perished in the Holocaust includes bearing witness to acts of genocide that have occurred — and continue to occur — in modern times. As you have admonished, "Our tragedy in the Nazi

between Israelis and Palestinians. It is this fact that should set the tone and direction for what ever happens now as Netanyahu and Arafat meet in Washington.

Whatever precipitated the tunnel wars, the wise course from now on is to view them as a pressure valve that blew out, treat them as a warning of other confrontations that may still occur in the future, and continue from that point on.

Clearly, because of the nature of the neighborhood and the neighbors, peace between Israelis and Palestinians must include provisions for total separation of the two peoples. Just as clearly, continued peace requires, at the very minimum, better communications, better intentions — and better judgment.

camps was that the world forgot us. It was that terrible silence of the world that enveloped us."

This year's commemoration of Yom Hashoah serves to remind us that we must never forget the crimes that have occurred in the past and the crimes that continue today.

Our government appropriately recognized your visionary leadership in the arena of international human rights when Congress authorized the president to confer a gold medal on you in 1980.

Your dedicated, tireless efforts have kept alive the issues of unpunished Nazi criminals. In forcing an often reluctant world to confront this painful subject, you have earned the abiding gratitude of all of those in this nation and around the world who are committed to the pursuit of justice on behalf of the victims of tyranny, persecution, and genocide.

Sincerely,
William J. Clinton

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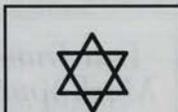
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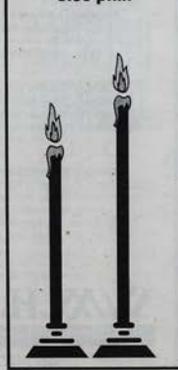
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How to Find the Truth

One of the odd aspects of our lives is how easy it is to forget the Truth. "Truth" in this context doesn't mean the facts of daily existence, but the basics about our lives that are so self-evident we eventually come to ignore them.

For instance, you've become increasingly annoyed at your spouse for a continuing habit: he bites his nails, she speaks in a sing-song fashion.

You start to harbor a grudge about it, and the noise this creates in your brain begins to drive out the Truth: that the habit is, in the wholeness of your relationship, minor; that you love this person for many other things; that you have the ability to alter your own reactions and attitudes; that a problem in your marriage is not because of nail-biting or nasal inflections.

It's in this way that we lose sight of the value of many things, including the greatest of our blessings, the Torah. On Simchat Torah, which takes place this

week, we set aside one day to honor the gift.

The rest of the year, daily problems and details can pile up to drown out the great truth that exists: we live in the glow of a document so vast and uplifting that it can help us overcome much of what weighs us down in this material existence.

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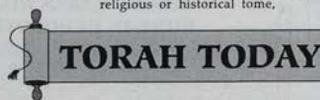
a strange land." "A land flowing with milk and honey." "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land..." "What hath G-d wrought?" (Samuel Morse's famous first telegraph phrase was a quote from Numbers.)

A best friend: Feeling low? Pick up the Torah, and leaf through it anywhere. You'll not only be drawn out of your funk, you might glean some useful wisdom, or at least get lost in a fascinating story.

A counselor: Torah is the best portable therapy available. It gives you perspective on life, reminds you of your strengths, involves you in the millennial tale of your heritage.

A lifeline: Literally, Torah is your connection to the Truth about life. It's the path to your spiritual goals, a cell phone to G-d. Why rejoice in it just one day? Simchat Torah is a part of every day.

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



deep and impenebtable? Think of it as the latest bestseller: How to Get Through Life With a Smile, or Ten Thousand Lessons in Overcoming Your Neuroses. (It is, after all, the core of the world's all-time bestseller.) Then it becomes a daily companion, which is the Truth about Torah. It is all these things.

A guide to better speaking: It's the source of many rich phrases writers and speakers borrow. "I was grating in the earth..." "I was stranger in