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## Israelis See Internet as Means to Promote Jewish Community

by David Landau  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — For months, thousands of people around the Jewish world have been taking part in a "Virtual Zionist Congress" over the Internet.

Some of them were there for the 33rd Zionist Congress, scheduled from Dec. 23 to Dec. 26, where they converted their discussions and resolutions from "virtual" to "real."

After the congress ended, they returned to their computers, reliving their experiences and refining their positions on the various issues on the Jewish agenda in preparation for "Jewish Web Week."

Slated for Feb. 22 to 27, the Web Week hopes to attract some 600,000 online enthusiasts to visit the 613 participating Jewish sites.

The Zionist establishment, Israel's Education Ministry and top high-tech companies are involved in the Virtual Congress, which is the brainchild of Mordechai Friedman, a Jerusalem educator who heads the pedagogic center of the Joint Authority for Jewish Zionist Education, an arm of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization.

The Virtual Congress, in a string of draft resolutions to be submitted at this month's "real" Zionist Congress, calls for the massive development of Jewish "electronic citizenship" enabling

Jews around the world to be part of the debates that are at the core of Jewish communal life.

In discussion groups led by experts in Israel and the Diaspora that were held over the Internet during the past few months, the strongest theme was that of the need — and the possibility — of greater grass-roots involvement through new technology.

One resolution emerging from the online deliberations that is sure to arouse interest and controversy calls for Israeli and Diaspora Jewish leadership to create a Jewish electronic university.

A women's issues discussion group is weighing in with a resolution urging that the Internet and electronic communications be harnessed to afford women a more intensive role in Jewish affairs.

In another discussion group, young businessmen are looking forward to the next General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, scheduled for November 1998 in Jerusalem, as a venue where many of them will meet and crystallize ideas and ventures that they have brought into being in their electronic forum.

At this month's congress, participants can shuttle between real and virtual meetings, said Friedman, creating a "global shtetl" that will engender a sense of connection and community

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### Happy Chanukah

At Touro Synagogue's Dec. 21 Chanukah Party, third- and fourth-graders sing a spirited "Dreidel."

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

## Washington Hopes For Better Luck Next Year on Mideast Peace

by Naomi Segal  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Washington hopes that next year will be a better one for the peace process.

In an effort to give some substance to those hopes, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat recently agreed to hold separate meetings next month in Washington with President Clinton.

Noting that "1997 was not a good year for the peace process," U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said recently that she wanted to "make sure 1998 is a good year."

She made the comment after meeting with Arafat in London and discussions earlier in the day in Paris with Netanyahu.

The Netanyahu-Albright meeting was their second in 12 days — but it appeared clear that their discussions did not achieve the breakthrough needed to end a nearly 10-month-long stalemate in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Netanyahu, who had little to offer in the way of new proposals, told Albright that he is facing difficulties trying to get hardliners in his coalition to agree on Israeli-Palestinian borders in a final-status agreement. His Cabinet must sign off on such a plan before agreeing to

any further redeployment in the West Bank.

During a series of stormy meetings, Netanyahu's Cabinet refused to back any specific proposal, forcing the premier to arrive essentially empty-handed to the Paris meeting.

Foreign Minister David Levy refused to attend because he said it was a waste of time in the absence of a detailed redeployment plan.

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Netanyahu told reporters after the meeting that "specific steps" had been agreed upon, but he refused to elaborate, saying he first wanted to brief his Cabinet.

Netanyahu also said he and Albright did not discuss the specifics of a redeployment, adding that he presented Israel's security concerns based on maps from the 1995 Interim Agreement, which set forth the current West Bank status.

For her part, Albright said after the three-hour meeting at the Israeli ambassador's resi-

dence that her meeting with Netanyahu was "pleasant."

She reportedly told Netanyahu to concentrate on the "practical aspects" of a redeployment rather than focus on those areas that Israel would not cede to the Palestinian Authority because of security concerns.

From Paris, Albright traveled to London to meet with Arafat. Netanyahu continued to Luxembourg for meetings with European Union leaders.

As Israel struggles to come up with the "credible" redeployment that American officials are seeking, Washington is pressing Arafat to provide a detailed plan to root out Hamas militants from the self-rule areas.

Arafat said after meeting Albright that the United States had approved his plan for cracking down on terrorists, adding that "we now hope the Israeli side will approve the documents."

Israeli hardliners have refused to back any redeployment until Arafat lives up to his commitment to fight terror.

Netanyahu faces pressure not only from conservative members of his coalition, but also from settler leaders, who recently threatened to topple his government if the premier authorizes a redeployment without demanding Palestinian reciprocity.



### Wrapping It Up

At the Atrium Mall in Chestnut Hill, Mass., ORT volunteers Penny Grossman (left) and Arlene Davidson help Christmas shoppers by wrapping their gifts. The fees for their services benefit ORT.

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# HAPPENINGS

## Chanukah Artwork

The *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* would like to thank all of the children who participated in the annual art contest.

All drawings and paintings are on display through Chanukah at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island in Providence. They may be picked up at the JCCRI, 861-8800, at your convenience.

## Israel Through Song

The Consulate General of Israel to New England presents "Israel Through Song, A Land of Many Voices" on Dec. 31 at the Boston Public Library, Rabb Hall, from 7 to 7:45 p.m. and from 8:15 to 9 p.m.

As part of Boston's First Night happenings, join in the kick-off celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary in New England as fine Israeli musicians bring Israel's rich society, history and culture to life through song and music.

Admission with a Boston First Night button only. Buttons are available at Boston locations: BankBoston, Starbucks, Bostix & Stop & Shop. Adults are \$10. Free for children under 6.

The program is made possible by The George and Beatrice Sherman Family Charitable Trust, Claire and Norton Sherman, and the America-Israel Friendship League. For more information, call (617) 542-0041.

## Capture Chanukah in Photos

What will you and your family be doing during Chanukah? If you're hosting, organizing or attending a Chanukah party or event, don't forget to take pictures and send them to the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*. Please label all photos clearly and feel free to write a short summary about the party or event. All photos are due by Jan. 2, 1998. The *Herald* will try to use as many photos as possible for the Jan. 8 issue.

If you would like your photos returned to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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## Calendar: December 25 thru January 3

- 25 Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island hosts schedule of events including a day trip to Foxwoods. Call for full schedule and registration, 861-8800.  
"Dollar-a-bag" used books at JCCRI, Providence.  
Helping others! Join other Jewish young adults to volunteer in the community. Call 863-9357 for details.
- 27 Native American Program at Providence Children's Museum. Enjoy tales of light and fire by storyteller Paula Jennings of Narragansett, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 273-KIDS.
- 28 Congregation Ohave Shalom Chanukah Dinner, 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a three-course chicken dinner and dessert prepared by Junior N.C.S.Y. chapter. Call for reservations, 726-6633 or 725-3886.  
B'nai B'rith Impact Unit Chanukah Party at Covenant House in Boston, Mass., 10:30 a.m. Call (617) 731-5290 for more information.
- 30 Jewish InterAction "Last Night Alight," Boston Center for Adult Education, 7 p.m. Celebrate the last night of Chanukah in casual-high style! Call (617) 457-8666.
- 31 New Year's Bash with Perspectives, Young Jewish adult group and Bagel Boy Productions at Holiday Inn at Brookline, Mass. Call for reservations, (508) 675-5005 or (617) 739-7467.  
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- 1 Polar Bear Plunges, hearty souls enjoy a plunge into the "brisk" winter waters to raise money for various charities; Narragansett Town Beach, Charlestown Beach and Wickford Town Beach. Call for information, 789-1044, 364-9500 or 885-3044.  
Inventory Show of Historic/Contemporary Paintings, Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, Bert Gallery, Providence. Call 751-2628.  
Artistic Expressions of the Human Spirit, Museum of Art, RISD, Providence, Jan. 1 to 31. Call 454-6500.  
Ties That Bind — Fiber Art by Ed Rossbach and Katherine Westphal from the Daphne Farago Collection, Museum of Art, RISD, Providence. Call 454-6500.

## The Countdown to The Millennium Begins Song Swapping

Ring in 1998 and begin the three-year countdown to the changing century in elegant style at The Biltmore Hotel this New Year's Eve. Fashion, flowers, and fireworks will set the tone for a gala New Year's Eve celebration in the Grand Ballroom of Providence's historic hotel. The event, which begins at 8 p.m., will benefit Rhode Island Project/AIDS supporting the agency's programs in HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and client services.

Bea Temkin, society editor for *Rhode Island Monthly Magazine*,

and Stephen Hourahan, president of the agency's board of directors, co-chairs of the event, have orchestrated an evening reminiscent of a 1940's stellar celebration. The Phil Tandy Orchestra will provide the entertainment for the cocktail reception while astrologers offer guests a glimpse of the surprises in store for them in 1998.

Few tickets remain and a sell-out gathering is expected. Make your reservations by calling Rhode Island Project/AIDS at 831-5522. The New Year's resolutions can wait!

Rhode Island folksinger and activist, Joyce Katzberg, will be performing every Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Warren Antique Center located in historic downtown Warren.

For 30 years, Katzberg has been entertaining New England audiences with a blend of topical, traditional, humorous and thought-provoking material. Katzberg is locally known for combining her art and activism in the name of many causes and is a co-founder of the Stonesoup Coffeehouse in Providence and the originator of the Rhode Island Labor and Ethnic Heritage Festival. Over the years, she has shared the stage with many of folk music's most well-known performers, including Pete Seeger, Tom Paxton, Steve Goodman and Peter Yarrow.

Katzberg encourages people to share songs and stories with her on Friday evenings in a format known as "song swapping." There is no cover charge for the performance. For more information, contact the Warren Antique Center at 245-5461.

## Mishkan T'filah Celebrates Chanukah

The community is invited to the annual Chanukah celebration at Congregation Mishkan T'filah, 203 Summit Ave., Providence on Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.

There will be refreshments, Divrei Torah and entertainment during the festive celebration.

*Happy Chanukah from the staff of The Rhode Island Jewish Herald*

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# JEWISH COMMUNITY

## Touro Synagogue's Chanukah Party Reflects Its Amistad Experience

by Emily Torgan-Shalansky  
Jewish Community Reporter

Chanukah met Hollywood at Touro Synagogue's Dec. 21 holiday bash.

The traditional latkes sizzled and the usual dreidels spun, but this year, Touro students performed Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz's "Chanukah on the Amistad," a short comedy created to remember the congregation's recent experience — the filming of director Steven Spielberg's "Amistad" about half a block from their temple.

"Chanukah is the first time in recorded human history that a war was fought for religious freedom," said the rabbi before the production. "The survivors were able to write the story, and we hope it inspired many other worthy rebellions."

The ensuing "drama," however, inspired only a great deal of laughter.

The vignette included Touro student-actors holed up on a ship named "The Flying Latke" to protest such indignities as "too much singing in services," refusal by the rabbi to permit bar mitzvahs via the internet, and latkes made from Bisquick that were allegedly sold in their community center.

But when student Ethan Briskin appeared on stage as Steven Spielberg spewing hopes for a happy Chanukah, the rebellion quickly diffused.

After the drama ended and the last of the latkes had vanished, the rabbi said Spielberg's creative efforts had touched his congregation.

"It took place very nearby. We actually gave parking spaces to members of the cast to help Newport accommodate them," Rabbi Eskovitz said on Dec. 22. "After services, many congregants would walk over to watch the filming, and in some cases, the children became extras."

During the filming, said the rabbi, Steven Spielberg and the movie were a constant topic of conversation.

"We talked about him at length," he said. "He was very kind to people, and we were very proud of him and his Jewish connections and perspectives."

In March, Spielberg took his children on a lengthy tour of Touro, the nation's oldest extant Jewish temple.

"He and his children were very excited and curious," said the rabbi. "He said he would like to come back for a reading of the Washington letter [an historic letter from George Washington to Touro promising religious freedom to all in America.]"

Spielberg spent time with the synagogue administrators after his tour, and at another point, he invited Rabbi Eskovitz to lunch.

Spielberg and the film also affected classroom discussions at Touro.

"The themes of the movie also inspired a lot of discussion," Rabbi Eskovitz said. "The children never needed to ask whether slavery was good or

bad. Passover talks about getting away from slavery, which has a very negative connotation in Judaism."

Although his play was a farce, the rabbi really believes there are connections between Chanukah and the historic slave rebellion dramatized in "Amistad."

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"We admire the Maccabees, who fought for freedom," he said. "When we see the film, we also admire Cinque, who led the rebellion, and also the Americans who were willing to stand up and defend the cause of slaves. That's very important."

Rabbi Eskovitz also believes lessons from "Amistad" can be used to explain the importance of freedom fighters at other points in Jewish history.

"The Warsaw Ghetto fighters staged a rebellion as well."



IN RABBI MORDECHAI ESKOVITZ'S "Chanukah on the Amistad," Matt Cawley (left) plays narrator, Rabbi Eskovitz is the announcer, Jonathan Hershoff is the rebellion leader, and Naomi Hershoff is a rebelling student.

Herald photo by Emily Torgan-Shalansky

Although he does not think Spielberg's "Amistad" or "Schindler's List" were fully historically accurate, he remains a great fan of the director and his approach.

"I agree that 'Schindler's List' understated the situation, and some parts of 'Amistad' were

pure Hollywood," he said. "But he makes his audience aware of other people's lives, and those who might not have cared now care."

The rabbi is glad that Spielberg is telling such stories on screen.

"In 'Schindler's List,' Spiel-

berg produced and sold moviegoers something that would help overcome anti-Semitic emotions," the rabbi said. "Amistad" is not all history, but it's very sympathetic to the black cause. Because he's so sympathetic, he tells people that there are no excuses for intolerance."

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# OPINION

## A New Year's Wish List

by Marlene E. Post

This year the eight days of Chanukah serve as a bridge to 1998, the 50th anniversary of Israel. As I kindle the nightly candles, I will see light in the dark, long-burning Jewish survival against tyranny and the many miracles the Jewish people have achieved. As we voice "Happy Chanukah" over and over again, it is my hope that as a united Jewish community, we will reach out to each other to create bridges, solutions and yes — new miracles. Theodore Herzl said: "If you will it, it is no dream." Here is my wish list for the New Year. Let's will it together:

**1. Peace:** The root of the word *shalom* is the same as *shalem* — whole. We must pursue peace by bringing all of Israel's population together. By continuing direct dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians at all levels — from government negotiations down to community organizations and activities — we can promote opportunities for de-

veloping mutual understanding and concern. Through the development and implementation of grass-roots programs that bring young Israel and Arab students face-to-face, we can better influence a new generation to forgo stereotypes in favor of tolerance.

**2. Jewish Unity, Peoplehood:** Let's learn to appreciate each other's differences by turning *sinat chinam* (endless hatred) into *binat chinam* (endless understanding). Create opportunities for you and the next generation to know and understand people from the other streams of Judaism as individuals. Invite them to community events, welcome them into your home, and support Jewish youth programs that are non-factional and non-partisan.

**3. Practical Zionism:** As we celebrate 50 years of Israeli Statehood and 100 years of Zionism, we must pursue the next challenge: To develop Israel as the best possible Jewish homeland in every arena — social, educa-

tional, cultural, healthcare, economic, and quality of life. Personalize this mission by visiting, and giving your time and money to organizations and projects that would make Israel an ideal home for your family. Then, consider *aliyah*.

**4. Jewish Continuity:** Let's turn this buzz word into action by ensuring that this and future generations are raised knowing and loving the traditions of our religion, the Hebrew language, and the history of our people. Engage your children and grandchildren in Jewish experiences: Jewish camps, Jewish schools, programs in Israel. Support new initiatives and help create programs that are creative, user-friendly and affordable.

**5. Inter-marriage:** Before you tell your children to marry within the faith, be sure you have shown them why Jewish life is beautiful and why they should share it with their own families. Involve them early in youth movements, like Young Judaea, to meet scores of other Jews their own age. And if your child indeed falls in love with someone who is not Jewish, bring the partner into the family by sharing our heritage and encouraging the whole family to participate in Jewish life together.

**6. Israel's Missing In Action:** Israel has soldiers that have been missing for as long as 15 years. The families continue to suffer as, in almost every case, no confirmation on the status or whereabouts of the soldiers has emerged. Write to President Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Thank them for their diplomatic efforts on this issue and ask them to keep MIAs in the forefront of the Middle East agenda. The missing must not be forgotten.

**7. A Safe World For Women:**

It is little known that Jewish women are abused by their partners at a rate that is comparable to the total population and that they tend to stay even longer in abusive relationships. We must bring this sad fact out of hiding and work to enact social and legal safeguards to protect women from physical, sexual and psychological abuse. Support local women's shelters and domestic abuse counseling centers and hotlines. Encourage them to provide kosher food and social services appropriate for Jewish women. Keep the national hotline number (800) 799-SAFE in case a friend or family member turns out to be one of the millions of women who are the silent victims of domestic abuse each year.

**8. Women's Health:** Although it is estimated that more than 180,000 new incidents of breast cancer will be diagnosed and more than 43,000 women will die from the disease this year, studies reveal that most women still do not do breast self-exams. Monthly breast self-examinations leading to early detection can dramatically reduce the number of deaths. Make it your business to learn how to properly do this life-saving breast self-exam and make it a part of your routine. Spread the word to female friends, colleagues and family members — it can save lives.

**9. Genetic Discrimination:** Help urge passage of federal legislation to prevent insurance and employment discrimination against those with a hereditary propensity for disease. While recent studies have found that Ashkenazi Jews are at a potentially higher risk of developing hereditary breast and colon cancer, legislative protections will allow any individual at high risk to take genetic tests and partici-

pate in important genetic research without fear of discrimination. Write your U.S. representatives to urge support for "The Genetic Information Non-Discrimination in Health Insurance Act" and "The Genetic Justice Act."

**10. Equity for women in the Workplace:** According to recent studies, women at Jewish organizations continue to be seriously under-represented in lay and professional leadership roles, and are not paid equal wages. To help break the "glass ceiling," bolster efforts that give women the skills to become leaders; promote women to executive positions in your synagogue and community organizations; and enhance women's image by publicly acknowledging the achievements of local female professionals. To advance equitable wages, write Congressional representatives to support the "Fair Pay Act" and the "Paycheck Fairness Act."

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Judaism holds that it is not enough to avoid iniquity — we must actively pursue righteousness and justice at home, in the community and in the world. Volunteering is also good for your mental and physical health. Let's make 1998 more meaningful by taking action to mend, heal and repair the world: Join an organization that supports your values; volunteer; raise money; vote; be generous; write letters to legislators and newspapers; rally. Like Theodore Herzl, we can transform the world beginning with our own homes and communities. Decide what matters to you and commit yourself today to making a difference.

Marlene E. Post is national president of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America.

### Light a Spark

On Sunday, Dec. 28, the Grand Rabbi Levi Y. Horowitz, the Bostoner Rebbe of Boston, Mass., is coming to the Jewish Community Center to "spark" your fund-raising drive to reopen the Boys' High School.

He will speak to us about the necessity of firmly establishing Torah education in our youth so they do not assimilate and aren't lost to Judaism forever. Our battle cry, "Save the Jews of New England," resounds over and over as the committee to reopen the Boys' High School urges the Jews from cities and small towns in Rhode Island to become astutely aware of the importance of the continuity of Jewish education. Let us have our Boys' High School!

If we are the people of the book, why shouldn't our children know the book?

Please feel welcome to call Camille Chorney, executive director of NEAT Foundation, for more information at (401) 726-7193.

Submitted by Camille Chorney of NEAT.

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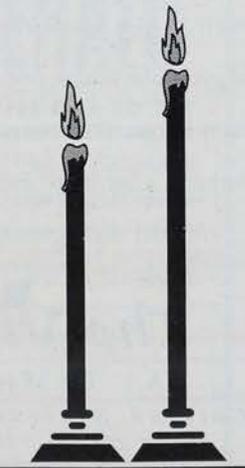
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## Letting G-d Into Our Lives

by Judith Kahan Rowland

In *Parashat Miketz*, we find ourselves in the middle of one of the most complete and compelling human stories in the Book of Genesis. Unlike the narratives about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, however, a large section of the Joseph story contains no mention of G-d.

In last week's Torah portion, *Vayeshev*, we get to know Joseph, the youngest and most favored son in a clearly dysfunctional family. Although his father Jacob had several one-on-one encounters with G-d, it does not seem that G-d resides within this family.

Motivated by jealousy and hatred, Joseph's brothers sell him to Ishmaelites on their way down to Egypt. Certainly G-d was not present when they plotted his fate, and G-d is also absent as Joseph journeys down to Egypt.

G-d is not a part of Joseph's first encounter with Egyptian life as the head of Potiphar's household, and *Parashat Vayeshev* ends with Joseph back in prison after he had been set up by Potiphar's wife in a false

accusation of sexual harassment. Now, at the beginning of this week's *parashah*, Joseph is still in prison after two long years. Apparently, during that time, Joseph has finally allowed the G-d of his ancestors to enter his life and at the same time has gained a healthy sense of humility. When called upon by Pharaoh to interpret his disquieting dreams, Joseph responds, "Not I; G-d will see to Pharaoh's welfare." (Genesis 41:16)

### Living Torah

Pharaoh is clearly impressed by Joseph's skillful interpretations and his brilliant marketing plan. But what is it exactly that sets Joseph's interpretations apart from those of all the wise men of Egypt? After all, Pharaoh's dreams don't seem that difficult to figure out. The answer lies in Joseph's faith. So passionate is Joseph's belief in G-d that he is elevated from the depths of the dungeon to the position of Pharaoh's second in command.

Like a good novel, the big

picture slowly emerges — and it is G-d's big picture. Joseph's brothers reenter the story when they journey down to Egypt in search of food. As a result, Joseph will be able to save his family and continue the unfolding of G-d's plans as revealed to Abraham.

How often we meet people who have no room for G-d in their lives? Because they believe that their successes are the result of their own hands, they have nowhere to turn in times of crisis. Was this not Joseph's problem? As long as G-d was not in Joseph's life — as long as Joseph was so full of himself — his life was one pitfall after another. Not until Joseph allowed G-d in was his destiny fulfilled and his family reunited.

Allowing G-d to enter our lives can provide us with a sense of humility, an ethical framework, and a passion for all that life has to offer. It is a lesson we can all learn.

Judith Kahan Rowland is the cantor of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, and the president of the American Conference of Cantors.



## Don't Monkey Around With Wings

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

The very idea! Having a Henry James character actually do something, strip for action, choose a clear feeling! No!

"Wings of the Dove" got rave reviews in local pages. "Itsoars," proclaimed headlines, or "Thumbs up," read the ad. But as usual, the crowds and the critics can't get off the bandwagon of mass appeal. If you're one of the few who hasn't seen it, here's the gist. A feeble sort of fellow wobbles between the charms of a tough cookie, or the morbid allure of a dying American heiress. This innocent abroad gets him, but only after her passing on, in a Venetian canal-cortege, a funeral procession which is the finest scene in the entire movie. The love-making bedroom finale is a gross offense to any lover of the literature of our expatriate author.

You may recall other Henry James tales translated onto the American screen. Montgomery Clift plays a fortune hunter and Olivia de Havilland a rich orphan, in "The Heiress," in an elegant black and white production four decades ago. No nudity, no gorgeous location shots, no glamorous costumes. It was about the strength of the weak, the cruel power of money. It had class, not "accessibility."

"Wings" has some lovely speeches, some images of Venice that establish mood. But the

mesmerizing and interiorized drama of conscience of the original is totally missing. If you have ever picked up a story written by Henry James, you remember that sentences never end. They pour beyond sentences into paragraphs, twisting from page to page, contradicting each other, leaving you in a state of anxious uncertainty. James Thurber did his senior college thesis on James. His humor is a parody of the master. Not that one can expect a movie to stay totally faithful to its source story.

"Beast in the Jungle," another similar James yarn, spells out the sad ballad of a suitor whose sweetie likewise dies of a lingering ailment. He told her he couldn't marry because he was awaiting a major life event lurking among the future years, like a beast in the jungle behind some tree. After he loses his parlor, not boudoir, love, he searches among his travels for an insight. It is the tragic insight: too late!

If "Wings" had skipped some of its concessions to sensation and dealt more with the inner lives of its characters, it would have won me over. As it is, I am left to make fun of our local reporter who praised it for its simple morality. Reach for your handkerchief, he says without irony. And, don't monkey around with romance, as he sums up the moral.

## Lunatic Logos for Lazy Louts

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

I pass right by the downtown tattoo or piercing studios—not for me. The farthest or furthest I will go to stay in style is to add a new pair of jeans to my wardrobe. After all, Levis were a Jewish invention like "God Bless America." My birthday usually falls during Chanukah and before the first of the year. So my son contributes, and I can plan a party outfit.

We drove everywhere, to the four corners of the state. You touch base with the pre-teen world among the stacks of blue denim piled high upon plank tables or hanging from steel racks. My son calls out the brand name of each "alternative"—outlaw—item. It takes some nerve for me to enter his domain.

In the good old elitist days, we wanted everything we wore to fit just right. The tailor would emerge from a secret chamber, kneel by you as though you were a prince, and make certain that the crease just lightly brushed your shoe, breaking the straight line. Perfect detailing made a gentleman of a ruffian. Now, to be a cool dude, the opposite rules apply to your threads. Your indigo pants must not hug your waist. They have to droop just the way they did when you were in diapers. As for the length, they have to drag along the sidewalk, picking up debris like a broom and getting promptly ragged and tattered. "You're supposed to keep cutting them

off as they wear out. But they have to cover your shoes at first," warns my heir, kaddish and fine fellow.

There are rumors about the origin of the newfangled fad. He passes some of them along to me. They hang loose so you can hide forbidden contraband

dering of the garbage beast. The stripe motif continues along both leg lengths. I tried them on and felt like my charge's contemporary, except for my squirrely white beard that gives me away as a laughingstock.

Still, I brazen it out. These canvas tent leggings pack some class. I'll fit right in over the bridges in Jamestown, where I have some appointments. After all, the island is infested with skunks.

I couldn't find them in my size, but it's just as well. I found some two sizes too large: neat! Like Garbo, I have to go back a few times before making the commitment and coming home with the bag. Of course, I have only one narrow closet, already crammed with yesteryear's gear. My wife and daughters eye this storage space with a glint of greed for more room. But, hey, I need something fresh to face the dull post-Chanukah season looming on the horizon. Please, if you run into me, check 'em out.

Let me add my trademark footnote. You know that nasty little French import car, the two-horse Citroën they banned for a while because of its skunk-like emissions? It looked like a sardine can, usually a dead-grey hue though later sometimes an angry, bleedin' red. Well, it turns out that Citroën himself was a Dutch Jew in Paris who invented the French auto industry but lost his fortune to gambling and went belly-up, bankrupt, Chapter 11. So perhaps we Jews like to play in the market of things to make and shop for, things that catch on, here today, gone tomorrow and then back again. The best part of the system may be inventiveness and humor. Thanks, son, for being such a good-natured fashion maven.



goods in the pockets, things ranging from frogs to other treif items. Probably they make fun of the beltless, ill-shaped duds you have to put on in a prison cell: convict chic.

I focussed finally on a dilemma, a choice between two dandy dungarees with fancy logos woven into the fabric. Now I'm a snob and won't wear anything that advertises the manufacturer. Except in jeans. One pantaloons shows off an overweight lad who has fallen disgustingly asleep in an overstuffed chair, his remote control gadget panel dropping from his lazy worthless hand, a visored cap jammed onto his mindless head, the boob tube blaring. Since it depicts everything I fear and look down on, I thought, this is crazy and wondrous!

The second trouser offered the imprint of a skunk, and the color of its stripe is a very dark brown, almost black, with a white border, an accurate ren-

town with a university and an old castle. The Jewish community once was but is no longer. We stopped at a tourist office and asked for a map to the cemeteries. One woman said there were only two graveyards, but another cut in and said, no, there are three. They asked if I spoke French, then one lady looked me in the eye and simply said, 'Jude!'

"We hopped the fence. I am a Kohen. But walking around a forgotten cemetery is a humbling experience. My people, the Jewish people, lie in a small village I had never even heard of before. No one tends the graves, no one says Kaddish, no one remembers their joys and struggles against tyranny. The old synagogue is now a furniture store. Memorial markers for those who died during the Holocaust are scattered among stones so old you can't read them.

"There we were to pay our respects and to learn about Ryan's ancestors. We felt like tiny links in a delicate chain that stretches back through time to Abraham and forward to an unforeseen future. What gesture could we make to solidify the gauzy links? We each chose a grave to tend and honor. We said Kaddish. I'm not sure how halachically correct it may have been. Can you say Kaddish over an entire cemetery at once?"

"I believe that whatever su-

preme being watches over the world saw us two young secular Jews praying over the abandoned graves of Saraspatak."

I thanked Dr. Halley for permitting me to make this story public. She smiled and said, "I think it is worth sharing. I have always kept an open journal of the joys and sorrows of our family history, the accidents and illnesses overcome, the victories and triumphs, the thoughts and choices. Sometimes I read them to groups if they ask me to. You have to let your children grow, and go, and find their own way, both as Jews and as free human beings looking for their lives. David went abroad, but I hope he may come back in person, not just in print."

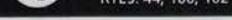
"I really look forward to meeting him if he does," I answered, at that twilight hour when school closes and everybody seeks the way home.

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## E-mail From A Cemetery

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

David Halley sent an E-mail letter from Budapest to his family in Providence. You can't even sign your own name on the page. The message looks impersonal. But this document tells a wondrous tale. I stopped at the office of the Schechter School and asked his mother, the principal, Dr. Hasse Halley, if I might pass it on to the community.

"My son David holds a master's degree in social work. He is drawn to people who need his services and help. But he went to Hungary to teach English. They don't pay enough for him to travel easily through east Europe. But his friends come to visit him. They take off together sometimes. He's a good writer and sends us descriptions of his impressions."

Dr. Halley is a youthful and easygoing grandmother of seven. Her daughter is engaged to be married soon. But David at 29 is seeking his pathway. He inherited, perhaps from his mother, a love of writing and rendering. Here is his remarkable account of a strange journey.

"I want to tell you a story. Ryan Tenzer came to see me here and told me his father's family had lived in a nearby town. We rented a car and drove a few hundred kilometers and a few hours east to Saraspatak, a

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## Hebrew College Hosts Jewish Renaissance Weekend

Mini-classes on everything from Jewish ethics to women's studies, a musical performance by Kol Levi, career panel discussions with Jewish professionals, and a chance to register for spring classes will be the centerpieces of Hebrew College's Jewish Renaissance Weekend, Jan. 10 and 11.

Showcasing the college's rich academic and cultural offerings, the weekend begins with a Festival of Learning on Jan. 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. The evening opens with a wine and cheese social hour and opportunity to meet Hebrew College faculty, staff and alumni. Dur-

ing the second hour, guests may sample the best of Hebrew College's instruction by attending mini-classes on a wide array of topics, including Jewish text study, Jewish thought, Jewish education, Jewish mysticism, Hebrew language, and Israeli literature. The program concludes with a performance by the cappella quartet Kol Levi, led by Cantor Scott Sokol, director of Hebrew College's Jewish Music Institute.

On Jan. 11, the weekend continues with an Academic Gateway program from 1 to 4 p.m. The afternoon will include opportunities to network with He-

brew College faculty, staff and alumni regarding careers in Jewish professions, as well as panel discussions on careers in Jewish education and Jewish communal work. Refreshments will be served.

Both events will include an opportunity to register for spring classes and learn about Hebrew College's academic degree programs, continuing education, Me'ah program, Ulpan and Prozdor.

Hebrew College is located at 43 Hawes St. in Brookline. Both events are free and open to the public. For further information, call (617) 278-4972.

## Chanukah Wonderland Comes to Warwick

What does a Jewish child do in December? Celebrate Chanukah, of course. And this year The Living Legacy has an answer to parents' prayers — The Chanukah Wonderland.

"We are excited to continue our tradition of bringing fun hands-on programming to the children of our community by presenting The Chanukah Wonderland," said Chana Levy of Chabad of West Bay CHAI Center, which is coordinating this program.

Children will have the unique experience of pressing their own olive oil, just as the Maccabees did in the days of old.

They will also create beauti-

ful holiday crafts and there will be a grand display of Judaic and Chanukah gifts for sale.

In addition, the CHAI Center's super computer will be on hand for children to find out their Hebrew birthdate and print out a colorful certificate. "Fun, excitement, joy and warmth are synonymous with a child's definition of the holiday and The Chanukah Wonderland has it all," added Levy.

The Chanukah Wonderland opens Dec. 25 and Dec. 29, 3 to 5 p.m. at The CHAI Center, 15 Centerville Road, Warwick. Admission price is \$3.50.

For more information, call 884-4071.

## JCC Hosts Open House

The Rhode Island Jewish Community Center will be hosting an open house for JCC Camp Kingswood, a coed overnight camp of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston on Jan. 4, 1998, from 1 to 3 p.m. at its facility at 401 Elmgrove Ave. in Providence. All are invited to attend the informative session. Camp director Wayne Goldstein and other key administrators will be present to answer all of your questions and concerns, following a showing of the camp video.

JCC Camp Kingswood is located on 100 wooded acres bordering Woods Pond in the southern lakes region in Bridgton, Maine. The camp offers a blend of innovative and traditional camping activities as well as Jewish cultural programming for youngsters entering grades two through 11.

For further details about the open house or JCC Camp Kingswood, call the camping office at (617) 244-5124, or Rick Caplan at the Rhode Island Jewish Community Center, 861-8800.



SEDER BERAKHOT — Vienna 1724, folio 3A.

Photo courtesy for the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary

## Weathering Holiday Ups and Downs

From the recent get-togethers of Thanksgiving to the joy and generosity of Chanukah to the carefree parties of the secular New Year, these celebrations connote jollity, fun and celebration. But often these times bring the blues which can be addressed with treatment.

"The holidays," said Julie Gutterman, director of professional services at Jewish Family Service, "frequently highlight what is missing in individual lives, be it the perfect family, perfect job, perfect life partner or perfect childhood. For some, there are transient sad feelings, pangs of loss or lack; but for others, the sad feelings, develop into a

deeper, longer-lasting depression."

The symptoms of depression are: 1) trouble sleeping; 2) appetite changes; 3) lack of energy; 4) decreased pleasure; 5) problems concentrating; 6) feelings of worthlessness; 7) feelings of hopelessness; 8) excessive guilt; or sometimes 9) thoughts of suicide.

Denying that something is wrong or pretending to be happy they emphasize, will not work. A person who is depressed needs love and support. If the person has been feeling "blue" for more than a few days (except in cases of grief), he or she also needs professional help to address the uncomfortable physical signs of depression as well as emotional lows and pessimistic thoughts.

Clinical social workers like those at Jewish Family Service, as well as clinical psychologists and psychiatrists, work with clients who are experiencing mild to severe depression. Just making the call to begin treatment, said Gutterman, often brings some relief. But people sometimes need prodding to make the call. And parents often need to make the call on behalf of their depressed children or teen-agers, for depression can occur in childhood, and is fairly common in adolescence.

For information on the comprehensive counseling services available at Jewish Family Service, call 331-1244.

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## Seniors Celebrate Chanukah



*Cantor Robert Lieberman and Ida Shushansky at Jewish Family Service Mealsite at the Cranston Chanukah Party.*

Seniors from Warwick and Cranston enjoy the Chanukah Party hosted by JFS.

*Photos courtesy of Roberta Segal & Assoc.*



## Mazel Tov — Times 30,000

by Peter Ephross  
NEW YORK (JTA) — It sounds like a wedding planner's nightmare — you plan a marriage and 30,000 people come. But that scenario happened recently at the Tel Aviv exhibition hall when a couple from two different Chasidic families exchanged wedding vows. The bride, Machla Hager, is the daughter of Rabbi

Menachem Mendel Hager, who is the heir apparent to the helm of the Viznitz group, which is based in the Tel Aviv suburb of Bnei Brak. The groom is Rabbi Mordechai Katz, the son of Rabbi Hershel Katz, head of the rabbinical court of the Vien community in Brooklyn, N.Y. Large weddings are common among the fervently Orthodox,

particularly in Israel. There are two reasons for such large ceremonies, said Zalman Shmotkin of the Lubavitch World headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y. Having people attend a wedding to make the bride and groom happy is a mitzvah, and when there are thousands of people dancing at the wedding, there's a certain amount of joy in the air, he said.

He added that people also want to share the joy of their rebbe. For the event, Coca-Cola printed up special labels featuring a crown displaying the names of the bride and groom next to Coke's logo.

## Klezmer Music at Brodie Mountain

Brodie Mountain Ski Resort located in New Ashford, Mass., will host a day of Klezmer music on Jan. 4, 1998. Music will be performed by The Wholesale Klezmer Band. The Wholesale Klezmer Band contains 8 to 10 members, and hails from Central Massachusetts. They play the traditional and lively tunes of Eastern European Jewish/Yiddish culture for dancing and listening pleasure. Instrumentation includes: violin, clarinet, accordion, trombone, string bass, guitar, drums and more. The performance will be from 1 to 5 p.m. There is no cover charge. The public is invited.

This event is part of a series of cultural matinees which Brodie will be hosting on many Sundays throughout this year's ski season. Other Sundays include Polish Day, Irish Music, Country Day, Bluegrass Day, and Latin Day.

For more information, call (413) 443-4752.

**Tell Them You Saw It In The Herald.**

## Silverman Elected President of Women of Reform Judaism

Judith Silverman of Yarmouthport, Mass., has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Women of Reform Judaism — Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. She succeeds Judith O. Rosenkranz of Tampa, Fla., who served two terms as head of the women's affiliate of the Reform Jewish movement.

A leader of the WRJ for the past two decades, Silverman previously served as first vice president and treasurer and headed the departments on membership and leadership development, WRJ projects, and religious living. In her inaugural address, the WRJ president said that "religion, spirituality and education are the keys to making Sisterhood more relevant in the coming century." Noting that, "a spirit of excitement, innovation and inclusiveness" pervades WRJ, she urged the women's groups to "be open to suggestions and willing to try new approaches" in fulfillment of their mandate "to strengthen the synagogue as the primary source of future Jewish leaders and the main institution of Reform Judaism."

Silverman, an educator by training, holds degrees from Brandeis and Harvard Universities. She and her husband, David, own a motel and confer-

ence center on Cape Cod and previously operated a summer camp for boys.

A past president of Cape Cod Synagogue, Hyannis, Mass., Silverman is a founding member of the Jewish Federation of Cape Cod, serving as its fundraising chairwoman for two years. She was president of the Eastham Chamber of Commerce and board chairman of the Cape



Judith Silverman

Cod division of the Massachusetts Heart Association. She is now active on many committees of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce.

## Chabad Hosts Chanukah Events

Chanukah Cafe, Melave Malka, will be held on Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St. in Providence. Hot latkes, apple cider and holiday spirit will be served! And Bresler the Maccabee will provide fun and exciting entertainment.

The Children's Gala Chanukah Party will be held on Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Chabad House. Jayco, the hilarious clown, will be present to entertain all of the children. Door prizes, balloonery, refreshments and a dreidel tournament will also provide a fun-filled afternoon for children.

The events are sponsored in memory of Golda Rechl Laufer. For more information, call the Chabad House at 273-7238.

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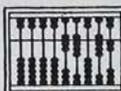
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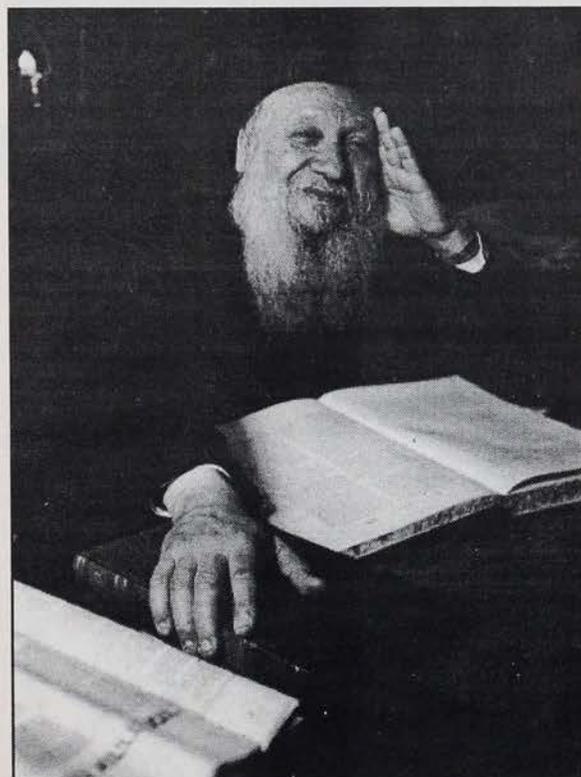
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## Boys' High School Fund-Raiser

On Dec. 28, the Grand Rabbi Levi Y. Horowitz of Boston will visit the Jewish Community Center to spark a fund-raising drive in order to reopen the Boys' High School.

Rabbi Horowitz will speak to the community about the possibility of reestablishing Torah education.

Call Camille Chorney, executive director of NEAT Foundation, for more information at (401) 726-7193.

# Young Artists Celebrate

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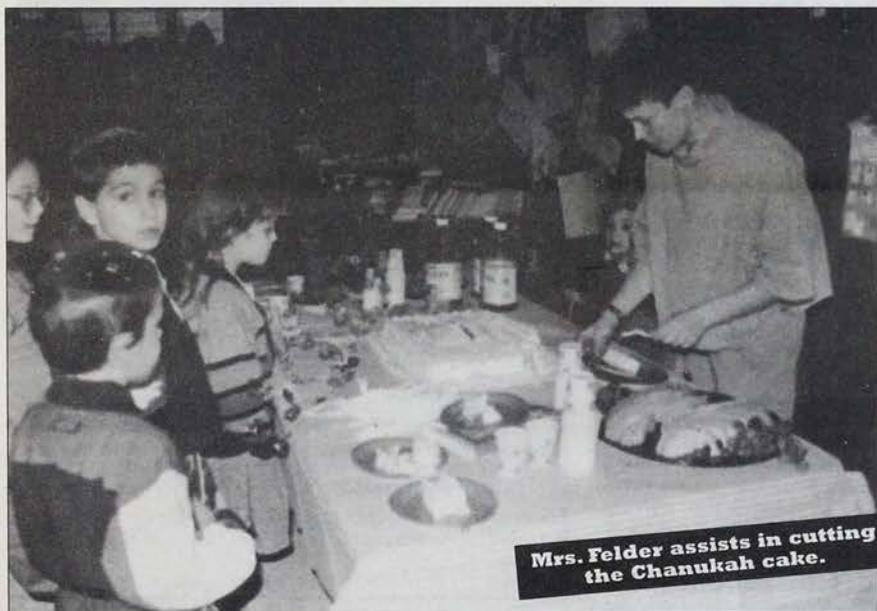


**M**ore than 100 unique and original drawings were sent to the *Rhode Island Jewish Herald* from children (ages 4 through 13) for the 12th Annual Chanukah Art Contest. The colorful drawings and paintings, displaying this year's theme, the miracle of light, came from Providence, South County, Attleboro, New Bedford and other areas of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts.

While busy children were creating their works of art, the *Herald* was busy collecting the many donated prizes from local shops, museums and other organizations.

After the artwork was complete, three community volunteers, Rick Caplan, Lea Eliash and Johanna Sparling, acted as judges. The points were totaled and thirteen drawings were awarded prizes.

Last week, children collected their prizes and enjoyed a festive Chanukah party, together with all contest entrants, sponsored by the *Herald* at the Jewish Community Center of RI in Providence. The



Mrs. Felder assists in cutting the Chanukah cake.



Rabbi Gershon Vogel and Sara Wise select names from the grab bag.



Daniella Shriki stands proudly in front of her prize-winning drawing.

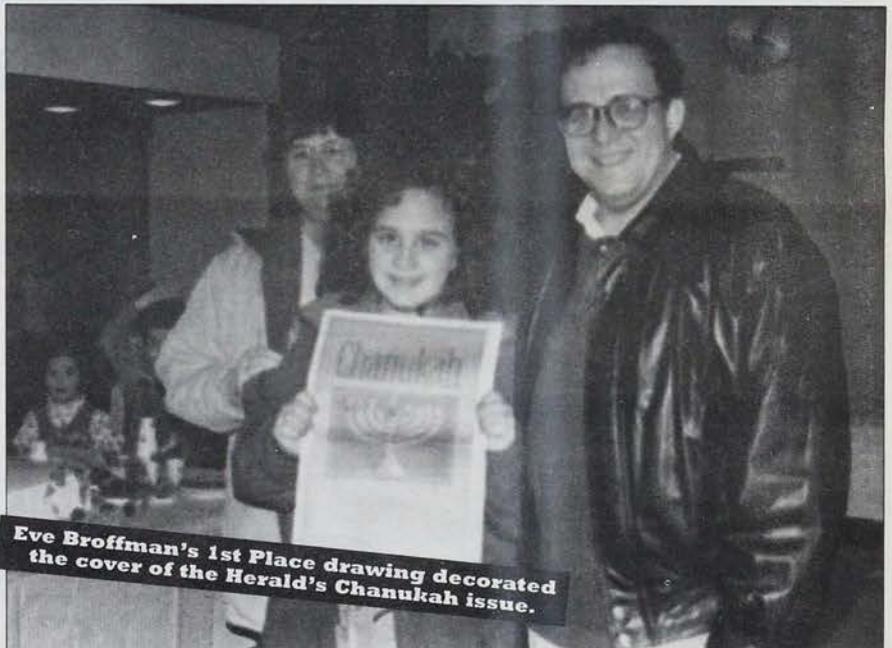
# The Miracle of Light

drawings decorated the walls of the JCCRI for parents, grandparents, children and teachers to admire. Children and parents enjoyed cake, fresh fruit platters (donated by Jeff's Kosher Kitchen) and juice. Anxious winners were then handed their prizes which included Providence Bruins tickets, family memberships and passes to the new Children's Museum in Providence, passes to Roger Williams Park Zoo, gift certificates to the RI Mall, Uncle Sigs and Sara's and many other items. All winners were given a new Jewish children's book from the *Herald*. Afterwards, children who didn't place dropped their names in a bag. With the help of the parents, names were selected and more than 15 children won new books and CDs, gifts from the *Herald*. Everyone went home with a smile on their face, and a book in their hand!

The *Herald* would like to thank the parents and teachers for their help during the Chanukah party as well as the JCCRI for the use of the dining room. Special thanks to all of the talented children who entered the contest!



Curious book lovers glance at new publications donated by the Herald.



Eve Broffman's 1st Place drawing decorated the cover of the Herald's Chanukah issue.



# FEATURE

## Lower East Side, NY Synagogues Deteriorating Rapidly

Windows are crashing in, trusses are cracking, roofs are leaking.

Of the six historic synagogues on the Lower East Side of New York City below Houston Street, once the center of a thriving, Jewish immigrant neighborhood, half are deteriorating rapidly and over the next few years may no longer be sound enough to reverberate with the prayers of Jews called to Sabbath services.

"These landmark synagogues, the repositories of Jewish life for over a century, are now faced with critical building needs that threaten their very existence," said Peg Breen, president of the New York Landmarks Conservancy, the non-profit community preservation group that is usually the first to be called by the congregation of an historic church, synagogue, or meeting-house with structural problems. "As each day passes, the congregations' costs for repairs to these sacred spaces spirals upward."

One case in point is the 147-year-old landmarked synagogue of the oldest congregation of Orthodox Russian Jews in America, Beth Hamedrash Hagodol Synagogue, 60-64 Norfolk St., just south of Delancy Street. The synagogue was originally built for the Norfolk Street Baptist Church in Gothic Revival style and was converted to use as a synagogue in 1885. This past summer, the synagogue suffered a major blow when a windstorm caused two-thirds of

the five-story tall tripartite arched window of the facade to fall inward, crashing onto the balcony and leaving the sanctuary open to the elements.

The small and elderly congregation, with an 85-year-old rabbi who has been the spiritual leader of the congregation since the late 1940s, had to leave the sanctuary open to the damage from the elements for the two months due to lack of funds. The Landmarks Conservancy was contacted and provided a grant of \$2,500 towards the installation of a temporary metal window and obtained approval from the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Despite this help, \$6,000 is still needed just to pay the contractor's bill. In addition, at least \$50,000 in repairs will be needed for roof and masonry repairs.

Two other synagogues, also once grand churches, are on the sick list as well.

The First Roumanian American Synagogue on Rivington Street, completed in 1881, has long had a leaking roof and crumbling masonry. During a recent inspection funded by a \$4,000 Landmarks Conservancy grant, it was discovered that one of the roof trusses was severely cracked and splintered, threatening the structural integrity of the entire building. Despite the current upswing in the local residential real estate market and the area's appeal for its new-found night-life, the elderly congregation is struggling to raise

the thousands of dollars necessary to stabilize the building and roof so it can maintain its important neighborhood presence.

At the 1826 Bialystoker Synagogue on Bialystoker Place, the congregation is working on a plan to repair its ornate and treasured stained-glass windows by applying for a grant from the Landmark Conservancy and seeking additional support. Ten-foot-high panels of glass are cracked and bulged making repairs essential — and if not corrected now, the cost will only escalate over the next few years.

"These buildings are the soul of the neighborhood. Built as churches in the 19th century, transformed into synagogues during the great Jewish emigration to America, they are poised to participate in the next century's renewal of the Lower East Side," Breen said. "But only if funds can be found to stop the rain from pouring in."

For more information contact New York Landmarks Conservancy at <www.preserve.org/nyc> or the Bruce Cohen Group, Ltd. (212) 580-9548.

## American Jewish Military History Opens in D.C.

"Making a Difference: The History of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.," opened at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, D.C., on Veterans Day 1997. NMAJMH is the only museum of its kind in the country specifically dedicated to preserving the role of the Jewish American in defense of this country.

On display in the exhibit are the artifacts and memorabilia of Jewish war veterans, from the Civil War to the Gulf War. The visitor to the museum, through a pictorial, oral and written history, will be able to chart its growth from the early days at the turn of the century to becoming a national organization.

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., founded in 1896 by a group of Jewish Union Civil War veterans, has remained in the forefront of veteran and Jewish causes throughout its history. The organization was one of the first to boycott German goods in the 1930s prior to the Second World War. JWV was a leader in

selling war bonds to support the war effort, and has always been a staunch supporter of the active-duty service member. Along with defense issues, JWV has been a leader in veteran issues, defending the benefits and rights earned by veterans, regardless of race, creed, color, gender or religion. In addition to defense and veteran issues, JWV is a leader in the American Jewish community, working to fight against anti-Semitism and bigotry, and supporting the state of Israel.

The NMAJMH is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on some federal and Jewish holidays; call in advance to confirm. Tours are available, but the exhibits are designed to be self-guided. Admission is free, and donations are accepted.

The museum is located at the intersection of 18th and R Streets, NW, and is a three-block walk from the Metro station.

For more information, call (202) 265-6280.

## No Shmaltz!

*My Yiddisheh Cooking Video' Offers Low-Fat, Cholesterol-Free Jewish Recipes in Yiddish*

Do you long for the taste of heymish Jewish cooking, but want to avoid the greasy eating style of yesteryear? Take heart! Help is on the way in the form of a new how-to cooking videotape featuring low-fat international Jewish dishes.

From the producer of last year's Yiddish exercise video, "Shvitz! My Yiddisheh Workout" comes "No Shmaltz! My Yiddisheh Cooking Video." Yiddishist and New York filmmaker Roland (Ruvn) Millman once again brings a video with a Yiddish sound as well as a *yiddisheh tam*. "No Shmaltz!" (No Fat) was produced entirely in *mame-loshn*, so you can practice your kitchen Yiddish as you learn to prepare nine mouth-watering makholim. If your Yiddish isn't perfect, not to worry! English subtitles are provided.

Be forewarned: this lively 30-minute video will make you

hungry! The cooking is demonstrated by two Yiddish actors: Shifra Lerer and Hy (Khayim) Wolfe. A veteran actress of the Yiddish stage, Lerer directs funny-man "Chef" Wolfe in preparing the delicacies. Wolfe adds authentic Yiddish shtick to the video by juggling potatoes, decorating the eggplant dip with a pita yarmulke, and tossing garlic when he feels a recipe calls for too much *knobl*. The video has a traditional

Vaudeville feel, especially when the tall, young Wolfe and the petite, grandmotherly Lerer break out in Yiddish songs about food and "fressing."

This is a guilt-free video: only the acting and songs contain *shmaltz*! From the opening appetizers to the finger-licking dessert, all the recipes are egg- and dairy-free, a *mekhaye* for those watching their cholesterol. On the menu are: mock chopped liver, baba ganouj, potato knishes, vegetable broth, eggless kneidlach (matzoh balls), Armenian tomato soup,

chickpea cutlets, Ukrainian kasha varnishkes, and North African barley pudding. All the recipes are from Debra Wasserman's book, *The Lowfat Jewish Vegetarian Cookbook: Healthy Traditions From*

*Around the World*. The book is published by the Baltimore-based Vegetarian Resource Group, of which Wasserman is co-founder.

A Yiddish-English terminology list is available for your Yiddish culinary queries. Did you know how to say string beans (*stritschkes*), eggplant (*patlezhlan*), or colander (*durkshlak*) *af yidish*?

Peppered with Yiddish humor and seasoned with song, "No Shmaltz! My Yiddisheh Cooking Video" is one of a kind. By itself or paired with the exercise tape "Shvitz!" it makes a unique and healthful holiday gift. So, nu, what are you waiting for? Take out your skillet, and *est gezunt!*

"No Shmaltz!" (\$24.95), *The Low Fat Jewish Vegetarian Cookbook* (\$15), and "Shvitz!" (\$24.95) are available from the Workmen's Circle Book Center, 45 East 33rd St., New York, N.Y. 10016, (212) 889-6800, ext. 285. For credit card orders, call toll-free at (800) 922-2558. E-mail <book@circle.org>.



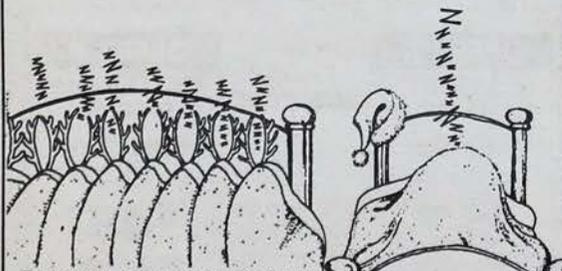
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## Holocaust Denial Ads Target College Newspapers

A renewed effort by a veteran Holocaust denier to target college students was recently reported by the Anti-Defamation League. According to ADL, Bradley Smith has inundated campus newspapers with requests to place anti-Semitic and Holocaust denial ads. The league is alerting campus editors and advertising managers to Smith's background, tactics, and motives, and urging them to take a strong stand against promoting Holocaust denial by refusing to run his material.

"The First Amendment is not an issue here," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director. "There is no moral or legal obligation to present anti-Semitic, hateful propaganda. Rejecting these ads does not violate freedom of expression. They deny the reality of the Holocaust and perpetuate blatant lies about the near-extinction of European Jewry. Would a campus newspaper run an ad that denies slavery in America?"

With this recent activity, ads have appeared in newspapers at the University of Nebraska, Colgate, Cleveland State, Pace, MIT, University of Denver, Farleigh Dickenson, Villanova, Rice, University of New Haven, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Fredonia, and University of Delaware. "ADL has been in contact with college leadership on each affected campus, providing guidance and exhaustive documentary materials on Holocaust denial. We have been instrumental in urging college presidents to speak out on this

issue," said Jeffrey Ross, ADL director of campus affairs and higher education.

Smith's new tactic is to offer a large monetary incentive to readers. A quarter-page ad offers "\$50,000 to the one individual instrumental in arranging a 90-minute presentation on National Network Television, in prime-time, of the Video of the Century," a video produced by Holocaust deniers. "The offer is just a hook to draw attention to the information in the ad and lure readers to Smith's Holocaust denial web site," said Ross. "There is also a smaller ad that attempts to attract people to the web site by promising to reveal misrepresentations in an exhibit at the U.S. Holocaust Museum," he added, "and, an op-ed piece that is a slickly worded attempt to deny the existence of mass gassing at Nazi death camps by arguing that the doors leading into the gas chambers are really standard-issue doors made for bomb shelters."

Smith, who heads the so-called Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, has been attempting to infiltrate campus press for almost eight years. In 1991, he published a full-page paid advertisement in *The Daily Northwestern* of Northwestern University. The ad, which looked like a news article, carried the headline, "The Holocaust Story: How Much is False? The Case for Open Debate." Since then, Smith has managed to place Holocaust denial ads in papers on nearly 80 campuses.

## News at a Glance

The following news briefs are from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in New York:

- The Orthodox Union filed a friend-of-the-court brief supporting a pilot school voucher program in Cleveland. The program, which grants up to \$2,250 to low-income children for use at private or parochial schools, has been ruled a violation of the separation between church and state. The O.U.'s brief, filed with the Supreme Court of Ohio, contends that the program is constitutional because its purpose is secular.

- The American Jewish Congress is urging the Wisconsin Supreme Court to uphold a decision prohibiting government-funded vouchers from being used to pay the tuition of students attending private religious school in Milwaukee. In a friend-of-the-court brief, the AJCongress reiterated its position that government subsidies to parochial schools are unconstitutional.

- A New York judge turned down a challenge to fund a school district for disabled Chasidic children. The judge is expected to consider the legality of Kiryas Joel's separate school district, which has been under litigation since it was first created in 1989.

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- A Chanukah candle will be lit in the Vatican for the first time. The candle will commemorate diplomatic ties between the Vatican and Israel.

- The Israel Museum in Jerusalem announced that it has received a \$42 million pledge from an American businessman. The pledge from Martin Gruss, president of a New York investment firm, is the largest single capital gift in the museum's history. It will go toward construction of a visitor's center.

- A group of 23 Albanians became the first non-Jews to receive money from a \$190 million Swiss fund set up to help Holocaust survivors. Each survivor received approximately \$700.

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## German Insurance Firm to Pay a Few Claims Filed by Survivors

by Deidre Berger  
 FRANKFURT (JTA) — A German insurance company has announced that it will settle only a tiny fraction of the 1,800 claims filed by Holocaust victims and their families.

Allianz AG Holding said it will resolve seven insurance claims filed by the victims.

But an Allianz spokesman made it clear recently that the company does not expect to pay out many more.

The spokesman said that Allianz was offering about \$5,600 to settle each of the seven claims — five from Israel and two from the United States.

Allianz was one of seven European insurers targeted by a \$7 billion class-action lawsuit in April that was filed by Holocaust survivors and their families.

The claimants allege they never received payment for policies issued between 1920 and 1945.

The suit alleges that the insurers failed to honor the policies and that in some cases they turned over some of the money to the Nazis.

According to a recently found 1941 letter, the Austrian police ordered several insurance companies to pay to the Nazi government the proceeds of life insurance policies belonging to Holocaust victims.

California's department of insurance told the federal judge in the case recently that it wanted to join the plaintiffs on behalf of the survivors living in that state.

Edward Fagan, one of the lawyers representing the plaintiffs, told reporters that he had heard that the states of New York and Florida might also want to join the suit against the insurers.

A New Jersey assemblyman called for similar action by his state.

The Allianz spokesman said recently that after an eight-month search, the Munich-based company has been unable to document hundreds of unpaid insurance claims by Holocaust survivors and their families.

Allianz, the largest insurance company in Europe, maintains that there is only evidence that the seven policies were never paid out.

Since the company set up an international hotline in April to deal with queries on unpaid policies issued before the end of World War II, more than 800 people have called requesting information about 1,800 policies.

Allianz said it forwarded many of the search requests it received on its hotline to other insurance companies.

Of the 200 remaining claims, the company said 30 were paid

out previously and another 59 were settled as part of the general restitution program by the West German government to compensate Nazi victims.

Allianz further claims that because the former communist governments in Eastern Europe nationalized the insurance companies after the war, they were responsible for prewar policies issued in those countries.

The company said some records were destroyed during the war but many have survived.

The results of the search are expected to be published in March 1998.

Allianz has hired a history professor, the University of California at Berkeley's Gerald Feldman, to conduct an independent investigation of the company's history during the Nazi era.

Feldman, who has access to internal company documents, has hired additional historians to research Nazi government documents in archives in Berlin, Moscow and Warsaw. Research in other countries is planned as well.

Feldman said he will publish a report on his findings by early 1999.

Holocaust survivors claim that is too long to wait, since many of the claimants are already aged.

## The Big Capitol Hill Debate: Sour Cream or Applesauce?

by Matthew Dorf  
 WASHINGTON (JTA) — The debate on Capitol Hill carried enormous consequences for the Washington Jewish community. Sour cream or applesauce? On latkes, of course.

That's what much of Jewish Washington has been reduced to in the doldrums of the holiday season.

With Congress halfway through a three-month recess and President Clinton splitting time between White House holiday parties and his new dog, Jewish Washington has also relaxed — a bit.

Then came the annual "Vodkas and Latkes" party at Rabinowitz Media Strategies on Capitol Hill.

With most guests in a dress-down mode and many of the men sporting a couple of days' stubble, the immaculately

groomed Stephen Silberfarb investigated the age-old latke debate.

For Silberfarb, the deputy director of the National Jewish Democratic Council and a Washington-area native, applesauce on latkes is like Republicans on Jews.

His preference for sour cream prompted strong objections from many in the crowd who were strategically placed at the kitchen door.

An informal survey showed applesauce an 8 to 1 favorite over sour cream in the largely Democratic, Northeast crowd.

When the gentleman from New York, Matthew Traub, rose

to proclaim "Definitely applesauce," he did so as if on the House floor, where from time to time he accompanies his boss, Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.).

But the most stinging criticism came from Silberfarb's own assistant, Adena Kanofsky, a Long Island, N.Y., native.

"It's rather embarrassing," she said of Silberfarb's condiment choice.

Apparently other guests agreed; the bowl of sour cream grew warm as the party progressed.

Unfortunately the party's host, Steve Rabinowitz, whose clients include the Reform

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Winter Adventures at Roger Williams Park Zoo

Got cabin fever? Looking to cure some winter doldrums? The Roger Williams Park Zoo has planned a series of special winter activities in January and February.

On New Year's Day, the zoo is open free to the public. Rhode Islanders looking for an alternative to all those New Year's Day football games can spend the first day of the new year on the "wild side" at Roger Williams Park Zoo.

On Sundays in January and February, the zoo is hosting its annual Winter Lecture Series. Visitors can listen to experts on animal subjects and participate in a question-and-answer session. All lectures are free and are held at 1 p.m. in the Danforth Education Center. Complimentary refreshments are available. This season's slate of speakers and topics follows:

Jan. 11 — What's New at the Zoo, zoo director Tony Vecchio

Jan. 18 — Reptiles and Amphibians, zookeeper Jim Hitchner

Jan. 25 — Alaskan Wildlife, photographer Jim Such

Feb. 1 — Vet Pet Talk, veterinarian David Simpson

Feb. 8 — Disaster Preparations, Jane Deming

Feb. 15 — Wildlife Detective, Robbie Fearn

In addition to the lecture series, the zoo is offering Polar Bear Days in January and February. If the temperature on the official zoo thermometer is 32° F. or less at 9 a.m., it's a Polar Bear Day and every visitor receives \$1 off admission and entry for a prize drawing for a behind-the-scenes. The thermometer will be checked every day at 9 a.m. Even if the temperature rises later in the day, it's still a Polar Bear Day.

The zoo is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children 3 to 12 and senior citizens, children under 3 are free.

Call 785-3510 for temperature information daily, anytime after 9 a.m.



## Hans Skates on Stage!

"Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates" glides into the Zeiterion Theatre on Dec. 30 at 10:30 a.m.

This is a winter holiday show at its best. And there is actual ice skating on stage.

The day all children in Holland have been waiting for is fast approaching — the day of the Grand Ice Skating Race! The prize? A beautiful pair of silver skates. Hans and his sister Gretel know they don't stand a chance of winning because all they have are wooden skates that stick to the ice. Their father's recent illness has made money tight, so they can't buy new ones. And that's only the beginning of their problems.

Follow Hans and his sister as they ultimately overcome the obstacles and emerge victorious. Best of all, see them skate on stage. The spectacular "super ice" synthetic ice surface brings real skating action to life. This classic story is brought to musical life by Colorado's Mitchell Entertainment Group Inc.

Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased at the Zeiterion box office, Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can also be ordered by calling (508) 994-2900. The Zeiterion Theatre is located at 684 Purchase St., New Bedford, Mass.

## Sophocles' 'Antigone' Opens at Lyric Stage

Sophocles' great classic "Antigone" will be performed at The Lyric Stage from Jan. 2 through Feb. 1.

First produced in 441 B.C., "Antigone" tells the tale of the family of Oedipus following the tragic revelation of his birth and expulsion from Thebes as told in "Oedipus Rex" and his mysterious death in "Oedipus at Colonus." Following Oedipus' death the throne is passed to his two sons who were to share power under the guidance of their uncle Creon. When one of the brothers refuses to relinquish the throne to his brother, a bloody civil war ensues in which the brothers kill each other in a final decisive battle.

"Antigone" begins with a decree by Creon, who has assumed the throne, that Eteocles, the brother who defended the state, be buried with full military honors while Polyneices, who attacked the state, is to be denied burial. Antigone, the young daughter of Oedipus defies this decree and sets out to bury her brother and fulfill her obligations to the gods and to the dead.

With this classic, timeless conflict "Antigone" provides one of the most memorable evenings in the theatre.

Performances of "Antigone" are Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$21 to \$30 depending on the day. Group, student and senior discounts are available. Call (617) 437-7172 for tickets. The Lyric Stage is located at 140 Clarendon St. in Boston's South End.

## Arts Grants Awarded to Rhode Island

Senator Jack Reed recently announced that the Rhode Island School of Design, Brown University and the Trinity Repertory Company have been awarded a total of \$115,000 in federal grants from the National Endowment for the Arts to support theater, museum and literature projects.

"NEA grants make it possible for local organizations to enhance the culture of our state by promoting the arts to people of all ages," said Reed.

The Rhode Island School of Design will receive \$40,000 to reinstall its collection of American art from the Colonial and Federal periods into the Pendleton House, a wing in the RISD museum dedicated to the display of American fine and applied arts. To enhance the public's experience and appreciation of the work, an interpretative program will accompany the display.

The Trinity Repertory Company will use their \$35,000 grant to expand their "Project Discovery" program. The program offers a variety of techniques and strategies that enhance family involvement in the education of children through the use of dramatic arts.

Brown University and Nancy Reisman of the Rhode Island School of Design also received \$20,000 each. Brown, to support the Brown museum's traveling expedition "Gifts of Pride and Love: Kiowa and Comanche Lattice Cradles and their Makers" and Reisman for the creation and presentation of her literature project.

Reed, a member of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, was a co-sponsor of a bill recently approved by the Senate to continue the National Endowment for the Arts for an additional five years.

## Sign up For Kids' Nature Stories

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island offers a series of children's nature stories. These interactive programs for children, age 3 to 5 years, will take place at the Audubon Society's Powder Mill Ledges Wildlife Refuge, located at ASRI's headquarters, 12 Sanderson Road, in Smithfield. Programs are offered on the third Friday of each month except during July and August at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Call early, space is limited.

The fee is \$3 per child. Pre-registration is required. For story titles and to register, call 949-5454.

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island is a private, non-profit organization that focuses on the conservation and preservation of natural resources, wild animals and plant life, wildlife habitat and unique natural areas. The society also carries out a broad series of public environmental education programs which are geared to focus the public's attention on the state's rich natural history, along with programs that highlight current environmental problems and possible solutions to ensure a better management of the natural environment for the future generations.

## Philharmonic Presents 'Made in America'

The Rhode Island Philharmonic will present "Made in America," a classical series concert on Jan. 10 at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence at 8 p.m. Music Director Larry Rachleff will lead the Philharmonic in an All-American program featuring Charles Ives "Central Park in the Dark" and Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto with violinist Elmar Oliveira joining the orchestra as soloist.

The concert will conclude with a performance of Anton Dvorak's evocative Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Op. 95 "From the New World."

Elmar Oliveira's background is legendary. The son of Portuguese immigrants, he began violin lessons with his brother John at the age of 9. He won his first competition at the age of 14, which generated appearances with the Hartford Symphony, and later with Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic. In 1975 he won two major competitions and three years later at the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, he became the first and only American violinist to ever win the Gold medal.

Oliveira's rigorous international concert itinerary has included appearances with the Chicago, Boston, San Francisco,

Saint Louis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and London Symphony Orchestras, to name only a few. He has toured extensively in the Far East, South America, Europe and Australia. In addition to his performance with the Philharmonic this season, he will perform with the orchestras of Saint Louis, Buffalo and Kansas City, among other.

Tickets for "Made in America" are available at the Philharmonic office through Jan. 9 at 3 p.m. The Philharmonic is located at 222 Richmond St., Providence. Tickets may be purchased by phone, 831-3123, Ext. 10, using MasterCard or Visa, or in person during business hours Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday until 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20, \$30 and \$35 for adults with discounts for groups of 10 or more, full-time students and senior citizens (65 or over).



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# MILESTONES

## Anne Waldman Weds John Oakley

Anne M. Waldman and John R. Oakley were married Oct. 12 at the Quidnessett Country Club, N. Kingstown, R.I. The bride is the daughter of Sandra S. Waldman of Providence, R.I., and the late Lawrence P. Waldman. The bridegroom is the son of Karen M. and Roderick S. Oakley, Jr., of Natick, Mass.

Justice of the Peace Joel K. Gerstenblatt officiated at the wedding. The reception was held at the Quidnessett Country Club.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother, Sandra S. Waldman.

Honor attendant was Karen L. Murphy. Bridesmaids were

Pat Waldman, sister-in-law of the bride, and Laura Sullivan, sister of the bridegroom.

Best man was Tom Daley and ushers were Barry Waldman, brother of the bride, and Doug Oakley, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride received a B.A. degree from the University of Rhode Island and is employed as a licensed customs broker at Liberty International, Inc.

The bridegroom received a B.S. degree from the University of Rhode Island and is employed as a C.P.A. with Darmody, Merlino & Co., LLP.

The wedding trip was to Hawaii.

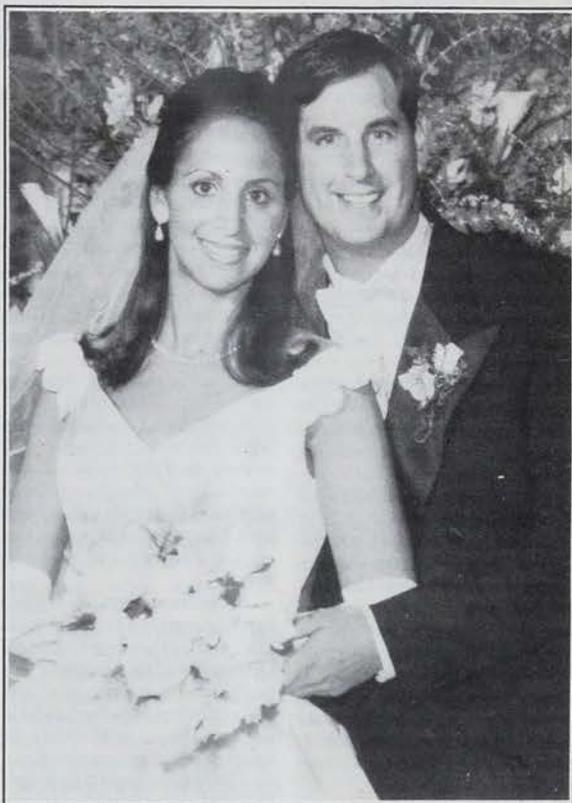
## Karen Sofro Weds Andrew London

The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, was the setting Sept. 27 for the marriage of Jill Karen Sofro to Andrew Scott London. The bride is the daughter of Carol Smira Trow of Cambridge, Mass., and Stephen B. Sofro of East Providence, R.I. The bridegroom is the son of Howard A. London of Cranston and the late Elaine G. London. Rabbi Leslie Gutterman officiated.

Lisa Kirshenbaum was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Abigail Trow, Amy Trow, step-sisters of the bride, Kristen Salvi, Lori Maldavir, Kathy Vichrowski and Patricia Quintero. The best man was Robert London, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Jon Sofro, brother of the bride, Evan Kirshenbaum, Jeff Maldavir, Darryl Feldman, Brian Kudish and John Greim.

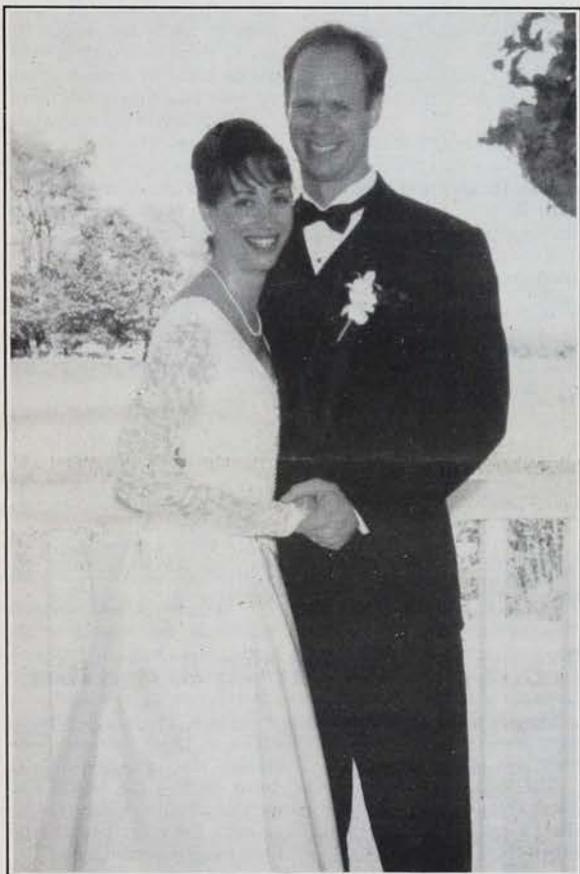
The bride graduated from Simmons College, and is an account executive with The CCS Companies, Newton, Mass. The bridegroom graduated from Tulane University, and is an architect with HMFH Architects, Cambridge, Mass.

The honeymoon was spent in Italy, and the couple reside in Brookline, Mass.



Karen and Andrew London

Photo courtesy of the Nourses



Anne and John R. Oakley



### Halle Jo Lury

Mr. and Mrs. Alan D. Lury of Glenwood Avenue, Pawtucket, R.I., announce the birth of their second child and daughter, Halle Jo Lury, on Sept. 26. Halle has a big sister named Abigail.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Kaplowitz of Boston, Mass. Paternal grandparents are the late Harris and Beatrice Lury of Providence. Halle was named after her late grandfather Harris Lury and her late great-grandfather, Joseph Kaplowitz.



### Mitchell Nathan Blustein

Howard and Amy Blustein of Sheffield Avenue, Pawtucket, announce the birth of their son, Mitchell Nathan Blustein, on Nov. 28.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cohen of East Greenwich. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Blustein of Providence. Great-grandparents are Bella Dubinsky of Providence and Madeline Cohen of Warwick.

*The Herald welcomes photos for the Milestones page.*

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## Emily Gallop Weds Matthew Coen

Emily Jane Gallop and Matthew James Coen were married Sept. 20 at the Westwood Country Club, St. Louis Mo. The bride is the daughter of Sue and Donald Gallop of St. Louis, Mo. The bridegroom is the son of Cary and Barbara Coen of East Greenwich, R.I.

Rabbi Leslie Gutterman officiated. The reception followed after the ceremony at the Westwood Country Club.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

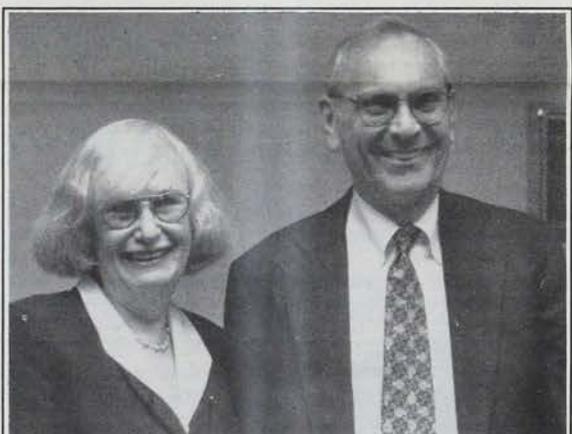
Betsy Dennis was matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Liza Bearman, Sara Coen, Caryn Gallop, Sarah Gallop, Gwen Lohse, Tori Oliver, Lisa Starr, Maggie Wiseman, and Jennifer Zenker.

Best man was Jeremy Duffy. Ushers were Andrew Coen, Joel Dennis, John Gallop, Tom Gallop, Andrew Hirsch, Andrew Krolicki, Chris Parker, and Jonathan Parker.

The bride graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a BA in history and a minor in women's studies. She also has a MSW from Washington University. She is currently working at the Regional Violence Preventive Initiative.

The bridegroom graduated from Connecticut College with a BA in history. He is currently working for Pulitzer Technologies, Inc.

The wedding trip was to Vail, Colo., and the couple has made their home in St. Louis, Mo.



## A Fond Farewell

Dr. Philip Torgan (shown with his wife Sofia) attends his retirement party at Miriam Hospital in Providence on Dec. 2. The emotional ceremony marked the end of Dr. Torgan's 32-year career in gastroenterology.

The Miriam Hospital, a Lifespan Partner, plans to honor Dr. Torgan with its Miriam Hospital Distinguished Service Award this spring.

## Cahana and Fine Complete Rhode Island Leadership Program

Michael Cahana, assistant rabbi at Temple Beth-El in Providence, and Keith Fine, of Rumford, recently graduated from the Leadership Rhode Island program, a 10-month long educational program that provides participants with a better understanding of statewide issues as well as critical leadership skills needed to address the many challenges and opportunities facing Rhode Island. The 51 participants of the Rho class are acknowledged and aspiring leaders representing a broad variety of occupational, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, geographic areas, and community interests.

Leadership Rhode Island is a non-profit educational organization whose mission is to provide our state with an ongoing source of diverse leaders, who, as community trustees, are prepared and committed to serve as catalysts and sustainers of positive change for the quality of life in Rhode Island.

# OBITUARIES

**RUTH L. ROTH**  
 PROVIDENCE — Ruth L. Roth, 88, of Arthur Avenue, a medical secretary at the Dr. John E. Donnelly Rehabilitation Center for 20 years, retiring in 1976, died Dec. 17 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Inpatient Center after a six-month illness. She was the wife of the late Alfred Roth.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late David and Fannie (Racenstein) Spahn. Roth was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and formerly a member of Hadassah for many years. She was a member of the Majestic Senior and Cranston Senior Groups.

She was a member of Friends of the Handicapped and a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island.

She leaves two sons, Norman K. Roth of Trumbull, Conn., and Robert G. Roth of Highland Park, N.J.; a daughter, Dashka Ann Lehmann of New Orleans, La.; a brother, Alton Spahn of Monroe, Conn.; and five grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Henrietta Gabar White.

The funeral was held Dec. 19 in the Max Sugarman Funeral Home, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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 to your spiritual quest.  
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## From Intermarriage to Divorce: Kids Often Get Caught in Cross Fire

by Daniel Kurtzman  
 WASHINGTON (JTA)— Jeffrey Kendall wanted his children to believe their mother was destined to burn in hell.

The children, attending their father's fundamentalist Christian church, were told that their mother's observance of Judaism had sealed her fate and that they, too, would be doomed if they did not accept Christ as their lord and savior.

It was not always this way for the Kendall family.

Kendall and Barbara Zeitler were married in a Jewish ceremony in 1988. Kendall was nominally a Catholic and Zeitler was a mildly observant Reform Jew. They agreed to raise their children, now ages 4, 6 and 9, as Jews.

But Jeffrey's decision to join a fundamentalist Christian sect in 1991 and Barbara's adoption of Orthodox Judaism in 1994 eventually led them to divorce, and their children became caught in the cross fire of their wildly divergent religious practices.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court recently put a stop to that.

In a unanimous decision, the court ruled that divorced parents of different faiths can be prohibited from teaching their religious beliefs to their children if it creates substantial harm.

The court barred Kendall from bringing his children to his church because it said doing so would stir emotional conflict within the children and wrongly force them to choose between their parents.

While it may not have been a precedent-setting decision — several courts throughout the country have issued similar rulings — it nonetheless has focused new attention on one of the more problematic consequences of intermarriage.

The issue also provides a different twist to the holiday season, when intermarried couples often struggle with how to celebrate Chanukah or Christmas.

How to approach the December quandary when the couple is divorced is that much more difficult.

The question of how divorce affects the religious identification of children of intermarriage has become an increasingly vexing dilemma.

By some estimates, one out of three American Jews now lives in an interfaith household. About a third of interfaith marriages result in divorce, compared with about 20 percent of Jewish marriages, according to experts in the field.

During the past two decades, a growing number of children have been placed in situations

in which one of the parents has sought to change the religious identification of the child over the objections of the other.

"In too many of these cases, this has caused significant harm to the child," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center in Washington.

There have been cases "in which a child, a year before bar mitzvah, was told by the custodial parent that they would no longer be Jewish and henceforth would be a member of another religion," said Saperstein, who teaches Jewish law and church-state law at Georgetown University.

In other instances, parents like Jeffrey Kendall have actively sought to discredit their children's religious upbringing and convert them to another religion.

"All the variants of these situations place the children in untenable situations in relation to their parents, arguably violate the religious rights of the child, and too often leave lasting psychological scars," Saperstein said.

Egon Mayer, a professor of sociology at Brooklyn College, said the cases are characterized by a complicated clash of rights — "namely, the right of any parent to enjoy their religious freedom and the right of the other parent to raise their children in a way that respects their custodial rights."

"When you have a clash of rights, you have the makings of real tragedy," said Mayer, an expert on Jewish intermarriage. "It's one thing when you have a clash of right and wrong. It's another thing when you have a clash of right and right."

Despite the ambiguities, the legal answer has been, for the most part, straightforward.

The custodial parent is almost always allowed to determine a child's religious upbringing. When there is joint custody, a

child's prior religious upbringing or identification is generally the determining factor.

Insettling disputes, the courts have followed the judicial equivalent of the physician's Hippocratic oath: "First, do no harm." Even constitutional concerns are secondary, according to legal experts.

"In cases where you can actually make a show of harm to children, the courts will stop the other parent from actively tearing the children religiously," said Marc Stern, co-director of the American Jewish Congress' legal department.

The other parent may be permitted to discuss religious matters with the children or expose them to his or her religion by taking them to church or synagogue, but only if these actions do not cause substantial harm.

Regardless of the marital status of interfaith parents, organized American Jewry generally views consistency and stability in a child's religious upbringing as paramount.

Raising children in two faiths is "utterly confusing, not to mention potentially destructive," said Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of interreligious affairs at the American Jewish Committee.

In instances of divorce, mixed religious messages can become particularly damaging when parents "use the children and religion as pawns in the battle," Rudin said.

The effect, ironically, is often complete alienation from religion.

"The more vociferous parents make religion an issue in the battle, the more children will want to have nothing to do with any religion," Mayer said.

"Unfortunately, parents make a great mistake," he added, "when they think they're going to win the hearts and minds of their children by bludgeoning the other parent with their religious convictions."

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### Almost a Rabbi: Woman's Hire Charts Untested Orthodox Turf

by Debra Nussbaum Cohen  
 NEW YORK (JTA)— An Orthodox synagogue, for the first time, has hired a woman to work as a rabbi — almost.

Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue has hired Julie Stern Joseph to teach adult education classes, provide pastoral counseling and visit women in the hospital — roles often performed by a rabbi.

Both Stern Joseph and Lincoln Square's rabbi, Adam Mintz, in separate interviews, took pains to make clear that hers is not a clerical position.

But this is the first time that an Orthodox synagogue has been known to create a staff position for a woman in which she takes on these tasks, which are permitted to women according to an Orthodox interpretation of Jewish law.

The congregation is carefully calling her post that of a "con-

gregational intern," and not using the term "para-rabbi," which is employed in some non-Orthodox synagogues to describe people who fill much the same role.

In the Orthodox view of Jewish law, women may not be ordained.

The topic has been highly sensitive within centrist Orthodoxy recently, as women with sophisticated secular educations have been recognized to have the capacity — and desire — for opportunities to study Judaism's primary texts.

In the Orthodox world, the full-time adult study of Torah and Talmud has traditionally been available only to men.

Drisha, the institute for women's advanced Torah study, stated more than 15 years ago in New York City, becoming one of the first to offer the

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## Capitol Hill Debate

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movement and the New Israel Fund, never had the opportunity to share in the debate.

Rabinowitz was chained to the stove with the Chanukah curse — latke frying.

While not all is fun and games, even the work in Washington takes on a lighter edge during the slow, recess months.

Many Jewish officials use the time to plan for the return of Congress, scheduled to take place Jan. 28.

Stacy Burdett, assistant director of the Anti-Defamation League's Washington office, has her task down to a science.

Last December, Burdett ditched her high heels for rollerblades and fulfilled the dream of many Hill rats, as congressional staffers and lobbyists are affectionately known, as she sailed through the corridors of the Rayburn House Office Building.

"It was the first time that the marble floors were used for something other than having your high-heeled shoes make a lot of noise," Burdett said.

This year, Burdett has stayed of the Hill and concentrated on some work that she wouldn't otherwise have time for. For instance, she was in the final stages of drafting a letter to the German minister of defense to congratulate him on a recent reprimand of officers who invited a neo-Nazi to speak to his troops.

The American Friends of Lubavitch planned to mix business and pleasure at its annual Capitol Hill Chanukah party.

Rabbi Levi Shemtov, director of the Lubavitch Washington office, planned to inaugurate the Capitol Jewish Forum,

an informal group of Jewish Hill staffers that now boasts more than 100 members.

Others use the time to escape the Washington Beltway.

Matt Brooks, executive director of the National Jewish Coalition, took a couple of days to head West to plan the Republican group's annual winter leadership trip to Aspen, Colo.

While Brooks was busy deciding against snapping a tabloid photo for a tabloid of supermodel Cindy Crawford dining with an unidentified man, his staff was working on a statement urging Clinton to avoid pressuring Israel.

Back in the nation's capitol, the Washington Action Office of the Council of Jewish Federations was concentrating its efforts on one of the only substantive policy debates that engages Washington in December — the writing of the federal budget.

CJF is working to convince the Clinton administration to restore food stamps for legal immigrants and refugees, a benefit that was cut under last year's balanced-budget agreement.

With the federal budget scheduled to go to the printer for the first week of January, CJF's lobbyists have had little down time this season.

With hunger on the rise among Jewish elderly immigrants who lost federal benefits, for them the debate is not over applesauce or sour cream.

"We have a crisis on our hands," said Diana Aviv, director of the CJF Washington office. "In our community, we're going to have death or starvation or serious crises in our emergency rooms."

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same opportunity to women.

The slow proliferation of programs offering such study to women has created a tension between traditional Orthodox religious roles that focus on women as mothers and wives and the possibility of talented women working as religious leaders.

An independent program started this year by two rabbis who teach at the Yeshiva University-affiliated Stern College for Women, has come under fire in the centrist Orthodox community.

The Riverdale, N.Y.-based Torat Miriam educates women on a part-time basis to prepare them for non-rabbinic leadership roles within Orthodox institutions. But it has been rejected by some rabbis as beyond the bounds of what is permitted for women.

Such a climate has Stern Joseph very concerned about the way her part-time job at Lincoln Square will be perceived.

"There's no thought that this role will evolve into a rabbinic position for women, because if there was, then I wouldn't be involved with it," she said in an interview between classes at Drisha.

She is in her first year of full-time study in the institute's Scholar's Circle, which permits

gifted women to study Talmud in the morning and halachah, or Jewish law, in the afternoon.

The 24-year-old also studied for more than two years at Midreshet Lindenbaum, a Jerusalem yeshiva for women.

"I want to provide a role for women in the community," she said. "If these roles are halachically permissible, and I can maximize that, then great. Women often feel disenfranchised in a synagogue, and if I can bridge a gap between women and the rabbi, and at the same time help the rabbi, then that's very helpful."

Her new boss, Rabbi Mintz, said that despite worries that the new position would be controversial even at the flagship congregation of modern Orthodoxy, "the reaction from the community so far has been only positive."

"There's always going to be opposition, he said, just as there was a century ago when Sarah Schneier started the first schools for fervently Orthodox girls, which has grown into a whole network of schools known as the Bais Ya'acov movement.

"Like her, we are doing something within tradition rather than opposed to it," Mintz said.

"I hope this will become a model for other synagogues."

## Empire State Gets Chanukah Lights

by Faygie Levy

NEW YORK (JTA) — For Chanukah, a holiday of miracles, a young girl got her wish — and New Yorkers were basking in its glow.

On the first night of Chanukah, Dec. 23, the lights on the Empire State Building were blue and white, thanks to 9-year-old Mallory Blair Greitzer.

Greitzer, a New York City resident, wrote a letter to the building's management company asking it to change the colors of lights for Chanukah. The company refused.

Greitzer said she was told that the landmark's lights are blue and white for Israeli Independence Day and that the lights can only honor each religion one day per year.

A letter written by Greitzer's father was also rejected.

Unhappy with the outcome, he then wrote directly to real-estate magnate Leona Helmsley, who owns the company that manages the building.

Against the advice of her staff, Helmsley granted the Greitzers' request.

Mallory Greitzer turned on the lights. The next night, Dec. 24, they were red and green in honor of Christmas.

## Feinstein Challenge Spurs More Than \$1.3 Million in Charitable Giving

Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein's unprecedented challenge of \$100,000 to be dispersed among all charities benefiting Rhode Islanders, raised a total of \$1,313,406. Three hundred twenty charitable agencies received 3,100 donations of \$100 or more from Rhode Islanders during the eight-day period from Nov. 18 through 26. Several Jewish organizations received contributions including Temple Emanu-El, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Jewish Community Center, Beth Shalom, Temple Beth Shalom, Jewish Family Service and the National Council of Jewish Women. The results of the challenge were expected last week, but the number of contributions was so large that the task of tallying them took much longer than expected.

Feinstein, long known for his philanthropic work, unexpectedly made his \$100,000 challenge at the Philanthropy Day Awards on Nov. 18 to any Rhode Island charity receiving donations of \$100 or more during the eight-day challenge — and offered an additional \$10,000 to

the organization raising the most funds.

Feinstein's challenge was motivated by the recent news that Rhode Island ranks last in charitable giving.

"I couldn't believe it," said Feinstein, "not with the generosity I've seen in Rhode Islanders. And I would think the results of my challenge would certainly disprove it. I can't imagine many other states matching, let alone bettering, that total from a \$100,000 challenge."

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weakened by the modern world and urbanization.

The "webmasters" involved with the Virtual Congress are providing resource materials, reference archives and even games that address specific areas of Jewish and Zionist history, providing a rich learning experience in addition to the discussion groups.

The congress' address: <<http://www.jajz-ed.org.il/>>.

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# Blackstone Valley Tourism Council Announces Project For The Millennium

The Blackstone Valley Tourism Council recently announced their project and campaign for the Millennium, the importation of an authentic British Canal Boat.

The British Canal Boat millenium project will build upon and support several themes for the Blackstone Valley. It will celebrate the year 2000, expand upon the British and American collaboration through the Amber Valley — Blackstone Valley compact and build upon the river and canal improvements along the Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor and it will provide an opportunity for private citizens and businesses to participate in something important for the year 2000.

The 40-foot canal boat will be built in England at the C.T.P. Fox Boat Builders. BVTC President Robert D. Billington said the tourism agency hopes to raise the \$50,000 needed to bring the canal boat to the Blackstone River by December 1999, in time for the January 2000 millennium celebration. "January 2000 will be the largest celebration the world will witness," according to Billington. "All over the world people are preparing celebrations and developing projects significant to their communities." We think this canal boat for the river will be a significant focal point for our Blackstone Valley," he added.

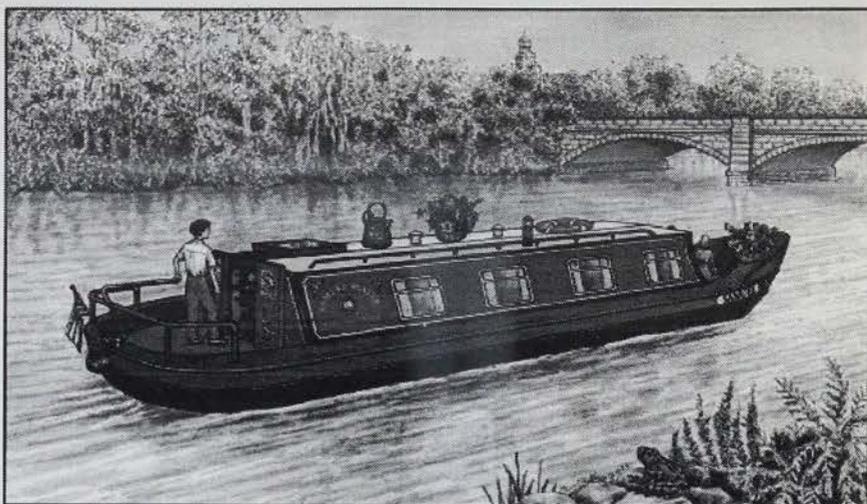
BVTC has organized an effort of all nine Blackstone Val-

ley communities to celebrate the millennium under the leadership of Helen Paradise of Cumberland. "Helen is providing the energy and innovation necessary to develop events in the Blackstone Valley and the canal boat is what will be with us after the celebration is over," according to Billington.

Billington remarked that BVTC built and launched the riverboat Blackstone Valley Explorer in 1993 in commemoration of the Blackstone Valley's 200th anniversary as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution.

The British canal boat will be built by British craftsmen and sail on a British canal before being loaded aboard a freighter for America. "Authenticity is important, if we are going to really create something special for the Blackstone Valley and America," said Billington. "There is no other British canal boat sailing in American waters so this will be a spectacle for people to come and see and cruise on," Billington added.

Besides providing educational tours on the Blackstone River in Central Falls, Cumberland and Lincoln, the canal boat will also have another superlative; it will be the river's first floating accommodations on the Blackstone River since the canal packet Lady Carrington, sailed on the Blackstone canal and river in the 1820s. Two people will be



Artist's rendering of the English canal boat.

able to spend the evening on the canal boat for about \$100 a night. It will also be able to cruise year-round. Currently the Blackstone Valley Explorer

cruises seven months out of the year.

To learn more about the British canal boat and the Millennium efforts in Rhode Island's

historic Blackstone Valley, contact the BVTC, 171 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860, or call 724-2200. The Tourism Council is a non-profit 501 (c)3 corporation.

## Internet Broadcast Links Chanukah Menorah Lightings Around The World

More than 100,000 Jews around the world were expected to celebrate Chanukah simultaneously on the internet when the Chabad-Lubavitch movement unveiled its Virtual Chanukah site.

The Virtual Chanukah supersite located on the World Wide Web at <http://chanukah.chabad.org> and <http://www.chanukah97.com>.

The site, sponsored by the American Friends of Lubavitch in Washington, D.C., opened on Dec. 23, first Chanukah eve, and features extensive video and audio clips of menorah lightings and Chanukah events from around the globe, using the latest in Internet technology. With only a click of a button, users can observe Jews lighting meno-

rah in places as varied as Moscow, Melbourne, Madrid and Milwaukee, watch a menorah on a gondola in Venice, and see how a menorah is lit in the Modin village from where the Maccabees launched their successful revolt.

A live broadcast, using state-of-the-art streaming video, allowed thousands of Jews around the world to see Chanukah celebrations and menorah lighting ceremonies being held simultaneously in places like the Western Wall in Jerusalem, Lubavitch World Headquarters in Brooklyn, the Champs Elysées in Paris, and the White House in Washington. The internet broadcast "officially" ushered in the Chanukah holiday.

Also available from the site is

historical and religious information about the holiday, designed for all ages and educational levels, from young children to scholars, plus a day-by-day guide that shows how to celebrate the 8-day holiday.

Virtual Chanukah was designed with the entire family in mind. The site's features run the gamut from small children's games, to how-to guides, to in-depth study and daily meditations.

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