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Soviet Jewry To Be Topic At U.S.-Soviet Summit

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Vice President George Bush assured American Jewish leaders recently that if President Reagan meets with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev this year he will raise the issue of Soviet Jews.

"This matter will be raised, with specifics attached, when the President meets, as I think he will, with Gorbachev," Bush was quoted as saying by Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Abram spoke to reporters shortly after Bush met with the Presidents Conference at the Old Executive Office Building to describe his recent 10-day visit to the Middle East and answer questions from some of the nearly 100 leaders present, representing 54 Jewish organizations.

In addition to the pledge on Soviet Jewry, Abram said those present were especially "pleased with his (Bush's) firm and emphatic and unequivocal rejection of the idea of an independent Palestinian state."

While this was a restatement of Administration policy, "it was particularly gratifying to hear it from the Vice President after a trip to the area in which he met with the leaders of two Arab states," King Hussein of Jordan and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Abram said. Bush also met with Israeli Premier Shimon Peres.

A Reagan-Gorbachev summit by the end of the year is becoming more likely. Reagan in his nationally-televised press conference from Chicago recently said, "Yes, I am optimistic," when asked about prospects for a summit.

Difficult Subject To Solve

Abram said that Bush is "absolutely aware ... that there has been no improvement (for Soviet Jews), in fact a worsening of conditions, under Mikhail Gorbachev." Bush "recognizes as does, he says, the total Administration, that the subject is extremely difficult to solve," Abram said. "But the President is determined to make this a fundamental point in all negotiations with the Soviet Union."

Abram, who is also chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said Bush "exhibited an extraordinary interest in the plight of Soviet Jewry." While in Israel, the Vice President met with children of Soviet immigrants at an absorption center, had lunch with an immigrant couple, met with 80 mothers of refuseniks and met with Natan (Anatoly) Shcharansky.

"The Vice President has exhibited real concern about the plight of those who are under oppression and who try to immigrate to Eretz Israel, the Land of Israel," Abram said. "I think he was one of the prime factors in the rescue of many thousands of Ethiopian Jews."

In discussing his Mideast trip,

Bush repeated his praise of Peres for having "exhibited courage" in going to Morocco to meet with King Hassan II. He said the "climate was enhanced" for negotiations since there was no major Arab outcry, except for Syria.

Bush also asserted that he believes that the Israeli policy of seeking negotiations with Jordan will continue when Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir becomes Premier in October, according to Abram.

The Vice President said he knew he differed with the audience about supplying arms to Jordan. But he said selling arms to Jordan is one way to bring Jordan into the peace process, Abram said. Bush said the Administration had no timetable for resubmitting its proposal to supply Jordan with sophisticated missiles, noting that the mood in Congress now would be to reject it.

Bush told the Jewish leaders that the arms would not endanger Israel but are needed to protect Jordan against Syria, which is also a threat to Israel. He repeated the Administration's pledge to maintain Israel's "qualitative" military superiority.

Abram said he told Bush that the Administration, by placing the U.S.-Israeli relationship beyond the basis of ideology and common values to one also of "the vital national security interests of both countries," adds "a new dimension to the relationship and makes it more secure and enduring."

A Problem Of Bureaucracy

At the same time, concern was expressed to Bush about recent leaks and false charges against Israel that have appeared in the media. Abram said the charges were not against the top officials in the Administration. "Some people who are irresponsible, somewhere in the bowels of the bureaucracy ... are determined to disrupt this very sound, ongoing relationship" between the U.S. and Israel, Abram said.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Presidents Conference, said that Bush assured the Jewish leaders, as he had personally assured Israeli officials, that there was no "vendetta" against Israel. But he said that although the Administration wanted to find out who is responsible for the leaks and stop it, it is "very difficult to exercise control" over the vast bureaucracy.

Issue Of Equal Treatment For Israel

Abram said that Bush also promised to look into the issue of equal treatment in the cost of arms purchased for Israel. He noted that Greece, "which is not a very dependable ally," as a member of NATO gets preferable conditions in buying arms while Israel, "which is a dependable ally," does not. As an example, he noted that Greece does not have to pay the research and development costs of a weapon as does Israel.

Cantor Perlman To Retire After 22 Years At Temple Emanu-El

by Robert Israel

PROVIDENCE — Cantor Ivan E. Perlman, hazzan at Temple Emanu-El here for the past twenty-two years, will retire in November of this year. He and his wife Muriel will be moving to Boca Raton, Florida.

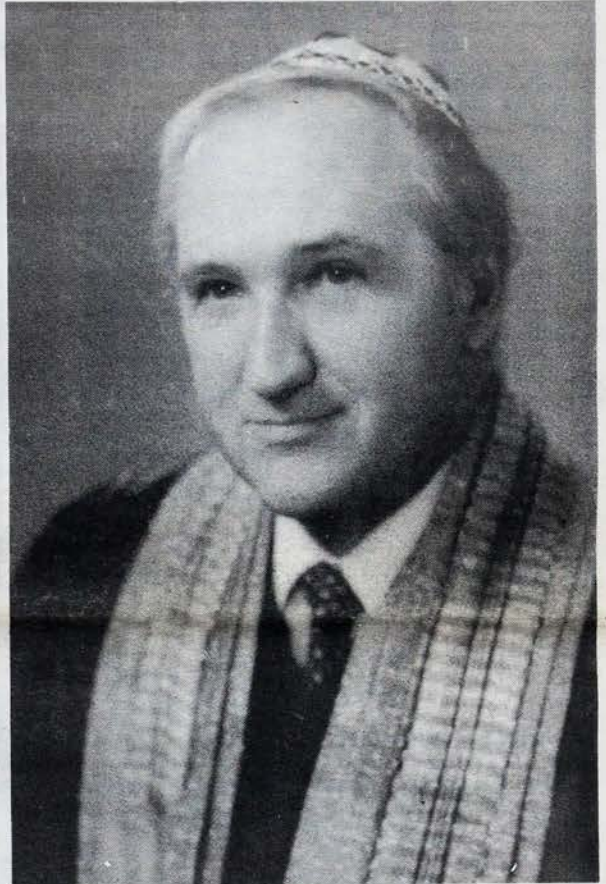
Cantor Perlman has had a life-long love of Jewish music. He began singing as a small child at the Shubert Theatre in New York and went on to teach Bar Mitzvah boys as an assistant to his Hebrew school teacher at age 10. He began conducting services at age 14 and had his first pulpit at age 22. During World War II, he conducted services as a soldier in the Marine Corps in the Pacific. While he was on Guam, he conducted a radio program. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Heroism on Iwo Jima.

He is the father of four sons — one of whom, Emanuel, is a cantor in New York. A few years ago, he recorded a record with Emanuel, which they both produced. Before coming to Temple Emanu-El, Cantor Perlman held positions as a cantor in New Jersey, Oklahoma and Iowa. He is a graduate of the New York Conservatory of Music, the Seminary School of Jewish Studies and the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is a mohel, a voice teacher, and chaplain to the Rhode Island chapter of the Jewish War Veterans of America. He has also served as President of the Cantors Assembly, the world's largest body of hazzanim.

In an interview earlier this week, Cantor Perlman reflected on his tenure as a cantor at Temple Emanu-El, on his career as a cantor, and on his influences and inspirations.

A Rewarding Career

"I've had a beautiful career and a meaningful life," Cantor Perlman said in his upstairs study



Cantor Ivan E. Perlman

at Temple Emanu-El. "I hope I've brought some joy and some inspiration to others as they have to me."

"I've wanted to be a hazzan since I was ten years old. The call of the pulpit has always been more important to me than the call to the stage or the screen. I've never been tempted to go into the show

business, although I've had opportunities. The call to the pulpit has been my first priority.

"I can honestly say that I'm concluding my career at one of the finest synagogues in the country. I'm happy to have been surrounded by loving people who have given me their support, and

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Are Cantors A Dying Breed?

NEW YORK (JTA) — That uniquely Jewish clergyman, the cantor, is threatened with extinction as economics and sociology combine to curtail the supply of replacements for a rapidly-aging generation of European-trained prayer leaders.

Unlike other faiths where the priest or spiritual leader conducts the liturgy, in Judaism it is the cantor who leads the congregation in prayer. It is his responsibility to interpret traditional modes and chants that vary with each particular occasion — Sabbath, Passover, High Holidays — and to evoke feelings of spirituality among the worshippers through his melodious renditions of the Psalms and scriptural texts that form the basis of the service.

Until recently, the major source of cantors for congregations in the United States had been the shtetl of Eastern Europe, where generations of vocally-gifted and

pious young Jewish lads would study the cantorial art at the feet of the community's senior hazzan. That source disappeared forever during the Nazi Holocaust.

With the proliferation of synagogues in the U.S. after World War II, the chief educational institutions of Judaism's three branches — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform — each developed cantorial institutes for the training of indigenous American hazzanim (cantors).

Career Has Fallen On Hard Times

Today the cantorate as a career for musically-talented young Jewish men seems to have fallen on hard times, despite salaries that average over \$40,000 a year, plus benefits. Cantors in a few of the most prestigious congregations can earn upwards of \$70,000 per year, according to Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum of Rochester, NY, executive vice president of the

Cantors Assembly (Conservative), the world's largest body of hazzanim. Yet there is a dearth of candidates for the profession.

This year only 11 cantors were graduated in the United States. Eight were women invested by the School of Sacred Music at the Hebrew Union College (Reform), the only branch of Judaism that permits women to officiate as cantors. Two male cantors were graduated from the Belz School of Jewish Music at Yeshiva University (Orthodox). Only one student was graduated from the Cantors Institute (Conservative) this June, while some 60 Conservative congregations are now actively seeking full-time cantors for their pulpits.

Perhaps it's the lure of show business — many cantors are frustrated opera singers — that has discouraged candidates for cantorial training. Another turn-off is a reluctance to get

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Local News

Yiddish Club At JCC

For conversation, readings and discussion of current issues — all in Yiddish — come to the Yiddish Club at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

Call Ann Miller at 861-8800 for information about the Club's first Fall meeting.

Newcomers Dessert Planned

"Welcome to RI and the JCC" will be the first Newcomers Club get-together to be held on Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

For further information call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

Ben-Gurion U. Plans Dinner Dance

American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev will celebrate the centennial of the birth of Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, at a gala international dinner dance honoring its major centennial philanthropists, the Ben-Gurion Fellows.

According to Dinner Chairman Lis Gaines, the event will be held at the Pierre Hotel in New York City on Wednesday, September 24. Chairman of the Coordinating Committee is Katja Goldman.

Honorees include the Ben-Gurion Fellows from the International Associates worldwide. One hundred international Centennial Fellows will each contribute \$100,000 to the University's David Ben-Gurion Centennial Endowment Fund. The fund will provide for Ben-Gurion University's ongoing growth and development.

To date, 87 contributors from around the world have become Ben-Gurion Fellows. Their names will be inscribed on a special Wall of Honor erected near David Ben-Gurion's gravesite, the Israeli national monument located in the heart of the Negev at Sde Boker.

Dr. Abram Sachar, founding President and Chancellor Emeritus at Brandeis University, will receive an honorary doctorate from Ben-Gurion University at the September 24 dinner. While President of Brandeis, Dr. Sachar presented David Ben-Gurion with an honorary doctorate on behalf of

For further information on the international gala, contact the American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, local office at (617) 236-4390 or call Bob Bernstein at (401)-728-3600.

Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi To Lead Services At Hillel

Zalman Schachter-Shalomi will lead Shabbat and Slichot services in Providence September 26-28 in preparation for the High Holidays. Reb Zalman's visit is made possible by the Rabbi Baruch Korff Foundation of Brown University in cooperation with Brown-RISD Hillel. Services will be open to the public.

Rabbi Schachter is unique as a guide to the process of Teshuvah (return) and readying ourselves to the possibilities of the New Year.

Born in Poland and raised in Vienna, he survived the Holocaust and was ordained as a Lubavitch-trained rabbi in Brooklyn in 1947. He has served as a congregational rabbi, Hebrew school principal, Hillel director, and university professor. He has published over 150 articles and translations. His books include *Fragments of a Future Scroll: Hasidism for the Aquarian Age* and *The First Step: A Guide for the New Jewish Spirit*. He is currently on the faculty of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and a Professor of Religion at Temple University.

From a strong Jewish center he has become a serious student of many of the world's other great traditions such as that of the Native Americans, Buddhism, Christianity, and Sufism.

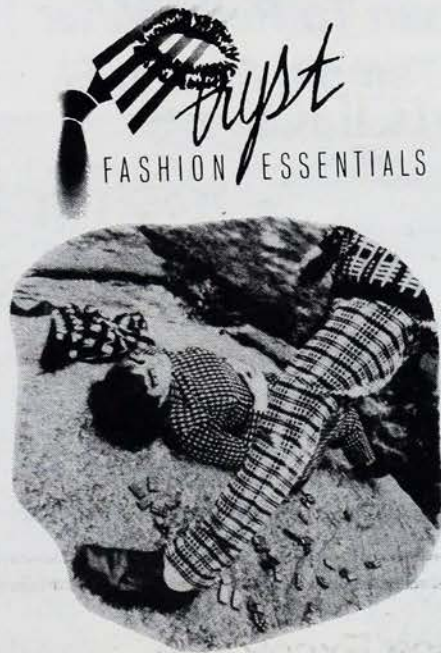
He has been a national leader in the movement toward Jewish renewal over the last 25 years and



Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi

is now the spiritual leader of the B'nai Or Religious Fellowship. His main interest is in how Judaism is experienced through daily practice.

On Friday night, September 26, Reb Zalman will lead a combined Conservative-Reform service at 6:30 p.m. at Hillel House, 80 Brown Street. Dinner and an Oneg with Zalman will follow. Reservations are required for dinner and should be made by September 23 by calling 863-2805. Slichot services will begin at midnight, Saturday, at Hillel House. All are welcome.



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Adult Hebrew At BJE

The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island will once again be sponsoring Adult Hebrew classes this fall. Beginners Hebrew will be taught by Fania Gross and Intermediate Hebrew will be taught by Esther Elkin.

The classes will both meet on Thursdays for 10 sessions beginning September 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the Bureau, 130 Sessions Street, Providence. The tuition will be \$35. Please register by September 5. For further information please call the Bureau at 331-0956.

Kol Simcha At JCC

Choral music lovers will have the opportunity to join other singers at the weekly meetings of the Jewish Community Center's Chorus — Kol Simcha. An enthusiastic group of people get together to sing a wide variety of music including Israeli and Yiddish folk songs and American show tunes.

The meetings begin on Thursday, September 4 and will be held at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, from 7-8:30 p.m. A one-time charge of \$7 for materials will be required.

For further information call the Center at 861-8800.

Conversion Class To Be Held

A course of study leading to formal conversion to Judaism will begin this fall, under the auspices of the Conservative Rabbis of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

The Gerim Institute will meet weekly, beginning Thursday, Sept. 11, through Thursday, March 26, 1987. Classes will meet this year at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

JCC Open House

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island will hold its Annual Open House on Sunday, September 7 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Center, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence.

The public is invited and admission is free. For further information, call the Center at 861-8800.

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David Weiss To Speak



David Weiss

Local television and radio personality, David Weiss, will be the speaker at the JCC Singles Brunch, to be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence on Sunday morning, September 14 at 11 a.m.

Mr. Weiss, host and co-producer of WPRO's "Hotline" Singles Dating Program, will speak on "Relationships in the 80's."

The recipient of Associated Press Awards in Rhode Island in 1985 and 1986 for feature reporting, Mr. Weiss is a news anchor and reporter for WPRO-AM and is host and co-producer of Channel 36's "Tuesday Nights with David Weiss," the live weekly prime-time call-in talk show.

The fee for the brunch is \$3.50 for members and \$6 for non-members.

On Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center, there will be a special planning meeting of the JCC Jewish Singles. There is no charge and the meeting is open to all singles.

For further information call Judith Jaffe at 861-8800.

Darkroom Club At JCC

A well-equipped darkroom is available to the public at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence. For a yearly fee (members, \$25; non-members \$40), participants can reserve the darkroom for a 3-hour time period and have the use of the up-to-date equipment provided.

For further information call the Center at 861-8800.

Temple Sinai Schedule

Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston, announces a busy September schedule.

This Friday, September 5, family worship services will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi George Astrachan and Cantor Rennie Brown lead the services. All members of the community are invited to this service as they are invited to all of our daily and Shabbat services.

Religious school begins on Sunday, September 7. Late registrations will be accepted; however, a late fee will be imposed.

The Temple Board meets on Monday, September 8, at 8 p.m. All temple members are invited.

Temple Sinai bingo is held each Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. at Auction City. Volunteer workers are needed.

Selichot services will be held at midnight Saturday, September 27, preceded by a Brotherhood sponsored breakfast at 10:45 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you this month at Temple Sinai. Please call the Temple at 942-8350 for any information.

Temple Sinai Brotherhood

The Brotherhood of Temple Sinai has plans for another busy year.

The Brotherhood apologizes to Norman Elman whose name was inadvertently left off of our listing of officers in our June announcement. Norman will be vice-president in charge of membership.

The first meeting of the year will be held at the Temple, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston on Monday, September 8 at 5:45 p.m. The evening begins with daily services followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and a general meeting at 7 p.m.

Brotherhood in September will sponsor a Poker Night on Monday, September 22, Selichot Breakfast on Saturday, September 27 and the first Political Breakfast of the year on Sunday, September 28.

Please call the Temple, 942-8350, for more information.

Congregation Ohave Shalom

There will be a kiddush at Congregation Ohave Shalom this Saturday morning immediately following services which begin at 9 a.m. Rabbi Jacobs will give his class at 6 p.m. Mincha will be held at 6:45 p.m. followed by Se'udah Sh'li'shit, the third sabbath meal. Havdalah will be at 7:56 p.m.

This Saturday evening will be the first meeting of the Young Couples Club which will be held at the Engel residence at 199 Raleigh. If any Jewish couple in the community wishes to be part of this growing group contact Rabbi Jacobs at 724-3552.

There will be a Junior N.C.S.Y. meeting this Sunday, September 7 at 4 p.m. There will be an election of officers at this time with planning for sukkot activities and an upcoming shabbaton in November. All Jewish children in 5th-8th grade are invited and urged to attend.

The schedule of daily services is as follows — Sunday morning 8 a.m., Monday and Thursday 6:40 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:50 a.m. Evenings daily 6:50 p.m.

BBYO Volunteers

The New England Region of B'ani B'rith Youth Organization is seeking volunteers to serve as advisors to local Jewish youth chapters in various locations throughout Rhode Island.

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From the Editor

by Robert Israel



In My Town, Developers Destroy A Sanctuary

NARRAGANSETT — Last week the bulldozers moved into my neighborhood. They are not a new sight, mind you. For the past three years I have seen them up and down the street, turning wooded areas into sand pits. I've seen them, the big yellow earth movers followed by men in overalls wielding shovels and axes, and slowly, purposefully, each and every month that passes, a wooded area gives way to a new housing development.

A member of the town council once told me, "This town is getting eaten up alive. People from New York will pay \$100,000 just to look at a tree."

There have been a few setbacks to developers, but not many. When a developer wanted to put in a new mall on Route 1 at the intersection of South Pier Road, hardly anyone from town came to protest at the town meeting. But when a car dealership wanted in, too, there was a noticeable increase in attendance because the owner of the car dealership is not a well-liked figure in these parts. With the development already near completion — it looks like Midland Mall and its only a five minute drive from a major shopping center in Wakefield — what difference does it make if there's a new car lot next to it? Why discriminate against a lot full of cars? The land has already been raped, another scar won't matter.

And then there's the battle for the right-of-way at a development near Scarborough Beach. The developers want to put up a condominium and keep people from walking along the beach in front of this exclusive property. A lot of townfolk came out for that hearing at the town council chambers. People who've been fishing there all their lives. Men and women who walk there and enjoy the shoreline. Neighbors of mine who stood up to testify that all of Rhode Island's shoreline is open to the public. "I've lived in Florida, too," one neighbor said at the hearing several months ago, "and I know what they've done to the coastline there. I don't want to see it happen in Rhode Island. Let's keep the shoreline open for everyone to enjoy, not just a privileged few."

But the "privileged few" are becoming the privileged many.

One day all is quiet on my street. The only sounds at night are the crickets in the tall grass enjoying the last of the warm summer nights, an occasional car driving from the center of town, passing by my road. The sky is clear, full of stars. In the distance there is the sound of the surf.

But then in the morning the bulldozers move in. A vacant lot on a street nearby was subdivided recently

by an enterprising young person who also subdivided a lot closer to my house and made himself a killing. His ambition was condoned and approved by the zoning board, so what he did was perfectly legal. He has driven by me and waved hello with a smile on his face and he looks like he's sitting on top of the world. He — and others like him — have succeeded in making my neighborhood, once wooded and quiet, once tranquil and closely knit, into a

The bulldozers have moved in and now the trees are fewer. There are new sand pits where the blackberry bushes once grew. It's sad because there's no room left for a quiet escape into the woods.

new Cranston. There's nothing wrong with Cranston — I was raised there. But if I wanted to live there, I'd move back. I didn't expect Cranston to move to Narragansett. But it has and it's very sad.

I've often thought of the wooded area behind my house as a buffer zone between me and the world. When I'm at work in Pawtucket, I frequently lapse into reverie about that wooded area that includes a stream and wild blackberry bushes that are full of fruit about now. It is a place I walk every morning at sunrise and at sunset with my dog, where I have sighted deer, red fox, owl, raccoon, skunk, snakes, and many species of birds. It is a wildlife preserve, a wild area left wild, where flowers grow in spring. There are houses all around on the adjacent streets, everywhere except for this area. It is a retreat. Once, a group of local boys put a tent up there and camped out. For them, it was like returning to the wilderness. I sat with them one night over a campfire and listened as they told ghost stories.

The bulldozers have moved in and the trees are fewer. There are new sand pits where the blackberry bushes once grew. It's sad because there's no room left for a quiet escape into the woods. Like the Joni Mitchell song, "Big Yellow Taxi," they've "paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

It will soon be time for me to move. The enterprising developers have destroyed yet another sanctuary.

A Spirit Of Hope At Auschwitz

By Leonard Zakim

We stood there among the ashes of Auschwitz — three Roman Catholic cardinals; bishops, priests, Jews, and about 100 Catholic pilgrims from Boston.

Our solidarity beside the barbed wire, watch towers and partially demolished crematoriums that had reduced the bodies of four million innocent people to ashes contrasted sharply with what had been the horror of Auschwitz.

Centuries of anti-Semitism had preceded what occurred there. And while the central purpose of the death camp was to exterminate Jews, the system that built it sucked millions of Poles — Catholic clergy and lay people and others — into its hell. Imagine the effect our kind of solidarity might have had in stopping what went on at Auschwitz.

Cardinal Bernard Law, whose leadership on this mission touched all of us, remarked in response to my speculation: "While we would have done so 45 years ago, we probably never would have left there alive."

Together we contemplated the martyrdom of those who spoke up then, Jews and righteous gentiles, in an effort to prick the world's conscience and awaken it from indifference.

The cardinal, speaking at what he called "this immense vestibule of hatred and death," called on us to face two obstacles in remembering the "human capacity for evil."

They were "our desire to deny responsibility for such evil, and our unsubstantiated belief that the "moral progress of the human race can be unaided."

It was hard to walk through this place and leave without anger and cynicism. In my position with the Anti-Defamation League in Boston, I am aware of examples around the world of anti-Semitism that, while clearly distinct from that of the '30s and '40s, remain a danger. When one walks at Auschwitz and thinks of the racial and religious bigotry that confronts us today, it seems that it is easier to feel hopelessness instead of hope.

Yet as the trip unfolded, I became more

committed to believing that every person can make a difference — and must.

We visited Czestochowa, where hundreds of thousands of Catholics endured their deep faith and their enduring resistance by walking hundreds of miles to pray.

In Krakow we met Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, whose commitment to remember and teach others about Hitler's final solution made him a partner in Cardinal Law's effort to bring to Christians the message that "anti-Semitism is not consistent with Christianity."

To all on the trip they brought the message that bigotry is inconsistent with humanity.

In Warsaw, Cardinal Joseph Glemp agreed to confer with the Anti-Defamation League on teaching Catholic clergy and laity in Poland about the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Judaism.

It is far more important to act in the present and future than to remember the past. While part of the pilgrimage focused on the past, the encouraging aspect was that so much of it focused on the future and the more difficult task of confronting, teaching and praying against the anti-Semitism and bigotry of today.

Other crucial issues on the Catholic-Jewish dialogue agenda, such as Israel and the Vatican relationship with it, remain unresolved.

Throughout the pilgrimage Cardinal Law placed a priority on Catholic-Jewish relations today. His initiative in bringing Cardinals Macharski and Glemp into that dialogue shows that his influence goes beyond Boston.

So we left Auschwitz with a hope based on the fact that these leaders of the Catholic Church are our allies. History has taught us what happens to those who won't speak up for themselves. But on this trip to Auschwitz Catholics and Jews spoke up for each other as well as for themselves, and in doing so did more to memorialize the lives of those who died in the camps than right-sounding words in a memorial service.

We left with ashes on our clothes and shoes, and a recognition that, as far as we've come from Auschwitz, we've still got a way to go.

Leonard Zakim is New England director of the Anti-Defamation League. Reprinted from the Boston Globe.



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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

In *The Rhode Island Herald* of August 29, Ms. Sophia G. Potempkin quoted the Gospels of St. John and Matthew (written almost 1900 years ago) citing their anti-Jewish words as the Real Cause of Anti-Semitism, which can easily be negated by historical facts. No wonder (as she does) that Rabbis or Jewish scholars don't look further into the matter; to open the subject now would be to open a Pandora's Box. Except for some obscure preacher trying for followers and money, very rarely was any anti-Jewish outburst a result of someone quoting the above apostles. In fact, for the past 40 years gentile clergy go all out to turn their congregants away from these Gospel words. In 1958 Monsignor Roncalli ordered all 'Anti-Jewish' words deleted from the Good Friday prayers. Later, when he became Pope John the XXIII he openly expressed his high regards for the Jews and Judaism; even not long ago the Vatican absolved the Jews from any part in the death of Jesus. Reading up a bit in Jewish history will show that the core of anti-Semitism is mostly a political or commercial enterprise, just to cite a few cases:

1. Beginning the 19th century, the sudden outbursts in Poland against Jewish business enterprises, and opening up 'Spolka stores' (coop stores) with blessings by the Parish Priest was due to a desire to wrest out of Jewish hands the beautiful Business Economy the Jews built up in the 900 years in the land; it was done with the blessing of the kings and lords in order to develop business and industry in this then Slave-Farm-Land; now the Intelligentsia tried to call all this effort "Theirs."

2. In 1905 when the Russian Czar's armies bogged down with the Japanese, the '400' were ready to start riots and pogroms against Jews, the same when threatened with revolution, all to turn the people's minds from the government failure. None used the words of John, neither did the insane Hitler, in his hate words. Hitler was an avid reader of List's anti-Jewish words while living in Vienna, so I am quoting Lucy Davidowicz in her "The War Against The Jews" on other than Gospel words that meant anything, quote: "List glorified the Germanic Past, in its Pagan Nature, which Christianity enfeebled."

No, Ms. Potempkin, St. John or

Matthew need not be awakened up now to avert anti-Semitic outbursts; there may be other causes which could be explored, when time and space would become available.

Maurice Prager

To The Editor:

I want to thank Dorothea Snyder for the superb article she wrote for the *Herald's* August 22 issue. She did a fine job of capturing the infectious enthusiasm of Carl and Moli for the collaborative learning experience. The Brown Community for Learning-Retirement may never be a moneymaker for the Special Studies Program, but the genuine love of learning displayed by its members is an invaluable model for a university community. Thank you for bringing the program to the attention of your readers.

Mark Curran
Dean of Special Studies
Brown University

To The Editor:

I am Jewish with a background in chemistry and, regrettably, a prisoner in Indiana. Upon my release next year I will return to Rhode Island, of which I am a native.

I would like to correspond with other Jewish people, both male and female, who could offer advice on my transition back into the community (i.e. employment leads, etc.) and, of course, to make friends.

Please send correspondence to:
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Michigan City, IN 46360

To The Editor:

V.P. Bush paid a camera crew \$20,000 to record his Mideast trip, including his reported kissing the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem (to the irritation of Arabs); his vowing, while visibly shaken, at Yad Vashem that never again a holocaust. He seems oblivious of another genocide brewing as a bloodthirsty Moslem world girds for Jihad, mass slaughter of Jews, just as fratricide decimates Arabs. Actually, he aids and abets a genocide by condemning Congress for refusing more arms to perfidious Jordan who had agreed with Israel's worst enemy, Syria, never to make peace with Israel independently. (How argue that Jordan needs protection from Syria?)

Mr. Bush was instrumental in adding more weaponry to the vast arsenal of Saudi Arabia, whose leaders have repeatedly vowed destruction of Israel. He sympathized with refugees made homeless by cruel Arab warlords — but King Hussein rejects settlement in much unpopulated Jordan land — unlike Israel which resettled 700,000 Jews ousted penniless from Arab lands.

The irony is that Mr. Bush's Mideast tour is said to offset Rep. Kemp's recent trip — both potential candidates in a Presidential election, both ostensibly trying to bolster an image that would please all Americans who want an end to hostilities which could drag this country into serious confrontation with the many enemies of the U.S.

Mr. Bush and wife enjoyed Hussein's all-out hospitality. Like Pres. Reagan, he is said to have a fondness for royalty. Fortunately, George Washington had no such fondness for England's King George!

S. Norman Gourse

Nursery School At Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom will again be conducting its Kton-ton Nursery School for the coming school season. Children who will be three or four are eligible for the school. The Kton-ton meets every weekday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The school has achieved an enviable reputation in the community during its years of functioning. It combines an intensive Jewish learning environment together with a thorough secular nursery school. Anyone interested in the school should contact Rabbi Singer or Dr. Robert Young at the Beth Sholom office, 331-9393.

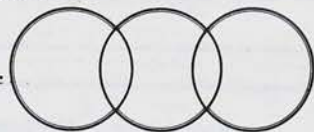
Mark Patinkin To Speak

Sunday, September 14, at 9 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El promises to be a fun-filled morning for Harry Elkin Midrasha students and parents.

Mark Patinkin, columnist for the *Providence Journal Bulletin*, will be our guest speaker. Mr. Patinkin has travelled extensively to witness first hand the famine and problems of relief in Ethiopia as well as to Ireland, India and the Middle East where he reported on the human issues involved in these countries torn by religious strife.

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Social Events

Providence Hadassah Meeting

The Rhode Island Constitution Convention ballot issues will be the topic of discussion at the opening meeting of the Providence Chapter of Hadassah which will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. A panel of four people who were elected to the constitutional convention will discuss the issues that will be referenda on the November 4 ballot. The panelists are Dr.

Melvyn Gelch, Richard Le Clerc, Rose Ellen Reynolds, and Lila Sapinsley. The meeting, which is open to the public, is cosponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. It is expected to attract a wide audience of men and women of all ages from all segments of the community.

This discussion is part of Hadassah's ongoing American Affairs program, one of the important parts of its overall program. Hadassah does not endorse particular candidates in elections. However, it takes a keen interest in governmental and legislative affairs nationally, makes resolutions on various issues such as the separation of church and state, sends representatives to conferences at the White House, and has observer status at the United Nations.

The meeting will be chaired by the Chapter President, Erna Oelbaum. The American Affairs Chairman, Eva Sapolsky, and the Vice President of Program, Doris McGarry, will participate in the program. A coffee hour will follow the meeting. Deedee Witman heads the hospitality committee, assisted by members of the Young Women's Evening Group of the Chapter.

Camp JORI Plans 50th Meeting

Campers, Board members, alumni and friends of Camp JORI are being asked to dig in their attics and scrapbooks for mementos as the Camp approaches its fiftieth birthday.

Festivities will officially begin at the fiftieth Annual Meeting on October 28. Alexander Rumpier, a founder of the camp and active Board member for half a century will be honored.

Adding to the celebration is the "\$50 for Camp JORI's fiftieth" limited raffle. The proceeds will purchase a much-needed van for the camp. The drawing for the all-expense paid week-long Bermuda vacation for two will be held at the annual meeting on October 28.

Camp JORI was founded in 1937 by the Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island to provide summer activities for the homeless residents of the orphanage. As welfare programs arose and the State of Rhode Island assumed care of orphans, the doors of the orphanage closed. The funds, however, were turned over to the camp and JORI expanded to include all youngsters.

To help Camp JORI gather information and historical artifacts, to participate in the raffle, or for further information, call Camp JORI at 521-2655.

Fred Wertheimer Receives Degree

Fred A. Wertheimer of New York City, formerly of Pawtucket, R.I., received his Juris Doctor degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, in New York. Mr. Wertheimer and the former Christine Anne Keller of Los Angeles, California, were married August 10, 1986 at the Japanese Gardens of the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. Rabbi Robert Block performed the ceremony. A reception followed in New York City. After a trip through the New England states, the couple will reside in Manhattan.

Fred Wertheimer is the son of Beatrice Wertheimer of Hamden, Conn., formerly of Pawtucket, R.I., and the late Sam Wertheimer.

Robin Traugott Wed To Gary Gersten



Robin Sue Traugott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Traugott of Providence, R.I., was married to Gary Lyle Gersten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Levin and the late Bertram Gersten of Cranston, R.I., on August 31, 1986 at Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a gown made of organza. It had an open neckline with a Queen Ann collar and leg-o-muttin sleeves. The fitted bodice was decorated with Venice and chantilly lace. The hemline had chantilly lace which extended to a cathedral train. A half crown of schiffle lace and pearls with a rolled edge illusion veil completed the outfit. The bride carried her mother's bible which was decorated with a cascade of white roses, fushia and stephanotis.

Matron of honor was Gail McLoughlin-Elliott. Bridesmaids included Lori Gersten (sister of the groom), Sandra Traugott

(flowergirl), and Allison Greenberg. The attendants wore tea length gowns made of a shiffle lace overlay over light pink and lavender taffeta. They had short sleeves, jewel necklines and matching satin ribbon belts. The attendants carried a cascade of rubrim lillies, lavender daisies, snap dragons and babies breath.

Best man was Carl Gersten (brother of the groom). Ushers were Charles Traugott (brother of the bride), and Robert Greenberg. Ringbearer was Jay Traugott. A reception was held at Temple Emanu-El.

The bride, a graduate of Elmira College and Rhode Island College, is assistant Director of Attleboro Youth Shelter. The groom, a graduate of the University of Mass. at Amherst and Providence College, is an engineer with Corner and Lada Company. After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Warwick, R.I.

Kent County Hadassah Meeting

Pilot Carl Dworman will present a slide travelog entitled "Israel by Way of the Arctic Circle" at the opening meeting of the Kent County Chapter of Hadassah on Wednesday, September 10, 1986, 7:30 p.m. at the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross

Road, Cranston, R.I. In 1984, Dworman, 42, flew a single-engine Skyhawk from Quonset Point Naval Air Station, over the Arctic Circle, to Eliat, Israel.

The public is invited to attend.

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Pressman Appointed Senior Advocate

U.S. Representative Claudine Schneider has appointed Simon Pressman of Narragansett as Senior Advocate for Southern Rhode Island. Pressman will visit Senior Citizen organizations, meal sites, housing complexes for Seniors and Nursing Homes in the area and give talks on Social Security, Health Care, Health Insurance, Hospital and Physician billing, pension funds and veterans benefits and present examples of Senior's use of their resources for a better life.

Mr. Pressman recently gave a talk on "Being a Peer Model" at the Larry Tetreault Center, Peace Dale Social Club, and the Senior Guild of Cranston. A recent graduate of the University of Rhode Island, he is a board member of SHO (Seniors Helping Others), CAP (the South County Community Action Program), the Family Food Co-Operative and several other local community groups. He has been on the Advisory Board for Aging for Claudine Schneider for the past several years and is also a member of the Governor's Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs.

Simon Pressman is actively teaching courses at the Neighbor Guild in Creative Writing and Speech Craft and will begin a ten-week class for South County residents in Modern Yiddish at the Beth David Synagogue on September 16.

Program Directors and Officers of Senior organizations may contact Mr. Pressman to schedule speaking engagements. Senior Citizens may also call Pressman if they have problems with their Social Security, Medicare or Health Insurance at 783-8054 any day.

NCJW To Present Program

On Wednesday, September 24, 1986, the National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Section, will present "Women's Issues: Stress in Changing Worlds." This program focuses on the adjustments which women experience when immigrating to the United States. The featured speakers will be: Jack Silver, M.S.W., Executive Director, Mental Health Services of Cranston, Johnston and Northwestern Rhode Island, Inc.; Kamthoeun Chhoeuy, Home Day Care Coordinator, The Cambodian Society; Yvonne Morin, Modern Language Department, Brown University.

The program is open to the public. Admission is free. The program will be at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave., Providence, and is scheduled to begin at 10 .m.

Al-Anon Workshop To Be Held

The Rhode Island Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups are sponsoring their twelfth annual workshop. It is to be held on Sunday, September 21, 1986 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island, Knight Campus.

Register Now For JCC Courses

Registration for the many courses being offered by the Jewish Community Center will take place on Tuesday, September 2-Sunday, September 7. Those who have not mailed in their registration forms are urged to sign up during the registration period to be assured of admittance into the courses of their choice. The schedule is as follows: Tuesday, September 2 from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., members only; Wednesday, September 3, from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday, September 4, from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. (last day for multiple course discounts); Friday, September 5, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, September 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration will be held at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

For further information about registration, call the Center at 861-8800.

Simcha 25 At Temple Shalom

Simcha 25, the year long celebration in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Temple Shalom, will begin with a Late Sabbath Eve Service on Friday, September 12 at 8 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will chant the liturgical portions of the service and preach the sermon. Special tribute will be paid to charter members and a special service of rededication is being planned for that evening. An Oneg Shabbat will follow, graciously sponsored by the Simcha 25 Committee.

On Saturday, September 13, at 8 p.m. a dinner dance marking this occasion will take place in the Temple Social Hall. A highlight of the evening will be the raffle drawing for Simcha 25.

For further information on reservations for the Dinner or on obtaining raffle tickets, please contact Doris Fischer, Freyda Feldman or Shirley Solomon.

Emanu-El Garden Club

Emanu-El Garden Club plans on Thursday, September 11, a tour of the Sunken French Gardens at "The Elms" in Newport, preceded by a picnic on the cliffs. Members and their guests will bring lunch and meet in the Temple parking lot at 9:30 a.m. In case of rain, the meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Bohnen Vestry.

BJE Workshops

The Bureau of Jewish Education is pleased to offer a series of Tuesday night workshops this fall. Designed to enhance opportunities for professional growth, to achieve certification credit, and to enjoy the camaraderie of colleagues, these sessions cover a wide range of topics of value to the Judaic teacher:

September 16, 1986 — Implementing a Family Education Program; Facilitator: Vicky Kelman, Author of *Together*.

September 23, 1986 — Using Trigger Films; Facilitator: Toby Rossner.

October 14, 1986 — Puppetry in the Jewish Classroom; Facilitator: Janice Newman.

October 28, 1986 — Story telling as an Educational Tool; Facilitator: Daniel Kertzner.

November 11, 1986 — Teaching History through Primary Sources; Facilitator: Evelyn Brier.

December 9, 1986 — Meah Milim-Hebrew for the Judaic teacher; Facilitator: Carol Ingall.

All workshops are from 7:30-9:30 at the Bureau, 130 Sessions St., Providence, and require prior registration. Please call the BJE at 331-0956 for further information.

Beth-El Sisterhood To Attend Biennial

Delegates from the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, led by President Dorothy Fishbein, will attend the Biennial Convention of the New England Federation of Temple Sisterhoods on September 19-21 in Worcester, Ma.

NFTS comprises a membership of more than 650 sisterhoods from 15 countries — one of the largest Jewish Women's organizations in the world. Forty sisterhoods are represented from New England.

The theme of this year's convention is "Women of Reform Judaism: The Spirit of the 80's." There will be workshops on current issues such as the teenage suicide crisis, the changing Jewish family, understanding domestic violence and enhancing Jewish commitment. Dolores Wilkenfeld, of Houston, Texas and president of the NFTS will be the keynote speaker.

NFTS is the women's agency for Reform Judaism, an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the World Union for Progressive Judaism, and works on behalf of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. NFTS is also the founder of the Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc.

Latch-Key Preparedness At JCC

The successful Latch-Key Preparedness Program is once again being offered by the Jewish Community Center on Wednesday, September 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Center, 401 Elm Grove Ave. in Providence.

Topics such as home safety, understanding family rules and communicating expectations and concerns will be dealt with in the session, which will be led by Ruby Shalansky, Director of Children/Youth Services at the Center, and Laura Berkson, Family Life and Jewish Education Director. Parents and children alike will have the opportunity to role play and discuss the issues of children being left alone. A film will precede the discussion.

The fee for the workshop is \$4/family for members and

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Around Town

by Dorothea Snyder



"I think this one would lead the list," Allan Metz says, speaking of non-fiction books sought after by readers at Temple Beth-El's William Braude Library.

He picks up *Against Silence: The Voice and Vision of Elie Wiesel*.

"The editor, Irving Abrahamson, spent 10 years researching all of Elie Wiesel's works ... his novels, books, reviews, forewords and prefaces of books, speeches published in magazine and journal articles.

"These three volumes consist of that gentleman's devoted labor in compiling all this. It's not something you'd read cover to cover, but it's important for people to know about it.

"Abrahamson's book isn't just for scholars. It's for everybody. Today, more and more books published by university presses are crossing over to a general readership. University book reviews make note of this. Important books like these are becoming increasingly popular."

Having attended the Association of Jewish Librarian's Conference in Montreal in June, Allan points to a book displayed on a reading stand which "struck his eye" in Canada.

"It's about us, so to speak."

Allan continues on with his book tour. "Oh, here's Conon Cruise O'Brien's *The Siege*. This is an overview of the history of modern Israel from its beginnings. An opus magnus. Quite an ambitious undertaking, to say the least."

He holds up a small, foreboding black book, which innocently enough reads *The Little School*. The sub-title, Allan tells me, is *Tales of Disappearance and Survival in Argentina*. The authoress, Alicia Portnoy, survived imprisonment by the military Junta, and brought about the 1985 conviction of four Junta generals in Buenos Aires.

"When you're a librarian," Allan says, "it's overwhelming to see all that's published. More and more books are coming out on Sephardic Jewry. A popular book, which captures North African Jewish life, is *Days of Honey* by Irene Awret. It's the auto-biography of Rafael Uzan, a former shoemaker and now a primitive artist living in Israel."

Popular reading at Temple Beth's Library is subject matter related to Israel and modern American Jewry, he says, showing me *The Dhimmi: Jews*

Books Of Lasting Value



Alan Metz, librarian at Temple Beth-El.

Everything by Primo Levi has been very hot ... *The Periodic Table, If Not Now, When?, Survival In Auschwitz*."

Looking through a rack of folders identified by titles, Lillian lists books which have been in heavy demand this summer. She names them: *Boston Boy* by Nat Hentoff, *Birthright* by Joseph Amiel, *Book of Abraham* by Marek Halter, *The Markoff Women* by June Flaum Singer.

She calls attention to *Breaking The Silence* by Walter Laqueur and Richard Breitman, the book about Eduard Schulte, the German industrialist who was the first to bring the news of the Holocaust to the outside world.

"He maintained a unique identity in the German hierarchy, because he was one of the very few to stand up to the Nazis," she says. "This book has been out practically all summer. The people who were interested in reading it have read it, and now, it's on shelf."

Recalling another book by Primo Levi, Lillian adds *Moments of Reprieve* to the list.

"The new book which is starting to make an impact," she notes, "is *Paul and the Invention of Christianity* by Hyam Maccoby. He is a noted historian whose work makes a statement. People interested in these areas of history look to him as a resource.

"What's fun to read is Dorothy Herrman's new biography on S. J. Perelman, the Providence-born writer who grew up here, went to Classical and Brown. The beginning of the biography talks about local institutions, and his job at the Outlet Company.

"The first volume of *Laura Z* by Laura Z. Hobson came out two years ago and was very popular. The second

volume just came out posthumously. It has been edited and completed from her notes by her son, Christopher Hobson. It promises to be a good book."

Books that were in demand last year, Lillian mentions, are *Inside Outside* by Herman Wouk and *To the Tenth Generation* by Rita Kashner. She highly recommends them to people who haven't read them and are looking for interesting books to read.

"Selection of reading materials is very personal," she remarks. "It's practically impossible to choose books for someone else. Everybody has their special thing they're looking for. It's only by tried and true experiment that you know the kinds of reading that people are looking for."

At Temple Sinai Library

Over the telephone, librarian Edith Grant told me that her readers checked out books in June for their summer reading, since Temple Sinai's library is closed during the summer.

Requested books that came to mind were: *Anthology of Holocaust Literature* by Jacob Glatstein; *Wandering Stars*, edited by Jack Dann; *Brintel Brief* by Isaac Metzker; and Chaim Potok's *Davita's Harp*, which she noted "is still being read."

She praised *Coat of Many Colors* by Israel Schenker, author and journalist living in Scotland, who has been a by-line writer for the New York Times.

"Few people have taken out this book," Edith says, "but I think his broad-based essays are very interesting."

On an ending note, she remarks, "What people are talking about now is *Shoah*, and seeing it at Temple Emanu-El. The showing has sparked much interest."



Lillian Schwartz, Temple Emanu-El librarian (photos by Dorothea Snyder)

The book is *Treasures of a People: Synagogues of Canada*, a handsome pictorial essay. "Three young people, Sheldon Levin, Lynn Milstone and Sidney T. Tenenbaum toured Canada, photographing all the temples they could find, and all they heard through word of mouth."

Pulling out an oversized book from the shelf, Allan acclaims the significant and latest addition to a three-volume set by Isaac Kowalski ... *Anthology on Jewish Armed Resistance 1939-1945*.

We walk over to a three-tier portable shelf. "Speaking of fiction," he says, here is *Moments of Reprieve* by Primo Levi, a Jewish Italian chemist and writer who survived Auschwitz.

"His stories are starting to be translated. Primo Levi wrote an auto-biography called *The Periodic Table*, a take-off on the chemical table of the elements. As a chemist, he manages to integrate that with his stories.

"He's becoming more and more appreciated. *Publishers' Weekly* said, 'That we do not know Levi better, is something of a scandal.' That speaks very highly of him."

Allan takes a book off a stand. He says, "You ask what people are interested in reading. This is very good ... *Jewish Continuity and Change: Emerging Patterns in America*, a current report on Jewish trends, observant levels, etc. by Calvin Goldscheider, a professor at Brown University. It runs along the line of Charles Silberman's *A Certain People*

and *Christians Under Islam* by Bat Ye'or, which has been circulating at a steady pace all summer.

"Requests for fiction other than Primo Levi's books such as *If Not Now, When?* include the not-exactly-brand-new book by Cynthia Ozick, *The Cannibal Galaxy*. Her forte is the short story.

"New is the pithy short story collection by Brazilian doctor and writer Moacyr Scliar who gets to the point in *The Carnival and The Animals*. We also have his novel, *The One Man Army*. Scliar has a very vivid imagination, and broadens people's perspective. His tales remind me of the Midrash, characterized by a moral meaning behind it."

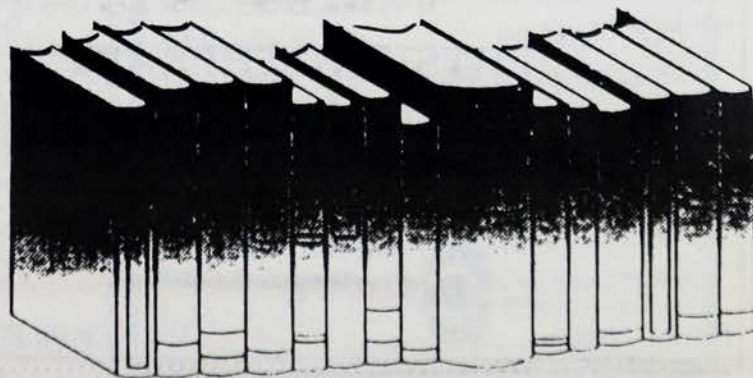
Summing up, Allan says, "Some of these new books I've mentioned aren't familiar as others, but once seen by our readers, they're checked out. These books are going to have lasting value. Not just for a year or two, like some popular novels, and then forgotten."

At Temple Emanu-El Library

"What Primo Levi writes is very deep and thought-provoking," says Lillian Schwartz, librarian at Temple Emanu-El, in answer to my query about what books have been popular at the Temple's library this summer.

"You have to concentrate when you read Levi, and I don't like to use the word "popular" for such a profound writer.

"A lot of people have been reading him, probably due to the fact that his works were reviewed by Eva Sapolsky. She inspired many to read his books.





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The musical group "38 Special" will perform at Great Woods in September.

Popular Music Concerts At Great Woods

Concerts by 38 Special, John Fogerty, Emerson, Lake & Powell, Rodney Dangerfield, Neil Young and the Psychedelic Furs are scheduled during September in the Miller Music Series at the Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts in Mansfield, Mass. These concerts are part of a summer-long series of top popular artists, presented under the

auspices of the Miller Brewing Company. Additional support is being provided by KISS 108-FM, WBCN-FM and the Massachusetts Chevrolet Dealers.

38 Special, the hard-driving Southern band, comes to Great Woods on Saturday evening, September 13. In the past decade, they've produced a string of gold and platinum albums, creating a

distinctive sound based on memorable melodies, richly layered vocals and shimmering guitar work. Their newest release, *Strength in Numbers*, is a lively collection of tough, summertime pop. The band, which boasts lead vocalists Don Barnes and Jeff Carlisi, as well as two lead guitarists and two drummers, is a team which presents a relentless live show, but has also found great success in the recording studio. Their recent string of hit singles includes "Caught Up in You," "Back Where You Belong," and their current hit, "Like No Other Night." Special Guest this evening will be Bon Jovi. Tickets for this concert are priced at \$17.50 and \$15.50 for reserved seats; \$13.50 for lawn.

John Fogerty, the former frontman for Creedence Clearwater Revival, performs at Great Woods on Sunday evening, September 14. Between 1968 and 1972, the band enjoyed a historic tenure at the top of the charts, dominating the airwaves with a string of more than twenty Top 20 hits. Fogerty's compositions — "Proud Mary," "Born on the Bayou," "Green River," "Fortunate Son," "Who'll Stop the Rain," and many other now classic recordings — established him as one of pop music's true originals. Fogerty comes to Great Woods after a nine-year absence from the public eye. Centerfield, a collection of new original songs written, produced, arranged and performed by Fogerty, has just been released on the Warner Bros. label. Special Guest this evening will be Bonnie Raitt. Tickets for this concert are priced at \$18.50 and \$16.00 for reserved seats; \$13.50 for lawn.

Emerson, Lake and Powell perform at Great Woods on Tuesday evening, September 16. The band combines melodic artistry with complex instrumental integrity and electronic power with acoustic

simplicity. Former members of The Nice and King Crimson, Keith Emerson and Greg Lake were pioneers in progressive rock music during the late '60's through the '70's. Emerson's tremendous catalog of keyboard skills, which range from classical to jazz, balances with Greg Lake's pivotal bass playing and timeless vocals. Cozy Powell adds a Zeppelinesque bite to Emerson and Lake's already unique style. The band's new Polygram album is, like their live concerts, a blend of the characteristics of their earlier music, combined with the electronics and fresh attitude of the 80's. Tickets for this concert are priced at \$16.50 and \$14.50 for reserved seats; \$12.50 for lawn.

Rodney Dangerfield, who turns life's pain and frustrations into comic gold, comes to Great Woods on Wednesday evening, September 17. Dangerfield is currently at the peak of his long career in comedy. He's not only one of the hottest standup comedians in America, but his latest film, *Back to School*, is the box office hit of the summer. This follows rave reviews for his previous starring roles in *Caddyshack* and *Easy Money*, and for his Grammy award winning album, *Rappin' Rodney*. On stage, he's the frazzled pessimist, dressed in his familiar dark suit and red tie, tugging at his tight collar, lamenting how he doesn't get any respect. It's a character he made famous through multiple TV appearances (including 68 on *Johnny Carson's Tonight Show*) and his clever commercials for Miller Lite Beer. Tickets for this performance are priced at \$21 and \$18.50 for reserved seats; \$14.50 for lawn.

Neil Young and his band Crazy Horse perform two shows at Great

Woods, Saturday evening September 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, September 21 at 2 p.m. Always a difficult artist to characterize, Young's music has ranged from rockabilly country to hard-edged pop. It was in the 1960's that he first made his mark as a singer/songwriter of romantic, melodic ballads such as "Cinnamon Girl." In the early Seventies, he joined forces with Crosby, Stills and Nash to produce several classic hit singles, including "Woodstock" and "Teach Your Children." Returning to his solo career, he then released the critically acclaimed album *Rust Never Sleeps*. His latest, *Landing on Water*, was released this summer on the Geffen label. Tickets for his shows are priced at \$18.50 and \$16.00 for reserved seats; \$14.50 for lawn.

All performances in the Miller Music Series (with the exception of the September 21, 2 p.m. performance by Neil Young) begin at 7:30 p.m. The Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts is under the sponsorship of WBZ-TV 4, Boston. The 15,000 seat facility is located just off State Road 140 at the junction of interstates 495 and 95.

Tickets for the Miller Music Series are currently on sale by telephone charge through Ticketmaster: 1-800-682-8080 (or call in Boston (617) 523-6633; in Worcester (617) 754-8800; in Providence (401) 351-1616). Tickets may also be purchased at the Great Woods box office, open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Ticketmaster outlets are located at the Orpheum Theater in Boston, Garnicks Records in Lowell, Good Vibrations Records Stores, Video Connection Stores and MVP Sports Stores.

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"Shoah": A Review



A scene from Claude Lanzmann's film *Shoah*.

by Roberta Segal

Now I can begin to understand. Through the genius of Claude Lanzmann, the mind-boggling, incomprehensible concepts of the Holocaust are reduced to human terms.

We become the camera. We sit in a darkened theatre, surrounded by peers, people in our own community and we bear witness to the horrors of forty years past.

We transcend time and space to meet other communities, to come to understand motives, to recoil from attitudes that linger, to wonder at heroic sorrows.

We meet Simon Srebnik, one of two who remain of Chelmo, the small, improvised, little-known killing center in northwestern Poland where the Nazis began the systematic gassing of Jews on December 7, 1941. 400,000 men, women and children were murdered there. Only Srebnik and one other survive.

Lanzmann convinces Srebnik to return to Chelmo. The two walk across the lush meadow — the site where once bodies were incinerated. We hear the villagers who remember say how much they liked Srebnik, who was only a boy of thirteen at the time, a child who was favored by the Germans for his beautiful tenor voice. Srebnik would row up the river in his leg chains singing Prussian songs taught to him by the German guard who accompanied him.

Later in the film, Lanzmann reunites Srebnik with some of the

villagers. They stand together in a large group on the steps of a large church — the same church in which Jews were locked up, sometimes for days without food or water, prior to their gassing, and we see that the villagers remember Srebnik and really do like him; they are glad he is alive. Lanzmann questions them further. And we are present as they relax. They speak honestly, with Srebnik standing in their midst. The townspeople, not just one, but several animatedly adding to each other's words, say that the Jews were all rich, the Jews murdered Christ, the Jews... No one mentions the Nazis, or the horror of events they admit took place. And we are there.

Claude Lanzmann spent nearly eleven years interviewing those involved in the events of the Holocaust. His interviews with Nazis — often done with hidden cameras, are masterful. They also were the cause of a severe beating which landed Lanzmann a one-month hospital stay.

The Rhode Island premiere of *SHOAH* is presented by the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, Brown/RISD Hillel Foundation and Temple Emanu-El.

SHOAH will be shown from September 7 to 18 in the New Synagogue, Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence. Due to the unusual length of the film (9½ hours), it will be shown in two parts.

For advance purchase of tickets, admission is \$15 for both Part I and Part II. Students, senior citizens and groups of 20 or more are \$12.50. Individual performances if purchased at the door will be \$10 each part.

For general ticket information call (401) 861-8800. Group sales ONLY call (401) 331-9733.

SHOAH is a film not to be missed.

JCC's Teen Lounge

The gala opening of the Jewish Community Center's Teen Lounge at 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence will take place on Sunday, September 7 at 1 p.m. in conjunction with the Center's Open House.

The Lounge offers a gathering place for youths in grades 7-12 for games of pool, ping-pong, air hockey, backgammon, Trivia pursuit and much more. A TV and jukebox add to the fun.

All teens are invited to visit the Lounge during the Open House and discover the exciting activities planned for the 1986-87 season. For further information on activities for seventh to twelfth graders, call Rob Haber, Youth Activities Coordinator at 861-8800.

Film Series

This fall, the Jewish Community Center will offer programs which cover difficult issues which one must face, either directly or indirectly, in a lifetime. The series, "Issues of Survival," is sponsored as a public service by the Adult Services Department of the JCC.

The subject matter — aging, death and dying, divorce, will be sensitively handled by means of film and discussion in a supportive atmosphere.

The first of the three programs will feature the 1976 Academy Award documentary, "Number Our Days." The film to be shown Wednesday, September 25 at 7:45 p.m. explores an aged Jewish community in Venice, California. The discussion leader will be Bob McCreanor, Elderly Affairs Editor of the *Providence Journal*.

The series will also include "On Death and Dying" in which Dr. Elizabeth Kubler Ross counsels patients with terminal illness. The discussion will take place on Thursday, October 23 and will be led by the well-known Oncologist Dr. Bruno Borenstein.

The third and final program to be held on Thursday, November 20 will be "The Empty Chair," a film which deals with divorce.

All three programs will be shown at the Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence and are free and open to the public. To register call Ann Miller at 861-8800.

Israel Desk At BJE

The Bureau of Jewish Education has recently established an Israel Desk, whose function will be to provide information about Israel study/travel programs for high schoolers, college students and teachers. In addition, the Israel Desk office will have data on grants and scholarships available.

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will facilitate the process for those looking at the many options available in Israel study/travel programs.

For information on any study/travel programs in Israel, contact Ruth Page at the BJE, 331-0956.

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to have the support of my colleagues and peers.

"There have been certain people in my life that have inspired me and I'd like to mention them. One of them was Norman Adolph who has had a lasting inspiration in my life. He was my teacher at *cheder*. His brother, Cantor Martin Adolph, brought me to see him at the shul in Patterson, New Jersey when I was ten years old. He listened to me sing and he said, 'He has a nice voice, but he'll never be a *hazzan*.' Martin Adolph went on to become a founding member of the Cantor's Assembly and served as a vice president of that organization. I went on to become a *hazzan* and later became President of the Cantors Assembly.

"Another inspiration in my life was Rabbi Philip Lipis, who was a

chaplain in the Marine Corps. He had a tremendous influence on my career and life. I had the sad task of officiating at his unveiling with just his family present in Chicago.

"Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen has been a tremendous influence in my life, as has Max Alperin. While it is always a risky business to name people that have influenced you for fear that you may leave someone out, it is important to mention these two men that have inspired my life.

"I have no regrets about giving up the pulpit. When I move to Boca Raton, Florida, I'll continue as a mohel. It is a great joy to perform this ritual because I love children very deeply and I perform the ritual with as much compassion and love that I can muster.

"This is perhaps the most exciting period of my life. I look to

the future as a great chapter in my life. My wife Muriel has been devoted and supportive throughout my career, for 39 years. I'm looking forward to when I can repay that love and affection by concentrating on her needs and wants. No one is more deserving.

"All my four sons are married and are living lives of their own. I have 9 grandchildren and, although I'll be some distance from them, I'm looking forward to spending some time with them.

"Synagogue life has, as it should, gone through many changes. It is going through many changes now. I feel that the time has come for new, young leadership. I look forward to the time when the young will lead Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish community and the Jewish world to further fruition."

While he may be retiring from active pulpit duty, Cantor Perlman will continue to be active in the Cantors' Assembly. He has been nominated as National 40th Anniversary chairman and is overseeing the Assembly's trip to Israel, in honor of their 40th anniversary, in July, 1987.

Are Cantors A Dying Breed?

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involved in every facet of congregational life — officiating at weddings and funerals, teaching Bar and Bat-Mitzvah students, conducting the choir, counseling congregants. These responsibilities make the contemporary cantor a full-time ministry.

Half a century ago, many of the great cantors (Rosenblatt, Kusevitsky and others) were star performers who attracted overflow audiences to their synagogues — and often to their cantorial concerts. They never gave Bar-Mitzvah lessons.

R.I. Hospice Plans Seminar

As a part of the celebration of its Tenth anniversary, Hospice Care of Rhode Island, in conjunction with the Brown University School in Medicine, is sponsoring a day-long seminar entitled "Palliative Care in the Eighties." The seminar is scheduled for October 15, 1986, and will be held in the Ray Conference Center located on the grounds of Butler Hospital.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Levy, nationally recognized as an authority on pain management. The program is designed for physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists and pastoral persons who wish to increase their clinical knowledge and practical skills in order to more adequately meet the needs of the terminally ill and their families.

Three general presentations in the morning will address the following issues: "Pain Management in Advanced Cancer," "Economic and Policy Issues Affecting Palliative Care," and "Ethical Issues Related to Death and Dying." The afternoon session will consist of a series of workshops. Among the topics to be discussed include: "Caring for Dying Children and their Families;" "Spiritual Needs of the Dying and their Families;" "Creativity in the Close of Life;" "Behavioral and Cognitive Aspects of Pain Control in Cancer Patients;" and "What is Hospice? Is Hospice for Everyone?"

For further information call Janice Miller at 863-3337.

Whatever the reasons, the demand for cantors far exceeds the supply — and the situation becomes more critical with each passing year as European-trained cantors reach retirement age.

To alleviate the shortage, the Cantors Assembly recently voted to establish a \$1 million fund to underwrite scholarships to encourage the training of the 150 to 200 qualified cantors needed in the next decade. "The ship is leaking and we need to do something about it quickly," Rosenbaum says.

Cranston Senior Guild

The Cranston Senior Guild will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Wednesday, September 3, 1986, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston at 12:30 p.m. Come early and meet with the officers and board. Rabbi David B. Rosen of Temple Torat Yisrael will be our guest speaker.

With our successful summer behind us we set our sights on our exciting fall and winter plans. These include:

September 10 — A visit to Newport. Miriam Brown, Chairman. 438-9319.

September 24 — White's of Westport. Call Helen Forman, 521-0455.

October 8 — Foliage Tour. Ruth Rotenberg has details, 751-9338.

October 27-30 — Trip to Penn Dutch. Staying at host farms resort. Call Beverly Jacobson, 274-9586.

December 10 — Chanukah party, Venus deMilo, Swansea, Mass. Luncheon, entertainment, prizes. Committee: Eleanor Israel, 943-5225; Beverly Jacobson, 274-9586; Sophie Jacobson, 461-7945; Sayra Weiner, 941-3779.

Plans for our special Florida holiday will be discussed. A departure date of January 20, 1987, through to March 17, 1987, with stays of 2-4-6-8 weeks. Hy Jacobson at 274-9586 will supply all the details.

Although 8 months away, a theatre party is being planned for Sunday, May 10, 1987, at 2 p.m. at Providence Performing Arts to see "La Cage Aux Folles." Anita Stein at 351-9717 will take your reservation.

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Parents Plights & Rights

by Dr. Steve Imber



Dear Dr. Imber:

Usually your column addresses the needs of children or adolescents. However, I have a husband who has a serious learning problem which is interfering with his career goals. In high school, he was a pretty good student. In fact, he's very bright. Unfortunately, he has always done very poorly in arithmetic. He was in the service for several years and was assigned to supervise a team of men. He now wishes to pursue a civilian career, but one which requires an examination in mathematics. Though his motivation is very great, he seems intimidated by numbers. To make matters worse, his dad was a wiz in math. Do you have any suggestions?

Reduce to Simplest Terms Dear Reduce:

You have asked a weighty question indeed! There are many adults who have specific learning problems which impact upon their daily lives or interfere with their professional growth. In your husband's case, it is indeed possible that he has a learning disability in the area of mathematics. That is, he has the intellectual ability to perform mathematics and it would appear that no health or other factors would account for his long and troubled experience with mathematics. It is also possible that your husband may have had some minor learning problems in the area of mathematics, but emotional factors have thwarted his skill development in that area. At this point in time, it is far less important to differentially diagnose the degree to which your husband does or does not have a learning disability. It is far more important that his difficulties be addressed in a positive and productive manner. The following steps might be helpful:

(1) A thorough assessment of school records can be conducted to determine if indeed his intellectual

ability falls within the average to above average range (from what you have shared with me, I would expect that this would prove to be the case; nevertheless, it is better to be thorough).

(2) A review of school records might also reveal achievement test scores which can be used to determine the relative degree of difficulty your husband may have experienced in mathematics as compared to other subjects.

(3) A thorough assessment of mathematics can be conducted which would include understanding of mathematical content, computational skills, and problem-solving skills.

(4) It would be helpful if your husband were to talk with the evaluator about his goals and his anxieties. Some determination will need to be made about his relative degree of anxiety. If he is extremely anxious about math, to the point that it will clearly interfere with his functioning, it may be appropriate for him to participate in some counseling sessions.

(5) Given the results of the mathematics evaluation, a highly trained and specialized resource tutor might be able to remediate his deficits. If copies of books can be obtained and sample test materials can be reviewed, the tutorial services will be far more helpful and effective.

Others might suggest high school programs ("adult educational programs") or some other form of group learning. Such approaches can be helpful at times; however, if it is financially feasible, it would be far more efficient and probably far more effective to work with an individual specialist. Your husband may find that a "crash course" in math in order to prepare him for his examination may be insufficient. He may need a greater period of time for remediation. Some comfort may be gained from the fact that such examinations can usually be retaken.

I hope that things begin to add

up for your husband and that his success soon multiplies. You might suggest to him that his best opportunity to overcome his fears and his learning disabilities will be through a "divide and conquer" approach!

Dr. Imber is a Professor of Special Education at Rhode Island

College, a past president for the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, and a private consultant. Questions about learning and behavioral problems of children or adolescents (and in some instances adults!) may be addressed to him at 145 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02906 (421-4004). All communication will be held in strict confidence.

Program In Israel

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Obituaries

DR. A. ALFRED GOLDBERG

PAWTUCKET — Dr. A. Alfred Goldberg, 75, of 54 Spring St., a dentist in Providence and Pawtucket for 41 years until retiring eight years ago, died Tuesday, September 2, 1986, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Selma (Blum) Goldberg.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Samuel and Bessie Goldberg. He had lived in Pawtucket 26 years. Dr. Goldberg moved to Lake Worth, Fla., seven years ago and recently returned to Pawtucket.

He was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and Temple University Dental School, Philadelphia.

Dr. Goldberg was a member of Temple Emanu-El and the Jewish Home for the Aged, both of Providence. He also was a member of the Rhode Island Dental Society.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Marshall Goldberg of Pawtucket and Robert Goldberg of East Greenwich; and two grandchildren.

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

GERTRUDE BROWN

WARWICK — Gertrude Brown, 85, of the Shalom Apartments, 1 Shalom Drive, died Thursday, August 28 at home. She was the widow of William Brown.

Born in Fall River, a daughter of the late John and Fruma (Averich) Suslovitz, she lived in Warwick for nine years. She previously lived in Providence and North Miami Beach, Fla.

During World War I, she served as a Navy yeowoman and was assigned to Newport. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans, Post 23. She was a member of the Cranston Senior Guild, and a former member of Hope Link and Temple Beth-El.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Beverly Jacobson of Providence, Mrs. Muriel Cohen of Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. Audrey Morse of North Miami Beach; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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

MILTON KELMAN

PROVIDENCE — Milton Kelman, 78, of 12 Poplar St., a bread salesman for the New England Bakery for 35 years before retiring in 1970, died Monday, September 1, 1986, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Fay (Chase) Kelman.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Barnett and Ida (Weitstein) Kelman.

Mr. Kelman was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the United Commercial Travelers and the Teamsters Union.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Burton E. Kelman of Pawtucket and Barry C. Kelman of Providence; two daughters, Marilyn K. Asher of Van Nuys, Calif., Cindy Granieri of North Hollywood, Calif., and three grandchildren.

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

HYMAN ROSENBERG

PROVIDENCE — Hyman Rosenberg, 89, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Friday, August 29 at the home. He was the husband of the late Sara (Russian) Kulman-Rosenberg, and the late Ray (Seltzer) Rosenberg.

He was proprietor of a sheet metal business in Providence for more than 40 years, retiring 15 years ago.

He was born in Russia and lived in Providence most of his life.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Perlow of East Providence and Mrs. Jannette Forman of Somerset, Mass.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

BESSIE SENDERS

PROVIDENCE — Bessie Senders, 88, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died Wednesday, August 27 at the home. She was the widow of the late Max Senders.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Boruch and Miriam (Weinbaum) Senders, she lived in Providence over 61 years.

She was a member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Pioneer Women, Jewish Community Center Golden Age's Club, and Congregation Shaare-Zedek.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Frances Hecker, Cranston; and Mrs. Gloria Berit, Park Ridge, N.J.; two sisters, Mrs. Rachel Cohn, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Dora Winecour, Everett, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

SAMUEL GRAVELL

PROVIDENCE — Samuel Gravel, 91, of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., a porter for the former Shephard's Store, died Sunday, August 24, 1986, at the home. He was the husband of the late Blanche (Botvin) Gravel.

Born in New York, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Gravel, he lived in Providence for 40 years.

He leaves a niece. A graveside service was at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Letter From The Country

CASCO BAY, Maine — "Is it quiet up there?" My friend asks this question wistfully. She has called from her city to my countryside, from her desk to my cottage.

"Yes," I answer her. There is no urban clatter here. No jarring cosmopolitan Muzak of subway and construction, rock and rush hour voices. We are protected. The water that surrounds this island absorbs the din of the other world. Yes, it is quiet up here.

But when I return to my listening post at the hammock, I know that I hear more sounds than silence. The motor of passing lobster boats, the foghorn across the bay, the language of a dozen different birds.

Slowly, I sift through the hundred sounds that form this rural chorus. A honeybee shopping the rosehips in front of the porch, a vole rustling through the bushes, a hawk piping its song above me. If I concentrate, I imagine that I can even make out different voices of the wind moving through alder, bayberry or birch.

When I walk the island roads, I hear my own footsteps on the dirt. When I read, I hear the pages of my book turn. With time, I may even be able to distinguish the separate sounds the incoming tide makes lapping at seaweed or rock or mussel bed.

It has taken me a week to tune into these low decibels. To really hear the quiet. I do not live my urban life at such a frequency. Like most city people, I have been trained to listen each day only to the squeakiest wheel, the most insistent, hardest-rock level of audio demands.

The sounds of my urban life are manufactured to compete with one another. The honk of a horn, the ring of a telephone, the alarm of a clock, the siren of an ambulance. For the most part, they issue orders: Pay Attention to Me! They are all deliberately loud and louder, programmed to jar us into some reaction. Move into traffic, pick up the phone, wake up, get out of the way.

Without even knowing it, we are assaulted by a high note of urgency all the time. We end up

pacing ourselves to the city rhythm whether or not it's our own. In time we even grow hard of hearing to the rest of the world. Like a violinist stuck next to the timpani, we may lose the ability to hear our own instrument.

Some of my friends by now have senses so damaged by the urban cacophony that they squirm when they are left alone with crickets. They cannot adjust to country music. And yet it seems to me that it is only when we leave behind the alarms and bells and buzzes and sirens, all these external demands, that the quietest sound of all comes into range: our inner voice.

George Eliot once wrote, "If we had keen vision and feeling of all ordinary human life, it would be like hearing the grass grow and the squirrels heart beat and we should die of that roar which lies on the other side of silence."

I think of that sometimes. How overwhelming to literally hear the life story of everyone we meet. But I think more often of the roar that keeps us from silence, the roar of daily life that makes it "impossible to hear myself think."

Up here anyway, it is quiet. Quiet enough to hear a pen scratching across the page. Quiet enough to hear someone breathing or thinking. But soon the patterns of my own life will lead back into the city. I'll follow the highway like a stream of sound to its source.

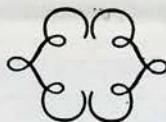
I will take a lot of things home with me. A handful of yellow periwinkles, a bunch of sea lavender, even some raspberry preserves. But how do you put up a batch of country quiet for the long urban winter?

Ellen Goodman is a syndicated columnist.

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Resource Guide Available

Lieutenant Governor Richard A. Licht announced that the Rhode Island Small Business Resource Guide is now available free of charge to anyone interested in receiving a copy.

"The guide was developed as a corollary to the Lieutenant Governor's 1985 Small Business Informational Fair," said Licht, "and it contains listings and descriptions of over 50 public and private agencies currently providing services to Rhode Island's small businesses." The information was compiled by the Lieutenant Governor's office in cooperation with the Small Business Development Center at Bryant College.

The 24-page guide contains cross-references that make it quick and easy for businesses to contact agencies that offer financing, management, marketing, and general business assistance.

"We have already received nearly 400 requests from businesses for the guide, and we have yet to really publicize it," said Licht, who has advocated the interests of small businesses throughout his term as Lieutenant Governor. Both the guide and the Lieutenant Governor's Small Business Informational Fair (to be held this year on October 21, at the Community College of Rhode Island, Knight Campus, Warwick), will furnish small businesses with much-needed information.

"This guide provides assistance to small businesses and allows them to seek out the wealth of information that is out there," said Licht. "That is why we originally created the business information fair, and that is why this guide can be so valuable to the business community."

To receive a copy of the guide, write to the Lieutenant Governor's Office, Room 317, State House, Providence, R.I., 02903, or call 277-2371.

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BATTER UP! The AAEJ All-Stars, one of the 10 Little League teams now playing throughout Israel as part of Israel-American Baseball, is ready for action. Part of the team is shown above with Rabbi Yosef Miller, back row, coordinator of AAEJ's Israeli office.

Baseball may be America's national pastime, but it certainly is getting a lot of attention in Israel these days — especially from some young Ethiopians who play for a team called the American Association for Ethiopian Jews (AAEJ) All-Stars. Even though these children had never seen a baseball or bat in their lives, they have shown an amazing aptitude for hitting and throwing. Their secret? Besides enthusiasm, they played a homemade stick and ball game in their grass hut villages in Ethiopia. And, they're all masters of the slingshot — the weapon used against marauders at home. The AAEJ All-Stars Team is part of the Little League network being set up in Israel by Randy Kahn, a Little League baseball coach from Houston who visited his sister in Israel in 1985 and be-

came determined to bring the sport to the enthusiastic children there. While softball is played in Israel, baseball is a new sport in the country. When Kahn returned to Houston, he collected used baseball equipment from synagogues, churches and recreation departments and then brought the gear back to Israel, where he began teaching the youngsters the rudiments of the game. Meanwhile, Kahn's father, attorney Leonard Kahn, also of Houston, created the Israel-American Baseball Corporation, a non-profit organization that raised money for the League in Israel. The games are played on soccer pitches and open grass fields where diamonds are marked out for the 10 teams in the league. In

one game this summer, the AAEJ All-Stars faced a mixed squad called the All-Stars from Ramat Hakovesh and Tira, a team consisting of Jews from Kibbutz Ramat Hakovesh and Arabs from Tira. It proved to be an upset victory for the Ethiopian team, 5-2, and one that was captured by an NBC-TV crew filming the Operation Moses story. Included on the AAEJ All-Stars are immigrants from Ethiopia who live at the Ben Yehuda Absorption Center in Netanya, an immigrant from the USSR and several kibbutz youngsters. Rabbi Yosef Miller, coordinator of the AAEJ's office in Israel, is excited about Israel-American baseball because of the brotherhood it fosters. "Not only do you have

interesting ethnic combinations on the teams themselves, but the healthy, honest competition between the teams helps to strengthen ties that can be hard for some of these kids to form after the hardships they've been through with immigration and separation from their families left behind in Ethiopia."

Miller pointed out the example of Gideon, a shy youth from Ethiopia who is a deaf-mute. On the baseball field, Gideon has turned out to be a real slugger and team player. "It's not an exaggeration to say that baseball has turned Gideon's life around!" Miller noted.

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The acclaimed storyteller Spalding Gray will perform three of his most celebrated autobiographical monologues at Trinity Repertory Company, in the air-conditioned Downstairs Theatre, September 9 through 21. The three pieces are *Swimming to Cambodia* (September 9-14), *Terrors of Pleasure* (September 17, 19, 21), and *Sex and Death to the Age of 14* (September 16, 18, 20, 21). An actor-writer-performance

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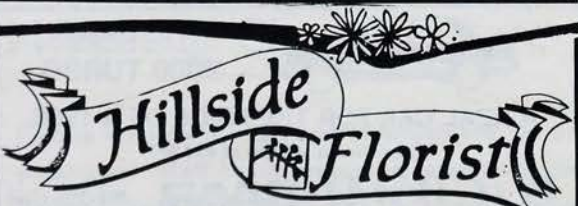
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