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## Assassination of Rabin Spurred Teens to Be More Active in Politics

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA)—For 14-year-old Gavriella Lazar of Jerusalem, life has never been quite the same since the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin one year ago.

"I've become more active politically," said Lazar, the daughter of a Conservative rabbi who describes her political views as left wing.

"Before the assassination, I was somewhat involved, but since then I've started going to more demonstrations. I'm a member of Peace Now Youth, and I pay a lot more attention to what's going on in the country."

Convinced that intolerance and an atmosphere of hate led to the assassination of Rabin by Yigal Amir, Lazar said, "Now, instead of saying the first thing that comes to mind, I think about the repercussions. A lot of kids I know are more careful now."

Last week marked the first yahrzeit of Rabin's death, who was gunned down Nov. 4, 1995, after a peace rally in Tel Aviv.

According to a new survey — and what emerged from interviews with youths across the political and religious spectrum — the Rabin assassination left a strong imprint on the lives of most Israeli teen-agers.

"The vast majority of teen-agers were affected by the assassination in one way or another," said Amiram Raviv, a psychology professor and researcher at Tel Aviv University, who conducted the survey before the May elections.

In the year since the assassination, Raviv said, "kids have become more involved."

"They are reading more, watching more. TV news and are more open to discussion," Raviv said. "On the other hand, there has not been much political movement. Very few of those who opposed the peace process became neutral, but some people who were neutral became supporters and more involved in politics."

Just how individual teens

have coped in the year since the assassination has depended on their political and religious identities, Raviv said.

Before the assassination, he said, right-wing teens had a stronger sense of ideological identity than their left-wing counterparts.

"The assassination helped the doves define their identity, and served as a catalyst for group identification. Once the initial grief wore off, they experienced a relative sense of optimism because they felt they had a cause, a legacy to fulfill."

Conversely, teens who opposed Rabin's policies "felt very pessimistic. They thought that the assassination would ruin them as a cause. It weakened their identity because they didn't want to belong to what some people called a 'camp of killers.'"

Regardless of their political stripe, however, all the teens interviewed for this article said their lives had been personally touched by Rabin's death.

"It was the worst day of my life," said Ari, a soldier from Haifa.

"I was too young to vote for Rabin during the previous election, but I supported his peace process 100 percent."

Mahmed, a young Israeli Arab from Acre who also declined to give his last name, said, "The Arabs in Israel were just as affected as the Jews, perhaps even more so."

"Rabin gave us the first glimmer of hope that Israelis and Palestinians could one day live together in peace. I'm a Palestinian, but also an Israeli, and Rabin made it seem like the two aren't mutually exclusive. He treated us with respect."

"I want Jews to know that we are hurting, too."

Yonatan, a 19-year-old yeshiva student, said, "The worst part was recalling all the bad things I'd said during [right-wing] demonstrations. Sometimes, I said things out of anger and frustration, not realizing that a fanatic like Yigal Amir would be stirred by all the shouting."

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### VIA Honors Carol J. Grant

Carol J. Grant (right), vice president of Rhode Island NYNEX, is shown receiving the 1996 Award for Commitment to Volunteerism, conferred each year by VIA — The Volunteer Center for Rhode Island, from Frankie Wellins, president of VIA's board. The award was presented at VIA's annual celebration party on Oct. 18.

## Beth Sholom to Install Rabbi Levine and Host Scholar-in-Residence

Congregation Beth Sholom, 275 Camp St., Providence, will observe the installation of Rabbi Mitchell C. Levine as the congregation's new rabbi, and Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin, as a scholar-in-residence, on Nov. 8 and 9.

The schedule is as follows: Nov. 8 — 4:15 p.m., Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat; 5:30 p.m., Family Shabbat Dinner, reservations required by Nov. 6. (Call Beth Sholom at 621-9393); 7 p.m., lecture and discussion by Riskin: "Modern Jew's Search for Faith."

Nov. 9 — 9 a.m., Shacharit, Dvar Torah on Parshat Chaye Sarah delivered by Riskin; Kiddush to follow services; 3:30 p.m., Riskin meets with young adults, high school and up; 4:10 p.m., Minchah; 7 p.m., installation service for Levine; Riskin, keynote speaker.

Riskin dispels preconceived notions of what an Orthodox rabbi "should" be like. It's commitment to the modern applications of Jewish law has brought him to the forefront of a new movement towards Orthodox Judaism, as he oversees a bus-

ing core of Jewish educational and spiritual institutions.

New York Magazine wrote, "In the 1960s a new brand of Orthodox rabbis appeared on the American scene, stressing the relevance of Jewish law for modern life, and willing to take to the streets when Jewish interests seemed at stake. As the leading figure of the 'reach out' school of Orthodoxy... Rabbi Riskin serves as a model for scores of rabbis and rabbis-to-be. He draws inquiries from intellectually inclined youth on

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## New Jewish High School Signs Lease

Now Accepting Applications

The New Jewish High School recently signed a lease for space in a two-story brick building near the Brandeis campus. The school, a pluralistic school for the Jewish community of greater Boston, will integrate intensive Judaic studies with a rigorous college preparatory program. It will open next fall for ninth- and 10th-graders.

The school will use some of Brandeis' facilities (dining hall, library, gym, etc.), enabling it to have a better infrastructure than many established high schools. Located at the junction of the Mass Pike and Route 128, it will

be accessible from all parts of the greater Boston area.

"The New Jewish High School is a major achievement of the Boston Jewish community," said Brandeis president Jehuda Reinharz. "Brandeis University looks forward to many years of cooperation."

Thus far, the school has raised more than \$1 million. Its targeted goal is \$2 1/2 million, achieved by next fall.

The school will serve young people from every Jewish denomination. Since entering students will vary greatly in their Hebrew language skills and Jewish knowledge, the school

will offer a mechina (preparatory) program that will provide intensive courses in these areas, as well as classes geared towards students with advanced day school backgrounds.

Faculty will also reflect the spectrum of religious perspectives.

The school is currently accepting applications from students entering ninth and 10th grades. It will provide financial aid to eligible families, and the headmaster is committed to ensuring that "tuition will not deter any qualified student from attending." The deadline for

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# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Miriam Women Focus on Skin

No matter our age, we all desire the healthy glowing skin that is a mark of youth and beauty.

On Nov. 4, Dr. Lori Polacek will speak about "Micro Peels and Laser Peels — Youthful Skin in the '90s" at The Miriam Hospital Women's Association's fall health education seminar.

The community is invited to come and learn the most up-to-date facts and fallacies regarding the popular use of acid peels and laser skin resurfacing. When is the best time to treat skin? How often can it be done? Are there any dangers or complications?

Polacek, who specializes in cosmetic and breast surgery, graduated from Brown University and Boston University School of Medicine. She is a staff physician at The Miriam Hospital and has a private practice in Johnston.

The Annual Equipment Event will kick off at this meeting. As in past years, monies raised by this event will purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment for the Miriam. Julianne Galkin, Susan Gastel and Arlene Hertzberg are chairing this year's efforts.

Cheryl Blazar and Harriet Granoff, vice presidents of the Women's Association, coordinated the health education program; Nancy Schottland is directing luncheon arrangements; publicity is by Patricia G. Cohen. Morrisa Zwetckhenbaum and Harriet Samors are presidents of the Women's Association.

The open meeting and program begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Miriam's Sopkin Auditorium. A petite lunch precedes the program. For more information, call 331-8500, ext. 32520.

## How Old Are Your Lungs?

If you smoke, your lungs may be older than you think. During November, which is Great American Smokeout Month, Lifespan is offering four free testing sessions to determine your lung age and damage due to smoking.

Information will also be available about methods to help you quit smoking.

The free lung health screening clinics will be on four dates

at two different locations: Nov. 6 and 13 at The Miriam Hospital's Fain Health Center; and Nov. 19 and 26 at the George Clinics at Rhode Island Hospital.

All four clinics will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

There are a limited number of screening appointments available, so register early. Call 444-4800 or toll-free long distance, (800) 927-1230.

## Treatment for Schizophrenia

A free program about olanzapine, the latest treatment for schizophrenia, will be presented on Nov. 12 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. at the Ray Conference Center on the Butler Hospital campus, 345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence.

This program is for clinical professionals who want to know the latest on this new medication for severe psychosis. The program will feature a three-hour national satellite videoteleconference which will be broadcast simultaneously to 39 cities.

The program includes a buffet dinner (6 to 7 p.m.) and professional education credits. Parking is free.

Seating for this program is limited and registration is required by Nov. 5. For reservations or more information, call the public relations office at Butler Hospital at 455-6265.

## Get Your Shots at CVS

To help area residents combat the flu this fall and winter season, CVS/pharmacy is hosting flu shot clinics in selected stores through Nov. 30.

Flu shots will be administered by representatives from the Visiting Nurses Association and will cost from \$10 to \$15, depending on the store location. No appointment is necessary, but participants must be 18 years of age or older. Medicare B cards must be presented at the time of the flu shot.

For a complete schedule of flu clinics in your area, call (800) FLU-4428.



**IN HER HONOR** — The child development center located at URI Providence is named in honor of Dr. Pat Feinstein, a child psychiatrist. Feinstein, shown here, attended the recent dedication ceremonies. *Photography by Nora Lewis*

## Openings Available at Child Development Center

The University of Rhode Island, Providence, has opened a childcare center for youngsters 3 to 5. The licensed facility will give URI students opportunities to work in the childhood specialties field, as they learn, and will provide parents with a flexible, modern situation for their children. Originally designed as a resource for URI personnel and students, it also welcomes the children of others working in downtown Providence.

The center has been named the Dr. Pat Feinstein Child Development Center in honor of the doctor, a child psychiatrist. For more information, call 277-5264.

## Managing 'Difficult' Behavior

Bradley Hospital will offer two programs in November by Dr. Peter D'Amico on Managing Difficult Behavior — one for parents and the other for classroom teachers.

The parent program will be offered on Nov. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ruggles Gym on the East Providence campus.

The program Managing Difficult Behavior in the Classroom will be presented to teachers on Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bradley School, 915 West Main Road, Middletown.

Both programs have been approved by the R.I. Department of Education and National Association of Social Workers to offer professional develop-

ment credits for educators and Continuing Education units for social workers.

D'Amico will demonstrate how to teach children new behaviors, give effective commands and manage aggressive behavior. He will suggest ways to provide effective consequences and use "time-outs" wisely, and will also recommend strategies to help parents and teachers deal with stress.

Both programs are free and the community is invited. Register in advance by calling 444-4800 or (800) 927-1230. You may request a sign language interpreter by calling Health Connection through the Rhode Island Relay: (800) 745-5555.

## 'Opera at Audrey's' Moves to Sundays

Opera at Audrey's, the weekly dinner-theater production of Johnson & Wales University and Opera Ad Hoc, has moved to Sunday nights at 6 p.m., at Audrey's restaurant, part of the J&W Inn in Seekonk, Mass.

Opera at Audrey's features a five-course dinner created by the students-chefs of J&W and light opera and Broadway vocals by members of Opera Ad Hoc. Selections vary, and often include compositions by Webber, Verdi, Gershwin and Mozart. Opera Ad Hoc is an affiliate of Ocean State Light Opera.

The price for dinner and performance is \$32.95 per person. For reservations, call (508) 336-8700.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Special Ed Helps Special Youngsters Learn Judaism

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

In a Sunday school classroom at Temple Beth-El, most students are paying attention to the word scramble game their teacher is helping them with. In small groups, lying on their stomachs on the rug or sitting up at their desks, they busily check their answers, crowing in triumph when they are right and screaming when they are not.

But one little boy in the room is not concentrating on the game. His gaze and his mind wander, and the aide nearby occasionally needs to quiet him.

Barbara Zenofsky does not appear to mind, for she is a special education teacher. The little boy's attention problem is the reason why she has been called into the room, and she feels she can help him. For 15 years, special education teacher Zenofsky has had faith in the notion that educationally challenged Jewish children can indeed learn their faith.

On Oct. 27, Zenofsky explained her program and shared some of the many successes that have led to her belief.

"I have helped children with Down's syndrome make their bar mitzvahs," Zenofsky declared proudly.

Zenofsky, who has been a special education teacher in the Cranston school system for 25 years, decided to take her experience into the Jewish community.

At that time, she became an employee of the Bureau of Jewish Education of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and helped the bureau to implement its present program, now in place at synagogues across the state.

"We are at Beth-El, Emanu-El, Temple Sinai, Temple Torat Yisrael, and Temple Habonim," Zenofsky said. Soon, she hopes Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket will be adding the bureau's program.

According to Zenofsky, the program helps children with behavioral disorders, Downs syndrome, learning problems that include auditory and visual processing problems, dyslexia and more.

"We don't classify a child as special needs," Zenofsky said. "We observe the child and see if he or she exhibits characteristics of the problems. Then, we talk to the parents and teachers to determine whether the child could do better in a smaller class. In our smaller classes, we have situations where we can teach according to individual styles, one on one if necessary."

To help with the special needs teaching, Zenofsky has another state-certified teacher working with her, as well as four main teachers. They also have a series of aides working with them.

"They are a bunch of very

dedicated and concerned people who are doing a job that combines academics along with building self-esteem and confidence," said Zenofsky.

Inside the temples where the program is operational, each temple gives Zenofsky a special classroom.

"We handle their Hebrew, and our curriculum is a little different because we are working with these kids," Zenofsky explained. "Some things are omitted if we think it will be better for the students. But basically, we follow along with the temples' curriculums."

In many instances, if Zenofsky hears from a Sunday school or Hebrew school teacher that a child is experiencing difficulties, that child will remain in the regular classroom. However, Zenofsky and her staff will observe the situation and make determinations about how all involved can be best served.

"Sometimes, a student with an attention problem will have a hard time listening, but will do very well with art activities," Zenofsky explained. "We teach teaching strategies that will help that child keep up and that will decrease the likelihood that he or she will be disruptive."

The process is also helpful for helping special needs students socialize better.

"Kids are very competitive, and that can be hard," Zenofsky said. "If one kid is reading Hebrew a mile a minute, and another is going very slowly, that's a hard situation socially."

Therefore, Zenofsky has a special Hebrew class where students may learn at their own pace.

"In a couple of cases, students have resisted being taken out of a regular classroom, but that is a very rare exception," said Zenofsky. "In a different class, they can work in a supportive environment, and they really like it."

At Beth-El, several students were grouped in a room around special equipment to help them learn the difficult language.

One listened to a tape recorder wearing earphones, another worked one-on-one with a tutor, and a third stared intently at a large card with a Hebrew word on it.

"Hebrew is phonetic, and a lot of the time, the kids pick it up," Zenofsky explained. "If not, we can help them memorize enough to make a bar or bat mitzvah that is tailored to their needs."

Zenofsky holds that no disability should prevent a child from receiving Jewish education.

"It can be wonderful," Zenofsky said. "I love coming to their bar or bat mitzvahs, and seeing these children with their parents. I really qvell. And some of them even go on with their Jewish educations. That's a great feeling."

## 'Stepping Stones' Program Reaches Unaffiliated Intermarried

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

A group of about 70 adults learned some old Jewish concepts with new enthusiasm on Oct. 27.

"What is the Talmud?" asked Rabbi Michael Cahana as he presented the material in an interactive discussion at Temple Beth-El in Providence.

Using answers from members of the audience, Cahana and the group fashioned an answer.

And many members of Rhode Island's Jewish community hope that the new "Stepping Stones to a Jewish Me" program will provide an answer to the problem of Jewish educational opportunity for youngsters from interfaith families who are not affiliated with any temple.

"I'm very committed to outreach to interfaith families," explained Julie Gutterman, chairperson of the Stepping Stones committee at its first meeting. "Statistically, we know there are many intermarried couples who are unaffiliated out there."

According to Cahana, the Stepping Stones curriculum was familiar to both him and to Gutterman.

"This is a really special program, because it focuses on getting Jewish education for the kids," Cahana said. Now director of the program, Cahana wrote a grant to bring 'Stepping Stones' to Rhode Island and presented it to the Continuity Com-

mission of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island in the fall of 1995. In the winter, the commission awarded them a grant to bring in the program, which was developed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregation for implementation across the country.

The complimentary Stepping Stones program is a one-year course to be offered at Beth-El on alternate Sunday afternoons between 2 and 4 p.m.

The yearlong course provides an introduction to the basic parts of Jewish life. Participants will explore Jewish holidays, history, life-cycle events, culture, religious symbols and practices through Jewish art, music, food, literature and language.

Children and their parents will receive a non-pressured overview of Judaism.

Sponsors were delighted by the larger-than-expected turnout of about 66 youngsters and their families.

"This is fantastic," Gutterman said. "People have come from all over the state, from towns like Jamestown and Cumberland."

According to Gutterman, outreach committee members were initially confused as to how to reach the course's audience.

"We went all out," said Gutterman. "Because we knew this audience probably would not be reading the Jewish papers, we advertised in small presses across the state."

Flyers advertising the con-



Rabbi Michael Cahana  
Herald photo by Emily Torgan

ference went to people on the federation's mailing lists as well.

"Some friends of ours told us about this program," said Neil Steinberg of Pawtucket. Steinberg, who was born Jewish, was at Stepping Stones with his wife, Genie Shao, and their two sons, ages 8 and 12.

According to Steinberg, the couple decided to attend Stepping Stones when their elder son Jason expressed an interest in being bar mitzvahed.

"We know there is a Friday school, but that's a less structured environment," said Shao.

Then their son Jason appeared to tell his parents about the children's first class.

"I saw one of those things you hang on the wall," said Jason.

"That's a mezuzah," Shao said.



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# EDITORIAL

## Two Outs, Bottom of the 10th Inning...

by Rabbi Avi Weiss

New York has gone Yankee crazy. That's because the Yankees are baseball's 1996 World Champions.

So enthusiastic did Yankee fans become, that in my synagogue there was even a move to offer prayers for a Yankee win.

Ten years ago, when the Mets won the World Series, New York was no less crazed. Right after their World Series victory, I received a letter with a check of \$500 from someone who had attended our outreach free Yom Kippur service.

The writer of the letter indicated he was sending the donation in the wake of the miraculous game six victory by the N.Y. Mets over the Boston Red Sox (the famous Bill Buckner game). "This check," he wrote "is the fulfillment of a promise I had made at the bottom of the 10th inning with two outs and two men on. In closing, all I can say is that as a Jew and a Met fan I've learned to believe in miracles."

I couldn't help but think of the countless synagogues and churches which had lost out when Boston fans made similar type commitments if the

Red Sox would win.

This week's Torah portion comments on this phenomenon. After the binding of Isaac episode, the Torah tells us that Nachor, Avraham's brother, was blessed with eight children. The listing of Nachor's progeny seems anti-climatic — coming as it does after an event of such dramatic import.

Perhaps, said Rabbi Soloveitchik, the birth of Nachor's children is recorded to contrast Avraham and Nachor's lot. Avraham, the pathfinder of a new faith, the absolute believer in G-d struggled to have a child with Sarah. And once born, Isaac almost dies in the akeda story. Nachor on the other hand, a man of questionable faith, is blessed with child after child. It all comes so easy to him.

Avraham could have challenged G-d: Why should I struggle while Nachor reaps reward? Despite the unfairness, Avraham never doubts G-d. He remains a staunch believer.

The test of faith is to believe in G-d not only when our prayers are answered, but when they're not.

## How Strange The Ways of Providence

by Richard S. Sarason

Parashat Vayera ("And G-d) appeared [to Abraham]") forms the critical midpoint of the Abraham narrative. Its diverse episodes all display a single theme: the miraculous ways of divine providence.

We are repeatedly made aware of the precarious situation of G-d's promise to Abraham that he will be the progenitor of a great nation. To begin with, Abraham and Sarah have no son: He is an old man, and she is long past the age of childbearing.

But G-d appears to them, announcing that Sarah will indeed bear a son. (Is it any wonder that she laughs at the thought, as memorialized in the name Yitzhak?) And, miraculously, this comes to pass.

Twice more in our parasha, G-d's promise to Abraham comes under threat, first from Hagar and Ishmael, then, paradoxically, from G-d.

Abraham now has two sons, each the firstborn to his mother: Which will inherit the promise?

Throughout the patriarchal narratives, it is against social convention, the younger son whom G-d chooses: Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Ephraim. Each symbol-

izes G-d's choice of the people Israel, though they are but latecomers to the land of Canaan. So Ishmael and Hagar must be banished (though they, too, come under G-d's providential care and are saved from death in the wilderness).

Then G-d seemingly imperils the promise by demanding Isaac's sacrifice on Mount Moriah. Only at the last moment, once Abraham's faithfulness has been displayed, is it revealed that G-d does not desire the sacrifice of the firstborn but that a vicarious animal sacrifice will serve in his stead.

In each of these paradoxical narratives, the ways of G-d defy human convention and expectation: They are truly miraculous!

Another major episode recounts a different aspect of G-d's providence; punisher of human offenses.

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed because of their moral depravity. This is typified by their violation of the basic code of hospitality to strangers (and pointedly contrasted with Abraham's gracious hospitality to the same strangers, who turn out to be divine).

Abraham's intercession on behalf of Sodom — "Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?" — provides a powerful model for arguing with G-d in subsequent Jewish tradition.

We often imagine that the "truly" religious person's attitude toward life is one of quiet confidence and faithful conviction. Indeed, Abraham in our parasha is often held up as the model.

Yet, listening deeply to both the words of the Torah and its silences, we perceive as well moments of profound anguish and despair, of anger and argumentation.

These, too, are an authentic part of Abraham's pilgrimage, and our own. It is precisely in the paradoxical character of the Torah's narratives — their contradictions, supreme ironies, sudden reversals, and defiance of conventional expectations — that their truth lies.

Therein we both recognize ourselves and perceive glimpses of the Divine.

Rabbi Richard S. Sarason, Ph.D., is a professor of rabbinic literature and thought at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati.

## We Should Act Like First-Class Passengers

by Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg  
Congregation Agudath Achim

Rabbi Bernard Berzon tells the story of how in early years of the century the passenger trains in Europe were divided into three classes. One could purchase either an expensive first-class ticket and travel in luxury, or a second-class ticket and travel in relative comfort, or a cheap third-class ticket and go with the poor.

There was a poor Jew who had to travel from Bialystock to Warsaw. He stood at the end of a long line to purchase a third-class ticket. By the time he reached the window, there were

no more tickets left for third or second classes.

As he had to be in Warsaw the next day on an urgent matter, he bought a ticket for the first.

The splendor of the car and the luxurious dress of the passengers dazzled his eyes. His shabby dress and his empty pockets made him self-conscious and ill-at-ease. Feeling out of place, he fidgeted and trembled in his seat.

The conductor, noticing the peculiar behavior of this passenger, eyed him with suspicion. The official thought he had no ticket, so he ap-

proached the Jew and demanded, "Let me see your ticket."

The frightened man fumbled in his pockets and finally produced it. The conductor examined it carefully, and finding it in good order, said to him, "Mister, you have a first-class ticket; why don't you act like a first-class passenger?"

Many live their lives as if they were third-class passengers when in reality they own first-class tickets. If we have first-class tickets, why not act as if we are worthy of being a first-class passenger.

### Jewish Book Month

This year, Jewish Book Month is from Nov. 6 to Dec. 8. The Herald will be running special features during the month.

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## The Power of the Down-to-Earth Woman

This week's Torah portion, Vayera, hints at a spiritual yet mundane aspect of Abraham and Sarah's relationship.

The rabbis of the Talmud teach: "How does a woman help a man? ...If a man brings wheat, does he chew the wheat? If he brings flax, does he wear the flax? It follows, then, that she brings light to his eyes and puts him on his feet!"

A person's mission in life is to elevate and refine the material aspects of the world, imbuing them with spiritual content. But man brings only wheat and flax; he is concerned with raw materials, with generalities. He is somewhat removed from the down-to-earth realities, the details.

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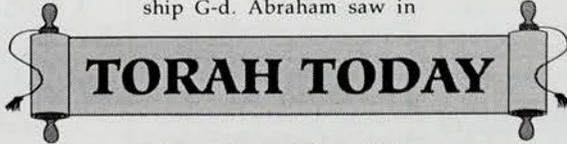
Abraham and Sarah. Man and woman. When Abraham found out that his wife, Sarah, was to bear a child, he prayed. From the lofty, detached viewpoint of his great saintliness he asked, "Would that Ishmael might live before You!" He hoped that Ishmael would continue to live in fear of and worship G-d. Abraham saw in

Abraham that He would fulfill His covenant specifically and exclusively through Yitzhak, from Abraham's perspective it seemed that Ishmael should stay in the house. Only in his own home could Abraham hope to influence Ishmael in a positive manner.

But G-d declared to Abraham, "In all that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, for in Yitzhak shall descendants be called to you."

The commentator, Rashi, explains that this statement indicates that Sarah's power of prophecy was superior to Abraham's. It was Sarah, the down-to-earth woman, who recognized the harmful influence.

From A Thought for the Week, Detroit. Adapted from the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Submitted by Rabbi Yehoshua Laufer.



Ishmael, future father of the Arab nations, the potential for living a G-d-fearing life.

But Sarah saw reality. She saw Ishmael's devastating influence in the home, particularly over her son Isaac (Yitzhak). She demanded that Abraham remove the harmful influence of Ishmael from the home.

Abraham could not find peace with the idea of sending his oldest son away. Although G-d had already informed

## Serving the Needs of Jewish Inmates

*Assoc. Ed. Note: Recently, while "surfing" the Internet at a friend's house, I stumbled across the Web site of The Aleph Institute, which helps serve the needs of Jewish inmates across the country. I knew that there were rabbis and cantors who visited Jewish inmates, but I never realized that there was an organization which acted on behalf of the Jewish prison population.*

The following is Aleph's mission statement, followed by an article written by Isaac M. Jaroslawicz, Esq., titled "What Aleph Can and Cannot Do For You," which appeared in The National Liberator, Aleph's newsletter to Jewish inmates.

### Mission Statement

The Aleph Institute, founded at the express direction of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, is a not-for-profit organization serving the unique needs of Jews of all backgrounds in prison, the military and anywhere else they and their families may become isolated from their heritage.

Aleph also creates programs as alternatives to incarceration and develops unique educational programs for the general public. Aleph receives no funding from traditional American Jewish organizations, the government, or other non-profit agencies, and is supported by private donations.

### What Aleph Can and Cannot Do For You

Each month, Aleph accepts approximately 600 collect calls and receives approximately 1,500 letters from Jewish inmates

around the country. We are instituting new programs all the time to serve the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters in distress and their families.

While we would like to satisfy every request for assistance, we are somewhat limited by our mission statement and budget considerations.

Here is a general overview of what Aleph can and cannot do for you right now.

- Aleph CAN help you touch your heritage. Aleph ships thousands of Jewish publications, videos and religious books to inmates and prison libraries around the country. Inmates also request and receive religious articles such as prayer books, Torah volumes, prayer shawls and tefillin.

- Aleph CANNOT help you with legal advice pertaining to your individual offense. Every month, we receive many requests for assistance with inmates' cases, motions and appeals. We are attempting to organize a nationwide network of attorneys to provide pro bono legal services for indigent Jewish inmates but are not, unfortunately, yet in any position to provide legal assistance with respect to the merits of your case.

- Aleph CAN try to help you practice your Jewishness while in prison. We have always been in the forefront of pursuing strategies to assist institutions in ful-

filling constitutional guarantees of religious freedom. We work to obtain kosher food for Jewish inmates, defend Jews' rights to own religious articles, books and clothing, and insure that they can observe the sanctity of the Sabbath and holidays.

While most prison chaplains and wardens seek to accommodate requests, they often lack the manpower, highly specialized knowledge and resources necessary adequately to meet

try. Among other things, the Aleph Advisory provides institutions with notice and direction about the religious requirements of Jewish inmates. Aleph is also developing a Handbook of Jewish Practice and Procedure for institutional staff.

The handbook is designed to be a reference guide for chaplains and institutional staff as to the daily and seasonal religious needs of Jews.

Aleph is expanding its library of Judaic and contemporary law — comprised of texts and CD-ROM discs. The Judaic law section assists Aleph's rabbis in answering the many inquiries regarding religious laws that we receive from wardens and chaplains across the country.

The secular contemporary law section assists Aleph's legal staff and volunteer lawyers in addressing (or, when necessary, litigating) constitutional issues of free exercise of religion.

And, of course, Aleph continually meets with senior state and federal corrections officers to assist in the implementation of programs that protect a Jew's right to exercise his/her religion in an appropriate manner.

- Aleph CAN accept your collect telephone calls from anywhere in the country.
- Aleph CANNOT arrange

three-way calling. Establishing a three-way connection violates most prison's policies, and may subject you and Aleph's programs to sanctions.

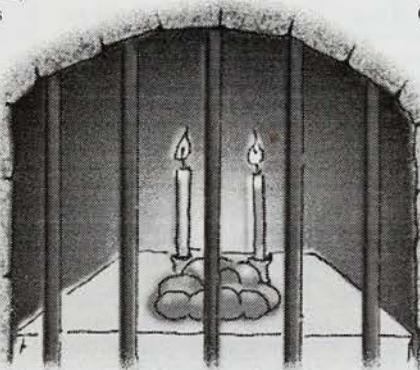
- Aleph CAN try to arrange visitations by a staff or local rabbi. Aleph currently coordinates approximately 60 rabbis who visit approximately 150 institutions per year. We are expanding our network of staff and volunteers every day, and soon hope to be able to provide more visitations even to remote locations.

Wherever possible, we reach out to rabbis and Jewish communities close to the institution to provide support services, visitations, religious furloughs, and assistance with job placement.

- Aleph CAN sometimes assist with various emergency situations for inmates and their families, including medical emergencies.

- Aleph CAN ship you materials for each Jewish holiday. We currently supply educational, religious and food materials to about 4,000 inmates around the country. Note, however, that prison policies vary around the country with respect to food items.

For more information on Aleph's services, or to discuss planned giving opportunities, contact Rabbi Sholom D. Lipskar, chairman, or Isaac M. Jaroslawicz, executive director, The Aleph Institute, 9500 Collins Ave., Surfside, FL 33154. Tel.: (305) 864-5553; fax: (305) 864-8269; e-mail: isaac@shadow.net.



the complex spiritual needs of Jewish inmates. As a result, religious requests are sometimes rebuffed, delayed in channels, or dismissed out of hand.

To better address these problems, Aleph has taken various steps. Before this Passover, Aleph faxed and mailed more than 700 copies of our Aleph Advisory to chaplains and institutional staff around the coun-

## Lincoln School Thanks Dorothea Leonhardt Foundation

On Oct. 16 Lincoln School recognized and thanked The Dorothea Leonhardt Foundation of New York City in a morning ceremony. A \$20,000 grant was given by the foundation in honor of the David D. Wasserman family. It will be

used to restore the stone wall at the corner of Butler and East Orchard avenues directly in front of the school.

In acknowledging the grant by the foundation, Wasserman said, "We are lucky to have as good and genuine a friend as

Joanne Cassullo and the Dorothea Leonhardt Foundation to inspire us all." (Cassullo represented the Leonhardt Foundation at the ceremony.)

Wasserman is a member of the board of overseers, co-chairman of the development committee, and a member of the buildings and grounds committee. His mother, Ina Dwares Wasserman of Providence is a Lincoln alumna, class of 1953, and his daughter Martabel is a third-grade student, class of 2006.



"On this happy occasion..." (from the left) David D. Wasserman, Joanne Cassullo and Kristina Wasserman pose together on Oct. 16.

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# SPORTS FEATURE

## RWU Student Adapts to Life at College

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

When students enter college, they must adapt to many changes in their life. Beth Lebowitz, a sophomore at Roger Williams University in Bristol, has had to make her share of adjustments.

Coming from a Jewish household in Edison, N.J., to a college which only has 5 percent Jewish students (in a town which probably has a lot less than that), has been a difficult transition.

"It's hard to be observant in school," said Lebowitz, who attended Hebrew school for eight years and was bat mitzvahed at a temple she described as somewhere between Conservative and Orthodox.

According to Lebowitz, RWU "doesn't do much" to recognize the needs of Jewish students. And since it would take her four and a half hours to get to Edison, going home for the holidays isn't always an option.

This year, Lebowitz, who is a starter on the women's volleyball team, had to decide between observing Yom Kippur and joining her teammates.

"My team had a conference game and I felt as though I wouldn't be able to get to a temple," said Lebowitz. "What do you do in that situation? It was hard for me."

After much consideration, Lebowitz chose to join her teammates.

Traditionally, the Lebowitz family gathers for a huge Chanukah celebration at her aunt's

house. It's usually a good opportunity to spend time with cousins that she doesn't get to see too often. But last year, Chanukah did not coincide with school vacation and Lebowitz missed out on the family festivities.

To cheer her up a little, her parents sent her a gift package, which included a menorah. Although it wasn't the same, she was able to share the holiday with her [gentile] friends.

"I received special permission from my RA [resident assistant] to light candles in the dorm, because it was for religious purposes," said Lebowitz. "I lit the menorah with my friends. They were very receptive. I like teaching people about my religion."

For Passover, Lebowitz's household usually hosts the family seder. This year, she hopes to drive home on the weekend and at least share part of the holiday with the family.

Between holidays, the corporate communication major finds it just as difficult to stay involved in Judaism.

"Hillel at RWU is small and inactive. Meetings or luncheons consist of only three or four people," said Lebowitz. "It's tough sometimes, especially if you want to date someone who is Jewish."

RWU's small Jewish student population has not only been frustrating, but it weighed in her decision as to which school to choose.

"The small percentage of Jew-

ish students was one reason why I didn't want to come to RWU," said Lebowitz. "It was a big thing with my father. He would have been happier with a higher percentage."

Lebowitz went on to say that certain things, such as the beautiful campus, the faculty, strength of her major and that she wanted to be able to play volleyball, swung the pendulum in favor of RWU.

On the volleyball court, Lebowitz has had to make another adjustment. At Wardlway-Hartridge High School, she was a setter, which is similar to the role of a quarterback in football or a point guard in basketball. At RWU she's had to learn a new position — weak side hitter.

"I never really hit in high school," said Lebowitz. "At first, I found it to be a difficult adjustment, but it didn't take long (to get used to). I liked it."

"She's adapted well," said third-year coach Tamara Sutton. "I saw a tape of her in high school and I thought because of her height (5'10"), she would be a good hitter."

Sutton was correct. Lebowitz is currently second on the team in kills and kills per game.

"Last year she was learning the position," said Sutton. "This year she's having a great season. She's a lot more confident."

Aside from volleyball, Lebowitz also played softball and field hockey in high school. She was an all-state field hockey



BETH LEBOWITZ has been one of the most consistent players on the RWU volleyball team this year. Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

goalie her senior year and all-state for volleyball her junior and senior years, as well as being the most valuable player and captain of her team.

In college, she's been just as involved in school activities. Last year she played on the softball team. This year she's a staff writer for the school newspaper; next year she'll be the sports

editor. She's also been a deejay at the school radio station for the past two years.

Academically, Lebowitz has two minors: computers and marketing. During the second semester of next year, she'll do a communications internship.

In every regard, Lebowitz has adapted quite nicely to life at college.

## Brooke Rubin Wins State Singles Tennis Tournament

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

Brooke Rubin knew she wanted to play tennis since she was 4 years old. Now, at age 16, she's the fourth best player in New England and as of last week, she's the Rhode Island Interscholastic State

Singles Champion.

Rubin, a junior at Cranston West, won the championship by beating Lisa Francazio of Wheeler 6-4, 7-6 (5-0). That was by far her toughest match of the year, as she dominated her opponents en route to an undefeated season.

Rubin's interest in the sport began when she watched her father play. When she was 6 1/2, she picked up a racquet for the first time and started hitting the balls over the net. At age 8, her father began coaching her, but her skills progressed so quickly, he could no longer help her.

"When she turned 12, she knew more than me," said Larry Rubin, Brooke's father.

Unlike many players, her strength as a child was her backhand. She learned to develop a forehand at Camp JORI when she was 8 or 9.

Although she played more tennis than most kids, athletics took a back seat to education.

"First came school, second came Hebrew school (at Temple Sinai in Cranston) and then came tennis," said Larry. "She never had time to play, but that helped her down the road. She

didn't get burned out."

Although she's played in numerous local, regional and national tournaments, Rubin didn't play high school tennis until this year.

"I should have played last year, but I needed some time off to regroup and get my mind together," said the 16-year-old.

Rubin led Cranston West to a second place finish in Class All this year. Despite always being matched up against the opponent's best player, she rarely lost more than one game out of the entire match.

Playing high school tennis may have been less competitive than what Rubin was used to, but what she gained socially was invaluable. Being an only child and having rarely played on a team, the interaction and support of others was a refreshing change.

"It was good for her to bond with other young women. I'm not sure she had that before," said Cranston West coach Sue Corvi. "She needs socialization, rather than just practicing against men."

Rubin immediately appreciated the dynamics of playing on a team.

"Playing on a team is a lot different than playing tournaments," said Rubin. "Your teammates are allowed to cheer for you and your coach can talk to you. At tournaments, you're all by yourself. My father can't even talk to me."

With her matches easily in hand, Rubin spent a lot of time this year helping her teammates.

"Even while I was playing, I would talk to my teammates next to me," said Rubin. "I would try to help the other girls."

"She wanted her teammates to do well," said Corvi. "She would always ask how everyone else was doing. It wasn't a one-man show for her."

According to Corvi, Rubin's skills and work ethic often brought the best out of her teammates.

"She inspired the other kids to do better," stated Corvi. "She was always willing to work with some of the younger, less experienced players."

Since her matches were usually finished quickly, Rubin rarely got much of a workout during competition. Therefore, she did a lot of running on her own, and once a week, Corvi would allow her to practice with a private coach.

Rubin's dominance continued right through the state singles tournament, against Rhode Island's best players. In the round of 32, she won 6-1, 6-0. In the round of 16, she also won 6-1, 6-0. In the quarterfinals, she rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 victory. She won her semifinal match 6-1, 6-0.

In the finals, Rubin was tested for the first time this year. The sophomore from Wheeler ran down several balls that looked like they would be sure winners



BROOKE RUBIN warms up before the championship match. Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

and kept Rubin at the baseline by hitting deep returns.

Rubin overcame a 3-1 deficit in the first set to win 6-4. In the second set she trailed 4-2, but battled back to win 7-6 (5-0 in the tiebreaker).

Although Francazio lost, she played one of her best matches ever. Rubin on the other hand, was disappointed with the victory.

"I haven't been seeing competition like that and I haven't been pushing myself like I should," said Rubin.

An observer would think that Rubin has been pushing extremely hard. But when you're the fourth best player in New England, you hold yourself up to high expectations.



BACK AT YOU — Brooke Rubin returns a shot in the finals of the state tournament. Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## JCCRI Has Something For Everyone Mishnah Study Class to Meet

Registration for classes and programs at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island has begun for the 1996-97 fall/winter session.

There are programs for all ages such as:

- The New Parents Club — For newborn to 1-year-olds and their parents on Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.; for nine sessions, Nov. 14 to Jan. 23.
- Pee-Wee Tennis (and swim options) — For ages 4 to 5, tennis only, Tuesday 1 to 1:45 p.m.,

nine sessions; tennis and swim, Tuesday 1 to 2:30 p.m., nine sessions, Nov. 12 to Jan. 21.

- Basketball — League 1, ages 6 to 7; League 2, ages 8 to 9; League 3, ages 10 to 11 (20 sessions, starts Nov. 10); junior high, junior varsity and varsity basketball games, ages 12 to 18, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, starting Nov. 12.
- Cartooning — Grades three to six, Tuesday 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., nine sessions, Nov. 12 to Jan. 21.
- Water Workout — Ages 16

to adult, 18 sessions, Nov. 12 to Jan. 23.

- Line Dancing — Adults, Thursday 10 to 11 a.m., on-going program.

Registration can be done by mail or in person on Nov. 5, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., noon to 6 p.m., for JCCRI members only; Nov. 6 and 7, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., noon to 6 p.m. for members and non-members.

Program guides are available by calling the JCCRI at 861-8800.

Ever wish you had more hours in the day for study? Do you wish you could learn more about Judaism but can't find the time to learn?

Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro has a solution! A morning Mishnah study class meets at the synagogue every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Much can be accomplished in regular, focussed study of Jewish texts.

The Mishnah is the earliest

code of Jewish law based on the Torah and spells out the rabbinic laws for Jewish life. The class is studying Tractate Brachot which teaches about prayers.

Learning the Mishnah will enhance your knowledge of Jewish prayer life and practice. All texts are in translation and no previous background is required.

All are welcome to join the Mishnah class. For more information, contact Rabbi Gail Diamond at (508) 222-2243.

## What's Cooking at Beth-El?

Chocolate chip-almond-coconut-macarons for Passover. Cranberry chicken for Rosh Hashanah. Apricot haman-tashen for Purim.

Enjoy the family traditions of Jewish cooking with a new, comprehensive recipe collection now offered by the Temple Beth-El Cookbook Committee.

"What's Cooking in our Family" features six special recipe card packets spanning the major holidays of the Jewish calendar, including Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Break-the-Fast, Shavuot, Sukkot, Chanukah, Purim and Passover. Packets come complete with a festive menu and delightful tale highlighting some aspect of the holiday.

The cookbook presentation is quite unique. The six packets, each wrapped and tied with a metallic ribbon and gift tag, fit nicely in a custom-designed recipe box or "cookbox." This recipe collection makes a perfect Chanukah, hostess, housewarming or bridal shower gift.

The recipes represent the best of more than 500 submitted by temple members which were

further taste-tested by the Cookbook Committee. These traditional recipes are user-friendly versions of Bubbie's (Grandma's) mouth-watering delicacies.

The purpose of this project is to preserve and enhance the wonderful traditional Jewish foods for future generations.

"We wanted to remove the intimidation factor for the family member who has never prepared a holiday meal," explained Melba Meister, Cookbook chairperson. "Whether a young married person familiar with our cuisine, or one who has chosen to follow our culture, the menu selection with each packet eases all kitchen anxieties."

Members of the Cookbook committee are Rita and Wiley Archer, Janet and Bob DeRobbio, Susan and Michael Markus, Herb Meister, Anita Solomon and Gail Solomon.

The "What's Cooking in Our Family Cookbook" is available for \$5 for each packet or \$30 for a set of six, including the box. Add \$1 for shipping and handling per packet or \$5 for the complete set.

Make checks payable to Temple Beth-El and mail with your order to Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906. For more information, call 331-6070.

## Rabin Drive to be Dedicated

There will be a program called A Road to Peace, honoring the memory of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Gosman Jewish Community Campus, 333 Nahanton St., Newton, Mass.

The highlight of the event will be the dedication of Yitzhak Rabin Drive, by Mayor Thomas B. Concannon Jr., city of Newton. A candlelight ceremony, with dignitaries and clergy presiding and special guest, Camelia Sadat, will be held. The Prozdor Choir with Cantor Charles Osborne and Laetitia M. Blain, Boston College soloist, will perform.

Following the dedication, there will be a commemorative artistic program featuring Moshe Waldoks as master of ceremonies; Jubal's Lyre, the Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble of Boston College, the Sax Quartet, and selected poetry readings.

For more information, call (617) 558-6050. This event is sponsored by Boston College, the city of Newton, the consulate general of Israel to New England, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center.

## Informational Meetings for Prospective Parents

Adoption Options, the comprehensive adoption program of Jewish Family Service, is now offering informational meetings about adoption for anyone interested in exploring the choices.

The meetings, which are free, will be held the first Thursday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the offices of JFS at 229

Waterman St. in Providence. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 7.

Adoption Options offers a broad range of choices for anyone considering adoption, including services for birth parents, adoptive parents and children: information, referrals, home studies, pre-adoption

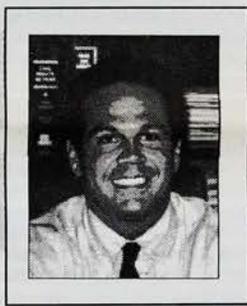
counseling, post-adoption counseling and supportive counseling with parenting concerns. Services are available regardless of religious affiliation.

For more information or to arrange a confidential consultation, call Toby Zaitchik, Adoption Options coordinator at 331-5437.

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## JWV New Bedford Post 154 Announces Events and Services

The Jewish War Veterans, New Bedford Post 154 announces the following upcoming events:

- Nov. 2 — 60th anniversary dinner dance at the Venus de Milo, Swansea.

- Nov. 10 — Dedication of a monument in memory of all World War II veterans, located at the greater New Bedford Veterans Building in Buttonwood Park. JWV's colors will be posted. Color guard in uniform will be present. As most of the members are World War II veterans, the organization is trying for a good showing. Time will probably be 12:30 p.m. Watch newspaper for exact time.

- Nov. 11 — Veterans Day parade will start at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet opposite the corner of Union Street in Buttonwood Park at 9 a.m. The marching banner will lead. This is still

the 100th anniversary of JWV. Turn out to march and celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event.

- Nov. 5 to 11 — National convention celebrating the centennial at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. All the details are in the *Jewish Veteran Magazine*. JWV will host the ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 11 — Veterans Day.

The following services are available to veterans:

- The V.A. clinic has moved from the government building to the former Blue Cross building on Elm Street. It is a much larger facility with more services, so that you will not have to go to the Providence V.A. Hospital for x-rays etc. There is no charge for your health care.

- The Vet Center, located at 468 North St., New Bedford, provides counseling services to

veterans and their families; Agent Orange information and medical referrals; assistance with V.A. benefits; alcohol and drug education and employment assistance.

- Veterans benefits office on Hillman Street for assistance with the Veterans Administration, financial assistance and transportation to Providence or Brockton V.A. Hospital.

- Boston JWV national service officer, Dr. Harvey Berger, has office hours 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the JFK building, room E314, Government Center, Boston, MA 02203. Call (617) 565-2587. All records of the Rhode Island JWV service office are now at the Boston office.

As of Oct. 11, the national colors of JWV are on permanent display in the Hall of Flags at the Massachusetts State House.

## Cranston Senior Guild

The next meeting of the Cranston Senior Guild will be held Nov. 13 at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, and will be called to order at 1 p.m.

In addition to being informative, program chairman, Ben Gilstein, has arranged a program of professional entertainment, whose varied repertoire has been thoroughly enjoyed throughout New England.

In addition, there will be a cash raffle, a social hour and refreshments.

On Dec. 11, the annual Chanukah party will be held at the West Valley Inn, West Warwick. The cost, which includes the choice of a three-entree full course dinner, is \$13 per person.

The afternoon will include entertainment by comedian Joey Russell, who has performed from coast to coast as well as from Broadway to the Catskills.

For more information, directions, reservations, table seat-

ing and confirmations, call Sam or Selma Price at 943-3427.

On Feb. 20, for members wintering or visiting in Florida, the all-Gershwin, Tony award-winning musical, "Crazy For You," will be held at the Royal Palm dinner theatre, Boca Raton, Fla.

Make checks out to the Cranston Senior Guild for \$41 per person (includes state tax and all gratuities) and send to: Hy Jacobson, 3850 Washington Street, #607, Hollywood, Fla. 33021-7355, (954) 964-1451. Seating is limited. Make your arrangements as soon as possible.

For all occasions, glad or sad, remember the Sunshine Fund. Sylvania Tippe, chairperson, at 738-2282, will send your requests, each in an original message on a beautiful note. Your donations help support Cranston Senior Guild's many worthwhile charities.

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## Justice Department Briefing Launches Campaign to Stop Abuse

Bonnie Campbell, director of the Justice Department's Violence Against Women Office, met recently with representatives of The Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations.

The meeting, which took place at the Department of Justice, launched the Leadership Conference's national campaign, "Women's Action to Stop Domestic Abuse."

Campbell briefed the women about the Justice Department's efforts to combine tough new federal criminal laws with assistance to states and localities to fight violence against women.

The 12 constituent organizations of the Leadership Conference — representing 1.5 million Jewish women across North America — have joined forces to increase awareness about domestic violence in the Jewish community.

During Chanukah, the week of Dec. 6 to 13, the member organizations will host forums and distribute posters and brochures across the country to educate women about domestic violence in the Jewish community, how to recognize the signs of abuse, and where they can turn for help.

The Leadership Conference is comprised of the following organizations: American Jewish Congress Commission for Women's Equality, AMIT Women, Emunah of America, Hadassah, Jewish Women International, Na'Amat USA, National Council of Jewish Women, National Ladies Auxiliary — Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Inc., Women of Reform Judaism, Women's American ORT, Women's Branch, Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, and Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

## Give Thanks And Do a Mitzvah

For the fourth consecutive year, Empire Kosher Poultry will help feed the hungry during the harsh winter season. During the last three years, tons of Empire poultry have been donated to food pantries and organizations who serve those in need. The program is very simple: Empire Kosher will match the weight of any Thanksgiving turkey, pound for pound, when the consumer sends the label from his or her Empire turkey to the company.

Each year, hundreds of families and individuals, as well as sisterhoods and grade school classes, join the company in the Pound for Pound program.

"Part of our responsibility as a food company is to help alleviate hunger when possible. And because we are a kosher company, we have a particular obligation to do a 'mitzvah' (a good deed) whenever we can. The Thanksgiving season is especially appropriate for this type of joint

effort: We all have so much to be thankful for, and most people want to share their bounty with those less fortunate," said an Empire spokesperson.

Last year's drive for the hungry yielded weight tickets from hundreds of Thanksgiving turkeys, totaling 5,740.89 lbs. or almost three tons of turkey. They were sent in to Empire by a 95-year-old widow, second-grade school children, synagogue sisterhoods, and families from 18 states.

Consumers who would like to join Empire's Pound for Pound promotion should send the weight label (indicating the number of pounds of your Empire Thanksgiving turkey) by Dec. 31, to Pound for Pound, Empire Kosher Poultry, Inc., P.O. Box 165, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

Weight labels will be tallied in January, and consumers will receive a certificate of their mitzvah along with complimentary coupons for Empire products.

## Israelis Break Law in Jericho

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Jerusalem Magistrates Court has extended the detention of four Israelis arrested on charges of illegally entering the West Bank town of Jericho recently and praying at a Palestinian restaurant.

Six other Israelis involved in the incident were released on bail of some \$300 each.

Posing as French tourists, the 10 Israelis entered the self-rule area, which has been declared off-limits to Israeli citizens since the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian violence in late September.

They intended to worship at the ancient Jericho synagogue, reports said, but finding it locked, they went to a nearby restaurant, where they began to pray.

The restaurant manager called the Palestinian police, who summoned Israeli security forces.

The four in custody are thought to have organized the group. The judge said their actions could have sparked a disaster.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## ASDS Humash Ceremony a Special Experience

by Rabbi Vicki Lieberman

This year's grade three Humash Ceremony at the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School was emotional and inspirational for all who participated — students, faculty, parents and family members.

In preparation for the event, students learned a play in Hebrew about Abraham and the idols. They also learned to lead the Torah service. With great enthusiasm, the students developed skills in chanting in traditional cantillation (trope) the first three verses from Parasha Lech Lecha.

Parents also prepared for this milestone in the lives of their children by attending special sessions in which they learned about Parsha Lech Lecha, and made a unique bookplate for

their own child's Humash.

Everything came together beautifully at the ceremony. The students performed their Hebrew play and led the Shoharit service. For this occasion, the Torah was fully unrolled while the children and parents stood in concentric circles. The parents held the open Torah facing their child, so that each family could share the gift of Torah together. Parents then listened with pride as the children recited the Torah blessings and chanted Lech Lecha.

The ceremony, organized by Judaic studies coordinator Rabbi Andrea Gouze and third-grade Judaic studies teachers Rina Sky-Wolfgang and Nachama Weisenberg, underscores the beauty and strength of Judaism. The Torah is literally being passed



SINGING AND REJOICING, Debra Lipof, Dena and Stuart Levine, Mark Galing and Shelley Katsh, Neal and Arlene Royal, and Barbara Klein join with their children in the Humash ceremony at Alperin Schechter Day School.

Photo courtesy of ASDS

from generation to generation as the children demonstrate to family, friends and community their acquisition of valuable syna-

gogue skills which will enable them to participate fully in any service they attend as adults.

Parents then presented their children with their first Hebrew Humash, personally inscribed by the parents. Students will

continue to use this Humash for the remainder of their years at Alperin Schechter. This delightful ceremony ended with a sweet dessert, a reminder that the study of Torah should always be sweet.



IN A TOUCHING MOMENT, Jay Aron, Debra and Fred Siegel-Reamer, and Phyllis and Harris Harnick participate in the ASDS Humash ceremony on Oct. 21.

Photo courtesy of ASDS

## Providence Hadassah to Hear Lev

The Providence Group of Hadassah will hold its annual paid-up membership petit-luncheon on Nov. 6 at noon at Temple Emanu-El, Bohnen Vestry.

The featured speaker, Yehuda Lev, former news editor, Israel Radio in Jerusalem, will talk on "Update: Israel and the Middle East."

All life and paid-up annual members are invited. Reservations required by Nov. 4. Call 272-2856. Dues may be paid at the door. A raffle drawing will be held; tickets are still available.

## Craft Sale

Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston, will host a craft sale/bake sale on Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be many professional crafters.

For more information, call the temple at 942-8350.

## Goalie Makes Nazi Salute

by Simon Rocker  
London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON (JTA) — A British soccer player has apologized to the Jewish community for giving a Nazi salute during a recent match.

Goalkeeper Mark Bosnich gave a Nazi salute — he said he was clowning around — after the crowd rattled him for a foul he

committed in a game two years ago against a German player.

The club for which Bosnich plays has a significant Jewish following.

Politicians, including a member of the European Parliament, condemned Bosnich's actions. He also faces a police probe and a misconduct charge by the soccer club.

## Klezmer Kabaret To Entertain Professional Women

Judy Bressler's Klezmer Kabaret will entertain the Business and Professional Women's Affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island on Nov. 7 at Temple Beth-El, Providence, at 7:30 p.m.

Bressler will answer questions about the origin of Klezmer music and the meaning of each song she sings. The event is open to all professional Jewish women and is free. Refreshments will be served.

Bressler, born and raised in New York, is a third-generation Yiddish performer following in the footsteps of her mother and grandfather. Most recently, as a vocalist with the Klezmer Conservatory Band in Boston, Bressler performed with Itzhak Perlman on the tour of "In the Fiddler's House."

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# MILESTONES

## Eleven Mothers Receive Feinstein Scholarships

Engraved on one of the Westminster Street windows of the Dr. Pat Feinstein Child Development Center are words by Alan Shawn Feinstein: "To better one life is to better the world."

For 11 mothers who are taking courses at the University of Rhode Island's College of Continuing Education this semester, life was made much easier thanks to the generosity of the Feinstein Foundation. The women are the first recipients of a Lillian Feinstein scholarship. Both facilities are

housed in the URI Providence Center, located in the renovated Shepard building.

While the mothers are in class, their children are enrolled in the new Dr. Pat Feinstein Child Development Center, a licensed high-quality early childhood education program designed for children ages 3 to 5.

On Oct. 16, the moms and the youngsters got a chance to meet their benefactors, Alan Shawn Feinstein, his wife Dr. Pat Feinstein, a child psychiatrist; and his mother, Lillian

Feinstein, when the child development center was officially dedicated.

The scholarship recipients and their hometowns are as follows: Teodora Monteiro, Providence; Priscilla Jones, Providence; Teresa Warren, Providence; Mary Ellen LaFazia, Providence; Sherry Jones, Providence; Maria Ragas, Tiverton; Heather Gonsalves, Riverside; Alisa Cassiere, W. Warwick; Bonita Fowlkes, Newport; Brenda Leverett, Pawtucket; and Sarah Theroux, Pawtucket.

## Erica Kamin to Marry Edward Kaiser

Mr. and Mrs. Fredric S. Kamin of East Greenwich, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Kamin, of Atlanta, Ga., to Edward Kaiser, of Atlanta, Ga., son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kaiser, of Charleston, S.C.

The bride-to-be has a B.A. degree in communication from the University of Pennsylvania and is a teacher in the DeKalb County School System, Atlanta, Ga. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goldfine, of

North Providence, R.I., and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kamin, of Cranston, R.I.

Her fiancé has a B.S. degree in hotel and restaurant management from the University of Houston, Texas. He is an assistant director of food services with the Aramark Corp. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Hammelburger, of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Mrs. Jeanette Kaiser, Coconut Creek, Fla.

The date of the wedding has been set for July 1997.



## Kathryn Elizabeth Levin

Harvey and Karen Levin of Greenwich Ave., Warwick, R.I., announce the birth of their second child and daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, on Oct. 9. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Kyle James.

Maternal grandparents are Sally Bird, of Warwick, R.I., and the late Fred Bird.

Paternal grandparents are Norman and Sylvia Levin of Warwick.

Great-grandparents are Fanny Hassenfeld and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hovey and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bird.



## Jeffrey Allen Redman

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Redman, of 90 Greenwich Ave., East Providence, R.I., announce the birth of their first child, Jeffrey Allen, on Oct. 8.

Maternal grandparents are Shirley Gold, of East Providence, and the late Robert Dwares.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Redman of East Providence.

Great-grandparents are the late Morris and Esther Gold and the late Adeline Oliveira and John Souto.



## In The Best Jewish Tradition

The American Heart Association, R.I. Affiliate presented its 1996 Volunteer of the Year Award to Miriam R. Plitt recently. The award recognizes a volunteer whose contributions have advanced the American Heart Association programs. Plitt has become a model of community involvement. The award was presented by Lawrence B. Sadwin, on the left, and David A. Chatel.

## How About Stopping Now?

Would you like to stop smoking? Almost everyone who still smokes would be delighted to be free of the addiction. Help is on the way from The Miriam Hospital during Great American Smokeout Month

A free lecture will focus on the different methods available, and which seem to be the most effective for the way you personally smoke. These methods include hypnosis, group and individual

behavioral programs, and the latest medications. There will also be information on "over the counter" aids, including nicotine skin patches and nicotine gum.

The session will be Nov. 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Sopkin Auditorium at The Miriam Hospital.

Seating is limited, so pre-registration is necessary. Call 444-4800 or toll-free long distance (800) 927-1230.



## Samuel Tobias Ackerman

Barry and Mia Ackerman of 703 Woodhaven Court, Cranston, announce the birth of their first child, Samuel Tobias, on Oct. 11.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Yurman of Merrick, N.Y.

Paternal grandparents are the late Selwyn Ackerman and Max and Gloria Kolodoff of Warwick.



## To The Man of Steel...

Robin Williams presents Dana Reeve with a Humanitarian Award for her husband, Christopher Reeve, on behalf of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science at the New York region's gala dinner, held on Oct. 20 in New York City. The dinner, attended by more than 750 people, raised more than \$1,300,000.

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# FEATURE

## A Museum of Musing

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

Some of us chisel a name in granite to recall the passing of a parent. Ada Jill Schneider has written, designed, and published a book of verse called *The Museum of My Mother* to narrate the life and times of Lillian Benedon Jill, and especially her sojourn with her daughter at the end of her career among us.

It is a beautiful volume, with a cover photo by Sheila Oliveira, of a field of black-eyed Susans. Author Ada, a



Ada J. Schneider

poet among us who combines commentaries and insights, clearly lays out the landscape of mother and daughter, not a

simple sentimental tie but a complex connection.

Illustrations by Marcy Dovholuk, a foreword by dean of medicine emeritus, gerontologist and Brown professor David S. Greer, M.D. and superb proofreading by Hannah Evans all add up to a charming and impressive achievement. "Paintings in words," notes critic Gloria Goldreich. And "Pebbles left at a Grave-side," adds Faye Moskowitz, a fellow writer and editor of *Jewish Women on Mothers and Daughters*, a collection which includes sonnets by Ada Schneider.

As for the poems, they are elegant statements, with small ironies, low-key reassurances, and melancholy recognitions. They are worth listening to, perusing, and admiring. What is poetry? ask the theoreticians. They may center on the language of metaphor and paradox, or the emotional charge of passionate conviction.

Surely, the pursuit of truthful phrasing and bright moments must count among the signs of poetry. Perhaps the bird watching hobby of Ada Jill

Schneider has taught her as much as her word guides about how to keep a keen eye upon the landscape of one's migrations.

## Sylvia, Sit!

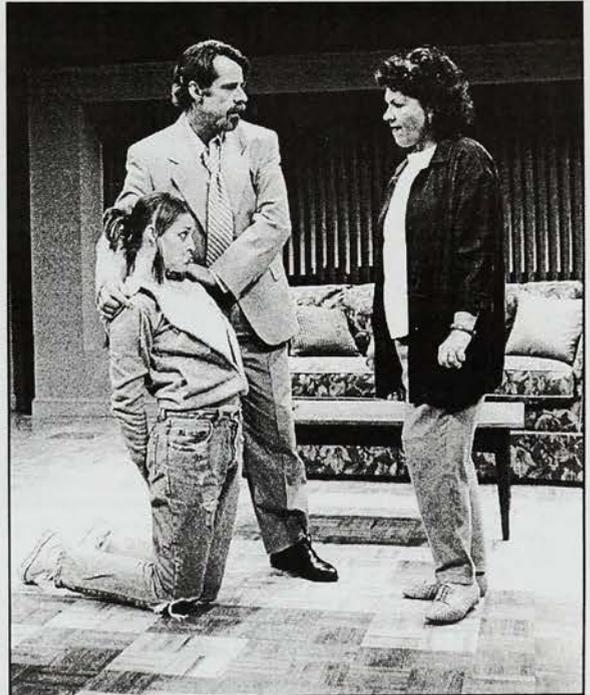
by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

You may have a dog at home, and laugh with familiar feelings as you watch the Trinity hit "Sylvia." Or, if not, you will roar with relief that you never brought your own stray into your quiet parlor. This theatrical gem uses a simple drawing room setting, a cast of four, and a poised transition from a sketch into a script and a full play.

The story takes us from the day a middle-aged chap steps into his front door with a runaway pooch through his loss of job and wife, to an easy comical happy close down the road of time. Perhaps Bob Colonna steals each scene from stars William Damkoehler, Barbara Orson and Katie MacNichol, as he plays in turn a weird dog owner in the park, an alcoholic Vassar grad and former roommate of wife Orson, and a marriage counselor named Leslie, perhaps man, or maybe woman.

Colonna just gets up and walks round the stage and somehow commands your total attention, with the aplomb of Jackie Gleason and the verve of Zero Mostel. Anybody who remembers his dad, Jerry Colonna, will pick up the same mad zest from their presence. Colonna has contributed so much to the theater world of this city for more than a generation.

MacNichol does her doggy routine with bright-eyed bounce, whether she jumps on a sofa, challenges the authority of her human mistress, flirts with other dogs in the park,



KATIE MACNICHOL, WILLIAM DAMKOEHLER AND BARBARA ORSON in Trinity Rep's production of "Sylvia."

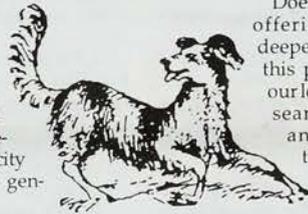
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checks her messages by sniffing the edges of the stage, or translates canine thoughts into humanoid phrases or gestures.

Does such a slight offering merit a deeper dig? Well, this play is about our loneliness, our search for love and meaning, the hopeless ironies of our quest for fulfillment as individuals. A dog can help only so much and no more.

As we all recall, the Majestic Theater once held the fancy

gimmicks of great cinema palace pretensions. As Trinity Theater, it must use each space to craft illusion in three dimensions. "Sylvia" is superb small theater. You can learn something about how to make a play out of a joke. Playwright A.R. Gurney, director Neal Baron, production manager Ruth Sternberg all deserve applause for a terrific show, more satiric than sentimental, as sad as it is funny, painful and comforting, thoughtful and easy-going, a brew of Cole Porter, Bill Shakespeare, and E.B. White. Whether dog stories are your taste or not, hark to the bark of "Sylvia."



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# SCHOOLBEAT

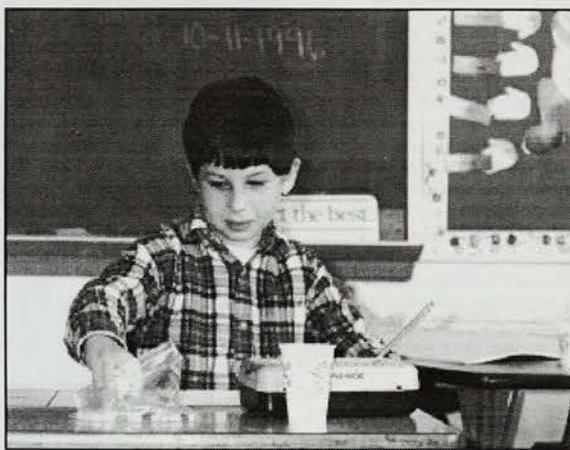
## PHDS Students Study Graphs

Judy Deutschs' second-grade class at Providence Hebrew Day School studied bar graphs in a unique way recently.

Each child received a sack of jelly beans and asked to graph the distribution of colors in the sack. The students also each received a large piece of graph paper with 1-inch squares. After tallying the numbers they transposed the information onto the graph putting the numbers along the vertical side and the colors on the horizontal side.

A lively discussion followed about who had the most reds and least whites.

Fortunately, the graphing took place as soon as the jelly beans were distributed because they soon began to disappear. How sweet it is to study math by counting jelly beans.



EPHRAIM SHAFNER sorts out his jelly beans as he learns about graphs. Photo courtesy of PHDS

## 'Ten Commandments' of Lessons Learned from Assassination

The 91,000 students attending ORT schools in Israel joined fellow students across this country on Oct. 24 in commemorating the death of Yitzhak Rabin. The official day of commemoration, declared by the Israeli government, corresponded to the Hebrew calendar date of the former prime minister's death.

ORT students spent a considerable portion of their time studying the "Ten Commandments" of lessons learned from the assassination. Compiled by ORT Israel Director General Israel Goralnik, who was a comrade in arms of Yitzhak Rabin during the War of Independence, the commandments were distributed throughout the ORT network of 151 primary and secondary schools, junior and four-year colleges.

### Isenberg Goes to the 'Quarters'

Rachel Isenberg of Wheeler School made it to the quarterfinals of the Rhode Island High School singles tennis tournament recently.

In the round of 32, she won 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. In the next round, she won 7-6 (5-4), 6-3. She was eliminated in the quarterfinals by her teammate, and eventual runner-up, Lisa Francazio, 6-2, 6-1.

Isenberg also plays on the basketball team. She was profiled in the *Herald* two years ago.

"This terrible assassination should be a catalyst for educators to pass on to their students the values of peace and democracy," Goralnik said, adding that he hoped the principles learned would find expression in the course of day-to-day school life.

Here are Goralnik's Ten Commandments:

1. The value of human life is holy and paramount.
2. One must listen with patience and respect even to an opinion that is not agreeable to you.
3. Every attempt to delegitimize the other side, especially through the type of verbal abuse that was exercised against Yitzhak Rabin prior to his death, leads to violence.
4. We must root out any baseless opposition to the rule of law and democracy and be alert to ideological crime.
5. We must teach students to acquire a critical social awareness and an approach to social issues characterized by both an openness to dialogue and an

ability to change one's opinion.

6. Each educator in the classroom must present the full spectrum of opinions that exist in society.

7. We must teach students to differentiate between fact and reality on the one hand, and rumor and interpretation on the other.

8. We must refrain from stigmatizing or categorizing either individuals or groups.

9. Political decisions in Israel are made only by those who are its democratically elected representatives.

10. We must learn to internalize the principle that it was because of baseless hatred that Jerusalem was destroyed.

American ORT helps support the 151 ORT schools and programs in Israel, plus schools and programs in the United States and 58 other countries around the world. For more information on the organization, call American ORT at (212) 353-5800 or (800) 364-9678.

## Chess Tournament To Be Held

Volunteers in Providence Schools is a non-profit agency which has provided tutorial services and academic enrichment activities to Providence public school students since 1967.

Last semester, VIPs expanded its academic enrichment programs to include chess clubs for Providence public school students. This year, the clubs are meeting at Classical High School and the Washington Park branch library, and will soon be starting at the Nathaniel Greene Middle School and the Rochambeau branch library.

On Nov. 5, students will have an exciting opportunity to demonstrate their skills at a tournament arranged in a collaborative effort of VIPs, a local community member, and the libraries.

The tournament will be held at the Washington Park branch library with registration beginning at 9 a.m. The event is free for all. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded.

If you would like to volunteer for the tournament or for one of the clubs, contact Sarah at the VIPs office at 274-3240.

## Preschool Program Offered at Congregation Agudas Achim

A monthly preschool program for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds is being offered at Congregation Agudas Achim in Attleboro. The class teaches Jewish holidays and customs with an emphasis on hands-on learning for youngsters.

The preschool program meets the first Monday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. and is open to all children of this age group.

For more information, contact the synagogue at (508) 222-2243, or come to the next class on Nov. 4 at 3 p.m.

## Open House Scheduled at ASDS

On Nov. 15, the Ruth and Max Alperin Schechter Day School of Rhode Island, 85 Taft Ave., Providence, will host its annual recruitment open house from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Bohnen Vestry of Temple Emanu-El.

Tours of the school will be led by school director, Myrna Rubel; assistant director, Marcia Kaufner; and admissions director, Penney Stein. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet with administrators, faculty, and other parents, and get an overview of

the Schechter program. Topics to be discussed include: the application procedure; academic curriculum; extracurricular activities; busing; and opportunities for financial aid.

The school with grades kindergarten through eight is fully certified by the state of Rhode Island and is one of a network of Conservative Jewish day schools across the United States. It is a member of the Independent School Association of Rhode Island.

## High Court: End Gender Bias in Grants For Yeshiva Students

by Michele Chabin  
JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israel's High Court of Justice has ordered the Ministry of Religious Affairs to take steps to eliminate gender discrimination in granting stipends to yeshiva students.

Sunday's ruling came in response to a petition by Nishmat, a women's studies center in Jerusalem, which said the ministry allots female yeshiva students living in dormitories \$45 per month, while granting \$125 to male yeshiva students.

The petition said male students who are married and do not live in dormitories receive about \$163 monthly, while married women students receive just \$40.

Nishmat also pointed out that women students are funded until the age of 30, while male students are eligible to receive a stipend until the age of 65.

The ministry had argued that men who defer their army service in order to study are prohibited from working, and therefore need a larger stipend than women, who are permitted to work and study. It also said that because men, and not women, are obligated by Jewish law to study Torah, preference must be given to male students.

Finding the ministry's funding procedures discriminatory, the judges ordered it to revise its system and present new criteria to the court within two months.

## One-Stop Shopping at Gift Fest

The seventh annual Moses Brown Holiday Gift Fest will be held on Nov. 2 and 3, in the Waughtel-Howe Field House.

Gift Fest features the works of more than 40 local artists, crafters and potters, offering an original assortment of holiday gifts including jewelry, arts and crafts, antiques, children's clothing, beauty products and toys.

Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 2 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 3. Adult admission is \$2, senior citizens are admitted at no charge.

All proceeds from the event will be used for faculty enrichment and scholarships.

For more information, call the Moses Brown school at 831-7350.

## UMass Offers Co-Operative Education for Engineering Majors

Attention future engineers: UMass Dartmouth now offers "Co-op." Students who major in engineering at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth now have the option of earning significant income while they are also getting marketable experience working as apprentice engineers.

On Oct. 28 at UMass Dartmouth a press conference on this subject was held which was attended by representatives of major local industries who have urged UMass Dartmouth to pursue the co-op model for engineering students.

Chancellor Peter H. Cressy said, "Cooperative education is an important extension of our

efforts to provide students with alternative learning methods. Co-op opportunities increase a student's sense of the relevance of his coursework. This not only improves graduation rates but also provides students with increased financial assistance and an improved understanding of the workplace."

The program will take five years to complete, but the average engineering co-op student will be able to earn almost the entire cost of his undergraduate education, including room and board. Some engineering students will earn over \$40,000 total during their five work sessions. Assistant Dean of engineering Pendergrass said



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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



## Boston Jewish Film Festival Opens Nov. 7

The eighth annual Boston Jewish Film Festival is scheduled for Nov. 7 to 17 at the Museum of Fine Arts, the Coolidge Corner Theatre, and the newly renovated Somerville Theatre in Davis Square.

The festival has also moved to the North Shore. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the North Shore Endowment Committee, the festival will screen four films at the North Shore General Cinema in Peabody, from Nov. 10 to 14.

This year's festival features 27 films from nine countries — including Russia, Israel, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Palestine, and the United States — and a diverse selection of programs, forums, and special guests.

Audiences can explore timely and compelling topics such as Israeli/Palestinian Co-Existence, Jewish Identity, Nature Versus Nurture, Israeli Women on Film: Lives and Challenges, and Post World War II German Cinema and The Aesthetics of Jewish Victimization.

### Highlights

• **Opening Night at the MFA with Gila Almagor.**

"Passover Fever" (Israel, 1995) afflicts a modern Israeli family as children, in-laws, and out-laws return home for the holidays. Smart and wry, with a dash of magic realism, this comic drama makes the case that even if family is often "tough love," home is where the heart is.

Directed by Shemi Zarhin, "Passover Fever" features a fine ensemble cast headed up by leading Israeli actress Gila Almagor who will be present at the screening and reception which follows. Dan Kyram, consul general of Israel to New England, will introduce the film.

• **Nature vs. Nurture.** From the separated at birth file comes director Frauke Sandig's docu-

mentary "Oskar & Jack" (Germany, 1966), a fascinating exploration of the nature of identity and the roots of racism. Twins Oskar and Jack were born in 1933 in Trinidad to a German-Catholic mother and Jewish father. Infant Oskar returned to Germany with his mother; Jack remained in Trinidad with his father. Oskar joined the Hitler youth; Jack was brought up an Orthodox Jew. The film traces the twins' separate lives and records their late-in-life reunion.

The documentary "Baba Luba" (Israel, 1995), directed by Julie Shles, features another unique family reunion. Israeli rock singer Dani Bassan journeys to Brazil to find the father who abandoned him when he was 5 years old. Bassan combs through old letters of his grandmother ("Baba") Luba, Rio de Janeiro police files, and his own dim memories of childhood to discover the truth about himself and his family.

• **On the Edge: Israeli/Palestinian Co-Existence.** Is co-existence possible? Will the peace process be reversed? This first Israeli-Palestinian production, "On the Edge of Peace" (1994) chronicles the first year's impact of the Israeli-Palestinian Accords upon ordinary people. Three Israelis and three Palestinians were given video cameras for six months to document their lives and the lives of their communities during this turbulent, dramatic period.

Directed by Palestine's foremost director Michel Khleifi (Cannes prize-winner for his "Wedding in Galilee"), "Tale of The Three Jewels" (Palestine/Belgium, 1995) is a feature filmed entirely on location in the Gaza Strip. Youssef, a 12-year-old Palestinian boy with a father in prison and a brother in hiding, falls in love with a young gypsy girl and attempts to win her love.



"GOODBYE, BOYS" (1966), a Russian classic, tells the story of three friends — two Russian, one Jewish — on the eve of World War II. The film will be shown on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at the North Shore General Cinema.

Photo courtesy of the Boston Jewish Film Festival

• **Film Forum on Israeli Women on Film.** From their unique perspectives as artists and activists, Israeli actress Gila Almagor; Chair of the Israel Women's network, Alice Shalvi; and moderator Gail Reimer, co-author of *Reading Ruth*, explore the challenges facing Israeli women today.

The forum is preceded by a screening of "Divorce" from "Tel Aviv Stories" (Israel, 1992), three lively tales about the problems facing three modern young women in Tel Aviv, directed by two women, Ayelet Menachami and Nirit Yarona. In "Divorce," a young civil servant goes "rambo" when she cannot get a "get" (a writ of divorce) and takes Jewish law into her own hands, high jacking an elevator full of Orthodox rabbis. This

entertaining fiction illustrates the real-life plight of thousands of Israeli women known as the "agunot," or chained ones.

• **More on Israeli Women.** In "Song of the Siren" (Israel, 1995), it's New Year's Eve 1990, and as Tel-Aviv prepares for the Gulf War, 30-something Talila Katz is juggling the threat of scud attacks with her equally pressing love life. The epitome of a sophisticated, modern Tel-Aviv woman, Katz tries to follow her smarts and her heart. Each air-raid siren finds her in a sealed room with a different cast of characters. Based on the best-selling novel by one of Israel's hottest new writers, this romantic comedy was a box-office smash in Israel.

"Song of the Siren" is preceded by "Home" (Israel, 1994), a short film by the talented young director David Ofek, about inter-generational conflict and connection at their most charming and poignant as an Iraqi-Israeli family, gathered during the Gulf War, watches television reports on the bombing of Baghdad.

• **Restoration of a Russian**

Classic. "Goodbye, Boys" (1966) has been called the Russian "The 400 Blows." This lyrical and haunting film by director Mikhail Kalik ("The Wind Returneth") is set on the eve of World War II and tells the story of three friends — two Russian, one Jewish — whose loyalties and friendship are tested by the hardships of battle. Wartime newsreels lend a gritty reality to this seldom-seen Brezhnev-era "thaw" work.

General admission for festival films is \$8 and \$7 for students, seniors and Museum of Fine Arts members. (MFA member discount applies only to screenings at the MFA).

Tickets for the opening night film and reception at the Museum of Fine Arts are \$18 and \$15 (for MFA members, seniors and students). Group sales (20 or more) are available for \$6. A festival pass is available for \$100 and is good for admission to all festival events (including opening night and the North Shore) and priority seating.

To purchase advance tickets, receive a festival brochure, or sign up to volunteer, contact the festival office at (617) 441-3355.

## Yefim Bronfman to Play Rhode Island

Yefim Bronfman, the pianist who packed in audiences at Boston's Symphony Hall last March, will start the season on Nov. 6 for R.I. Chamber Music Concerts. His program will include works by Scarlatti, Schumann and Prokofiev.

Born in Tashkent, in the former Soviet Union, Bronfman immigrated to Israel at age 15, and then to the United States. Since 1989 he has been a U.S. citizen. He studied at The Juilliard School, Marlboro and the Curtis Institute. In 1991, he won the prestigious Avery Fisher Prize. The same year, he gave a series of joint recitals with Isaac Stern in Russia. He records for Sony Classical, and has been nominated for Grammy and Gramophone awards.

He played last year with leading orchestras in New York, Los Angeles, Montreal, Baltimore, Paris, Toronto, Tokyo, Barcelona, Berlin and London.

This January, the *Vancouver Sun* spoke of Bronfman's "almost superhuman technique" and remarked: "By the end the keys were practically smoking."



Yefim Bronfman, Pianist Extraordinaire

## P.C. Dance Company to Perform

The Providence College Dance Company will present its fall concert on Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. and on Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. in '64 Hall on the PC campus. The performance will include works by faculty and students in modern and jazz styles.

Music and theater faculty will collaborate on one of the works, entitled "Scenes from Provence," a work of five sections, each a vignette reminiscent of some aspect of Provence, in the south of France.

Student performers will be Kimberly Errato, Gretchen Hummrich, Jamie Magnani, Kaitlyn O'Brien, and Nicole Pelaggi-Dyer.

The performance is free and open to the public.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## URI Hillel Hosts 'Voice of the Turtle' Gervais Exhibits in Cranston

On Nov. 3, Voice of the Turtle will give a performance at Edwards Auditorium on the University of Rhode Island campus.

The concert is co-sponsored by the South County Center for the Arts and the Hillel Foundation.

Voice of the Turtle performs a special, exotic form of folk music that has survived for more than 500 years.

Born of the pain of exile, it is the music of the Sephardic Jew. Banished from Spain at the time of Columbus' discovery of the New World, these people scattered throughout the known world, taking their music and language with them.

A Turtle concert is a journey through song and stories about love, beauty, and the joys and sorrows of life. This is music from many countries. Songs are a cultural blend from Arabic to Spanish to Eastern European folk music.

Internationally acclaimed, the four musicians who comprise Voice of the Turtle — Derek Burrows, Lisle Kulbach, Jay Rosenberg and Judith Wachs — sing and perform on more



VOICE OF THE TURTLE will present the music of Sephardic Jews at URI on Nov. 3.

Photo by Susan Wilson, courtesy of Joanne Rile Artists Management, Inc.

than 20 exotic instruments which include saz, bombard, vielle, shawm, oud and chalumeau.

Partial funding for this appearance comes from grants from the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island Continuity Commission, the New England Foundation for the Arts, and the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

Curtain time for this concert is 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students and senior citizens, \$9 for Arts Center members, and \$6 for children under 12.

Tickets are available by calling the South County Center for the Arts at 783-1018. They are also available at URI Hillel, as well as Wakefield Music and at Saywells, both on Main Street in Wakefield.

Not included are dinners, tips, transportation to locations, and personal shopping.

Reservations must be made by Nov. 25. For more information, call the Wickford Art Association Gallery at 294-6840.

Stephen King, Dean Koontz, and Clive Barker write the books, but who illustrates the covers?

Warwick resident Stephen Gervais is one such artist, and his pencil and colored pencil works will be featured in an art exhibit at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road, from Nov. 2 through 30.

Gervais, a fine arts major at the Art Institute of Boston, has illustrated special limited editions of *Dark Rivers of the Heart* by Dean Koontz, *Christine* by Stephen King, *Ghost Story* by Peter Straub, and *Reborn* by F. Paul Wilson.

Most recently, Gervais completed work on an illustrated special limited edition of Richard Bachman's (a.k.a. Stephen King) latest book, *The Regulators*, published by Dutton Books.

Gervais has now turned his interests from commercial and editorial drawings to rendering portraits and producing his own original art. His exhibit can be viewed in the Central Library's Rear Gallery throughout November during library hours of opening.

For more information on this and other art exhibits, call the library at 943-9080.

## Academy Players Present New Version of 'Babes in Arms'

The Academy Players of East Greenwich will present "Babes in Arms" on Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at the Swift Center in East Greenwich.

"Babes in Arms" was written in the late '20s by Richard Rogers and Lorenz Hart. Many of the hit songs in the score have become standards we still hear today: "My Funny Valentine," "Where or When," "The Lady is a Tramp."

John Michael has updated this production, which opens

the 41st season of Academy Players.

"The show is now set in the early '60s," said Michael. "The language is much more direct, taking the action of the story at a quicker pace. Overall it's a much jazzier version of the show, with all the charm of the original story."

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 with reservations or \$15 at the door. For reservations, call 885-6910.

## Watercolor Workshop in Saba

Wickford Art Association will sponsor a watercolor workshop on the Caribbean island of Saba. The workshop will be led by Newport watercolor artist Natalie Pfanstiehl.

Dates for the one-week workshop are March 18 to 25, 1997. The cost of \$1,395 in-

cludes round-trip airfare from Providence, van transportation to hotel, hotel accommodations at the Captain's Quarters (double occupancy), taxes, full American breakfast and box lunch daily, workshop tuition, and welcoming and farewell receptions at the hotel.

## Going From 'Rags to Riches'

Slater Mill Historic Site's newest exhibit, "Rags to Riches," begins Nov. 4.

While most contemporary textile exhibitions focus on quilts, this show highlights another decorative folk art — rugs.

Artists use recycled materials to create stunning rugs, representing a variety of techniques (woven, braided, hooked, etc.) handed down from generation to generation. These contempo-

rary rugmakers use their old techniques with new vision.

"Rags to Riches" may be seen at Slater Mill Historic Site, 67 Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket, second floor, through Nov. 30, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Admission is free and open to the public. Call 725-8638 for more information and directions.

## Two Artists to Exhibit Work

East Greenwich Photo will present a photography exhibit by two artists: "Recent Works — European Images" by Christopher Clancy and "Local Landscapes" by Cindy Horovitz Wilson.

The exhibit will show from Nov. 5 to Dec. 5. There will be an opening reception on Nov. 7,

from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is welcome.

Gallery hours: Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Susie Dittelman at 884-0220.

## Don Bousquet is Coming

Rhode Island cartoonist Don Bousquet will sign copies of his new retrospective, *Rhode Island Album: 16 Years of Don Bousquet* (Douglas Charles Press, \$24.95 hardcover), on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m., at the Books on the Square, 471 Angell St. in Providence. Bousquet's renditions of Rhode Island speech, mannerisms, and mores have had Rhode Islanders laughing at themselves for nearly two decades. The volume contains many previously unpublished cartoons, as well as a number of old favorites, and a personal and family history.

This event is free and open to the public at Books on the Square, 471 Angell St., Wayland Square, Providence.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



## Community Players Host Musical 'Annie Get Your Gun'

The Community Players will open their 76th season with the classic musical "Annie Get Your Gun."

Directed by Peggy Pires with musical direction by G. Frank Meekins, "Annie Get Your Gun," is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Set in 19th-century America, the musical presents the romantic competition of Annie Oakley and Frank Butler at Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

Offering some of Irving Berlin's most memorable music, "Annie Get Your Gun" is

filled with captivating tunes including "They Say It's Wonderful," "I Got The Sun In The Morning" and "There's No Business Like Show Business."

Produced at Jenks Junior High School, located on Division Street in Pawtucket, across from McCoy Stadium, performances are scheduled for Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17, with Friday and Saturday curtain times at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students under 13. For reservations, call 726-6860.



### Early Spring Landscape

Ida Schmulowitz will exhibit her landscapes at the Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery, on the Providence College Campus, from Nov. 3 to 29. A reception will be held Nov. 3, 6 to 8 p.m. Call 865-2401 for gallery hours.



FROM LEFT, BRIAN MULVEY OF WARWICK, Doug Cameron of Pawtucket and Elliott Fox of Smithfield star in The Community Players' production of "Annie Get Your Gun."

Photo by Bill Donnelly, Donnelly Photography

## 'The Worcester Account' Re-issued After 40 Years

Actress Maureen Stapleton will attend a publication party celebrating the re-issue of the late S.N. Behrman's classic memoir of immigrant life in turn-of-the-century America, *The Worcester Account* (Tatnuck Bookseller Press, \$25 limited edition hardcover; \$13.95 paperback).

Stapleton, who appeared in the 1958 Broadway play based on the book, will also sign copies of her autobiography, *A Hell of a Life* (Simon & Schuster \$24).

The event will be held at 8 p.m. on Nov. 2 at Tatnuck Bookseller Marketplace, 335 Chandler St., Worcester and is free and open to the public. Members of the Behrman family will also attend and refreshments

will be served. For information, call (508) 756-7644.

The stories collected in *The Worcester Account* first appeared in the *New Yorker* magazine in the 1940s, and were later published in book form in 1954.

In the book, Behrman (1893-1973) devotes a chapter to the famous anarchist Emma Goldman's stint running a Worcester ice cream parlor in 1892. Stapleton won an Oscar in 1981 for her role as Emma

Goldman in the movie, "Reds."

The son of Lithuanian immigrants, Behrman grew up in a Worcester triple-decker and went on to become a successful essayist, Broadway playwright and Hollywood screenwriter. Because of his talent for writing dialogue, he was in demand for the new "talkies," and he wrote more than 20 scripts for such stars as Greta Garbo, Gary Cooper, Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh and Myrna Loy.

## Musical Comedy Workshop Offered by Academy Players

Two years ago the Academy Players began an informal workshop to develop their actors in musical comedy technique. What started as an experiment has blossomed into an intense 12-week course for its members, set in a studio atmosphere.

Each actor prepares a new song each week to present to the class. It is then critiqued by the group as a whole.

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Broadway veteran, John Michael Richardson, a graduate of North Carolina School for the Arts. His credits include the first national and Broadway companies of "A Chorus Line."

Class resumes in November with a 12-week course. The class is free to anyone who has a season membership.

For information, call Academy board member Denis Pelletier at 294-2159 or John Michael Richardson at 885-5274. A \$25 season membership provides tickets to three major productions and free admission to any of the workshop classes.

## Auditions Announced

The Community Players will hold auditions for Agatha Christie's murder mystery, "Ten Little Indians" on Nov. 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Jenks Junior High School, Division Street, Pawtucket (across from McCoy Stadium).

Director Ronn Marshall is looking for one woman and two men between the ages of 20 and 30 and two women and seven men between the ages of 45 and 60. All roles are open.

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# FEATURE

## German Towns Restoring Ancient Jewish Site

by Olivia Maxwell

One of the many tragedies resulting from the Holocaust is that, after World War II, Jewish life did not revive in literally hundreds of small towns and villages across Germany.

Today, almost all of the more than 60,000 Jewish Germans live in major cities, all of which have Jewish sites to interest the traveler.

Yet it is in many small towns and villages — particularly far off the beaten track in the southwestern region of Baden-Württemberg — that dozens of old synagogues and Jewish sites have recently been restored and either preserved as memorials, or converted to other tasteful applications.

A tour through the bucolic farmland, pine forests and half-timbered villages of this region

of Germany brings the traveler to many small towns with poignant, and intriguing stories.

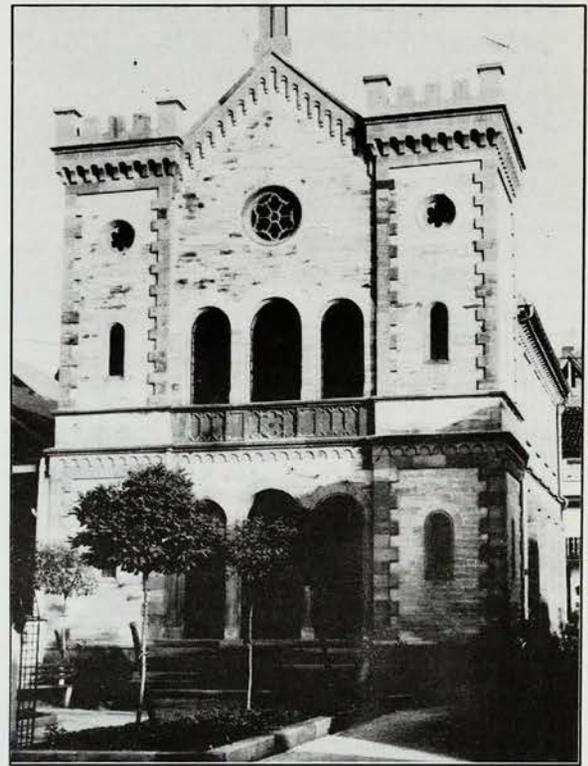
Take **Kippenheim**, for instance, not much larger than a big village southeast of Baden-Baden, in the part of Germany closest to France to the west and Switzerland to the south. Jews lived in Kippenheim in substantial numbers from the mid-17th century until 1940. Its elegant synagogue, dating from 1851, was wrecked and burned during the Kristallnacht pogrom of 1938, but its shell remained in use as a prison and, after the war, as a farmers' storehouse.

In the 1980s a local group called the German-Israel Workers' Circle, appealed for state funding to restore the building's exterior as a memorial, and in 1989 on the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Kippenheim

Synagogue, in a moving torch-lit ceremony, was rededicated as a Cultural Landmark of the State of Baden-Württemberg.

Interestingly, the horrors of Kristallnacht were not echoed in the tiny village of **Schmieheim**, just two kilometers further east. Here one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful Jewish cemeteries (its oldest grave dates from 1703) was surrounded on Kristallnacht by the townspeople, insistent that Nazi gangs not enter.

The cemetery can be visited today, and its gravestones say much about the 20th century German-Jewish experience. At the entry, a large memorial names the more than 20 Jewish villagers who died in the uniform of the Germany army in World War I.



THE KIPPENHEIM SYNAGOGUE was rededicated in 1989, the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

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- Prohibit those convicted of sexual assault, child molestation, or arson from possessing a firearm (Bill # 95-H-6135, April 27, 1995)
- Define "disabled" and "elderly" for purposes of increasing penalties for robbery of elderly or disabled person (Bill # 96-H-7405)
- Include 'second degree sexual assault', 'second degree child molestation' and other violent crimes to list of offenses which may not be deleted from police record (Bill # 96-H-7678, April 23, 1996)
- Require Parole Board to notify victims of crime 30 days prior to parole hearing (Bill # 96-H-7853, Sub A, April 23, 1996)

David has also:

- Supported the Domestic Violence Abuse Prevention Act (Bill # 95-H-5773, April 27, 1995)
- Led floor debate in support of reform of Victim's Compensation program to provide quicker and better compensation for victims of crime (Bill # 96-H-7738, July 31, 1996)
- Assisted neighborhood group effort to establish community crime watch.

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Elsewhere, newer double graves have only one occupant — who died in the 1920s or 1930s. Their deported spouses died far from their loved ones.

In the north of the province, in the village of **Hemsbach**, where Jews also lived from the 17th century to 1940, the Romanesque Synagogue, dating from 1845, was restored in the late 1980s and is now a state landmark.

Here, as in Schmieheim, the townsfolk stopped Nazi "brown-shirts" from torching the building, although the contents, including prayerbooks and furnishings, were burned in a pyre in the synagogue courtyard.

Today, the restored Hemsbach Synagogue complex serves as a memorial to the former Jewish community and as a base for an organization called the Support Group for the former Hemsbach Synagogue. Since its founding in 1984, the support group sponsors tours, exhibits and lectures designed to "preserve the memory of the former Jewish citizens of Hemsbach."

Jewish life in **Hechingen**, 40 miles southwest of Stuttgart, is first mentioned in local records in 1490; by the mid-19th century, more than 25 percent of the townsfolk were Jews. The interior of the synagogue dating from 1767 was completely destroyed on Kristallnacht and during the 1970s former Hechingen Jews, now living overseas, made an effort to transform the synagogue into a memorial.

In 1979, local residents founded The Initiative for the Hechingen Synagogue, which in 1982 acquired the wrecked building and restored it as a base for teaching the region's residents about Judaism and Jewish history and culture. The former synagogue is also used as an auditorium for cultural performances.

In **Freudental**, 25 miles north of Stuttgart, one of Germany's loveliest rural synagogues, dating from 1770, was declared a state landmark in 1926. The building was heavily damaged and burned on Kristallnacht and after its relegation to various uses, in 1980 concerned local citizens created the Freudental Patronage and Support Society specifically to preserve the former synagogue, and despite there being no community to use it for prayer, to put it to meaningful use.

Since the Former Freudental Synagogue Pedagogic and Cultural Center was created in the restored building in 1985, it has become an important regional center, library and archive used for lectures, seminars, continuing education courses and conferences on National Socialism, the history of Freudental Jews and anti-Semitism.

In tiny **Affaltrach**, northeast of Stuttgart, the synagogue (built in 1856) was part of a larger complex containing a Jewish school and residences, and was, as a result, one of the few such buildings in Germany not demolished on Kristallnacht.

The actual prayer-room was destroyed, however, and in the 1980s the Society for the Conservation of the Affaltrach Synagogue completed the building's renaissance as a museum and memorial. A permanent exhibit on "The History of the Jews in the Lowlands" is installed in the one-time schoolroom and teacher's apartment, and the former prayer-room houses an exhibit on "Religious Life in Judaism."

Restored Jewish sites can be found in many more towns and villages of Baden-Württemberg, including in Michelbach an der Lücke, Sulzburg, Bopfinger, Nonneweier and Schwäbisch Hall.

# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Farrakhan Rally Features New Song, But Same Old Tune

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen

NEW YORK (JTA) — Louis Farrakhan may have changed the name of the song, but the violinist and former calypso singer is still playing his favorite tune.

Whether the Anti-Defamation League "likes it or not, whether the mayor likes it or not, I have to tell the truth and if you say this is hatred then I say that you are the haters," the leader of the Nation of Islam told more than 30,000 of his followers at a rally in New York recently.

Billed as the "World's Day of Atonement," the day was part evangelical preaching and part black empowerment rally, filled with messages of black pride and white hatred, a desire for peace and exhortations to warlike rebellion.

His followers, eager to hear Farrakhan explain their marginalization, filled the block that is across the street from the United Nations and against the back of the headquarters of the ADL.

Farrakhan spoke for more than 2 1/2 hours from behind a four-sided structure made of bullet-proof plastic. He said he had to be shielded from attack because "not everyone loves me."

The ADL was on an extremely high security alert because the rally came just days after an editorial, "ADL: Enemy to the people," appeared in the Oct. 8 edition of the Nation of Islam newspaper *The Final Call*.

"We are used to demonstrations here and once and a while, the sponsors are not our best friends," said ADL national director Abraham Foxman, who refused to detail the security precautions his organization took beyond working with the police.

"This is a little bit new in the sense that we were targeted," he said. "The Nation of Islam made clear that they really wanted it at our site, though originally I thought they wanted it at the U.N. and that the ADL was incidental."

Surrounded by a phalanx of Fruit of Islam guards dressed in militaristic black uniforms, Farrakhan spoke of U.S. government and international conspiracies against blacks and Arabs. Over and over he slammed whites, the U.S. government and the United Nations for being oppressive and unjust.

But the only ethnic or religious group he singled out was the Jews. Though barely men-

tioned in most media accounts of the rally, the minister's anti-Jewish rhetoric was, as it often is, ardent and plentiful.

In the beginning of his speech, which was delivered like a fire-and-brimstone sermon and filled with references to biblical characters and narrative, Farrakhan said, "The apple tree [of wisdom] is drying up among the Jewish people."

He compared the Jewish people to "the locust, which eats away the foliage."

He later spoke of Jewish control of business and government and said, "The black people and the red [people] are the fulfillment of what is written in the Torah, the Gospel and the Koran."

"We were sold [as slaves] to Europeans, Arabs and Jews," he said.

"If the Jewish people has something to do with our enslavement then the Jewish people must have something to do with our expiation," he said in a soaring, angry voice.

"If you accept this judgement," he said, apparently addressing the Jewish community, "and turn swords into plowshares, then we can avert all war!"

## Jewish Couple Forms Group to Address 'Illegitimacy'

by Helen Jacobus  
London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON (JTA) — A couple from central England whose son has been deemed illegitimate has launched a support group to help others in similar situations.

The couple also has left the Orthodox Jewish community.

Jeffrey Kaufman, and his wife, Lily Kaufman, said in an interview recently that they both had been married before and had ended those marriages in civil divorces.

But Lily Kaufman had to wait eight years before her previous husband would grant her a "get," or a Jewish divorce.

When she finally received the get, she said, she was six weeks pregnant with Jeffrey Kaufman's child.

According to Jewish law, the Kaufmans' son, who is now 11,

was conceived in an adulterous relationship and is a "mamzer."

Jewish law dictates that he can only marry another "mamzer" or a convert. In addition, the stigma is passed on to future generations.

Non-Orthodox movements have abolished the categorization, calling it unjust.

However, the Kaufmans want their son to feel at home within the Orthodox community should he decide to join it someday.

"A person shouldn't be beholden to those antiquated rulings," Jeffrey Kaufman said, adding, "The situation occurred when Lily was 39 and I was in my early 40s, without a child of my own. At that age, you don't wait around. No child could have been more wanted."

## Court: Women Entitled To Equal Worship Rights

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's High Court of Justice has instructed the government to come up with an appropriate arrangement to enable a group of women to hold egalitarian services at the Western Wall.

The grass-roots group, Women of the Wall, had petitioned the court for the right to conduct services there that would include women reading from the Torah and wearing

tallitot.

During the group's previous attempts to worship at the Western Wall plaza, the women were assaulted by fervently Orthodox men and women.

In addition, the court told the Religious Affairs Ministry to pay for all the legal expenses of Women of the Wall.

In the past, the court has issued similar directives concerning the wall, but they were not heeded.

## Breakdown in Trust Could Lead to Coup

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli analyst has suggested that deteriorating relations between Israel's political and military echelons could lead to the unthinkable: Israel's first military coup.

In an interview with the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*, Ze'ev Maoz, head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies in Tel Aviv, said there has been an unprecedented breakdown of faith between the two groups, adding that it is not out of the question that a coup could take place in the event of an international crisis.

"I think the possibility of a coup is very remote, but since

the assassination of [Yitzhak Rabin], I don't think anything is impossible in Israeli politics," he told Israel Radio.

"If we enter a situation of an international crisis in this atmosphere of lack of trust between the military and political echelons, there are good reasons for worry," he told *Ha'aretz*.

"The army does not have the option of playing politics to change the situation, so the likelihood of a coup becomes a more attractive option," he added.

Maoz said the breakdown in relations had resulted from a sense among government officials that top members of the

military were biased against them.

"The politicians currently in power suspect the military advisers to be biased towards the previous government, because they were appointed by the previous government, they took part in the negotiations with the Palestinians and Syrians" under that government, Maoz said.

Maoz added that those members of the current government who come from military backgrounds, such as Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Public Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, are out of the decision-making loop.

## Netanyahu Apologizes to Chirac

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Marring an already strained visit to Israel, French President Jacques Chirac got into an altercation with Israeli security guards during a visit recently to Jerusalem's Old City.

Red-faced and elbows flailing during the visit, Chirac snapped angrily at the security guards, demanding that they allow him to greet Palestinians.

But the tight ring of Israeli security forces continued to force Arabs to remain in their shops and to keep journalists away from the French leader.

"Go away," Chirac snapped at the guards, clearly angered at their attempts to keep Arab well-wishers away.

"This is provocation. Stop this

now. Do you want me to go back to my plane and go home to France?" he protested in English to the head of security.

French diplomatic officials submitted an official complaint to Israel's Foreign Ministry.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu later apologized at a joint news conference with Chirac for what he described as "perhaps excessive zeal in trying to protect a friend."

Netanyahu explained that a high level of security arrangements had been adopted in Israel for visiting foreign leaders since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination one year ago.

Chirac said that in light of the apology, he considered the matter closed.

## French Leader's Visit Marked by Contrast

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — On Oct. 23 French President Jacques Chirac became the first foreign head of state to address the Palestinian legislative council.

"A Palestinian state is not in any way a danger to the security of anyone," he said, adding that it was indeed the only way to insure a peaceful future for Israelis and Palestinians.

Chirac also sounded other themes that put him squarely at odds with the Netanyahu government. "Changes on the ground in Jerusalem, like confiscation of land and demolishing houses, must stop. There must be economic freedom in Palestine, which means putting an end to the closure."

Chirac, who has stated that he wants Europe, France in particular, to serve as cosponsors of the Middle East peace process, said he saluted the U.S. role in the peace process, but added that the process was "losing its breath" because of a perception

that the United States would not act as an impartial mediator.

"I see the European and French role in building more trust," he said.

A day before traveling to Ramallah, Chirac got into an altercation with Israeli security guards during a visit to Jerusalem's Old City. He snapped angrily at security guards, who forced Arab well-wishers away from him.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu later apologized for what he described as "perhaps

excessive zeal in trying to protect a friend."

Netanyahu explained that Israel had adopted a high level of security arrangements for visiting foreign leaders since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination one year ago.

Despite the apology, Netanyahu made it clear that he did not support granting France the greater role it seeks in the peace process. "The solution between the parties has to be achieved by the parties themselves," he said at the news conference.

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# OBITUARIES

## LENORA GOLTZ

LA JOLLA, Calif. — Lenora Goltz, 80, of 710 Rock St., Fall River, a teacher of mathematics at B.M.C. Durfee High School for 25 years before retiring, died Oct. 26 at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, Calif. She was the widow of Philip Goltz.

Born in Brockton, Mass., a daughter of the late Morris and Lilly (Zablatsky) Grozen, she moved to Fall River 77 years ago.

She was a 1937 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Pembroke College, now Brown University, where she later received a master's degree. She was a member of Temple Beth-El. She was a member of the American Association of University Women.

She leaves a daughter, Barbara Sheer of Stamford, Conn.; a son, Edward Goltz of New York City; two sisters, Florence Ucran of Cranston, and Ida Appel of Fall River; a brother, Julius Grozen of Fall River, and three grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Oct. 29 at Temple Beth-El Cemetery, North Main Street. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

## ROSE KROUDVIRD

PROVIDENCE — Rose Kroudivird, 80, of the Summit Pavilion, 1085 N. Main St., a secretary for radio station WGNG in Pawtucket for many years before retiring 30 years ago, died Oct. 24 at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of David Kroudivird. She was the widow of Paul Morris.

Born in New Bedford, Mass., a daughter of the late Hyman and Sarah (Millings) Cedar, she lived in New Bedford and Providence for many years.

She leaves four nieces, Joan Sloane of Pawtucket, Paula Golden of Brooklyn, N.Y., Sharon Lendenbaum and Gail Heymsfield, both in Maryland; and a nephew, Howard Ginsberg of Cranston.

A graveside service was held Oct. 29 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. The family was assisted with arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## RUTH L. OSTER

PROVIDENCE — Ruth L. Oster, 85, of Blackstone Boulevard, a teacher, businesswoman and philanthropist for many years, died Oct. 20 at home. She was the widow of Aaron J. Oster, with whom she had co-founded the A.J. Oster Co. of Providence.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Pauline (Greenberg) Leach.

She was a graduate of the former Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College, where she had won awards for drama and public speaking. She taught in the Providence public schools before her marriage. She also taught Hebrew in her home to those unable to afford private tutors.

She was a life member of The Miriam Hospital Women's Association, Brandeis University Women's Division and Hadasah. She was a board member of the former Jewish Home for the

Aged and the women's division of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. With the latter group she participated in two leadership missions to Israel and was awarded, in Jerusalem, the Prime Minister's Medal for Distinguished Service to Israel.

She was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women. She was a longtime contributor to the Massachusetts General Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital, and the Rhode Island chapters of the American Heart Association, The American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society.

She was an accomplished painter in oils and watercolor, having studied under the late Herman Itchkawich. In 1956 she presented a one-woman show of her work in Wickford.

She leaves two sons, Richard M. Oster of Barrington and Stephen A. Oster of Greenwich, Conn.; a daughter, Judith Gorinberg of Providence; a brother, Max Leach of Providence, and nine grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Oscar A. Leach.

The funeral service was held Oct. 22 at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## SYLVIA L. ROSENSTEIN

PROVIDENCE — Sylvia L. Rosenstein, 86, of 84 Seventh St., died Oct. 21 in Miriam Hos-

pital. She was the wife of Benjamin Rosenstein.

They had been married for 63 years.

Born in Poland, a daughter of the late Moses and Sarah (Linder) Snow, she had lived in Providence for the last 78 years.

She had been a member of Temple Emanu-El. She was an ardent lover of the arts, attending weekly lectures at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum for many years.

## Preservation of Old European Cemeteries Becoming a Priority

by Heather Camlot

NEW YORK (JTA) — On a beautiful day in Kalisch, Poland, children gather at a local field to play a game.

Underneath that field lies Mugan Avraham, a Jewish legal scholar who died more than 250 years ago.

"He is buried there and on his grave, a football team plays," said Rabbi Hertz Frankel, vice president of the World Council of Orthodox Jewish Communities. "They removed all the tombstones, threw them away, flattened the ground and made it a football field."

All across Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, traces of Jewish cemeteries have been disappearing and, in some cases the land is being developed for business or other uses.

Recent construction digging in Lviv, Ukraine, unearthed human remains at a location that is one of the oldest and largest cemeteries in Europe.

The cemetery in Lviv "was razed by the Nazis," said Harry Reicher, the U.N. representative of the Agudath Israel World Organization. "The Communists built a market on that cemetery. Now they are building additional shops to the market."

Efforts to preserve Jewish burial grounds have been focused recently on the Ukraine, where cemeteries in three cities are threatened with commercial development.

One is the resting place of Rabbi Levi Yitzchok, a legendary Chasidic figure. "That place has some storage garages being built at the moment and the excavations for those storage garages have also unearthed human remains," Reicher said.

Orthodox Jewish groups have spearheaded efforts to stop construction at these cemeteries and the Clinton administration is also protesting.

After meeting with U.S. officials in Washington last month, Volodymyr Horbulyn, secretary of the Ukrainian national security council, agreed to freeze con-

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Joan Sandman of Framingham, Mass., and Linda Desmond of Providence; a brother, Dr. Adolph Snow of Beecher, Ill., and two grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Charlotte Gilstein.

The funeral service was held Oct. 23 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

struction at the three cemeteries.

United States and Ukrainian officials will meet this month to try to work out an arrangement to ensure the preservation of the three cities' cemeteries, and a Ukrainian commission of Jewish and governmental officials has reached an agreement to reclaim the cemetery in Lviv.

The agreement includes bans on construction on the grounds of the former cemetery.

Michael Lewan, chairman of the United States Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, said the problem of restoring Jewish cemeteries in Ukraine is much broader than those in just three cities. There are thousands of cemeteries in shtetls that are small and unmarked, he added.

"There is no one to take care of the cemeteries in the outlying, rural areas" because the people that lived by them were either exterminated or emigrated, Lewan said.

The commission has identified 700 Jewish cemeteries in Ukraine, but believes there are at least twice as many.

The commission wants Ukraine to reclaim the land in each case, protect it with a fence, and erect a plaque or monument stating that a thriving Jewish community once lived nearby and that this ground is a cemetery.

Frankel believes that Jewish cemeteries should be declared national landmarks and transferred from the jurisdiction of local municipalities to federal governments.

He was in Poland recently for the rededication of the Jewish cemetery in Dembica. "We just reclaimed it and they promised to remove the flowers and vegetables [that were planted] by the end of October," he said.

In some instances, buildings have been built on top of Jewish cemeteries.

"What do we do with these buildings?" Lewan said. "These are complicated issues but at the end of the day, no one disagrees that this is Jewish land."

## Knesset Honors Moshe Dayan

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Knesset took a break from its routine recently to commemorate Moshe Dayan on the 15th anniversary of his death.

Dayan, the Israeli military leader and statesman, was recognizable by his black eyepatch.

During World War II, he fought with the British and lost his left eye during an Allied operation against French Vichy forces in Lebanon.

He was a commander in the

pre-state fighting forces, and later held senior command positions in the Israeli army.

Dayan directed Israel's Sinai Campaign in 1956, was defense minister during the Six-Day War, and was a founder of the Labor Party.

He left Labor to join the first Likud government of Menachem Begin.

Dayan was instrumental in arranging Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977.

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# Experimental, Shorter Trip to Israel Proves Successful

by Teresa Strasser  
Jewish Bulletin of  
Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Teen trips to Israel may never be the same.

Last summer, a group of San Francisco students went on the first Koret Israel Teen Trip, an experimental program designed to encourage more teens to visit the Jewish state.

At 23 days, this trip was far shorter than the six-week community trips previously offered. At \$2,000, it was also about one-third the usual cost.

The Koret Foundation, which is sponsoring this experiment with a \$60,000 grant, hopes that by the year 2001, 50,000 young people nationwide will have taken this streamlined summer trip.

Employing research conducted by Brandeis University

demographer Gary Tobin, the Koret trip hoped to attract more teens to Israel by reducing its duration and cost.

"This was a less expensive alternative. I don't think I could've gone otherwise," said Ben Anjo, a participant.

Anjo and most of the other 31 trip participants met recently for a reunion. They swapped photos, ate burgers and talked about the trip that most would never have taken if not for Koret.

"I thought six weeks was too long," said Leah Neary, 17. "I didn't want to be away from home for that long."

When Neary won a prestigious scholarship to a Southern California leadership camp, she felt even more troubled about spending a summer in Israel. But she was able to experience both the camp and the Israel tour by "cramming six weeks

into three" on the trip. "We saw everything; we just didn't spend as long."

Josh Weiner, 16, also had other plans for his summer. He was set on attending a tennis camp. If not for the shorter Israel program he, too, would have stayed home.

"I was lucky," said Weiner. "If there wasn't a shorter program, I would have missed out. It was the best three weeks."

Jewish teens have reported to Brandeis researchers that visiting Israel was the most significant Jewish event in their lives.

Every year, about 4,500 U.S. teens, including some 300 from the San Francisco area, tour the Jewish state.

"We're not competing with the six-week trip. We're giving another option," said Yossi Cohen Meidan of the East Bay's Israel Center. Meidan is something of an expert, having previously led 14 teen missions to Israel. This one worked well, he said, but it was not without kinks.

Just five more days, he said, would round out the trip — allowing for an archeological dig, more time in Tel Aviv to experience modern Israeli life and seminars on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

A report by the Modern Jewish Studies Institute of Community and Religion of Brandeis in San Francisco University echoes Meidan's recommendation.

Headed by Tobin, a team of five concluded that the trip accomplished the goals of Israel travel.

Before the trip, 72 percent of the teens said they "feel connected to the Jewish people. After the trip, that number increased to 100 percent. Almost 90 percent of the students re-

ported having few or no Jewish friends before the trip. On return, they reported the reverse, saying that they now consider other participants in the trip their friends, according to the study.

Discussing the report's findings, cultural anthropologist and Brandeis researcher Joel Streicker said, "This group meshed and meshed quickly." He attributed that bonding to the group's small size and pre-group programs such as a retreat to a local Jewish camp "to get to know each other."

Still, the findings were not entirely positive.

One of the study's major rec-

ommendations is that the trip be extended to four weeks next summer. In personal interviews, the teens stressed a need for more unstructured free time to shop, relax and socialize with Israeli teens and each other.

The trip's planners hope that major findings from this study will influence the ongoing national debate on how best to connect American teens to Israel and their own Jewish identities.

While changes are going to be made by a board of directors, which includes eight teens who took the first Koret trip, the report found that most of the students would not have gone to Israel on a six-week trip.

## Israeli Supreme Court Head Responds to Orthodox Attacks

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Supreme Court President Aharon Barak responded last week to the attacks that members of Israel's fervently Orthodox community recently launched against him and against the court.

In speeches and in recent articles in the fervently Orthodox press, leaders of the community have attacked the court for excessive activism and for rulings that threaten the community's way of life and religious values.

Many of the attacks were prompted by the ongoing legal battle over whether to close Bar Ilan Street, a main Jerusalem thoroughfare, to traffic on the Sabbath and religious holidays.

"This criticism does not affect our judgment," Barak told the Knesset Law Committee recently. "We will continue to defend the same principles which we have protected until now."

"There is room for criticism, even harsh criticism, but there is not room for an attack on the judicial system, which damages the delicate weave of Israeli society," Barak added.

"Ours is a state whose democratic roots are not deep enough. We are all in the same boat, sailing on an open sea, religious and secular, right and left."

"These attacks reflect a lack of understanding of the democratic process."

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| Fresh Chicken Legs .....             | \$ .99 lb.     |
| Fresh Chicken Breast With Wing ..... | \$2.29 lb.     |
| Hand-Cut Lox .....                   | \$2.99 1/4 lb. |
| Beef Patties .....                   | \$ 1.69 lb.    |