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## U.S. Jews Divided on Settlements

by Cynthia Mann

NEW YORK (JTA) — President Clinton's public criticism of Israeli settlement policies recently put American Jews in a position they most dislike and fear — squarely between the U.S. and Israeli governments.

It also exposed, however briefly, deep differences in the community that ordinarily are papered over by the preference for consensus.

Some believed Clinton went too far and gave a boost to Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, while others welcomed his frankness as a clear sign of his investment in the peace process.

Days after the Netanyahu government announced that subsidies for Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be restored, Clinton declared at a televised news conference that settlements "absolutely" are an obstacle to peace.

Since then, the administration has sought to balance its hard line with Israel by making public demands on the Palestinians.

U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, who was in Jerusalem recently, pressed them to sign the agreement on Israeli troop deployment from Hebron and warned that further delays would create tension with the United States.

But when Clinton, a president with an unimpeachable pro-Israel record, broke his pattern of using quiet diplomacy to express his differences with the

Jewish state, he triggered a small crisis within the organized Jewish world.

Settlements were once again the flashpoint in the U.S.-Israel relationship, recalling the painful tensions between the Bush and Shamir governments in the early 1990s.

Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Israel's ambassador to the United States, held at least two off-the-record conference calls with members of two umbrella organizations, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

Sources say he emphasized the solidity of the U.S.-Israel relationship and its ability to withstand differences. He also sought to minimize the significance of the decision to reinstate the settlement subsidies, saying that it ends the "discrimination" suffered by the settlers when the subsidies were halted by the Labor government.

But the diplomat's outreach failed to assuage the serious internal debate prompted by the incident.

And this debate prevented these umbrella organizations from pronouncing their usual consensus postures in defense of Israel.

"People are wrestling with the question of where the consensus is," said Martin Raffel, associate executive vice chairman of NJCRAC, after the call, in which 50 people participated from across the country.

Settlements "are an issue on which there always have been huge divisions."

The Conference of Presidents, the master craftsman of consensus and go-between for the U.S. and Israeli governments, was conspicuously silent.

"We know there's no consensus on settlements," said Malcolm Hoenlein, the group's executive vice chairman. He said the differences expressed on the issue during the conference call and elsewhere "were long-held," and broke down along "traditional lines."

The conference's failure to issue a statement in response to the president was a clear indication that there also were tensions over his approach.

"This administration always prided itself on communicating its differences in private, and this obviously was not done in private," Hoenlein said. "We have to see what it represents, whether it is a tactical shift or an immediate response to circumstances."

Meanwhile, feelings about both settlements and Clinton's remarks were running high among member organizations of the conference.

For its part, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the mainstream pro-Israel lobby whose board chairman, Steve Grossman, has close personal ties to Clinton, tried to walk a fine line.

It distributed a fact sheet and printed an article in its newsletter.

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### Questions and Answers

Providence Journal columnist M. Charles Bakst, left, and U.S. Senator-elect Jack Reed were the guest speakers for a Men's Club breakfast on Dec. 22 at Temple Torat Yisrael in Cranston. The format was a question-and-answer session between Bakst and Reed.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

## Dorot Foundation Offers Fellowships In Israel

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

Did you ever want to study in Israel? What if you had the opportunity to do so, while having your travel, housing, food and books paid for?

The Dorot Foundation, based in Providence, provides that opportunity through its Dorot Fellowships in Israel.

The fellowship lasts for one year and combines Jewish studies and an internship in a field of the fellow's choice.

The fellowship is available to college graduates in their 20s or 30s who are not already in, or definitely entering, Jewish professional careers.

"We look for individuals who have exhibited leadership, demonstrated a commitment to public service and are committed to learning about their Jewish heritage," said Rebecca Y. Starr, director of the Dorot Fellowship in Israel.

It's not necessary that a candidate be very observant or have been to Israel to qualify.

"An applicant may or may not have been to Israel," said Starr. "In fact, we prefer people

who have never been to Israel or have a formal Jewish background. Candidates also represent a spectrum of observance and career goals."

The fellowship program was initiated in 1990-91 by the Dorot Foundation, which is a charitable family foundation. Each year, approximately 15 fellows are selected. Eighteen will be chosen this year. Last year, there were 86 applicants.

"The number of applicants grows each year," stated Starr. "People apply from all over the United States, Canada and London."

The fellowship was created with the belief that the quality of decision-making by Jewish lay leaders is affected by knowledge of Jewish heritage and by in-depth experience in Israel.

The fellowship begins with a summer ulpan of the fellow's choosing in July. The foundation provides the fellow with a partial list of Jerusalem-based ulpanim, but each fellow is responsible for researching and choosing the best ulpan for him or herself.

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### Forewarned is Forearmed

The executives of Lifespan are devoting a great deal of time and energy right now, to an effort to educate Rhode Islanders about the effects of a Columbia/HCA invasion of the state. Shown above, in conference with Herald staffers, are, from the left: Steve D. Baron, executive vice president of Lifespan and president of Rhode Island and The Miriam Hospitals; Judge Bruce M. Selya, chairman of the Lifespan board; and Barnet Fain, vice chairman of the Lifespan board. The story appears on page 4.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Vets to Receive Benefits Increase

Beneficiaries of Department of Veterans Affairs compensation and pension programs will see an increase of 2.9 percent in their monthly payments with January benefits checks.

The cost-of-living adjustment affects those on VA's rolls as of Dec. 1.

President Bill Clinton signed legislation that set the 1997 disability compensation increase to the same level as Social Security, placing all the major VA benefit programs, including pension and survivors benefits, at the same 2.9 percent cost-of-living adjustment.

The compensation increase for service-connected disabilities covers 2.3 million veterans. Monthly payments that reflect the seriousness of a disability range from \$94 for a single veteran with a 10 percent disability rating to \$1,924 for a single veteran with a 100 percent disability rating (with additional de-

pendent allowances for veterans rated 30 percent or higher).

Another 418,000 veterans will receive an increase in their pensions — an income supplement program for wartime veterans whose permanent and total disabilities are not service-connected and which brings their incomes up to established levels.

The programs for survivors included dependency and indemnity compensation for 330,191 spouses, children and parents who survive a veteran who died of a service-connected disability.

For survivors of wartime veterans whose death was unrelated to service or a service-connected condition, a death pension program aids low-income families with support up to an established level.

For more information, call the VA regional office at (800) 827-1000.

## Lighten Someone's Loneliness

Eighty volunteers in the Senior Companion Program of Rhode Island are senior companions who give of their time and energy visiting lonely and isolated seniors.

Companion volunteers, 60 and older, provide one-to-one support services to infirm elders, such as shopping, reading, letter-writing, walking, or sharing a meal.

Companions must meet income eligibility requirements.

They serve 20 hours each week and receive a small stipend. The program is funded by the Corporation for National Service, and in Rhode Island it is sponsored by the Department of Elderly Affairs.

Since 1974, senior companions have donated more than 1.2 million hours of service to the state's elders.

For more information on how to get involved, call the DEA at 277-2858.

## CCRI Dental Clinic Offers Cleaning Appointments

The dental hygiene clinic at the Community College of Rhode Island is scheduling cleaning appointments for the spring semester. Complete dental hygiene services are available at the Flanagan campus in Room 1120, 1762 Louisquisset Pike, Lincoln.

Each cleaning includes blood pressure monitoring, oral cancer screening, periodontal examination, cleaning, polishing, fluoride treatment and personalized oral health education.

Since supervised hygiene care is part of the student

hygienist's required curriculum, each appointment will last two hours, so that a broad range of services can be given to each patient.

Patients should also be aware that more than one appointment may be necessary. Additional appointments are covered by the initial \$10 fee.

Other services are available for a minimal fee, such as the application of sealants, and X-rays.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 333-7250.

## Upcoming 'Senior Journal' Schedule

"The Senior Journal" is a program designed to educate the public on concerns of aging through the personal perspectives of Rhode Island seniors. It is written, hosted, produced and edited by senior volunteers.

The program can be viewed Monday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m., over the statewide cableinterconnect, channel "A." The journal is chaired by Lee Chalek.

The broadcast schedule for upcoming "Senior Journal" programs is as follows:

Jan. 6 to 16 — "Director's Corner — Assisted Living and Waiver Programs," hosted by Barbara Ruffino, director, and Anthony Zompa, associate director, Rhode Island Dept. of Elderly Affairs, and featuring Karen Smith, director, and Elsie Brouthers, resident, United Methodist Retirement Center.  
Jan. 20 to 30 — "Occupational

Therapy," hosted by Lee Chalek of Warwick, and featuring Marianne Fung, occupational therapist at Kent County Nursing Home.

Feb. 3 to 13 — "Celebrity Seniors," hosted by Lee Chalek of Warwick, and featuring Dr. Paul H. Narcessian, senior olympian.

Feb. 17 to 27 — "Aging 2000," hosted by Lee Chalek of Warwick, and featuring Edward Zesk, executive director, Aging 2000.

March 3 to 13 — The Active Older Adults program of Kent County YMCA, hosted by Lee Chalek of Warwick, and featuring Judy Cerrito, program coordinator and Doris Parry, volunteer, Kent County YMCA.

Viewers written comments, suggestions, or opinions on "The Senior Journal" are always welcome and should be addressed to: Larry Grimaldi, R.I. Dept. of Elderly Affairs, 160 Pine St., Providence, R.I. 02903.

## Can Information Cure Cancer?

The Leukemia Society of America, Rhode Island Chapter, is sponsoring an upcoming lecture as part of a monthly series, to be held the second Tuesday of each month.

January's lecture will be presented by Gary Schine, author and cancer survivor who found a cure after being told none existed. He will discuss how to get the best treatment by learning of important treatment developments before it's too late.

The lecture is free and is open to the general public. It will take place on Jan. 14 at Hasbro Children's Hospital, Room 150, at 7 p.m.

Parking is available for \$2 in the lot off Dudley Street, across from the hospital emergency room.

For more information regarding the "Can Information Cure Cancer" lecture, call the Leukemia Society at 943-8888.

## Fashion Fantasy to Benefit Children

The Junior League of Rhode Island will present its fourth annual fashion show, "A Fashion Fantasy" on Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m. at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston, R.I. The event is open to the public. Advance reservations are required.

As one of the Junior League of Rhode Island's largest fundraising events for the year, "A Fashion Fantasy" will highlight some great fashions. The afternoon will begin with a presentation given by Dr. Carol Jenny of Hasbro Children's Hospital child abuse prevention unit. Featured fashions from Kakas Furs of Boston, Michael Hayes of Newport, Honore Sullivan Specialty Shop of Newport, F. Bianco of Garden City, and Krystal Shoes of Warwick will follow. A luncheon will be served with the menu selected from *Windows, A Tasteful Reflection of Historic Rhode Island*, the Junior League Cookbook. A silent auction will also be held.

Proceeds will benefit Hasbro Children's Hospital Hearts of Gold Campaign, The Parent Pal Project, The Community Assistant Grant Program, and other Junior League projects related to children's health.

Admission is \$30. Call 331-9302 to reserve space.

## Public Service Announcements Solicited

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council is asking all organizers and originators of public events happening throughout 1997 in the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor of Northern R.I. and Central, Mass., to forward information about their events to the council for inclusion into the agency's calendar of events.

Include dates, times, locations, a brief description of the events and a telephone number for public contact. Forward this information before Feb. 1 to:

Calendar of Events, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, 171 Main St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02860.

For more information, contact the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council at 724-2200.

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# THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

## It Is Worth The Effort

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

We received a book for review, the other day, that seemed at first to be just one more retelling of the Holocaust story. *The Final Solution: Origins and Implementation*, edited by David Cesarani and published by Routledge of London and New York, was 318 pages dense, and studded every so often with page after page of small type notes. Not a quick, easy read.

It was the result of work done for the Wannsee Conference in London in January of 1992, studies by scholars and experts in various fields.

I decided, at first, to tell readers that the book was available...that those still anxious to delve deeply into the history of the Holocaust might find it helpful.

While waiting for an available computer, I continued to flip through Solution's pages, and every so often, I would get hooked and end up reading and underlining page after page.

I didn't know nearly as much about the subject as I thought I did. In the back of my brain, the old saying that those who fail to remember history were doomed to repeat it kept changing itself into "Those who fail to understand history are doomed to repeat it."

I'm going to touch on a few points of special interest to me, to give you a taste of what the book is like, and I'm going to urge you to sit down and read it yourself. While it was written by scholars, it is not a pedantic book. You can get plenty out of it without reading one of those cryptic little notes. And we do need to understand the things this volume tells us.

Page 33. "...it soon becomes clear that without the prior deprivation, ostracism and institutionalized plunder of the German Jews — in full view and with the increasing approval and complicity of millions of Germans — the Final Solution would not have been possible."

Page 35. "Although coercion and terror always loomed in the wings, they were far from being decisive for most Germans...it (governmental indoctrination) resulted in what has been defined as the 'ecstasy of the ruled...a climate of mass-hysteria...generating constant and unconscious acclamation of the regime.'"

From which we can deduce that the great majority of the German people, in response to their government's propaganda drive and their own needs and prejudices, were not only acquiescent in the treatment of the Jews among them, but wholeheartedly in favor of it.

If you knew any American servicemen who were in the liberating units at the end of World War II, you'll have heard of a Nazi Germany where no Nazis or even knowledgeable Germans could be found...only Germans who didn't have any idea what was going on...

Hitler's propaganda machine was devilishly good at its job. Page 39. "To understand the re-

lationship between, and the cumulative effect of, social ostracism, boycott riots and 'Aryanization', we have to distinguish between the real Jew next door and the mythical Jew of propaganda."

The machine created a stereotyped mythical Jew, "a figure which no German had ever met on the street. Social segregation, economic boycott and popular abuse were aimed against this abstract Jew."

So, sociologists who urge us to get to know people of other religions and races, and to "socialize" our young children, so as to vaccinate them and ourselves against the craziness of prejudice, are right on target. If we know a real black family, or a real homeless man, someone else's outrageous mythical figure will find no home in our minds or souls. If you want to poison a people's mind against a group, first ostracize the group, and cut to a minimum any real contact between "Us" and "Them."

Page 41. "...when the wearing of the Jewish star was ordered in September 1941, SS situation reports recorded the surprise of the population 'that so many Jews were still around.' The process of depersonalization had attained its goals." The Jews had become "invisible."

If you want to poison a people's mind against a group, first ostracize the group, and cut to a minimum any real contact between "Us" and "Them."

In speaking of the way in which Croatian forces treated Serbs and Jews, on page 181, Solution says, "...Serbian and Jewish men, women and children were literally hacked to death...At one point, the Utasha (Croatian force) had thrown so many corpses into the River Neretva near Metkovic that the government began to pay peasants 100 kune for each body hauled out, lest they float downstream into the Italian zone."

A German general, a Nazi, said, "The Croatian revolution is by far the harshest and most brutal of all the different revolutions that I have been through at more or less close hand since 1918."

So now the morning news reports will have even more of a *deja vu* impact for us, and we will have even less hope of permanently solving the Croatian/Serb situation.

It was a surprise to learn that (on page 201) "...Laval (of the detested Vichy regime) fought very hard for the French Jews. He did so, but less out of a sense of altruism than as a means of pursuing French political and racial interests." Laval could not tolerate the idea of French police rounding up French citizens at the direction of the conquer-

ing Germans. French pride and autonomy would not tolerate that. So Laval fought a suitably subtle battle with the Nazis over the negotiating table, and bought native Jews off, to some extent, with the lives of Jews who were not French, or who had been naturalized since the First World War.

It was appalling and numbing to learn that the reason behind the Nazi drive to round up as many Jews as quickly as possible was simply to fill boxcars the SS had managed to wrest away from the generals and the war effort. Those boxcars had to be filled, or the SS would be humiliated.

At that point Jews truly had been reduced to the level of cattle or turnips.

On page 237, the efforts of Abba Hillel Silver to bring American and British pressure to bear on Germany and its satellite states came to nothing. The American representatives at the Bermuda Conference indicated that any Jewish rescue proposals would hinder the American war effort, and that the nation's immigration quota was not to be lifted.

The British refused to change their previous position.

This callousness shocked and embittered American Jews, and gave urgency and determination to the idea that only a Jewish nation was the answer to the survival of the Jewish people...Zion.

I must add here that from my own knowledge, none of the people we knew and none of the members of my family realized what was happening to the Jews in Europe at the time.

The government apparently knew, but in those days, a great deal that the government knew was not available to the general public. There were small, harmless secrets, and huge, G-d awful secrets, that the average American was not trusted with.

I still would like to believe that had people like us known, we would not have been silent.

A press, baying and panting and hot on the trail, revealing details about governments and those in government ad nauseam, may seem more like a curse than a blessing, but knowledge, even when it has a bitter or vile taste, is better than ignorance.

When my uncle and his comrades in arms, saw the concentration camps for themselves, they wrote long, long letters home, six and 10 pages of tight, spiky penmanship on that light blue paper, agonized efforts to ease their shock and sickness by ventilating, ventilating, getting it out. This was how most of us got the real story.

When the men arrived back in this country, they refused to talk about it. Any of it. They had had to strike some kind of bargain with their own psyches, apparently, in order to keep on acting as if normal life was possible again.

The book costs \$22.95, paperback, and can be ordered from Routledge, 29 West 35th St., New York, NY, 10001-2299, phone (212) 244-3336.

## Operation Clean Government Seeks to Set State Straight

by Emily Torgan

Jewish Community Reporter

Chairman Bruce Lang is not certain why so many members of Operation Clean Government, a Rhode Island-based citizen's action group, happen to be Jewish.

"I do not know why, but a disproportionate number of our board members are Jewish," Lang said on Dec. 29. "I'm Jewish too. All of our members think proactively, and if we could have an impact on the Jewish community, it would be a very positive thing for this movement."

But Operation Clean Government, comprised of 21 board members and about 880 other volunteers dedicated to preserving honest, responsible and responsible state government in Rhode Island, does not have any religious or political affiliation.

Rather, its members share a desire to monitor local government, to lobby when necessary and to educate the public when its best interests seem jeopardized. Members have responded with research, testimonies and written materials to try to avert potential crises.

According to Lang, one of the group's most significant recent accomplishments was pushing to get voter initiative on the November 1996 ballot. Voter initiative, also known as question #8, passed with a 53 percent majority.

Additionally, an OCG response was instrumental in preventing former Governor Bruce Sundlun from raising the salaries of Department of Transportation higher-ups.

The OCG has also had a major impact on lowering public financing for the Providence Place Mall, and has raised numerous questions about the ethics of state officials.

Members bring OCG matters of contention into the state's media and its courtrooms.

"Some elected officials like us, and others wish we would go away," explained Beverly Clay, a West Greenwich resident who serves as OCG's research issues chairperson.

The group came together in 1993, when three community groups recognized a need to merge to increase effectiveness.

When Operation Clean Sweep, the Rhode Island

Taxpayer's Association and "US PAC" bonded to create the OCG, trust in state government had plummeted.

"After all the bank scandals, it was obvious that there was a tremendous amount of work to be done," Clay said. "We felt working together would be more effective."

Current chairperson Lang, a co-founder, served as first chairman.

"It was extremely difficult at first," remembered Lang.

Members agreed to work out of their own homes to keep costs down. Using their own telephones, fax machines, computers and time, they worked on research projects and reports aimed at raising public awareness of problems and potential abuses.

Although the organization has existed for nearly four years, numbers and member motivation have remained high.

"Many groups like this fail," Lang said. "But we are a statewide organization with a broad purpose, and we have long-term goals and an investigative orientation."

Most of the dues, \$12 each year for an individual and \$15 for a family, were spent to produce the OCG's newsletter.

Lang still thinks the newsletter, which comes out about six times per year, is the organization's most effective tool.

"We think it has excellent information," Lang said. "A lot of our members are retired, and they put a tremendous amount of time into this cause."

The newsletter is sent to legislators and government people as well as OCG members.

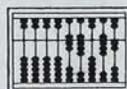
Lang, who owns Lang Naturals, a food company in Newport, has always been interested in grassroots activism.

But after he was asked in 1985 to head the Rhode Island Partnership for Science and Technology, an adjunct of the Department of Economic Development, he developed a passion for state politics.

"I loved the job, and I got to learn a lot about how economic development works," Lang said.

In his former job, he met journalist Arlene Violet, and the two discovered a common interest in local activism. At present,

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# EDITORIAL

## The Wal Mart of Medical Care Prepares to Move In

by Alison Smith  
Herald Editor

Wesat down on Dec. 26 with Steve Baron, executive vice president of Lifespan, Judge Bruce M. Selya, chairman of the board of directors of Lifespan, and Barnett Fain, vice chairman of the Lifespan board, to listen to them talk about the upcoming invasion of Rhode Island by the Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation.

Columbia has negotiated a deal to buy Roger Williams Hospital and these three men, who help run Lifespan, want everyone to know what that might mean to this state.

When Lifespan came into the state, it was not welcomed by one and all. But medical care is being fast-forwarded these days. It's in a state of upheaval and flux, and consolidation, and the most efficient use of technology and human resources dictate intelligent cooperation.

One thing Lifespan stressed from the beginning of its campaign to win the state over was the fact that it was a local group. Decisions to be implemented here would be made here, by people who lived here, and, for the most part, had lived here for years.

The point is well taken.

So Lifespan has been, for the most part, adopted by Rhode Island as a bridge into the future, and it is working well.

What follows is a summary of impressions, facts and anxieties about what a Columbia future might hold, based on our talk with the Lifespan officials, editorials and articles in the

media, and a "60 Minutes" program about Columbia on Oct. 27.

What we have here in Rhode Island right now is a flagship medical system. Really.

We already have the most effective purchasing system in the country, by government estimate. Look it up.

We have a premiere medical school — Brown University Medical School — operating in close harmony with hospitals and services throughout the state, while it attracts, and holds, brilliant medical students, re-

searchers and specialists. This academic/hospital network was put in place carefully, and is a continuously fine-tuned, delicate structure. It is hard to overestimate the amount of talent it makes available to us today, or the promise it holds for the future of Rhode Island medicine.

The hospitals contributing to the relationship are all non-profit. They are free to invest in the future of Rhode Island. We are one of the few areas in

this country with no state- or city-supported hospital just for the indigent. Count us lucky. I've lived in a city with a huge hospital for the indigent, and believe me, were I hemorrhaging, I'd still ask the ambulance driver to keep going till we found another hospital. Instead, the hospital care of those who cannot pay their own medical bills is shared by many institutions in this state... some take care of more needy than others, but they get the job done between them, albeit sometimes imperfectly.

### In Their Own Words

"The day has come when somebody has to do in the hospital business what McDonald's has done in the fast-food business and what Wal-Mart has done in the retailing business." Richard Rainwater, co-founder, Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation

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"Do we have an obligation to provide health care for everybody? Where do we draw the line? Is any fast-food restaurant obligated to feed everyone who shows up?" Richard Scott, co-founder chairman, C.E.O. and president, Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation

Everyone in the local system is local. The headquarters of the Rhode Island Lifespan organization is on Point Street, near Davol Square. The people who run it, and run the local hospitals, live in the state. Drive 45 minutes tops, and you're at your doctor's home or office, Lifespan, or within shouting distance of the homes or offices of the people running Lifespan.

Members of the Lifespan group, Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Bradley Hospital, Hospice of Rhode Island and the Visiting Nurse Association, are all working to streamline or make more effective the facilities they have. (Newport Hospital will announce that it has joined Lifespan in a few days; St. Joseph's Health Services will join the group in the spring.) We carried an article just this past year on changes at Miriam which would make the emergency room even more immediately responsive to a heart attack or stroke crisis. Rhode Island Hospital is known for its trauma center. All the member institutions of Lifespan are trying to strike that life-saving balance between having the newest technology close enough to assist in an emergency, and avoiding costly and unnecessary duplication.

We're not saying that there isn't plenty wrong with medical care in this country right now. When we talk about the power struggle going on in the "managed care" arena, which many professionals are now referring scornfully to as "managed cost" we are describing a whole other war, in which the villains or heroes, depending on your point of view, are insurance companies.

There's lots to be said on that front, too — but this is not the time for that debate. Today, we focus on Columbia because we've got less than six months to avoid a situation that could dismantle much of what we've got in place here in Rhode Is-

land. The Lifespan system, due to a wide network of purchasers, can deliver supplies as cheaply as Columbia, or more so. Lifespan actually has more buying power, nationwide. Columbia knows this, but keeps on stressing the purchasing savings it could deliver. Not true.

Columbia uses phrases like "maintain the historical level of assistance to the indigent" in its publicity. In other words, if Roger Williams Hospital delivered so many dollars worth of time and energy to the indigent in 1995 and 1996, Columbia promises to do so next year.

However, in three or four years, the "historical" amount of help may become utterly inadequate for the present situation, due to rising costs of care, or a greater number of needy, or new technologies and pharmaceuticals that could save lives but cost more money.

At that point, providing the "historical" amount of care would mean that many would be deprived, and either go without or seek help from other institutions not affiliated with Columbia.

The effect on those other institutions would be to seriously and unfairly overload them with responsibilities that they will not be reimbursed for.

Columbia will have, and will have increasingly, an economic edge because what it is required to do remains constant, while what the other institutions are expected to do grows and grows.

first obligation is to its stockholders. They invested in Columbia or Octopus to make a profit. If they don't, they'll take their investment somewhere else.

So Columbia will do whatever it can to keep them happy. Columbia requires a 20 percent of gross receipts profit from each hospital.

A non-profit organization is free to, in fact is obligated to, turn any profits back into the community, and everyone benefits. For instance, Rhode Island is the only state that does not have a state-supported poison control center. We do have a poison control center, but it is funded by Lifespan. The center receives upwards of 100 calls a day.

How many times did you call, when the kids were young? Well, you never paid a penny for the advice you got, and neither did the state.

Columbia reminds us that doctors make profits. Boy, do they ever! If you removed all the doctors from the membership lists of the local country clubs, yacht clubs, and investment groups, most of those institutions would collapse like wet paper bags.

However, as Selya, Fain and Baron reminded me, doctors must start their careers by taking the Hippocratic Oath, and most of them put in long, sometimes incredibly taxing, hours.

Furthermore, a doctor who has forgotten his oath is going to have to leave the state to es-

### From '60 Minutes' on Columbia, October 27

In Augusta, Ga., a newly acquired Columbia hospital cut its charity care by 1/3 the year after the ownership changed.

Robert Kuttner, economic analyst, on hospital budgeting said, "A hospital is not exactly like any other business. Whole categories of care — departments like burn care, trauma care, neonatal care, research and medical education are money losers."

*Ed Note: How will these departments fare in a for-profit institution?*

In March of 1996, Columbia tried to buy Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Ohio, for \$300 million, a term called "fire sale price" by both Kuttner and the Ohio attorney general.

Members of Ohio Blue Cross who supported the sale were given incredible "golden parachutes" — \$10 million, \$3.5 million, \$2 million. Those local businessmen who opposed the sale were summarily fired from the board of trustees all in one day, all by an identical letter.

In Michigan, Attorney General Frank Kelly, tried repeatedly to learn terms of a Columbia purchase but never received an answer. Finally he got the sale stopped because "the public interest was not adequately protected."

Furthermore, if Columbia sells Roger Williams Hospital to another conglomerate, and such is often the case, sometimes within a year or two, all these promises are null and void. They applied only to a deal between Columbia and Roger Williams, not to a deal between Columbia and, say, The Octopus Medical Group.

Columbia's headquarters are in Nashville. No disrespected intended, but that's a long way from home, and I cannot see the stockholders in Nashville wringing their hands over how best to serve the medical needs of Rhode Islanders.

A profit-making company's

cape the wrath of those with a legitimate beef against him. Columbia is huge (348 institutions at this time), takes no organizational oath, and already "lives" out of town.

One thing that bothers me — that nibbles away at the back of my mind — is the question, "What will Columbia do differently with Roger Williams to make it return a profit?"

People I talked to, who are in the hospital business, spoke of Roger Williams with respect. It is known for its cancer research program. The hospital is not poorly run... but rumor persistently claims that it is distressed

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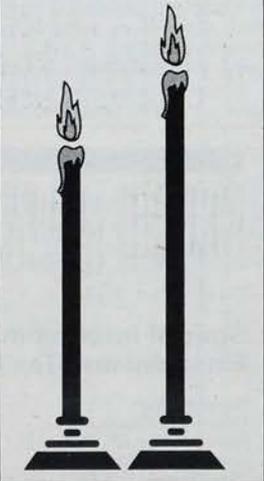
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## Elegy To An Elegant Idea

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing  
Report

Did you know that the common postcard was a Jewish invention? According to Willy Lindwer, a Dutch collector of postcards with Jewish themes, the idea came into being in 1869, introduced and sent off by Dr. Emanuel Hermann, an Austrian Jew. It had no picture on its face at first. Space for the address took up one side. You wrote your message or name on the other. You saved both postage and an envelope. A year later, the cards were printed with the stamp already part of the design. Lindwer claims the new mini-telegram was so successful and so widely used, it took over like the fax of today, and

the long-distance telephone into the bargain.

Around 1900 the Jewish motif entered the postcard industry, first across Europe and then in America, following the wanderings of the people leaving messages for one another. In an introduction to a group of classic Jewish postcards for all occasions published by Schocken Press, the gatherer and keeper of more than 6,000 Jewish postcards pens these words: "The cards were made and sent until World War II, when the communities that used them and served also as their subjects were destroyed in the Nazi Holocaust."

He concludes, "Vivid testimonies of Jewish life as it existed and thrived in the first part of this century, each one is a document and a witness." My daughter bought me as a recent gift his selection of 31 from around the globe, ranging from North Africa to the Middle East and as far as India. As I detached them to mail them to friends, I got to thinking about my own personal postcard history. Both my grandmothers died before I was born. My bubbies exist in my life as postcard portraits. Images of my aunts as young women before they were married float back into my household as postcards, once given to relatives who now bequeath them for souvenirs to me as family historian. Postcards arrive not with current or ancient stamps, seals and dates, but in yellow boxes, preserved leaves

from the family tree.

And then, my career as a writer began with the long-lived penny postcard. I wrote my news and travel notes, like many among you, for a cent each, and shared bits of chat in ink with parents, friends, classmates, neighbors. My history is also drawn upon bright pictures sent to me from former students, acquaintances from near and far.

More in tune with the Jewish start of the art, I thought I had discovered the trick all by myself when I might flip over a candid snapshot, lick a stamp on the reverse blank side, scribble an address, and release it like a dove from the ark. In my student days abroad, envelopes cost dear, and each sou mattered in your budget.

Like flying seeds from flowers, like butterflies from a weedpatch, like migrating warblers, infinitely varied, postcards make their way and search for homes. The Yiddish postcard was more than a thrifty and witty letter. It worked like a miniature Yiddish stage or film genre. As Jews on foot, on board ship, by rail or road moved round the planet from hemisphere to hemisphere, they kept up like gypsies their secret society. Postcards slipped in like the crumbs and pebbles of Hansel and Gretel, keeping tabs upon your whereabouts and your welfare.

I have a friend, former student, colleague, and East Side neighbor, an artist and Wellesley professor named Bunny Harvey. Bunny traces her roots with her paintbrush and with her still life displays. She is a local expert on postcard craft, and cherishes them in albums. Among her treasures are the living originals of the Jewish postcard. Willy Lindwer's tear-and-send copies of Judaica are printed in Hong Kong. Hers have lived a first hand life.

Lindwer is also the author of "The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank." A documentary filmmaker, he lives in the Netherlands and is a great devotee of Jewish art.

Our co-religionists were never more than a penny postcard away!

## Prospects on Prospect Street

by Mike Fink

Herald Contributing Reporter  
Vaygash, the story of Joseph and his brothers in the glittering court of Pharaoh, a brief encounter in elegant Egypt of estranged siblings: the tale is told in Hebrew by a boy and girl at their bar/bat mitzvah.

Benjamin de Boer and his first cousin Miriam Jacobson shared the honors at Temple Emanuel. Their mothers, Kathryn de Boer and Jane Myers, are sisters. Renowned for her superb artistry, Kathryn has designed the graphics for many temple occasions; equally celebrated for her cantorial skills, Jane serves as principal of the temple religious school.

The theme of the portion of the week was the concept of reconciliation, the celebration of the power of family ties, beyond geography, above even terrible episodes.

A kiddush luncheon was served to the entire congregation, bringing together people from many corners of the Rhode Island scene. Professors, doctors, artists and architects, rabbis and teachers, newborns and elders all shared in the simcha, the blessings of the youthful and zestful toast to Torah.

In the evening, dancing and delicacies continued in a very special setting.

If you picture Joseph and his brothers in the throne room of the dream-catching prime minister, the handsome and dazzling prime minister and long-lost favorite, you can imagine the splendor of the mansion on Prospect Street. It's the former residence of Mrs. Henry D. Sharpe, a lover of the chateaux of France. She brought over long ago a small castle, or palace, pink marble columns and crys-

tal chandeliers and all, and set up the giant toy among the grand stately homes of the East Side.

Her chauffeur was my student, and asked me once to dinner with the gracious dowager. At that time, zebras lay on the parquet as rugs and trophies, and liveried servants went up and down the curving balustraded stairways bearing trays. I had a blast, but it was low-key and subdued.

But at Ben and Miriam's bar/bat mitzvah, the atmosphere was quite different! Charming young people (including my own boy) danced under that same chandelier, and everybody I knew in town shared the pleasures of the board in the dining room. You hung your coat around a small Winged Victory, an armless Grecian statue

standing on a pedestal under a faux arbor. You placed your gift upon the sherry sideboards.

The Sharpe family left their French dream to the French department of Brown University, where Kathryn de Boer works for the alumni magazine. It was possible to settle the bar/bat mitzvah party behind the cobbled courtyard, with the urned pineals, those pink marble pillars in the geometric entrance hall.

And it quite suited the beauty of the affair and its meaning as well. We meet each other upon many rendezvous. We may see our co-religionists at weddings and funerals, at holidays and at circumcisions. But a bar/bat mitzvah asks us all to share in the start of spiritual and community life, the reunion of family and friends in the hopes for a fine future. No couple of cousins could have served as better models of goodwill than Ben and Miriam.



IN RUSSIAN, "The Bundist." The Bund was an Eastern European Jewish socialist movement that stressed the importance of Yiddish culture and Eastern European ethnic identity for Jews. Published in Lithuania, ca. 1910. From *Classic Jewish Postcards for All Occasions*.

## 'What's in a Name?'

by Cindy Halpern

While on a recent trip to the Jewish Museum in New York City, I found myself purchasing a book called *A Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History*.

As Jews whose ancestors had wandered across the continents in search of a place to call home, our very names recall this search for identity. For example, the name Dekovnick is from the Polish dekownik, a maker of straw roofs. Where our collective memories fail to recall our days in Poland, this name remains a bookmark in time.

Broitman is translated as bread man in Yiddish. Therefore, recollections of past occupations are also made. Buxbaum is a name from a Frankfurt house, sign number 169. In earlier days, when most people couldn't read, it was important to select a symbol to represent your unique identity so you

could be located. In this case, box trees grew near this house, and hence came the name.

Dickenstein, translated from German means stout stone, a bitter reminder of how unkind German authorities could be in assigning Jews names they selected for them.

Epstein is one of the oldest Jewish family names, appearing as early as 1392. It was copied by many families simply because it was a known name.

Sometimes, expelled Jews simply wanted to remember where they once lived. Ettlinger is from Ettlingen, a town in Baden. Braude represented memories of a Galician town on bordering Austria and Russia. Other names such as Bloch represented this outcast status as foreigner in Slavic tongues.

This list of names is long, and some names have disappeared forever as American

immigration officers misunderstood the bearer's accent and wrote in a different name.

Still others who moved to Israel rid themselves of European-sounding names by inventing Hebrew names for themselves.

So what's in a name except a bit of history and a trace of a nearly forgotten past? But once in a while, it's nice to rediscover a lost identity.

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## ORT Celebrates in January

American ORT will kick off the commemoration and celebration of its 75th anniversary year with a three-day national conference to be held at the Sheraton New York on Jan. 17 through 19.

Founded in 1880, ORT has grown into the world's largest non-governmental organization devoted to technical training and vocational education. American ORT was first organized in 1922 to support ORT's efforts to retrain European Jews whose lives and livelihoods had been destroyed by World War I.

The conference will salute the beneficiaries of ORT services over the years — from the displaced of the world wars to modern-day refugees.

Speaking to that theme, keynote speaker Mark Talisman, president of Project Judaica Foundation and former director of the Washington Action Office for the Council of Jewish Federations, will address the topic, "U.S. Refugee Policy in the Last 10 Years and its Effect on the American Jewish Community." Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, will

give an update on the appropriation of Jewish bank accounts and assets by Swiss banks during World War II.

The agenda of the conference will include reports from ORT's worldwide network of programs, a report on ORT programs in underdeveloped countries, and an update on ORT's U.S. activities which serve more than 7,000 students enrolled in three ORT schools and day school programs in Atlanta and Miami.

The conference will feature a high-tech demonstration by Bramson ORT, the New York-area ORT school, and a number of working sessions, including the annual election of the organization's board and officers. Major national awards will be presented in recognition of outstanding service by American ORT chapters and volunteers. The highlight for delegates attending from American chapters will be a gala anniversary celebration and awards dinner on Saturday night.

For registration information, call American ORT at (212) 353-5800.

## NCJW Announces Scholarships

National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section, will be awarding scholarships to Rhode Island students attending college in the fall of 1997.

NCJW is the oldest Jewish women's organization in the country with more than 100,000 members dedicated to community service and social action to improve life for others. The scholarship program is part of

this commitment.

Grants will be awarded based on evidence of involvement in community service, academic worthiness, and financial need.

Students desiring applications write to: Seena Dittelman, 93 Crestwood Road, Cranston, R.I. 02920 or call: 942-5735.

Deadline for requesting applications is March 25, 1997.



### The Head Table

Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club recently hosted a breakfast at which U.S. Senator-elect Jack Reed and *Providence Journal* political columnist M. Charles Bakst were the guest speakers. From left, Frank Prosnitz, temple president; Ed Beck, president of the Men's Club; Reed; Bakst; and Sheldon Sollosy.

Herald photo by Neil Nachbar

## Holocaust Memorial Center Appears on the Internet

The Holocaust Memorial Center, the first freestanding Holocaust museum in the United States, now has a home page on the World Wide Web.

Visit the HMC's site at <http://holocaustcenter.org> to access timely information about the museum and its programs and activities. The museum's e-mail address is [info@holocaustcenter.org](mailto:info@holocaustcenter.org).

The HMC's World Wide Web site is an interactive, user-friendly source for a broad range

of information, including museum exhibits, lectures and events, and other Holocaust-related educational institutions and community activities.

It also provides on-line access to the museum's bookshop, presents valuable research information on various Holocaust topics, and allows visitors to the site to make donations or membership payments on-line with their credit cards (encryption is used to protect sensitive information).

## Hadassah Thanks Belafonte

Harry Belafonte has received the first annual Hadassah International Citizen of the World Award.

Marlene Edith Post, national president of Hadassah, introduced Belafonte as a man with heart and soul committed to the bettering of mankind. The gift, a gold and silver globe depicting Jerusalem, was bestowed as a

token of the organization's appreciation for his lifetime of service to others as a leader in the fight for civil and human rights.

Belafonte was originally honored during the Hadassah International Congress in Jerusalem last spring, but had been unable to attend.

Belafonte expressed his sadness at the failure of the Afri-

## Seasoned Singles to Meet in January

Attention, all Jewish singles 49 and up! On Jan. 19 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., The Jewish 49ers will host a dessert/social at Temple Beth Avodah, 45 Puddingstone Lane, Newton Center, Mass. Cost is \$5 members, \$8 non-members.

Guests can dance to a variety of music played by a DJ, or socialize if they prefer. Refreshments will be provided.

For information or directions, call Jim (508) 872-6533, Flo at (508) 877-0636, or Susan at (617) 969-5903.

can-American community to disassociate itself from those who unjustly condemn the Jewish people. He strongly believes that African-Americans and Jews have more in common than not, and must continue to work together to advance the rights of all.

He praised the valuable and crucial medical work done by Hadassah. He was particularly excited by recent breakthroughs in cancer research and gene therapy by Dr. Shimon Slavin, chief of the department of hematology, at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem.

Belafonte concluded his remarks with a promise to support Hadassah as it continues to provide excellence in medical research and treatment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bohac of Hope Valley, R.I., announce the birth of their second son, Zachary Mark, on Dec. 11. He was welcomed home by his brother, Adam, who is 16 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Sandra Bresler Dolan and Hal Dolan of West Warwick. Paternal grandparents are Lorraine and Frank Bohac of Palos Hills, Ill.

# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Yes, That's Jewish Music You Hear

by Neil Nachbar  
Herald Associate Editor

No matter what style of music you like, there is a radio station or program for you. The musical menu ranges from country, classical and rock and roll to blues and jazz and oldies.

However, one form of music that has been absent on the airwaves, in Rhode Island has been Jewish music. That is, until now.

Starting on Jan. 8, Extreme 88 will broadcast "The Jewish Music Hour" with Dave Andrews' from 8 to 9 p.m., every Wednesday. The station's frequency is 88.1 FM.

### EXTREME 88

"I've tuned in to all of the local radio stations and I noticed that there is no Jewish music being played," said David Dudek, promotion and production director, and producer of the Jewish music hour. "The closest station found that played Jewish music was Emerson College (in Boston). But I like it and my friends like it."

Dudek pitched the idea to the

general manager and the show was born.

"We decided that if 50 people listen to the show, that's 50 people that wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to tune in to Jewish music," said Dudek.

According to Dudek, Extreme 88 is a "high school/college/professional" radio station. Wheeler School in Providence owns the license to the 150-watt station and the radio studio is located at the school.

The station's signal can be picked up throughout Rhode Island (except in South County) and in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Dudek, a senior at the radio station since his freshman year. The 17-year-old has even designed all of the station's logos. Last year, with the help of a parent, he started a CD-ROM yearbook at Wheeler, which may be the only one of its kind in Rhode Island.

In determining how to start a Jewish music show, Dudek sought the advice of several people.

"I spoke with people at my temple (Temple Sinai in Cran-

gration, water issues and Israeli education. A couple of the seminars involve a trip.

During the first couple of years that the fellowship existed, candidates mainly found out about the program through word of mouth. Since then, the Dorot Foundation has taken steps to get the word out.

"We've launched a campaign to make the fellowship more accessible, especially to the un-affiliated," said Starr.

A few months ago, the foundation completed a 3,200-piece mailing. A (worldwide) web page and an on-line campaign has also been developed.

"We're trying to get the word out to places where we haven't received many applications, like west of the Mississippi River," said Starr. "We've sent information to Hillels and bureaus of Jewish education."

Starr described the Dorot Fellowship as a rare opportunity.

"Not often do you get to learn for the sake of learning and not have to worry about the expense of materials," stated Starr.

Applications for this year's fellowships must be received by Jan. 8, 1997. To request an application, write to the Dorot Foundation, 439 Benefit St., Providence, RI 02903. Or call Starr by phone, fax or e-mail. Phone: 351-8866. Fax: 351-4975. E-mail: rebecca\_starr@dorot.org

ston), people at the Bureau of Jewish Education and members of Shloek Rock and Safam (Jewish musical groups)," said Dudek. "Everyone's been very helpful."

Dudek has also found useful information on the Internet and has e-mailed questions to Israeli radio stations.

Artists and production companies have been helpful in building Extreme 88's Jewish music library. So far, the station has 18 CDs, including the works of Chava Alberstein, Timma Brauer, David Broza, Gittit Shoval, Craig Taubman and Sam Glaser.

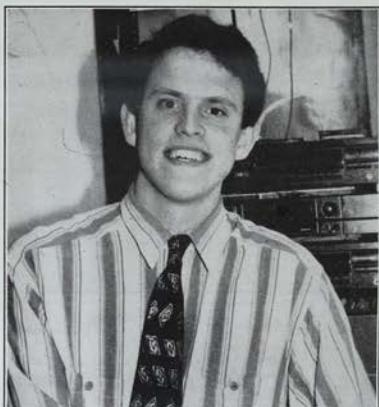
Aside from Shloek Rock and Safam, musical groups include Atzlut, which Dudek described as "planetary" Jewish music, and Shlomit, which has a "jazzy" sound.

"When it comes to Jewish music, there is such a wide selection," said Dudek.

Aside from the artists mentioned, the format will include American Jewish rock, klezmer and dance music, like you might hear at a bar or bat mitzvah.

If anyone would like to contribute some Jewish music to Extreme 88's collection, call the station at 528-2204. Extreme 88 is a non-commercial station, but it does accept underwriting ("This program is brought to you by...").

Because the program still has a modest collection of music, it won't be taking requests for a while. But if the show catches on, the requests may start pouring in.



David Dudek  
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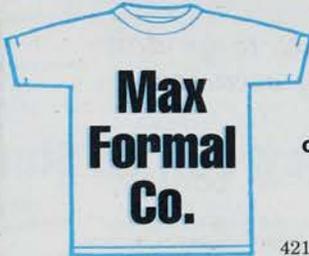
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# SCHOOLBEAT

## Preschool and Kindergarten Registration Begins at JCCRI

Registration for preschool and kindergarten at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island for September 1997 classes begins on Jan. 6.

Parents may elect morning, three- or five-day programs. Preschool classes are offered for children ages 2 years and 4 months by September through 5 years. There is also a kindergarten and kindergarten enrichment after-school program.

In order to better serve the working parents, extra program, supplement and extend the school day.

Registration begins on Jan. 6 with priority given to children presently attending the school, their siblings, infant/toddler childcare children and siblings

of children who no longer attend the school but whose membership has continued in good standing.

On Feb. 3 registration is open to center members and on March 3 the community may register.

In addition, priority registration for the infant/toddler center is extended to parents who have a child in preschool and kindergarten.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with Eva Silver, the early childhood director, for a personal interview and tour of the school's facilities.

These school programs are open to everyone.

For further information, contact Silver at 861-8800, ext. 142.

## Three at URI CCE Win Feinstein Awards

An undergraduate student, a faculty member and an alumna of the University of Rhode Island's College of Continuing Education are the recipients of the first Feinstein Enriching America Award at the URI Providence Center.

The award was established by the Feinstein Foundation to recognize individuals who best exemplify the values of caring, compassion, brotherhood and community spirit.

Business student Mary Stanley of Providence was selected for her community service, and for her leadership, guidance and support with the students in the LEAP (Learning Enhancement for Adults Program) activities and for her cen-

tral role in volunteering her wisdom and energy to the new Mentoring Program at CCE through Student Services.

Dr. Kat Quina of Warwick, professor of psychology and women's studies was recognized for her work and her impact on the lives of girls and women from sexual victimization, gender bias and HIV.

Alumna Joyce Dolbec of Slatersville was recognized for her energy, commitment, and creativity in reaching over the years people in the community needing spiritual, political, and educational enrichment.

The awards were presented at the URI Providence Center on Dec. 19 in the Paff Center.

## 'Ma — Is This a Polar Bear Day?'

If your New Year's resolution is to visit the zoo more often in 1997, Roger Williams Park Zoo is making it a little easier for you to keep that resolution.

On New Year's Day, the zoo is open free to the public. Visitors can spend the first day of the new year on the wild side at Roger Williams Park Zoo. The animals will be awaiting visitors in their outdoor habitats and

in their warm, cozy indoor exhibits.

To encourage visitors to come to the Roger Williams Park Zoo during the chilly months of January and February, the zoo is announcing Polar Bear Days.

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## Family Fund Endows Chair in Judaic Studies at Hopkins

by Christine Stutz  
Baltimore Jewish Times

BALTIMORE (JTA) — Johns Hopkins University has received a \$1 million endowment to establish a visiting professorship in Judaic studies.

Beginning this spring, scholars from around the world will visit the campus for as long as one academic year, according to Dennis O'Shea, the university's director of communications and public affairs.

The professorship, endowed by the Charles Crane Family Foundation of Baltimore, will be the first endowed chair in this field at the university.

Shale Stiller, a trustee of both the Crane foundation and the

university, said Johns Hopkins was a natural choice for a foundation gift.

"It's the leading university in Maryland, it's world-famous and it seemed to [the trustees] that the most renowned university in Maryland ought to have a Judaic studies program," Stiller said.

"It's very important that students from Jewish backgrounds have the opportunity to study Jewish religion and Jewish culture."

Visiting professorships funded by the Crane foundation gift will be chosen from academic specialties not represented on the permanent faculty. O'Shea said Crane profes-

sors would teach both undergraduate and graduate courses, and would offer lectures open to the public.

While Johns Hopkins has not traditionally offered a program in Judaic studies, its Near Eastern studies department focuses on civilizations of the ancient Near East and offers courses in the Hebrew Bible, the history of Judaism, the history of Jewish civilization and Jewish literature, as well as in biblical and modern Hebrew.

The School of Arts and Sciences already has endowed professorships in biblical and ancient Near Eastern studies, Semitic languages and archaeology.

## New Jewish Student Center Opens at NYU

by Jon Kalish  
New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish student organization at New York University has traded in its tiny office at the Loeb Student Center for a newly renovated 5-story row house, thanks to a \$2.5 million donation from Edgar Bronfman.

"I think this is going to be a center for the Jewish community at large down in this part of Manhattan," said Robert Chazan, chairman of NYU's Skirball department of Hebrew and Jewish studies, at a packed dedication ceremony held recently.

The Edgar M. Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life is located at 7 E. 10th St. between Fifth Avenue and University Place and has meeting spaces, a

computer room, lounges and four worship areas for Jews of various persuasions.

"Maybe this place can save Jewish souls," Bronfman, chairman of Seagram, said in an interview. "Maybe it can interest young people in getting involved in Judaism again or introduce them to Judaism as a religion."

About a third of NYU's 23,000 students are Jewish. Known as the Jewish Culture Foundation, the school's Jewish student organization boasts many groups, including a Jewish Law Student's Association, Jewish Graduate Students Association and Hillel of UJA at NYU.

The house was renovated during a two-year period at a cost of \$1 million. Once the home of the painter Lockwood de Forest, the

building has been described as the "most Indian house in America," boasting exotic teak carvings and paneling.

The architect who oversaw the renovation tracked down several of the building's original carvings at an antique dealer in Westchester.

The executive director of the new student center is Susan Dickman, who has served as a principal for a Jewish day school, worked on Wall Street and been director of marketing for the Jewish Communal Fund, a Manhattan-based public charity.

"I hope to create a vibrant Jewish life on this campus and involve as many Jewish kids as possible," Dickman said. "It's a way to discover how Judaism can have meaning for them as they build their own lives."

## Children's Museum Beckons

On Jan. 5 from 1 to 5 p.m., the Children's Museum of Rhode Island, 58 Walcott St. in Pawtucket, and NYNEX invite families to visit the museum free of charge. Kids ages 2 to 11 and their families can act out their own stories with the help of creature costumes and puppets in Storymakers, journey across the sea aboard an 18th-century wooden ship in the history playroom, imagine themselves in the new museum building in A Look Ahead, and explore hands-on exhibits and hidden treasures throughout the museum. No registration is required.

On Jan. 8, between 3 and 5 p.m. the museum invites children ages 5 and older to explore the realms of rhythm with folk

artist and educator, Michelle Kaminsky. A member of the local Cajun band, Magnolia, Kaminsky helps children discover the difference between rhythm and noise.

Same-day registration is required. Call 726-2591, beginning at 9 a.m. to register. There is no additional fee beyond the price of admission, which is \$3.50 per person.

## Advisement at BCC

Bristol Community College is having a walk-in advisement period, Jan. 6 through 8, in the Hudnall Administration Building, at the Fall River campus from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

If the walk-in advisement evening isn't convenient, students can make appointments with advisors by calling the continuing education office at (508) 678-2811, ext. 2590.

## Vegetarian Essay Contest

The Vegetarian Resource Group is sponsoring an essay contest for students 18 and under. First prize in each category is a \$50 savings bond.

Entrants should write a 2- to 3-page essay on any aspect of vegetarianism or veganism.

Contest categories are ages 8 and under 9, to 13, and 14 to 18. Entrants should base their paper on interviewing, research, and/or personal opinion. You need not be a vegetarian to enter. All essays become property of The Vegetarian Resource Group. Submissions should be postmarked by May 1. This is an annual contest.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



## Trinity Presents New Play Festival

Artistic director Oscar Eustis has announced that Trinity Repertory Company will present The Providence New Play Festival, its inaugural presentation of the most original, provocative work in American theater today.

The Providence New Play Festival will run from Jan. 30 through May 11 and includes: two world premiere works, "The Mineola Twins" by Paula Vogel and "Ambition Facing West" by Anthony Clarvoe.

The Providence New Play Festival is presented with the support of two major sponsors: The Chace Fund and The Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust. The Chace Fund is underwriting the presentation of "The Mineola Twins" and "Ambition Facing West," the world premier works which are the highlight of The Providence New Play Festival.

The Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust, which has underwritten a three-year pilot project between Trinity Rep and Brown University to form an interactive dynamic among numerous playwrights at various stages of their careers, is also the sole sponsor of the 1997 Steinberg Festival of New Plays.

"Both 'The Mineola Twins' and 'Ambition Facing West' are fabulous plays that I'm extremely pleased to present to our audiences," said artistic director Oscar Eustis, "so pleased that we decided to build this festival around them. We're also thrilled to host Brown University's Steinberg Festival of New Plays as part of the Providence New Play Festival.

It's great joy for me personally to be continuing Trinity Rep's 32-year tradition of bringing bold new works to the American stage."

"The Mineola Twins," by Paula Vogel, from Feb. 28 to March 23, is a lighthearted comedy about sisterhood in all its emotional complexity. It is the story of Myra and Myra, twin sisters of dramatically different personalities, as they navigate their way from the idyllic '50s through the turbulent '60s into

the chaotic '80s. Sisterhood, femininity, and womanhood are examined in this comedy about the ties that bind sisters together, told with bite, heart, and insight.

Vogel won a 1992 Obie Award for Best New American Play for "The Baltimore Waltz," and her plays have been produced throughout the United States and abroad.

"Ambition Facing West," by Anthony Clarvoe, will be presented from April 18 to May 11. It is a sweeping drama about three generations of a Croatian family. "Ambition" shifts back and forth in time from 1910 to the 1980s, moving ever westward from

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Croatia to America to Japan, exploring the emotional theme of immigration, the struggle between those who leave and those who are left behind. It is a story about ethnic identity, family expectations, and the pursuit of personal dreams.

Clarvoe is the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including those of the Guggenheim Foundation, The W. Alton Jones Foundation, The Kennedy Center Fund for New American Plays and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Steinberg Festival of New Plays at Brown University features Paula Vogel, artistic director. It runs from Jan. 30 to Feb. 9. The following eight productions will be written and produced by students of the Brown University and Trinity Rep company members, with casts made up of Brown University students, Trinity Conservatory students, and local community actors:

"Birth of a Moon," by Suzanne Maynard, directed by

Ronn Smith; "Lunatic Grace," by Elana Greenfield, directed by Brian McEleneay; "The Bride Who Became Frightened When She Saw Life Open," by Alva Rogers, directed by Ed Shea; "Leavetaker," by Ed Lee, directed by Telia Anderson; "Death of a Ho," by Jake-Ann Jones, directed by Mark Lerman; "Briar Rose," by Gina Gionfriddo, directed by Neal Baron; "Mall," by Alice Tuan, directed by Cydney Erickson-Feinstein; "Passion Play," by Sarah Ruhl, directed by Peter Dubois.

Performance days and times are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets for these performances are \$5, and will be available on a first come, first serve basis on the day of performance.

A Festival Pass is now available, which offers admission to both Trinity Rep plays, two Steinberg Festival plays, and all special festival events. Festival pass prices are \$45; student festival pass prices are \$34, and \$20 for a student festival pass for Brown University students.

Single tickets for The Providence New Play Festival are also on sale now and range from \$24 to \$32, with student, senior citizen, disabled and group rates available.

For information about The Providence New Play Festival or tickets to the Trinity Rep plays ("The Mineola Twins" and "Ambition Facing West"), call the Trinity Rep box office, 351-4242. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express cardholders may order by phone by calling the box office at 351-4242 or by fax at 521-0447 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tickets to the Steinberg Festival of New Plays/Brown University are \$5 and will be available on a first come, first serve basis on the day of performance, at Trinity Repertory Company.

All performances and special events of The Providence New Play Festival are in the Downstairs Theatre at Trinity.

## Jewish Characters, Actors Prominent in Two New Films

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA)—Hollywood is ringing in the new year with two films of more than passing Jewish interest.

"I'm Not Rappaport," Herb Gardner's bittersweet comedy about two octogenarians, one Jewish and the other black, has lost none of its pungency in its translation from stage to screen.

Gardner adapted his 1985 Broadway hit to the screen and directed the film, which stars Walter Matthau and Ossie Davis.

Matthau is Nat Moyer, who as a 6-year-old accompanied his parents to a hyperemotional, Yiddish-flavored strike meeting of sweatshop garment workers, and has been a left-winger of various political shades ever since.

A mighty talker, he also metamorphoses seamlessly into other personalities and characters, or, as he puts it, "I was one person for over 80 years, why not 100 for the next five?"

Jews of the right age and ancestry will recognize Nat immediately.

"I grew up with these people who lived at the top of their voice and the edge of their nerves," Gardner said. "I remember these guys hollering — and caring that much still."

"Against all evidence to the contrary, they had not given up an image of a better world. If they didn't argue about Lenin, they argued about the egg salad, both with equal passion."

Nat's reluctant listener and unwilling foil is Davis' Midge Carter, a black, nearly blind, superintendent for a Manhattan apartment house, and as down-to-earth as Nat is fanciful.

There is a third character in

the film — New York's Central Park. From the park bench where the old geezers sit and argue, their world radiates out to the jobbers, the pretty girls, the punks, the dope pushers and the music of the carousel.

The second film is "The Crucible," Arthur Miller's allegory of the red-baiting delirium of the McCarthy era.

Set in Salem, Mass., in 1692, "The Crucible" chronicles the witchcraft hysteria loosened by a teen-age girl that gradually envelops the village and kills off many of its finest citizens.

Although Salem is populated entirely by Puritans, the protagonists of "The Crucible" are, by a coincidence of casting, Jewish.

Winona Ryder (nee Horowitz) portrays Abigail Williams, the teen-age girl who unleashes the horrors.

Daniel Day-Lewis, the third generation of a Jewish family prominent in the British cinema, is the male lead as John Proctor, the farmer whose seduction of Abigail triggers the chain of events.

Arthur Miller adapted his own play to the screen, and his son, Robert, was the producer.

In an interview, Robert Miller said he had never tried to collaborate with his father before, wishing to prove that he could make it on his own.

But in 1990, Robert started to work on his father, who had been unhappy with previous Hollywood adaptations of his plays, to write the screenplay for "The Crucible."

The collaboration between father and son worked better than either had expected and the new Miller team is now looking toward adaptations of some of Arthur's other plays.

## Short and Sweet Festival

Blink is an annual festival of 10-minute plays by local playwrights.

This year's finalists are: "The Right Guy" by Pat Hegnauer, "Gold" by Michael Cobb, "Conversations on a Park Bench" by Elizabeth Newman, "This is a Good Job" by Rick Massimo and Richard Goulis, and "Allelujah Yodelay-heehoo" by Che LeMomo, and "Improv Jones: The Play" by Improv Jones. This year's winners come from a broad spectrum of the Providence scene.

Hegnauer is a veteran Providence actor and director who currently teaches theater at University of Rhode Island and directs the Short Attention Span Theatre program at Perishable. Cobb is the former artistic director of Alias Stage. Newman is a freshman at Brown University. Goulis is gallery director at the AS200 Arts Complex. Massimo is a graduate playwrighting stu-

dent at Brandeis University. LeMomo is an active writer and sound designer from Taunton, Mass., and Improv Jones is a local improvisational comedy troupe.

The festival runs from Jan. 16 through 26, Thursdays through Saturdays, at 8 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Call 331-2695 for ticket or performance information. The theater is at 95 Empire St, Providence.

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## Auditions for 'Razzle Dazzle IV'

City Nights Dinner Theatre announces open auditions for its April musical revue "Razzle Dazzle IV." The show is produced by David Jepson and directed by Ernest J. Medeiros with musical direction by Dwight Allenson.

Auditions will be held at the theater on Jan. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. Needed are singer/dancers.

Come prepared with music to sing a ballad and an up tempo number. There will be some music available. Also, if you are auditioning and can do an impersonation of a Hollywood star

(i.e., Judy Garland, Mae West, Marilyn Monroe, etc.), come prepared to perform!

Performance dates for "Razzle Dazzle IV" are April 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 27.

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

Those auditioning for the first time are encouraged to bring, if possible, a résumé and a recent photo to be kept on an active file

(or a form and photo can be taken at the theater). Auditions for new shows are approximately every six weeks.

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# SPORTS FEATURE

## JCCRI Seeks Delegates to Maccabi Youth Games

This year, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will be sending a delegation of male and female teenage athletes, ages 14 to 16, to the Regional Maccabi Youth Games at the Hartford JCC in Hartford, Conn., from Aug. 17 to 22.

Any Jewish youth in the Rhode Island community is welcome to try out for the following sports: basketball, tennis, track and field, and swimming.

A teen-ager does not have to be a member of the JCCRI to become a delegate.

A goal of the JCC Maccabi Youth Games is to contribute to the enrichment of Jewish identity and the development of democratic values and leadership.

These youth games follow in

the proud tradition of the Maccabiah Games, which are held in Israel every four years and attract the best Jewish athletes in the world.

The JCC Maccabi Youth Games had existed in Israel, Europe and South America for many years. In 1982, the JCC in Memphis, Tenn., hosted the first youth games in North America; 300 young athletes participated in those games.

This concept has grown to the point that, in 1996, 4,400 Jewish teens from across America participated at the JCCs in St. Louis, Mo., and Metro West, N.J. The JCC Maccabi Youth Games are now held annually as an international event.

Basketball tryouts begin Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at the JCCRI. For more information, call 861-8800, ext. 149.

## Wiesenthal Center Sponsors Float

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The Simon Wiesenthal Center has announced that it will enter a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

The New Year's Day parade is expected to be seen worldwide by 450 million television viewers.

The float, honoring baseball legend Jackie Robinson, is believed to be the first such entry by a Jewish institution in the 108-year history of the parade, according to Tournament of Roses official Steve Leland.

Robinson broke the color barrier when in 1947 he was brought up from the Brooklyn Dodgers' farm team and became the first black player in the major leagues.

The float, marking the 50th anniversary of that event, is titled "Breaking Barriers."

During his California time at Pasadena Junior College and UCLA, Jack Roosevelt Robinson

was a quadruple threat; he played baseball, football, basketball and track.

The float's dimensions will match the spread of his athletic achievements.

As conceived by professional designer Susie Garcia, the 35-foot-long float shows Robinson in a Dodgers uniform sliding to

"You have no idea of the shame heaped on Jackie, what people yelled at him, what they did to him, the hate mail and the death threats," Newcombe told yeshiva and public school students at the ceremony.

Robinson was an example and an inspiration to other black athletes and to African Americans in general, said Johnson. "Jackie gave us a chance to hold our heads high."

Snider was approached by fellow white Dodgers players to sign a petition binding them not to play on the same team with a "Negro." Snider refused to sign and recalled that when the team was on the road, Robinson had to stay at a separate hotel for blacks.

Shortly after Robinson was elected in 1962 to the Baseball Hall of Fame, becoming the first black to enter, he showed his mettle in another arena.

When a Jewish businessman announced plans to open a steakhouse in Harlem, he was picketed by "black nationalists" shouting "Black man must stay, Jew must go," according to a report in *The New York Times*.

Robinson denounced the slogan and wrote in a newspaper, "All my life we have been fighting against this same thing as it applies to the Negro. It is a matter of principle. Black supremacy is just as bad as white supremacy."

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Don Newcombe

steal a base, flanked by a giant baseball inscribed with his name, a ribbon festooned with the names of his college and minor league teams, and the names of the sponsoring Wiesenthal Center and its Museum of Tolerance.

Robinson's impact went beyond the playing field, fellow baseball greats Don Newcombe, Duke Snider and Lou Johnson said at the unveiling ceremony of the float's design.

As a barrier breaker, Robinson had to pay a heavy emotional price.

## Youth Gymnastics Programs Offered at the Cranston YMCA

The YMCA of Cranston Progressive Gymnastics program has expanded. The program now offers instruction for boys and girls ages 5 to 15.

In addition, the Y has increased the program to include five levels: Rollers, Swingers Beginner, Swingers Advanced, Kippers and Flyers, the newest level.

The gymnastics program is non-competitive and will attempt to develop each child to their fullest potential. Progress reports are given midway through each session and various certificates and awards are awarded to the children in most classes.

Rollers (level 1) is for the beginner gymnast aged 5 and up who has no gymnastic experience. This class is an introduction to basic skills on floor, uneven parallel bars, vault and balance beam. This class meets

on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Swingers Beginner (level 2) is also a beginner level for those who have some gymnastic experience. The course offers skill instruction on all gymnastic apparatus and teaches basic dance elements. Requirements for enrollment include forward rolls, backward rolls and cartwheels. This class meets on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Swingers Advanced (level 3) is a quicker paced class structured for an experienced gymnast. This course emphasizes the refinement of basic gymnastic skills, teaches new dance techniques, and introduces various jumps. Requirements for enrollment are cartwheels, handstands and bridges. This class meets on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Kippers (level 4) is geared for the advanced gymnast. This course introduces more advanced techniques and dance moves. Requirements for enrollment include round-offs, handstand forward rolls and back bends. This class meets on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Flyers (level 5) is an accelerated class offering instruction for the more advanced gymnast. This course emphasizes refinement of advanced techniques while incorporating new higher level skills. Requirements for enrollment include round off back extensions, front handsprings, and back handsprings. This class meets on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call or visit the YMCA of Cranston, 1225 Park Ave., 943-0444. Ask for Paula Taylor.

## International Athletes Named to Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Fourteen former athletes from six nations have been elected to the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

They will be officially recognized in July at the organization's museum, housed in the Wingate Institute in Netanya, Israel.

The five American athletes are: Arthur Bluethenthal, Princeton University All-American in football, 1911-12; Milton Green, Harvard's world record-setting high hurdler, 1935-36; Solly Krieger, world middle-

weight boxing champion, 1938-39; Mort Lindsay, tenpin bowling pioneer champion, 1912-34; and Sid Tannenbaum, New York University's All-American in basketball, 1946-47.

Also named were Johan Harmenberg, Swedish world champion and Olympic gold medalist in epee fencing, 1980; Hans Haas of Austria, Olympic weightlifting gold medalist in 1928 and silver medalist in 1932; Pierre Darmon, France's No. 1 seed tennis player in the late 1950s and 1960s; and Sandor Gombos, Olympic and World Championship gold medalist in

fencing from 1926-28.

Named, in addition, were five members of The Netherlands' women's gymnastics team, which won the first gold medal in the event at the 1928 Olympics. They were Ana Polak, Helena Nordheim, Estella Agsteribbe, Judjike Simons and Eika de Levie. Except for de Levie, the gymnasts and their coach, Gerrit Kleerekoper, perished in the Holocaust.

To be honored with the Sports Hall's Pillar of Achievement Award are Margalit Sonnenfeld of Israel, the coach of 76 medal winners in the Paralympics for handicapped athletes, 1962-92; American William Lippy, founder and chairman of the Israel Tennis Centers; and Murray Olderman, American sports writer and cartoonist.

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# WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

## Israeli Arab Scholars Propose to Alter Jewish State's Identity

by Gil Sedan

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The packed hall at Tel Aviv University was not quite ready for the offensive.

Professor Sa'ad Zeidani, a young, amiable-looking gentleman, went up to the podium during a recent two-day symposium on Israeli Arab identity and launched a full-scale invective.

His message: It is time for Israel's Arabs to enjoy full, equal rights as full, equal partners in the State of Israel.

"We have entered the post-Zionist era," he said. "One must talk of a uniform Israeli identity."

The idea is not new. Nor was it the first time Zeidani spoke about it.

What was novel was the magnitude and manner in which it was being presented.

No longer was it a theoretical idea to be discussed on an academic level, no longer a thought whispered in closed rooms.

Instead, it was presented as a straightforward demand, one to be placed loud and clear on the Israeli national agenda.

The demand portends a debate — about the long-term status of Israel's Arab citizens — that is likely to heat up after the conclusion of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

A conference of Israeli Arab political leaders and activists held recently in Nazareth concluded with a resolution calling for recognition of the country's Arab citizens as equals in a state in which Jews would not have extra privileges.

The audience at the Tel Aviv symposium, mostly Middle East scholars with a pronounced interest in the problems of the Arab minority in Israel, moved uncomforably in their seats as Zeidani spoke.

Zeidani, born in the village of Tamra near Haifa and educated at Israeli universities, is now the dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank.

The mostly Jewish audience was torn between the desire to listen with academic politeness to the provocative presentation and the feeling that a prominent Israeli Arab citizen was tearing apart the fundamental idea of Israel as Jewish state.

A counteroffensive was inevitable.

Professor Yehoshua Porat, one of Israel's most senior Middle East experts, challenged the sincerity of Zeidani's desire for "equal partnership" with Israel's Jews.

Porat spoke of the "growing identification of Israel's Arabs with the Palestinian people."

Referring to the position of Dr. Ahmed Tibi, an Israeli citizen, as special adviser to Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, he said, "There is no other example in the world in which an ethnic minority identifies so clearly with the other party. Therefore, the demand to create a state of all its citizens amounts to creating a binational state."

Zeidani has in the past presented a detailed plan for territorial autonomy for Israeli Arabs in the Galilee and in the

country's central region, known as the "Triangle," the two regions where most of the Arab population in Israel lives.

The plan, based on the Swiss canton system, would create areas within Israel in which the Arab population would enjoy wide-ranging autonomy.

Zeidani's colleague at Bir Zeit University, Azmi Beshara, an Israeli Arab from Nazareth, went a step further at the conference.

There appears to be a national consensus, both among Arabs and Jews, for a framework for Jewish-Arab coexistence within the borders of Israel.

Professor Sammy Smoocha

He called for an independent Arab representative council that would represent Israel's 835,000 Arabs in dealings with the national authorities.

Beshara ran on a ticket of "cultural autonomy" in the May elections and won a seat in the current Knesset.

The issue of Israel as a state "of all its citizens," in contrast to its definition as a Jewish state, as suggested by some of Israel's Arab leaders already has sounded alarm bells in Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, during a recent se-

ries of talks with European leaders, warned them that granting the Palestinians in the territories full sovereignty would "entail similar demands by the Arabs in the Galilee."

The very mention of Israel's Arab population in this context was an expression of no-confidence by Israel's premier in his Arab citizens — and prompted two Arab Knesset members to accuse Netanyahu of slander.

True, there is no love lost between Netanyahu and the Arab population: A full 95 percent of them voted against Netanyahu in the May elections.

But ever since the establishment of the state, despite occasional confrontations, Israel's Arabs have never been involved in any anti-Israeli activities.

Professor Sammy Smoocha of the University of Haifa, who for the past 20 years has tracked the attitudes toward Israel among the country's Arab population, discussed some of his survey findings at the symposium.

Two years ago, he surveyed a group of Israeli Arabs, asking them whether they thought that Israel had the right to exist as a Zionist state.

Thirty-five percent of the respondents responded negatively, down from the 57 percent who answered no in a similar survey in 1980.

In the latest survey, Smoocha also asked two groups of Arab and Jewish interviewees: "Do you agree to the statement that Israel should continue to exist as a Jewish Zionist state, whereas its Arab population

would enjoy full democratic rights, would receive their proportional share in the state budget and would enjoy cultural autonomy?"

Sixty-six percent of the Israeli Arabs replied positively. Some 70 percent of the country's Jews also agreed with the statement.

In other words, Smoocha said on a hopeful note, there appears to be a national consensus, both among Arabs and Jews, for a framework for Jewish-Arab coexistence within the borders of Israel.

Smoocha's most recent survey was conducted during a successful period of the peace process. A similar survey, held in the shadow of the current impasse in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, might produce different results.

Despite the ups and downs of the peace process, Israeli Arabs still suffer from a deep sense of discrimination.

Recently, for example, a group of Arab mayors initiated a sit-in under a protest tent they erected in front of the prime minister's office in Jerusalem.

They claimed that the government had not honored the budget allocations that had been promised to Israel's Arab municipalities by the previous government.

The group also planned a meeting with ambassadors serving in Israel to "bring the plight of Israel's Arabs to the knowledge of world public opinion," said Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the committee of Arab mayors.

## Holocaust Not an Inevitable Result of Anti-Semitism, Say Conference Speakers

The level of anti-Semitism in Germany before the Nazi rise to power did not lead inevitably to the Holocaust, according to speakers at the opening of a recent Hebrew University conference on "German Anti-Semitism Reconsidered," sponsored by the Koebner Center for German History at the Hebrew University.

Speaking on "The Rise and Fall of German Anti-Semitism," Moshe Zimmermann, the Richard Michael Koebner professor of German history at the Hebrew University, said that there was nothing unique in German society that could have predicted the Holocaust — a fact which he found disturbing, rather than comforting.

He further articulated that the degree of anti-Semitism in German intellectual circles was not constant, but instead depended on the perception of the link between the so-called "Jewish problem" and the general socio-political and economic problems at any point in time, citing examples of leading anti-Semites who softened their views when they were convinced that the Jewish issue was not key to solving society's larger problems.

In this vein, Zimmermann argued that anti-Semitism itself was not the motivating factor causing people to vote the Nazis into power.

Dr. Oded Heilbronner, also of the Hebrew University concurred, concluding that there was no special *sonderweg*, or special characteristic, of German anti-Semitism that led inevitably to the Holocaust.

There was no universal anti-Semitism in the 19th- and early 20th-century Germany, which was hardly united and was instead split by numerous inter-ethnic and inter-regional animosities, he said. Therefore, the rise of the Nazis to power was an "historical accident" that derived from the Nazi leaders' cruel and clever political manipulation of the distressed economic and social conditions in Germany following World War I.

The third speaker, Professor Steven E. Aschheim of the Hebrew University noted that Daniel Goldhagen's controversial new book on the participation of "ordinary" Germans in the Holocaust has stirred up a healthy new dialogue between opposing approaches to the study of the Nazi phenomenon.

There should be tension between the "rational" historical approach advocated today by most scholars of the period and the "archetypal" approach felt by many (among the German public as well) that is expressed in Goldhagen's book, said Aschheim.

## Weizman Apologizes for Anti-Gay Remarks

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's outspoken president met recently with representatives of the homosexual community and apologized for making anti-gay remarks to high school students.

Ezer Weizman said "he was sorry about any declaration that caused defamation," said Avi Sofer of the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights and a member of the delegation that met with the president recently.

"The president says that he must express sorrow for any act or comment that causes public humiliation or can be interpreted as such," Weizman's spokesman said.

Speaking recently at Haifa's Reali High School, Weizman said he considered homosexuality abnormal.

"I like it when a man wants to be a man and a woman wants to be a woman," Weizman told the packed auditorium. "I personally view homosexuality as something negative. The question is how to deal with this phenomena, this social anomaly."

His remarks were met with applause and some laughter from the students.

The comments also prompted calls for his resignation from civil rights activists and liberal Knesset members.

Some 300 people demonstrated outside the president's residence, demanding that Weizman resign.

"This president has managed

to insult just about every sector in Israel," said Meretz Knesset member Naomi Hazan.

The World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations demanded that Weizman retract his remarks and apologize.

Members of a delegation of gay activists who met with him recently said they were satisfied with the meeting, and the decision to continue the dialogue.

"President Weizman told us he was happy to learn that he

had been wrong in the past," Tel Aviv University professor Uzi Even, a homosexual rights activist, told reporters afterward.

The controversy began days after Weizman informed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that he would seek another term.

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# OBITUARIES

## CLARA BERMAN

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. — Clara Berman, 93, of the Cathleen Daniels Nursing Home, Framingham, formerly of Providence, a former dressmaker, died Dec. 20 at the nursing home. She was the widow of Rubin Berman.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Harry and Minnie (Minkoesky) Greenstein, she lived in Providence for 55 years, previously living in Newport. She lived in Framingham since 1977.

She was a dressmaker at the former Grayson Store. She was a life member of the former Jewish Home for the Aged and a member of its Residence Council. She was a member of the Pioneer Women and the Carroll Towers Association.

She leaves two nieces, Esther Katz of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Anna Eisenberg of Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was sister of the late Irving Greenstein.

A graveside service was held Dec. 23 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## DORIS P. DELUTY

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Doris P. Deluty, 70, of 39 Greylock Ave., an investigator for the state Department of Labor for many years, retiring nine years ago, died Dec. 24 at Delray Medical Center, Delray Beach. She was the wife of Jerome Deluty.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Max and Sarah (Markoff) Viner, she moved to Cranston 45 years ago.

She was a graduate of the former Pembroke College, now Brown University. A member of Hadassah, she was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, president of its former Sisterhood, and a member of its board of trustees. She was also a member of the Women's Association of the former Jewish Home for Aged.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Harris Deluty of Fairfield, Conn., and Edward Deluty of Cranston; a daughter, Maxine Roberts of Wellesley, Mass.; two sisters, Beverly Baron of Brockton, Mass., and Marilyn Rose of Atlanta, Ga.; and five grandchildren.

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

## IRVING FEINGOLD

SOUTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. — Irving Feingold died on Dec. 28. His residence was in South Dartmouth, Mass. He was the husband of Bertha (Sulloway) Feingold.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a sister, Beatrice Bloomberg, of New Bedford.

Graveside services were held at Plainville Cemetery, New Bedford. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## ARTHUR D. FINE

SIMSBURY, Conn. — Arthur D. Fine, 58, of West Hartford, Conn., a research mathematician for Pratt & Whitney before retiring, died Dec. 21 at the McLean Home in Simsbury. He was the husband of Gail (Bernstein) Fine. He was the son of the late Robert and Sonia Fine.

Born in Providence, he graduated magna cum laude from Brown University in 1960 and received a master's degree in applied physics in 1961 from Harvard University. He later earned his doctorate in applied mathematics from Brown. He was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and a member of Sigma Xi. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He was a member of Beth El Temple of West Hartford, Conn.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Jason P. Fine of Boston; and a daughter, Sara S. Fine of Baltimore.

The funeral service was held Dec. 22 at the chapel of the Weinstein Mortuary, 640 Farmington Ave., Hartford. Burial was in Beth El Temple Cemetery in Avon, Conn.

## SARAH KLEIN

CRANSTON — Sarah Klein, 85, of the Cedar Crest Nursing Home, Scituate Avenue, a floor lady of Calart Co. for 16 years, retiring in 1950, died Dec. 27 at the home. She was the wife of

the late Morris Klein.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Jacob and Sadie (Goldstein) Pavlow, she had lived in Cranston for many years.

She was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek and its Sisterhood. She was a life member of the Jewish Home for the Aged Women's Association, Miriam Hospital Women's Association and the Workman's Circle.

She leaves a brother, Herman Pavlov of Cranston. She was the sister of the late Robert and Samuel Pavlov and Marilyn Mesibov.

A graveside service was held Dec. 30 in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

## NAUM LUBINSKIY

PROVIDENCE — Naum Lubinskiy, 79, of 83 Doyle Ave., a former mechanic in Russia, died Dec. 25 at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Sonya (Smiler) Lubinskiy.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Aron and Ita (Manolenko) Lubinskiy, he moved to Providence two years ago. He was a Russian Army veteran of World War II.

The funeral service was Dec. 26 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

## LOUIS L. LUNIN

PROVIDENCE — Louis L. Lunin, 86, of 20 Randall St., owner of the Mercury Heating Co. of Boston for many years, retiring 20 years ago, died Dec. 20 in Steere House in Providence. He was the husband of the late Marion (Rosenblatt) Lunin.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Samuel and Zeldia (Kanter) Lunin, he had lived in Providence since 1990, previously living in Framingham, Mass.

He was a graduate of Boston University Law School.

He also had worked for Lunin Coal & Oil Co. of Boston and as an automotive salesman. He was a Mason.

He leaves three daughters, Lesley L. Mehlman of Barrington, Andrea L. Sigurdsson

of Middletown and Jane L. Perel of East Greenwich; a brother, George H. Lunin of Canton, Mass.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Irving "Coog" Lunin, Ida L. Siegel and Rose Lunin.

The funeral was held Dec. 22 in the Max Sugarman Memorial Home, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

## IRIS MARKS

PROVIDENCE — Iris Marks, of 24 Wriston Drive, Providence, a teacher at the Martin Luther King School for 22-1/2 years, died Dec. 25 at Roger Williams Hospital. She was the widow of Jacob "Jack" Marks.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late William D. and Leda (Bloom) Strong. She previously taught at the Willow Street School. She was also an adjunct faculty member at Rhode Island College and a certified supervisor of student teachers at Rhode Island College, Barrington College and the University of Rhode Island.

She was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and received a master's degree from RIC in 1968. She was a member of the American Federation of Teachers and a member of the Providence and Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association.

She was a past president and life member of the Providence Hebrew Day School and a life member of the former Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a member of the Congregation Mishkon Tifloah.

She leaves two sons, Gary B. Marks of Providence and Lawrence B. Marks of New Hartford, N.Y.; a sister, Esta Kornstein of Woonsocket; and two grandsons.

The funeral was held on Dec. 29 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## EARL J. RESNICK

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Earl J. Resnick, 81, of 5220 Las Verdes Circle, Delray Beach, Fla., owner of Gale Truck Sales before retiring, in 1988, died Dec. 20 in Delray Community Hospital, Delray Beach. He was the husband of Gilda (Baker) Resnick.

Born in Fall River, Mass., a son of the late Morris and Fanny (Quinn) Resnick, he had lived in Providence before moving to Florida in 1994.

He was in the produce business for many years before opening Gale Truck Sales.

He was a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob, Temple Am David and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan. He was a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and was a life member of the Knights of Pythias, What Cheer Lodge 24.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Kenneth H. Resnick, of Roanoke, Va.; three daughters, Deborah R. Cicero of Malden, Mass.; Sharon R. Gilstein of Warwick, and Frima R. Titlebaum of Marietta, Ga.; a brother, Leon Resnick of Warwick; and five grandchildren.

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Dec. 22 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

### NATHAN 'SLICK' SARENSON

PROVIDENCE — Nathan "Slick" Sarensen, 75, of 455 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, a business consultant for more than 40 years, died Dec. 26 in Miriam Hospital, Providence. He was the husband of the late Luna (Abrevaya) Sarensen.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Julius and Minnie (Weinstein) Sarensen. He had lived in Cranston for the last six years, previously living in Pawtucket for more than 40 years. He had many business interests and was founder and proprietor of the former Suburban Glass Co. of Providence for 15 years, and most recently, a consultant to Horizon Graphics of Cumberland.

He was a proprietor of several newsstands in downtown Providence from the 1940s through the 1960s.

He attended Bryant College.

He was a World War II Navy veteran, serving in the Battle of Okinawa. He was a member of Congregation Sons of Jacob and the Touro Fraternal Association. He was also a member of the National Association of Printers and Lithographers and the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation of Carnegie Mellon University of Pittsburgh, Pa.

He leaves his dearest friend, Roberta Greenberg of Cranston; a daughter, May-Ronny Zeidman of Warwick; a son, Barry Sarensen of Wrentham, Mass.; a brother, Bernard Sarensen of Cranston; and four grandchildren.

He was the brother of the late Esther, John and Max Sarensen and the late Frances Carrazzo.

The funeral service was held Dec. 27 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### NATHAN SILK

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Nathan Silk, 71, of 17 Dewey Road, Swansea, a production manager for the former Fitz Rainwear Co., of New Bedford for 25 years, and owner, with his son, of the Corner Place in Warren, R.I., died Dec. 24 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Carol (Helrich) Silk.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late Jacob and Minnie

## Operation Clean

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Lang is on Point Counterpoint and the Violet Roundup, two of Violet's WHJJ shows, every Friday.

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(Sossin) Silk, he moved to Swansea 37 years ago.

He was a member of Temple Beth El in Fall River. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Edward Silk; two daughters, Cynthia Silk of Swansea and Nancy Deady of Wilmington, N.C.; two sisters, Estelle Miller of West Warwick and Nettie Weiser of Dallas, Texas; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Dec. 26 at Beth El Cemetery in Fall River. Arrangements were by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

### EDWIN S. SOFORENKO

LONGBOAT KEY, Fla. — Edwin S. Soforenko, 81, of 82 Grotto Ave., Providence, R.I., founder and chairman of the board of Insurance Underwriters Inc. since 1936, died Dec. 24 in Longboat Key, Fla. He was the husband of the late Miriam (Silverman) Soforenko.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Samuel and Jennie (Persky) Soforenko.

He was a graduate of Brown

University. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El and an honorary vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. In November he was recognized by the Rhode Island chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives for his philanthropy.

Through the Edwin Soforenko Foundation, he was a major contributor to the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Providence Hebrew Day School, the former Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Miriam Hospital, Camp Jori and Jewish Family Service.

He leaves two sons, Lawrence Soforenko of Providence, and Henry Soforenko in Israel; and a sister, Sylvia Greene of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He was the brother of the late Marion Heymann.

The funeral service was held Dec. 27 at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

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## U.S. Jews

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ter, *Near East Report*, emphasizing that the reports of settlement activity in the territories were exaggerated.

At the same time, AIPAC executive director Howard Kohr urged organizations during the conference call with Ben-Elissar to make "discrete contact" with the administration at the highest levels to let officials know that "public unilateral criticism of Israel" is not helpful to the peace process.

It is unclear how much follow-up there was, but it sparked the ire of at least one member organization.

Mary Ann Stein, co-president of the left-wing Americans for Peace Now, fired off a letter to Hoenlein and Leon Levy, chairman of the conference, saying that she disagreed with Kohr's call for action.

"I believe Israel is flirting with disaster and I applaud President Clinton for his strong position and his public statement which are made with Israel's interest at heart," she wrote. "It is my belief that we should urge our members to communicate with the president our appreciation for his intervention."

Stein took her own advice, praising the president in a letter.

APN was not alone. Project Nishma, a dovish organization that supports the peace process,

immediately issued an action alert, saying that the president had merely "reaffirmed the long-standing U.S. position" on settlements, and calling on its members to send a message of support to the White House.

"Without Jewish support," the Nishma communique read, "Clinton may conclude that personal involvement in the peace process is not worth the political cost."

Said Tom Smerling, Nishma director, "Netanyahu had pushed the issue of settlements so far, it was understandable that sooner or later the president would have to say something."

"Clinton has so much political capital in our community, he can spend some without running out," Smerling added.

Notably, the major defense organizations did not spring into action.

The American Jewish Committee issued no statement, for instance, though its executive director, David Harris, was willing to comment obliquely on the president's style of diplomacy.

The problem with public criticism is "the law of unintended consequences," Harris said, adding that it "may embolden the Palestinian Authority to think it's in their interest to hold out longer and postpone difficult decisions to increase pressures on Israel."

### SIEGFRIED STEIN

FALL RIVER, Mass. —

Siegfried Stein, 83, of the Jewish Home for Aged, 538 Robeson St., Fall River, a partner of the former Famous Dairy Restaurant in New York City for five years before retiring, died Dec. 23 at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River.

Born in Berlin, Germany, a son of the late Solomon and Klara (Koenig) Stein, he lived in Argentina from 1936 to 1946, when he moved to New York City. In 1994 he moved to Fall River.

He leaves a sister, Cecilia Katz of Greenville, and a brother, Arnold Stein of Providence.

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

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# Israeli Advertisers Target Ferribly Orthodox Market

by Michele Chabin

JERUSALEM (JTA) — When Pisga, an Israeli manufacturer of laundry products, wanted to expand its customer base, it turned to one of the country's leading advertising agencies.

Researching the market, the advertising firm, Gitam/BBDO, learned that Pisga was not a household name among some of Israel's largest households — those of haredim, or fervently Orthodox Jews.

While those families, which often include a dozen or more children, are great consumers of laundry products, a large percentage had never tried Pisga.

The reason: The company had never taken the trouble to market its products to the Orthodox community.

As a growing number of Israeli companies are beginning to realize, reaching out to religious consumers is very good business.

"With haredim [making up]

about 15 percent of the overall population, it's worthwhile for advertisers to market to the community," said an employee of the haredi newspaper *Yated Ne'eman*, who asked that her name not be published for "reasons of modesty."

"We have tremendous buying power, and that power, like the community itself, is growing all the time," she added.

Although many businesses have gotten the message, marketing their products to this insular community requires a great deal of sensitivity to its norms.

According to Shifra Krimalovsky, advertising director of Gitam/BBDO's religious division, it is not enough to know what products appeal to haredim.

"Research has shown that food, clothing, jewelry, silver and gold items — and anything for the home — sell in this sector, and that tourism and enter-

tainment activities like concerts and the theater do not."

Krimalovsky, an Orthodox mother of 11 children, said, "This community has a lot of unique needs. It is very conscious of the messages being sent out via advertising. For an ad to be acceptable, it must be consistent with haredi religious values."

**"The most important thing for any company is knowing your target group. You have to speak their language."**

*Shifra Krimalovsky*

While there is no "haredi handbook" for advertisers, those who want their products featured in the haredi press or the haredi Yellow Pages are careful not to feature women in their advertisements.

In addition, any product, service or event that might be construed as immodest or a waste of time — especially if it could detract from Torah study or the performance of Jewish rituals — is shied away from.

As stringent as the haredi advertising world is, many companies say the rewards out-

weigh the headaches.

Recognizing the potential gains, business giants such as Elite Chocolate, Osem food products and the Bezek telephone company have created in-house haredi marketing departments or have farmed their religious marketing needs out to advertising agencies.

Smaller companies, which often design their own ads, tend to boast that their staff members observe the Sabbath, or that their foods are produced with the approval of a certain rabbi or kashrut authority.

"The most important thing for any company," said Krimalovsky, "is knowing your target group. You have to speak their language."

Krimalovsky demonstrated her knowledge of the haredi world when she helped create an ad for Time cigarettes.

Instead of the ads published in the secular press, which include photos of couples sitting by the seashore, the advertising executive took a page from Jewish law when designing the "kosher" ad.

Under the heading "Shavuah Tov," the words Orthodox Jews say after performing the havdalah ceremony at the end of Shabbat, the ad features a havdalah set and a pack of cigarettes.

"According to Jewish law, you can't smoke on the Sabbath, and people build up a real craving for a cigarette," she said. "This ad acknowledges this."

In the case of Pisga's laundry products, the company opted to go with a single ad campaign, albeit with two different photographs.

In the regular ad, two T-shirts graced with Marilyn Monroe's likeness hang side-by-side on a clothesline. One is gray and dingy, the other is as white as new snow. The haredi ad also features a clothesline, but this time the things hanging out in the sun are two tallitot, or prayer shawls, their fringes dancing in the breeze.

Thanks to the ad's dual successes — both inside and outside the haredi community — Pisga's revenues "rose substantially," Krimalovsky said.

## Medical Care

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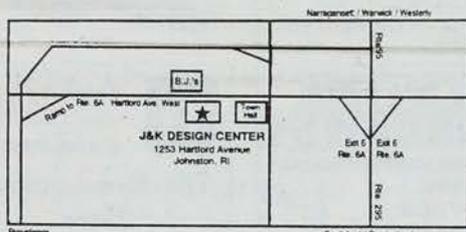
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## Israel, Oman Sign Water Accord

by Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has joined with four other nations in establishing a regional center for research in desalination.

The center, which will be built in the Persian Gulf state of Oman and have an operating budget of about \$7 million for its first year, will coordinate research in desalination and will oversee the construction of various experimental sites in the Middle East.

"This is an important achievement for the peace process," the Israeli Foreign Ministry said in a statement. "It will offer an opportunity to advance a possible solution for the problem of water in the Middle East."

The head of the Israeli mis-

sion in Oman, Oded Ben-Haim, signed the agreement to create the regional center during a ceremony held recently in the Omani capital of Muscat.

As a founding member, Israel will have equal rights in the center's directorate along with the other signatories to the agreement, the United States, Japan, Korea and Oman.

Negotiations for including the European Union as a founding member are nearing completion, according to the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

The ministry also said that Mekorot, Israel's water company, will soon be establishing an installation in Israel for desalinating sea water in commercial quantities.

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