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## Lubavitch Jews — What's Next?

by Ari Goldman

In the heat of the Israeli elections last year, the Lubavitch Chasidim bore the brunt of criticism for the chaos resulting from the struggle over the question of Who Is a Jew. To many American Jewish organizations, they became "the enemy." But now, just one year later, it appears Lubavitch has regained its stature as a respected, if not mainstream, member of the American Jewish community.

The remarkable reversal has taken place, in part, because Lubavitch has halted its vigorous public advocacy of Who Is a Jew, but, more importantly, because of a core of lay support, most of it non-Orthodox, that was unshakable throughout the controversy.

The most dramatic sign of the unflagging support for Lubavitch comes every Sunday morning outside the office of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, at 770 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn. By the thousands, men and women

from across the religious spectrum of Judaism line up for a brief moment with the Rebbe.

The bedrock of support is also evident in the sentiments of people like Martin Stein of Milwaukee, the national chairman of United Jewish Appeal, one of the groups that fought against the Lubavitch agenda in Israel last year. "I think they made a mistake," Stein said. "But that doesn't negate the wonderful work they are doing for Jews all over. No one else is reaching out to Jews the way that they are."

Stein, a major financial backer of Lubavitch, spoke of the group's involvement in Who Is a Jew with respect. "The fact is that the Rebbe did this because he loves Jews, not because he hates Jews."

That is not how the issue was perceived when it erupted last fall. Who Is a Jew is shorthand for a controversial amendment to the Law of Return, which grants every Jew the right to automatic citizenship upon entering Israel. As written, a Jew is defined as someone born of a

Jewish mother or someone converted to Judaism. The type of conversion is left unspecified. Under the amendment, the legislation would be changed to specify someone "converted in accordance with Halachah," traditional Jewish law.

When Agudat Israel and other small religious parties that supported the amendment made a strong showing in the parliamentary elections — giving them disproportionate power in forming a new government — American Jewry revolted. Conservative and Reform leaders said passage of the amendment would, in effect, delegitimize them as religious practitioners and they fought for its defeat.

Despite the opposition, Lubavitch fought for the amendment until the end. The end came when the two major parties did what they said they did not want to do — forge another coalition government, thereby rendering Lubavitch all but impotent to attain its goal.

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## Scholar-in-Residence



Temple Am David's Fran Katzman Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat is presenting guest scholar, Dr. Benjamin Entine on Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16 at the Temple to discuss "Love, Loss and the Jewish Family." Dr. Entine, an accomplished Missouri litigator, a budding religious philosopher with a Ph.D. from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and a licensed psychoanalyst with a practice in family and geriatric issues, will discuss three topics over a two-day program. Friday evening — "Question of Glass," Saturday morning — "Why Me?" and Saturday evening — "Dishonoring Father — or, the Limits of Love."

## Future Of Jews Predicted — Again

NEW YORK (JTA) — The population of Jews in the United States will decrease slightly; New York will lose its dominance in the American Jewish community; Jews will become more conservative politically; and the division between the Orthodox community and Conservative and Reform Jews will deepen.

These are some of the eye-opening predictions of a Brandeis University sociologist, who has attempted to forecast the future of the American Jewish community in the year 2000.

Based on research conducted nationally in American Jewish communities, Gary Tobin, director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis, paints a somewhat dismal picture of the future of American Jewry. "The greatest threat to the overall size of the Jewish population

may come from intermarriage," Tobin wrote in an article in *B'nai B'rith Jewish Monthly*.

"In the past generation, the rate of intermarriage has skyrocketed... Meanwhile, rates of conversion to Judaism have plummeted.

"In the next two generations, the Jewish community may be reduced by 10 to 30 percent because of intermarriage and assimilation."

Immigration and a high Orthodox birthrate, Tobin notes, will offset this population loss, but this phenomenon may cause interdenominational problems of its own.

Tobin forecasts increased polarization within the American Jewish community, with the Reform and Conservative communities developing shared institutional and leadership networks that will sever their pres-

ent reliance on the Orthodox community.

"Both groups will call themselves Jews, but in terms of institutional, philanthropic and other dimensions of Jewish life, they will be almost separate." Ultimately, marriage between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jews will become increasingly problematic.

Moreover, as the community becomes more acutely divided into Orthodox and non-Orthodox, tensions within "secular" Judaism will increase.

"If the status quo is maintained," Tobin warns, "a sizable proportion of the Jewish population will drift away in the next two generations."

This secularization will take a number of forms, particularly regional relocation.

According to Tobin's figures, Jews from the Northeast will move in substantial numbers to the Sun Belt. By 2050, the Jewish population of Florida and California over 55 and under 35, now 1.5 million, could top 2.2 million.

To be more assimilated while the Jews of Florida tend to be less involved in community activities, this movement of Jews to the Sun Belt could have serious implications for the quality of the American Jewish community in the future.

Previously centralized around New York, the community will become decentralized and dislocated. "In the next 10 to 50 years, with rare exceptions, most Jewish neighborhoods will disappear."

The last major change in American Jewish life that Tobin points to in his study is political.

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## Women of the Wall Saga Continues

by Jacqueline Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The right of Jewish women in Israel to pray where and how they choose received one setback and one small advance as it confronted opposition from the ultra-Orthodox religious establishment.

A group called Women of the Wall failed to persuade the Jerusalem Magistrates Court to force Jerusalem's Laromme Hotel to allow it to conduct a Torah scroll dedication ceremony at the hotel.

But the same court ruled that the hotel had to allow the women to conduct prayer services inside the hotel.

The Jerusalem Religious Council had threatened to revoke the hotel's kosher license if it allowed the Torah dedication to take place. It intervened at the last moment, although the ceremony had been scheduled months in advance.

The hotel management, fearing it would lose its kosher certification, succumbed to the pressure. The dedication ceremony was held instead in the gymnasium of a nearby school.

The Women of the Wall group, organized a year ago during the First International Jewish Feminist Conference, also held a women's Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) prayer service at the Western Wall, which is known in Hebrew as the Kotel.

The Torah scroll was donated by the International Committee for Women at the Kotel, a support group of some 500 Jewish women from the Diaspora, many of them religiously observant. A delegation of 30 women came to Israel under the auspices of the American Jewish Congress to

present the Torah to the Israeli group.

The Torah will be housed with the liberal Orthodox Yediyda congregation, in the Baka neighborhood of Jerusalem, and will be used in the women's monthly *Rosh Chodesh* services.

AJCongress reacted angrily to the obstructionism of the Orthodox religious authorities in Jerusalem.

Henry Siegman, the organization's executive director, issued a statement in New York, saying, "It is sad that the rabbinate in Israel should not hesitate to resort to such ugly tactics to deny Jews the privilege of dedicating a Torah scroll."

The failure of the hotel to permit the dedication ceremony did not prevent the group from conducting a Torah procession through the streets of Jerusalem.

About 100 women and a handful of men marched from the hotel to the Yemen Moshe quarter, where the women recited evening prayers under a balmy autumn skyscape within sight of Mount Zion.

Torah processions are a familiar sight in Jerusalem. But in this case, it was women who were carrying the scroll and female voices singing the traditional Hebrew hymns.

The only discordant note was struck by a solitary Orthodox woman bystander, who shouted, "You're a bunch of weirdos," as the group stood by.

The morning service at the Kotel went off smoothly, despite rabbinical and judicial restraints pending a decision by the High Court of Justice on whether the women may conduct organized prayer services at the Kotel.

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The handiwork of the Jewish National Fund. See page 7 for more details.



# World and National News

## After Two Years, Intifada Won't Go Away

by Gil Sedan

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (JTA)** — It is a December morning on the streets of Ramallah, "the rose of the West bank," and the streets are busy. People rush about their business to complete errands before noon, time for the daily commercial strike.

The sun is unusually warm for this time of the year. Here and there, elderly people sit on the large balconies of their spacious homes, built of the distinctive pink-hued Jerusalem stone.

But as residents take their leisure, the sight of Israel Defense Force patrols is a constant reminder that Israeli control over the West Bank continues.

On a clear day, one can see the Mediterranean from the picturesque hills of Ramallah. But Abdullah Samir, who makes his living selling sesame-covered rolls from a cart on the main street, says there are no longer clear days left.

"One cannot foresee events from one minute to another," he remarks with the confidence of someone who knows what he is talking about.

Sure enough, a few minutes later, a car bearing yellow Israeli license plates (easily distinguishable from the blue plates of the territories) is ambushed by stone-throwers on the main business street.

The car escapes undamaged and its passengers evade injury. But the message is clear: The days that Israelis can travel in

the administered territories free from fear are long gone.

The intifada, as the Palestinians call their uprising, begins its third year, and there seems to be no end in sight.

After two years, many Israelis have learned to ignore the intifada. They simply circumvent it whenever it faces them, shutting their ears and closing their eyes to the unpleasant reality that would otherwise dominate daily life in Israel.

Opinion polls have shown wide support for the way the security forces handle the intifada, but most Israelis are sending their leaders another message: Cope with the situation without us.

It is easy for Israelis to pretend that the intifada does not exist. But it is there in the form of fear.

Israelis are more fearful for their safety now than before the uprising. They are less concerned about the security of the state than for their own lives and limbs.

The escalating Arab violence reached a peak last summer, with the attack on an Egged passenger bus that was forced off the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, killing 16 passengers and seriously injuring many more.

That attack, and other smaller-scale ones, further diminished the sense of personal safety.

Bethlehem, a West Bank town just south of Jerusalem, used to be crowded on weekends, with Israelis shopping for bargains.

Other Israelis used to have lunch Saturdays at one of East Jerusalem's colorful Arab restaurants and then stroll through the picturesque Arab bazaar in the Old City.

Israelis in Kfar Sava used to have their teeth cleaned or cars repaired at half-price in the neighboring West Bank town of Kalkilya, once one of the friendliest places in the territories.

No more. Very few Israelis will risk a stone smashing their windshield or a gasoline bomb setting them on fire to undertake such excursions.

Paradoxically, Palestinians feel safer inside Israel than in their own towns. In Tel Aviv, they have no reason to fear violence.

With more than 600 Palestinian casualties, thousands wounded and more than 50,000 detained for various periods since the beginning of the intifada, almost every Palestinian family in the territories has been affected in one way or other.

Lately, worse than the confrontations with the Israeli authorities has been the sharp increase in terrorist acts by violent gangs of Palestinian youths out to "settle accounts" with Arabs whom they accuse of collaborating with the authorities.

The number of Palestinians killed by their own people since the intifada began was estimated by the Associated Press to be 153, as of the end of November. The security forces killed or

captured members of a Nablus casbah gang called the Black Panthers that is believed to be responsible for many of the killings in the area.

Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, commander of the central region, proudly told reporters that the IDF had proved once again that it had full control over the territories and that even the dark alleys of the Nablus casbah were within its reach.

His statement is true, but not always true.

The army does control trouble spots like the casbah and the refugee camps. But its control is limited in area and time.

Despite the extensive deployment of the security forces and their intelligence sources, densely populated places cannot be totally controlled.

In such places, clandestine local popular committees have a natural advantage. As soon as the soldiers go, they are there, to exercise their control over the local population.

The intifada has massive support among the Palestinians. But relentless pursuit by the IDF is driving it underground.

The mass demonstrations that characterized the early days no longer occur. The uprising expresses itself now by general strikes, ambushes of Israeli vehicles and tax revolts.

Significantly, the recent month-long tax strike in Beit Sahur was not repeated elsewhere. But even without strikes, Israel is paying a

heavy economic price to suppress the intifada.

But there is also a psychological price being paid by the thousands of Israelis doing army service in the territories.

Dr. Yehuda Hies, director of the government's autopsy institute in Tel Aviv, said that the growing violence in the territories has had a damaging emotional effect on soldiers.

"A person who lives in an atmosphere of such violence several months a year changes his behavior and acts in a way in which previously he would not have dreamed of acting," Hies said.

He said he was able to trace the escalation of violent behavior by members of the security forces from observing the condition of the Arab corpses on which he performed post-mortems.

Two years of the intifada have passed and high school girls still throw stones at Israeli vehicles in downtown Ramallah.

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## Joint Committee Comes Out of Closet

by Allison Kaplan

NEW YORK (JTA) — The organization some call the "best-kept secret in the Jewish world" doesn't want to be kept secret any longer.

After years of working quietly behind the scenes, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is finally ready for some "glasnost" of its own.

The democratization process sweeping Eastern Europe is allowing the JDC to be more forthcoming about its efforts to provide humanitarian assistance and promote Jewish life to the Communist bloc and other parts of the world.

This new, higher profile is JDC's gift to itself, as the American Jewish vehicle for overseas aid celebrates its 75th anniversary.

In the present atmosphere of openness, JDC officials are now talking publicly about the thousands of packages of religious and cultural material that were slipped into the East bloc back when the Iron Curtain was at its most impenetrable.

JDC "performed this function discreetly. The times dictated that this should be so," JDC President Sylvia Hassenfeld told those gathered at last month's Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Cincinnati.

But now, Hassenfeld exulted, "JDC is once again able to function openly in the Soviet Union, after so many years of working in the shadows."

A similar transformation is taking place in JDC's programs in Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

"We were in these places long before glasnost hit them," JDC's executive director, Michael Schneider, said in a recent interview.

### Summer Camps in Hungary, Poland

The changes mean the difference between smuggling Jewish books into the Soviet Union and JDC's new, ambitious plan to deliver and set up 150 fully stocked Jewish libraries to Soviet cities. This fall, it was able to talk openly of its sponsorship of the Israeli pavilion at the biennial Moscow Book Fair.

Prior to the change of atmosphere, Hungarian and Polish Jews had to find their way to Yugoslavia to participate in JDC's Jewish cultural summer camp, since Yugoslavia was the only East bloc country in which JDC was permitted to operate a summer program. Now Jewish summer camps have been established in Hungary and Poland.

Schneider's eyes light up when he talks about plans to enhance and expand JDC programs that care for the elderly and sick, provide kosher meals and fund Jewish schools throughout Eastern Europe.

His enthusiasm increases when discussing the prospect of increased funds to do so. The money is expected to flow more freely once JDC is relieved of the responsibility of caring for the Soviet Jews waiting in transit centers outside Rome for permission to settle in the United States.

As the new system of direct migration of Soviet Jews to the United States and Israel takes hold, the transit centers in Rome and Vienna will no longer be needed.

The transit stations will be closed "by June, we hope," Schneider said, gazing upward, as if asking for heavenly assis-

tance.

The cost of the European transit centers, particularly the large one in Ladispoli, Italy, have been a huge financial drain on JDC, leaving it with a \$8.2 million dollar deficit in 1988, out of a total budget of \$84.6 million.

This was largely due to the cost of aiding the transmigrants in Italy, which skyrocketed from \$250,000 in 1986 to \$10.6 million in 1988.

### Jewish Day Schools in Syria

While JDC officials were happy to assist the thousands of Soviet Jews to emigrate, they are now eager to get out of Ladispoli and reinvest energy and funds in their fundamental mission: helping Jewish communities in Eastern European and the Third World sustain themselves and their Jewish institutions.

JDC's programs also include channeling non-sectarian aid to countries such as Ethiopia, where it has been providing humanitarian assistance for years, long before the Operation Moses airlift of Ethiopian Jews.

JDC also offers aid, in the name of the Jewish people, to non-Jewish communities facing hardship. One recent example was its sponsorship this past summer of a project in which victims of the December 1988 earthquake in Soviet Armenia were airlifted to Israel for treatment and rehabilitation in Israeli hospitals.

The majority of JDC's budget comes from money raised by the United Jewish Appeal, supplemented by individual donations and contributions from Jewish communities abroad.

JDC's secret to working in countries with repressive governments, Schneider said, is its "assiduously avoiding interfering in local politics," as well as undue publicity.

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## Polish Group To Jews: Take A Hike

MILWAUKEE (JTA) — The Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress voted in September to "suspend the ongoing dialogue conducted over the past several years with representatives of the Milwaukee Jewish community."

The announcement of the rupture by the Milwaukee-based congress came in a letter dated Nov. 7 and signed by the organization's president, Edward Wojtkowski. It was sent to Milwaukee Jewish Council Executive Director Judy Mann.

The letter also announced that the congress suspended its participation in the annual Janusz Korczak lecture series, which it had cosponsored with the council since 1979.

The resolution gave as its rationale "the failure of our Jewish colleagues to discuss matters of vital mutual concern prior to stating their opinions publicly."

The resolution referred to the Jewish Council's reaction to the remarks made in August by Cardinal Jozef Glemp, head of the Catholic Church in Poland, on the dispute over the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz.

The remarks were condemned in the world-wide Jewish community as being anti-Semitic, as well as drawing criticism from Catholic Church officials and the newspaper of the Solidarity movement in Poland.

Wojtkowski said in a telephone interview that Milwaukee Polish Americans — an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 people — "were taken by surprise and hurt" by condemnatory remarks Mann and others made to the local news media on the subject.

He said the comments were made without consultation with the Polish community and without knowledge of the full text of Glemp's remarks.

"This was more than hurtful," said Wojtkowski. "It was not doing justice to what Glemp was saying and to what that person means to the Polish American community."

Mann, however, said that she found the suspension of dialogue

to be "confusing and surprising." "First of all, we never consult with others (before making statements), and always speak our minds to the press. ... That's part of our business," she said.

Moreover, Mann said, her comments to *The Milwaukee Journal* included a suggestion that Glemp meet with people involved in Catholic-Jewish dialogue to learn why his remarks were perceived as hurtful, an idea she "thought would be helpful."

"Our reaching out and trying

to improve understanding is being met with their trying to close the dialogue," she said.

"I don't understand that. If I'm missing something, they need to tell us. That's what dialogue is all about."

The local suspension may be the only known case of rupture in Polish American-Jewish American dialogue over the issues, according to the American Jewish Committee's national Polish American-Jewish American council.

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# Local News

## Sons Of Jacob

**Friday, December 15** - 17 days in the month of Kislev. Candle-lighting is at 3:54 p.m. Minchah service is at 4:04 p.m.

**Saturday, December 16** - 18 days in Kislev. Reading today is P'Vayshlach. Shacharis (morning) services begin at 8:30 a.m. Kiddush is at 11:00 a.m. The Minchah service is at 3:40 p.m. Se'udah Shelishis (the third meal) with Z'mirot (songs) is right after Minchah. Maariv will be at 4:55 p.m. Havdalah is at 5:05 p.m.

**Sunday, December 17** - morning services are at 7:45 a.m. followed by coffee and refreshments. Discussions follow. Minchah for the entire week is at 3:50 p.m. Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m. and for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45 a.m. (Chanukah candles are available in the shul.)

Congratulations to the officers and Board of Directors for a healthy and productive year. Installation was by Rabbi Dubovick on Sunday, December 3, 1989.

### Chanukah (Part Two of Three Parts) (Commentary)

In 175 B.C.E. Antiochus Epiphanes became king of Syria. Known for his fits of insanity, he was nicknamed "Epimanes," the "Madman," by his close friends. The Jews became his subjects. He hated the Jewish people because they remained faithful to their own religion and G-d, and refused to accept idol worship of the Greeks.

Antiochus believed he was G-d and decided to destroy the Jewish religion. Menelaus, then the High Priest, stood by Antiochus and advised him on ways to uproot the Jewish religion. He was a traitor to the Jewish people.

Despite Antiochus' villainies, the Jews remained steadfast in the faith of their fathers.

Everywhere Greek altars and statues were erected. Antiochus sent an army to Jerusalem to dedicate the Holy Temple to Olympia and Zeus.

It was in these days that a woman named Hannah displayed fortitude so remarkable and heroism so matchless that her name still arouses a thrill of reverence and admiration, although two thousand years have passed since she lived.

Hannah, one day was ordered to appear before the king together with her seven sons. At the king's side was an image of Zeus. One by one each son was ordered to bow down to the idol, and each refused, and each was led away to his death. When Hannah saw the last of her sons led to slaughter, her heart could no longer bear the strain and she expired. It is said later by the Great Rabbis of Israel that her soul flew instantly to Heaven where she was permitted to share everlasting happiness with her beloved children.

Such happenings made Antiochus wilder and more vicious. Destruction of the Jewish people was his only thought. He sent his soldiers to Jerusalem and they destroyed the Holy Temple. Antiochus himself entered the Temple's Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest could enter, and only on Yom Kippur. From the sacred chambers he robbed the Golden Altar, the candelabra, and precious objects.

Jewish women and children were torn from the Temple's sanctuary, where they had fled, and sold at auction.

In the village of Modi'in a man named Mattathias, of the Hasmonean family, saw an Antiochus soldier kill a pig and offer it to his pagan gods on the Jewish altar. Mattathias could not stand that evil deed, and he slew the soldier. Mattathias and his five sons - Judah Maccabee and Jonathan, Johanan, Eleazar, and Simon, with a band of patriots fled to the hills and re-appeared continuously as guerrilla fighters.

Antiochus could not conquer the rebels. He assembled elephants, but the Maccabees proved resourceful in their desperations. Eleazar approached the lead elephant and killed it. This approach was vanquished.

The final test came in the town of Emmaus, which stood on the road to Jerusalem. The Syrian troops were there and blocked the road to Jerusalem. Judah Maccabee attacked and won the battle. In 165 B.C.E. the Jews returned to Jerusalem.

## Touro Synagogue Starts Festivities

Historic Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I. is inaugurating a series of events to introduce the 1989 Chanukah season. The first major event will be a Late Friday evening, Oneg Shabbat program on Friday evening, December 8, 1989 at 8 p.m. in the main sanctuary. Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, the spiritual leader of the congregation, will conduct a religious service. Featured in the service will be two dramatic presentations. The first, entitled "Chanukah Comes to Texas" is a musical skit presented by the children of the United Hebrew School of Touro Synagogue. The second presentation is an historical drama, entitled *The Two Strangers*, presented by members of the synagogue's Young Couples' Club. The second skit, written by Rabbi Shapiro, is tied in with the synagogue's 226th Dedication Anniversary, which originally took place on the Chanukah holiday. A collation, sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Shapiro, in honor of their son's engagement, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Segal, will be served in the Jewish Community Center Social Hall, after the service. The service and collation are open to the public.

A second event of public interest will be the Chanukah Gift and Book Fair, that will be held in the Jewish Community Center, 85 Touro St., from Sunday, December 10 through Sunday, December 17, exclusive of Friday and Saturday. This Fair will be open to the public daily from

### Temple Shalom

In observance of the plight of the Jews of the Soviet Union, Temple Shalom of Middletown will observe their annual Soviet Jewry Sabbath on Friday evening, December 15 at 8 p.m. Rabbi Marc S. Jagoliner will chant the liturgical portions of the service and lead the congregation in special prayers and readings in honor of our Russian brothers and sisters. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service graciously sponsored by Steven and Lois Schneller.

On Sunday morning, December 17, the students of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School will present a special program for Chanukah, complete with poems, songs and a play, under the direction of Mary Wright. Prior to the production, at 10 a.m. there will be a bagel brunch.

Sunday, December 17 will be the final day for reservations for the Rabbi's Annual Chanuka Latke Dinner. A full evening of events has been planned for Sunday, December 24, commencing at 5 p.m.

A highlight of the evening will be the appearance of Doug Lipman, storyteller and musician. A performer and teacher, Lipman has shared his stories at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, at national storytelling festivals, community centers and temples. He is a founding member of Storytellers in Concert and has given many workshops for professionals. He has published several storytelling cassettes including, *The Forgotten Story: Tales of the Wise Men*. Mr. Lipman's program, *The First Light: the Two Sides of Chanukah* will delight young and old alike.

Reservations may be made by contacting the Temple Shalom office at 846-9002.

1 to 4 p.m. and will feature books for all ages, Chanukah gifts and holiday items. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the congregation's religious school. The community is welcome to make purchases.

The culminating pre-Chanukah event will be a Chanukah Latkah Party, which will be held on Sunday evening, December 17, 1989 at 5 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center Social Hall. The program will feature a performance by the renowned magician, Mark Kalver, and musical presentations by the children of the religious school. Gifts will be distributed to all the children. For reservations contact the Touro Office at 847-4794.

The Chanukah party is being co-sponsored by the synagogue and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Touro Synagogue. A committee of women, working with Rabbi Shapiro, has made arrangements for this program. The committee includes Emily Kusinitz, Esther Nemtsov, Donna Pimental, Bernice Schweber, Rebitzon Sheila Shapiro and Bella Werner.

Chanukah starts this year on Friday evening, December 22, and ends on Saturday, December 30 at nightfall.

## Save The Bay Boss At Emanu-El

On Friday evening, December 15, Trudy Cox, Executive Director of Save the Bay, a nationally recognized environmental activist and advocate, will speak to the Congregation on issues concerning the implementation of long-term environmental policies. Ms. Cox is a graduate of Beaver College and earned a master's degree from the Institute for Non-Profit Management, Radcliffe College. Recently, the Social Action's sub-committee on the Environment headed by Dr. Toby Marwill recommended that the members of Temple Emanu-El support Bond Issue #3, the referendum which sought voter approval of \$74.5 million for capital environmental management in Rhode Island. Approval would provide monies to preserve and protect our shoreline, coastal regions, open spaces, farm lands and public recreational facilities.

The Russian Outreach subcommittee chaired by Hadassah Davis, Jenny Klein and Milton Scribner, has met with Jewish Family Service representative Ellen Steingold and formulated plans for a one-to-one relationship with a Russian family. Within the next couple of months, Rhode Island will welcome 80 Jews from the U.S.S.R. to our State. The huge number of volunteers that answered the recent letter will all be needed to help acclimate the new immigrants to American customs as well as to the English language. Some people who are not part of the Jewish community have also volunteered their time in response to the large number of Russians expected. November 17 was a memorable evening when Yosef Elkana, agronomist, agriculturist and Minister Counsellor, Agricultural Affairs for United States and Canada at the Israeli Embassy in Washington spoke of Israel's contribution to the Third World as well as the Navajo Indians in Arizona Painted Desert.



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OSARE is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to finding permanent, adoptive homes for special needs children. The Adoption Party will be attended by children waiting for adoptive homes, families waiting to adopt and families who have been brought together through the adoption process.

The event is not open to the public.

All members of the press are invited to attend:

## Holiday Closings

The Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, Barrington, will be closed for the holiday on the following days:

- Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday - December 23, 24, 25
- Closed Sunday, Monday - December 31, January 1.

## Holocaust Survivors of R.I.

On December 25, 1989, we will have a get-together to celebrate Chanukah at the Jewish Community Center from noon to 2:30 p.m.

All members, their children and grandchildren are invited.

A candlelight ceremony will take place and refreshments will be served.

## Congregation Beth Sholom - Sons Of Zion

On Saturday, December 16, 1989, Congregation Beth Sholom - Sons of Zion will honor Joseph Connis during services, on the occasion of his 85th birthday. Mr. Connis has been an important and active member of the congregation since 1957 and has served as a Gabbai for 20 years.

The entire community is invited to worship with the congregation and join us at the kiddush following services. The kiddush is sponsored by the congregation in appreciation of the many and continuing years of service by Mr. Connis.

## Modern Western Culture For The Jew: Boom, Bane Or Both

How do we as Jews live within a secular culture without absorbing values and mores contrary to Judaism? Is there a way to define ourselves vis a vis our surrounding popular culture and freedom of expression?

To address these questions and more, the Parents, Teachers, and Friends Organization of the Providence Hebrew Day School is kicking off its adult education program with an exciting panel discussion featuring panelists Rabbi Shalom Strajcher and professors Edward Beiser and Elie Krakowski. Borrowing from the theme of Chanukah, the panel, moderated by Rabbi Avi Shafran, will discuss the topic, "Modern Western Culture for the Jew: Boon, Bane or Both?" The event will take

place Sunday, December 17, at 8:00 p.m., at the Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elm-grove Ave. It is free of charge and open to the public. For more information call PHDS at 331-5327.

Rabbi Strajcher is the Dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School. Edward Beiser is an Associate Dean of Medicine, Liberal Arts Program, Brown University. Elie Krakowski is a professor of International Law, Boston University and formerly of the U.S. Defense Department.

## Warwick Teen Honored

David S. Miller, 17, was selected as Pilgrim High School's Leaders scholar.

Ranked 6 in his class of 303 students, he received a letter of commendation from the Merit Scholarship corporation. David is a member of the math club, the chess club, the Italian club and, along with nine other students and two teachers, is helping with the school's recently resurrected literary magazine.

A son of Joel and Ann Miller, David has played tennis at Pilgrim for four years; has been a member of the volleyball team and plans to wrestle for Pilgrim this winter.

Music is very important to the Pilgrim senior, who plays tenor sax in the school's marching band, concert band and jazz ensemble.

He is active in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and serves this year as the New England chapter's vice president.

Last year as local chapter vice president he organized a group of other members to help clean up the grounds at the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Home, a Warwick shelter for battered women and their children. In addition, he works more than 20 hours every week at a gas station.

Century III winners are selected from their scores on a current-events test and from an essay each writes about a problem the nation will face in its twenty-third century, defining the problem and offering possible solutions.

David is the grandson of Edward and Evelyn Wasser of Warwick and Estelle Miller, also of Warwick.

## Touro Fraternal Assoc. Hosting Chanukah Party

The Touro Fraternal Association will be holding its annual Chanukah Party for the children and grandchildren of Touro Fraternal members on Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 p.m. Bring the children to help us light the candles, enjoy cake, ice cream, punch, and a fantastic performance by the "You and Me Puppet Theatre," of *Hansel & Gretel*. There will be toys for the children. The event will be at Touro Hall, 45 Rolfe Sq., Cranston.

• On January 24, 1990 there will be an association meeting with bagels, lox spread and a formal initiation. Guest speaker will be Mr. Dick Higgins of Sports Talk — Dick and Dave.

• On February 28, 1990 there will be an association meeting to help celebrate Washington's Birthday with cherry pie and ice cream.

• Do not forget in March we will be holding nomination of officers and Board of Directors.

• Do not forget our 1990 membership drive is now on and if you would like to join the Touro Fraternal Association of N.E. or Touro, South, located in Florida please call Touro Hall or write us: Touro Fraternal Association, P.O. Box 3562, Cranston, R.I. 02910. Members are asked to advise us if any young Jewish men they know are interested in joining the largest independent Jewish Fraternal Association in New England. We would like them to share in the same good times you have. Did you know Touro Fraternal Association has been serving the Jewish community since 1918?

For more information call 785-0066.

The officers and members of the Board of Directors wish all our members, families, and all of the friends of Touro a Happy Chanukah.

## Majestic Senior Guild Announcements

The next regular meeting of the Majestic Senior Guild will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 1989, at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Avenue, Cranston, at 12:30 p.m. Try to attend as this is the last meeting for this season. Seating for the gala Chanukah Party will be given out. Also all monies must be in at this meeting. There will be a delicious meal, excellent entertainment, door prizes and more.

Our Florida vacation trip is leaving on January 4, 1990. All balances for this fantastic trip must be paid at this meeting. Luggage tags will be distributed. Air tickets will be mailed to you.

Keep in mind the following trips scheduled for spring and summer of next year:

- May 6, 1990 - Jewish musical show in Boston.
- May 14-17, 1990 - 4 day trip to Baltimore. Sightseeing and night life.
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# Essay

## Neusner Looks Back On — A Jewish Education

by Jacob Neusner

When I came to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for the first time, on *Sukkot* in 1954, I thought I knew Hebrew, because I have had several months of lessons in Hebrew grammar in high school (it was what I wanted for my sixteenth birthday), and a semester of biblical Hebrew at Harvard College in which I memorized the First Psalm. As a student in Oxford the preceding year, I had gone once or twice to the Oxford University Jewish Society services and meals, but I was Reform, and they were Orthodox. When they recited Grace after Meals (*Birkat Hamazon*), I hadn't the slightest idea what it was. But I thought I knew Hebrew.

I woke up from my reverie not in the summer I spent in Jerusalem just before going home and to JTSa, but the first day I showed up at the Seminary. I went to services and sat down next to Seymour Fox. Finding not the *Union Prayer Book*, which I knew by heart, but a *Siddur* all in Hebrew, I asked him, "Where are we?"

He: "Hallel."

I: "What's Hallel?"

He: Sigh. Silence.

JTSa to its credit had decided to accept what later became known as "baale teshuvah," strictly speaking meaning "penitents." But I represented a kind of student that repented nothing: not a sinner but a seeker. And what I was seeking was a good Jewish education.

I had grown up in the Reform Temple in West Hartford and in the New England Federation of Temple Youth and its national counterpart; I even held office in NFTY for a year. I had gotten the

best Jewish education that Reform Judaism then offered. It was weak on language and texts, but strong on loyalty and commitment, and powerful when it came to ethics, on the one side, and endless chatter about "what does it mean to you personally to be a Jew?" on the other. I was always planning to go to Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati and to become a Reform rabbi. An American history major at Harvard College, I wanted also to work on American Jewish history.

What changed me was, first, too much reading in American history, which I came to find boring and flat. But then, most of my education had left me bored, because things always seemed banal: unimaginative people portentously saying perfectly obvious things to unimaginative people. The only course at Harvard I had found genuinely engaging was Thomas Kuhn's and Leonard Nash's course on the history of experimental science, a course that later yielded Kuhn's deservedly celebrated *Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. I think I was one of the first of a long line of intellectuals whose view of all things was shaped by Kuhn's thought.

But where did that leave me? I knew how the phlogiston theory had given way to the oxygen theory, so I understood scholarship as a set of cultural decisions, rather than an inherited corpus of information that more or less dictated its own meaning. I had no idea where I would find those intellectual challenges that would draw me to facts requiring reconsideration and renewal, but after a year of working on English and American Jewish history

in Oxford, I knew full well where I would not find interesting problems to solve.

And that brings me to the second, and positive reason I chose JTSa and accepted the status, for a long time, of an apostate from Reform Judaism and HUC. I thought I would get a better Jewish education there. The reason I thought so was that my teacher at Oxford, Cecil Roth, told me so and I realized, he was right. What a galaxy of stars JTSa then had: Louis Ginzberg was still alive, H. L. Ginsberg in Hebrew Scriptures, Saul Lieberman in Talmud, Abraham J. Heschel (whose books I had already read) in theology of Judaism, Shalom Spiegel in Hebrew Scripture, Judah Goldin in Midrash, Boaz Cohen in Codes, Salo Baron in Jewish history, Louis Finkelstein the chancellor a major figure in the religious life of America, and lesser known but highly accomplished teachers and scholars such as H.Z. Dimitrovsky, Shraga Abramson, Seymour Siegel. All of the senior professors had published books, and the entire faculty was known for its scholarship. There was only one faculty that could compete, and that was the Jewish Studies faculty of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Roth persuaded me to go to JTSa, and I applied. There was a catch: you had to agree to become observant. I then smoked cigarettes, and I decided, "Well, if for Prince Henry, Paris was worth a Mass, then for Jacob, a Jewish education is worth not smoking Saturdays." Keeping kosher was no big deal; my parents had kept a house they thought was kosher, though when we ate out, it was either lobster or steak or (under duress) a mere bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich. At sunset on the Saturday that I observed without smoking (but in no other way), I mailed off my application to JTSa. I was accepted, with a full scholarship, and from 1954 through 1960 was given, free of charge, the best Jewish education available at that time.

But was it a good education? In some ways yes, in some no. The first three years were grueling, demanding, rigorous — ideal. No one gave much, beyond learning, and, among the students, we asked only for that. I stayed at the job twelve months a year, going to Camp Ramah as librarian in order to improve my knowledge of spoken Hebrew. In three years, from 1954 through the summer of 1957, I learned pretty much what there was to be learned at JTSa: language and texts with great masters of exegesis, particularly Siegel, Dimitrovsky, and Abramson, in Talmud, Goldin in Midrash, Spiegel and H. L. Ginsberg in Hebrew Scriptures, Ephraim Kutscher in Hebrew. The best came first: Seymour Siegel in Talmud. I knew no Aramaic and virtually no Hebrew, so I just memorized every word, every line. I had a tutor, Dov Zlotnick, who spoon-fed me. It was a nourishing period. After three or four months, I didn't need

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## NJA Says "No" to El Salvador

New Jewish Agenda (NJAs) is joining other peace and religious groups in calling for an end to U.S. funding of the government and military of El Salvador.

"New Jewish Agenda is asking its members to begin a campaign of calling and writing to Congress to ask both for a rejection of further funding to the Salvadoran war, and for a complete investigation into the recent killings of the six Jesuit priests," said Ron Fuller, Co-Chair of NJA's Central America Task Force.

Rabbi Marshall Meyer, a member of the advisory board of NJA and of Americas Watch said, "I decry the lack of the U.S. government's energetic investigation of the murder of the Jesuit priests as well as the extremely well-documented role of Salvadoran military involvement in the right-wing death squads. Americas Watch has proved this involvement beyond the shadow of a doubt. When will the American government cease to aid and abet murderous regimes. My participation in the battle for human rights emanates from the ground of my Jewish being, which demands from me such action."

"The Salvadoran war of the last ten years has claimed the lives of 70,000 people, many of them civilians," Fuller said. "This is a war, funded in large

part by the U.S. government, in support of the repressive government of El Salvador. The United States sends El Salvador \$1.5 million a day, of which three-quarters is war related. Two days after the recent fighting began, Congress passed \$370 million in emergency aid and the Bush administration pledged to expedite arms shipments.

"There is a strong probability that the Salvadoran military is connected with the recent murders of the Jesuit priests and the guilt may go to the highest level of government. In the minds of some members of Congress, the killing of the priests has raised serious questions about U.S. involvement in El Salvador. Some members of Congress are beginning to raise their voices against the further funding of the Salvadoran government in its ruthless attempt to erase all dissension from El Salvador."

New Jewish Agenda is a nine-year-old national membership organization dedicated to promoting progressive values in the Jewish community and to raising sensitivity to Jewish concerns among progressives. Fifty chapters around the country celebrate Jewish religious and secular culture and work for peace with justice in the Middle East and Central America, feminism, and economic and social justice.

## Our Summer In Israel

by Julie Blane and Ken David

With the assistance of the Gourse Family Scholarship Fund, we travelled to Jerusalem to study in the summer ulpan at the Hebrew University. We studied and lived with students from all over the world, learning about various peoples and cultures. We also had numerous opportunities to meet and speak with Israelis.

Ulpan classes were small and friendly. Professionally trained teachers taught us the basics of the Hebrew language using examples from sources such as historical texts, contemporary newspapers, television, and literature. As our understanding of the language grew we were able to speak with our French, Dutch, German, and Korean friends in Hebrew. Not only were we using the language to communicate with our international friends, but we were also able to converse with Israelis in different settings such as the post office, restaurant, and homes which we visited.

Our day did not end after five hours of Hebrew instruction.

## Happy Chanukah

by Sylvia Ziman

As Chanukah starts December 22 and continues on to 30, I would like to remember the meaning of Chanukah, and how it started to recollect some of the Memories.

A Holiday is the feast of Dedication or the holiday of lights. The holiday commemorates the Victory of Judah Macabee over the Syrian Greeks in 165 B.C.E. A victory of a few against many. With determination and steadfast to the teaching of the Torah, they subdued these alien forces and rededicated the temple which had been defiled by the enemy. The cruse of oil which they found sealed by the high priest was sufficient only for a day. Nevertheless it lasted for

eight days. Therefore, the custom is to light candles for eight days to celebrate this miracle. Remember the time of fear, remember the time of praise, when one cruse burned for eight days.

The customs of Chanukah are lighting the menorah, playing the dreidel, eating potato latkes and giving and getting Chanukah gelt. Dreidel is a fun toy to use: four points for the Radial Game, Spin the Top, Gimel on the Top. One played to manage one's pot. *My Dreidel* was one of the children's favorite songs. There are various ways to celebrate this Festival of Lights which is the best known and least known of the Jewish holidays.

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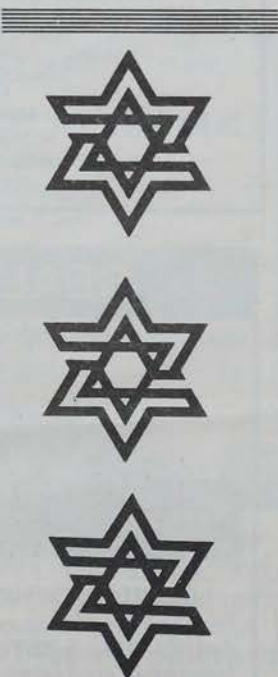
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## JNF: More Than Trees

Israel is very often in the news, yet few people outside Israel know what kind of a state it is. Mythological pictures have been created of the "new Prussia" — militaristic, ruthlessly efficient, hard. Thus the phrase during the last two years of Palestinian uprising, of the "Iron Fist," when nothing more was happening than normal attempts to quell the riots and bring life back to normalcy. "Iron Fist" is an invention of the foreign media. Some propaganda has even sought to show that Israeli society is equivalent to that of Nazi Germany.

Meanwhile Israel continues to achieve the remarkable and the praiseworthy in a great many fields. Most of its achievements are just not recorded in the outside world, for the headlines in the media are invariably about the Arab-Israeli dispute, and editors are not prepared to give Israel more than very occasional "other notice." Scores of stories about the worthwhile things that are happening are never written.

A major case in point is the Jewish National Fund (JNF). It has now been working for almost a century to develop the Land of Israel, peacefully, persistently and with remarkable success. Today its main work is concerned with settlement, in developing resources and beautifying what continues to become an even more beautiful country. Its work is beyond reproach, even by Israel's most inveterate enemies.

The achievements of the JNF throughout the Land of Israel are numerous and varied. Listing them in a few words as possible means the use of statistics. The

following are the most important:

• **Land reclamation** — By 1948 just 12,500 acres reclaimed; by 1989, more than 195,000 acres. This area has been, in fact, the "base" for further cultivation through private initiative.

• **Rural infrastructure** — By 1948, 220 villages built; by 1989 over 800 villages.

• **Drainage and water collection** — By 1948, 74,000 acres (much of this the Hulah swamp); by 1989, 137,000 acres.

• **Roads** — None had been built under Turkish and British rule, as this would not have been permitted for a Jewish organization. By 1989, the JNF had supervised the building of 3,125 miles of road, and Israel now has a road system equal to that of advanced European countries.

• **Afforestation** — By 1948, only 5 million trees had been planted; Today the figure stands at 190 million trees. In addition, natural woodlands have been protected and maintained.

These are but some of the achievements, not to mention some of the spin-offs such as technical know-how and war against world hunger. Perhaps, one day, the foreign media will take a look at it, in depth. What they will find is wholly admirable. A state created just 41 years ago and under relentless Arab pressure ever since, starved of natural resources and geographically isolated, continues to give an epic example of how to go on thinking, and doing creatively. The JNF is one of the best examples of this epic of excellence.

Submitted by Dani Neuman, Director of the New England section of the Jewish National Fund.

## A Jewish Education

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tutoring any more, and by the end of the year, I could prepare on my own without too much difficulty, at least to the level that was expected.

It was worth the effort because, I soon realized, Talmud (meaning: the Talmud of Babylonia) demanded all of my intellectual capacities and absorbed my entire energy. Before then, at Harvard and at Oxford I never had studied anything so insistent, so compelling, and afterward I never found a document, or a canon of writings, that compared. It was then, and remains for me now, more than thirty-five years later, the single most interesting, challenging, but mysterious and unfathomable, writing I have ever known. And, having studied "Talmud," now meaning the variety of documents of Judaism from the first through the seventh centuries, and translated nearly all of them, and prepared analytical studies of each of them, in three hundred books of various kinds, I can say that my life began the day I walked into Seymour Siegel's class. I had been bored through school in West Hartford, college at Harvard, and graduate studies at Oxford. I would never be bored again.

Jacob Neusner is member of The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey. He has retired as University Professor and Ungerleider Distinguished Scholar of Judaic Studies from Brown University and resides in Princeton.

## College Chat:

### Waiting For The Replies

by Tj Feldman

By now, most of you seniors have sent your college applications off to the institutions of higher learning that appealed to you most. Some of you applied early decision, which means you'll know in December if you've been accepted or not. Most of you have also taken any of the standardized tests necessary for admission to the colleges you've applied to or will apply to. If not you probably will shortly. Aside from all that, many of you have probably visited and had interviews at some or all of the colleges you're considering and that will be considering you.

Meanwhile, for those of you that have done all that, you're probably wondering what to do until you hear from colleges. For many of you, you will not know if you've been accepted or rejected until April. That doesn't mean you can rest on your laurels though since colleges can and often do request additional information about a candidate until just before they reach a decision. It's important to keep up your grades. This can be the difference between your acceptance or rejection.

For those of you who have not completed your applications, you

should do so soon. If you are done, but have yet to visit or have interviews at any college you've applied to, that is something you should try to do. It's particularly important to have an interview if you feel that you express yourself better in conversation than in your essay. Also, by visiting you'll get a feel for the college and it may help you make a decision about whether or not you want to attend that college down the line. If you're wondering why I think it's better to do college visits and interviews after you've applied, it's because before you apply, colleges know nothing about you, but if you visit after applying then college admission officers can associate your face with the application sitting in front of them. In any case, visits and interviews still play a role in who colleges accept and reject and you should take the opportunity to show yourself to the colleges.

Finally, once all of that is done, it is okay to relax (a little). Remember, you've done all you can do to project yourself to the colleges you've applied to. Now, it's up to the colleges to decide whether or not that's enough to accept you. All you can do is hope that it is, and know that one way or another there is a college for you.

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## It Happened Once

Rabbi Dov Ber, also known as the Maggid of Mezritch, was the main disciple (and later, successor) of the Baal Shem Tov, founder of the Chasidic movement. Some time after the Maggid had become acquainted with the Baal Shem Tov and had returned home, the latter asked one of his followers to visit the Maggid to convey regards. With great difficulty the messenger found the Maggid's small and derelict abode. Entering the ramshackle house, the following picture presented itself to him.

Rabbi Dov Ber sat on a rough block of wood, before him, on planks of wood supported by more blocks, sat his pupils. The only table was similarly constructed, with nothing else in the room but the bare walls.

Rabbi Dov Ber was in the midst of teaching and asked his visitor to return later. When the latter returned in the evening he was stunned to find but a slightly changed scene: the pupils had gone and the table had been converted into a bed. The Maggid himself was still sitting on the block of wood, engrossed in his studies.

The Baal Shem Tov's messenger, one of the numerous plain folks who found solace and inspiration in the teachings that emanated from the Baal Shem Tov, no longer could contain himself and exclaimed: "Rabbi, I myself am far from being wealthy, yet if you would come to visit me in my home you would find chairs, a table, beds for the children, and other furnishings!"

The Maggid looked at the man and replied in pure simplicity: "But of course! A home is something altogether different! At home one indeed needs a chair, beds, a table and a lamp!"

Clearly, Rabbi Dov Ber did not regard his earthly abode as his 'home.' Here on earth he was but temporarily, a visitor, a sojourner.

Thus he felt no need for elaborate furniture and decorations. He lived content in his poverty and turned down several calls to become the rabbi of prominent communities befitting his great personality.

The Maggid's family was sustained by the meagre earnings from a small shop kept by his wife. One day, Rabbi Dov Ber's wife came to him crying bitterly over their lot of unbearable poverty. It was in the midst of winter and she lamented that not only was there no food but they lacked even the clothes essential for themselves and their child to protect them against the bitter cold.

Rabbi Dov Ber listened to his wife with patience, silently suffering with her though not uttering a word. Then, a deep sigh of commiseration escaped his lips. That very moment he heard a heavenly voice, proclaiming that on account of this sigh he had forfeited his share in the world to come. So lofty was the Maggid of Mezritch!

Shaken and in great consternation, Rabbi Dov Ber considered his situation. Now he was stripped of both worlds. The pres-

ent world of physical substance he never had, and if so far he could console himself with the prospect of a blessed eternal life in the world to come he had lost that now as well. But suddenly his face lit up with inner joy as he said to himself: "This is but blessing in disguise! Now that I have lost my share in the world to come I shall be able to serve my Maker in true sincerity, without ulterior motives. Now, as I live the life of Torah and the precepts I can do so simply and solely for the sake of fulfilling the Divine Will without being encumbered by expectations of rewards in the future!"

With renewed vigor and dedication he returned to the study of Torah and the service of G-d. Again a heavenly voice came to him proclaiming that his share in the world to come was restored to him. But the voice cautioned him against being sad over his condition.

From *The Great Maggid*.

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# Looking Back

## Out of The Past

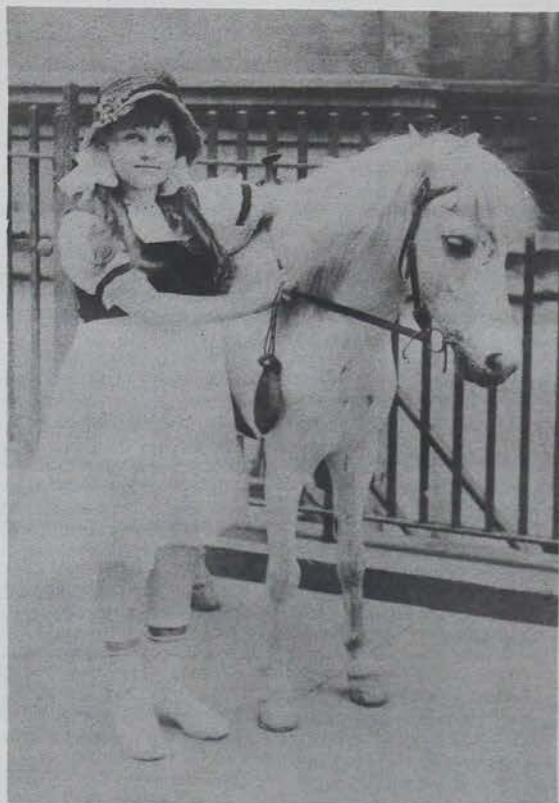
(Reminisces from the Archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association)

by Eleanor F. Horvitz

A Webster dictionary defines cowboy as, "in western United States, a bold, dashing, fearless rider employed by stockman or rancher, to look after his herds, to keep them from wandering, see to the brandings, and attend to the general roundup for the buyers and cattlemen."

The cowboys and cowgirls in these pictures, like their western counterparts, are also bold, dashing and fearless. Since they are rather young children, we assume that they are not as yet working in the cowboy profession, but, who knows, they may be destined for the heroic life of a working cowboy or cowgirl.

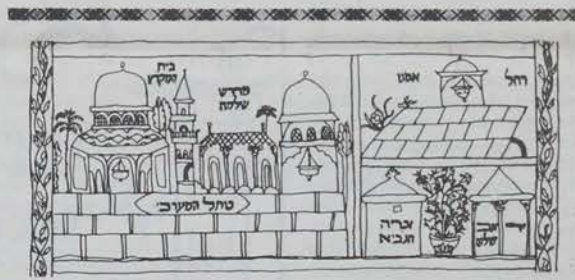
It was customary in the early decades of the 20th century for an itinerant photographer accompanied by a pony to travel through the neighborhood looking for business. The dotting parent dressed her offspring in "Sunday best," to pose proudly on a benign and docile pony. Children were also photographed in the pony ride areas in public parks such as Roger Williams Park in Providence and Slater Park in Pawtucket.



Betsy Basak Kotler circa 1938.

### Jewish Cowboys

These photographs of children on ponies are a particularly interesting and charming portion of the "family" collection in the archives of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association. We would like to add to this collection. Have you a photograph of your own cowboy or cowgirl? We ask that you donate it to the archives, or, if you prefer, we can make a copy of your cherished photograph. Instead of representative of just your own past, the photograph will be included in Rhode Island's own Jewish collective past.



Two lone desperados who wish to remain unidentified.

## Romek's Odyssey

Ray Eichenbaum is working on a new book entitled Romek's Odyssey. He has provided the Herald with some exclusive excerpts.

After the tattooing, things proceeded smoothly and rapidly. We were taken to be showered and were given the striped prisoner garb with the numbers and orange triangle sewed on, the connotation being that we were political prisoners, us Jews, for our faith.

Next morning, in the faces of our less fortunate brothers who remained, we were loaded onto trucks and were taken away from the encampment. To the last second of my presence there, I thought that someone would come and pull me off the truck, but the hand that seemed to hover over me was still above my head. We were on the way to Rydułtau in Polish Silesia.

All told, Moniek and I were in Auschwitz for just over three weeks. What I saw there will last me a few lifetimes. The macabre sights, the mentally disfigured people who treated and mistreated us there. I have very few words for them, for I know for sure that the lives of the people who had the power of life and death over us were just as much affected as we who were on the receiving end. To have been in Auschwitz in 1944 is to have gone over the edge of human societal behavior. I saw high dignitaries from the Lodz ghetto being made to pull wagons of excrement between the "blocks" while being spat on by their former underlings. There were common criminals being elevated to positions of power and influence — their favor was sought by formerly influential, intelligent people and finally the cruel, sometimes bestial interplay of these naked forces. All this I saw in Auschwitz, this cauldron of primordial brutality set into existence by unscrupulous murderers and criminals. And sitting amongst all this, the household of the camp Kommandant, with children, dogs, and even chickens running about in the fenced off grounds. The disparity of the two scenes was almost too grotesque for human eyes to behold. The naked fear in people's eyes, not knowing whether to give up heroically — as was the case with many who would throw themselves on the electrified metallic fences — or to endure another day, another hour. The worry about one's family members who were just separated from you,

actually torn from your arms. All this remains in my memory like pictures in a kaleidoscopic horror show, the contents of which no human should be made ever to see, I fervently hope.

The images that come to mind whirl around my memory: the constant selections, the bodies hanging on the electrified barbed wires, the pyres of burning bodies, the Capos beating up innocent victims on the parapets of the barracks, the running about to find a "good place" which could prolong your life, the site of the unending fences, guard houses, and barracks, with the trapped masses of humans inside running like small animals trapped in a maze, and torment. The creeping knowledge that you were to be next and there is no way out.

You didn't dare to look up to see the black smoke from the chimneys of crematoriums. All these memories make me feel that I was not actually there. That I have somehow passed through that place as a ghost on somebody's protective wings. For whenever the dire hand of extreme danger tried to pull me in, I was withdrawn from that spot as if by a magic wand. I did come through, a small fourteen-year-old youth, not very aggressive, with no street smartness, and innocent in hell! When I think back to those days in a rational manner, I imagine Auschwitz as a sort of slaughter house, where they kill things. But a slaughter house usually has a product which is sent out. What was the product there? The human hair? The RIF soap (pure Jewish fat) bars? No. That wasn't it. The product was the killing process itself. A sort of satanic witches' brew with an ever evolving stream of vapors which represent, in my mind, the wallowing of the painful human condition on this Earth. Was not Auschwitz and Majdanek, and Treblinka, the places of the Ekedá, the mountains on which Abraham really did sacrifice his son Isaac to prove his obedience to the powers above? Will this be the final cleansing?

But, alas, the sound of the ram's horn was heard a mere few years later when it heralded the creation of the State of Israel.

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A Jumpin' Night in the Garden of Eden celebrates klezmer, the lively music played at weddings and other celebrations of East European Jews that is enjoying a revival in this country. The one-hour program focuses on two of the klezmer bands leading the revival — Kapelye of New York City and the Klezmer Conservatory Band of Boston. (Above) Merryl Goldberg plays sax and James Guttman plays bass. (PBS airdate: The one-hour program airs Tuesday, December 26 at 9 p.m. on WGBX/Channel 44 and repeats Thursday, December 28 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, December 30 at 3 p.m. on WGBX/Channel 44. On WGBH Channel 2, the program airs Saturday, December 30 at 8 p.m.)



# Arts and Entertainment

## Shimon Kugel to Perform at Chabad Pre-Chanukah Concert

Over the last seven years, Chabad has treated the Southeastern New England Jewish community to the best in Jewish entertainers and Jewish entertainment. This year's concert follows the tradition. Shimon Kugel is a singer, composer and guitarist who's spent the last twenty-five years performing throughout the world. No matter whether he's singing an Israeli song, playing a Yiddish melody on his guitar or just "rapping" with the audience, Shimon Kugel communicates honesty, sincerity, and just plain fun.

While serving in the Israeli army, Shimon rose to become chief cantor in the Air Force. He was also voted Chassidic Singer of the year for the third time on Israel's Chassidic Radio Hit Parade.

On the recording side, Shimon has successfully released three LPs. His album, a major hit in Jewish music, is titled *Someday, Somehow*.

Shimon Kugel, internationally known Chassidic folk singer, is a charismatic blend of timeless motifs with the sound of today.

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"Whether you want to or not," notes a critique, "you're going to get involved with Shimon Kugel."

The Joy of Judaism Chanukah Concert will take place Monday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center.

Tickets are available for just \$10 each in advance, \$11 at the door. Children, student and senior citizen tickets are available at \$5 each, \$6 at the door. Sponsorships to help cover the cost of the event are available and sponsors will be entitled to reserved seating. Refreshments and a variety of Judaica will be available before the concert and during the intermission.

For tickets or more information, contact Chabad at 273-7238 or in keeping with the spirit of the evening, separate seating will be provided.

In addition to the Joy of Judaism Concert, Chabad Lubavitch will be carrying on its tradition of bringing the Light of Chanukah to area hospitals, nursing homes and universities.

The largest menorah in South-Eastern New England will also be lit nightly at the Chabad House, 360 Hope St. in Providence, as well as on Kennedy Plaza.

by Pam Teath

Last Tuesday, December 5, URI played host to the comedic stylings of Judy Tenuta and Emo Phillips.

Miss Tenuta, I am sorry to say, is a sorry excuse for a true comedian. Her humor is based on her hate of men, her insecurities about herself, and "gay-bashing" is a brand of humor that is just not funny. It is understandable, though, to see why the students who attended the show enjoyed her humor, they just don't know any better. These are the same people who support the hate humor of such "comedians(?)" as Sam Kinison and Andrew "Dice" Clay. She is not a dirty or vulgar comic, but she is always on the attack. She draws her sword and let the audience beware.

In all fairness to Miss Tenuta, *The Earth Mother, Love Goddess, Petite Flower*, she did have a few cerebral lines that made my guests and I break a smile. Unfortunately, she hides a clever mind behind glitzy costumes, a bad haircut and an accordion. Judy, Judy, as you like to be called, please just concentrate on making people laugh, and not being so bitter, then even more people would convert to "Judyism."

Luckily, there was another act to entertain the crowd. Emo Phillips, who in his childlike innocence and mismatched outfit, could very well be on his way to

becoming the first new sex symbol of the '90s.

His humor is definable in three words: clean, clever, cute. He never had to degrade himself by stooping to the ignorant level of the person who found it necessary to heckle him. He says more with just a look than most people can say in a 10,000 word essay.

Emo's jokes mostly were told as a story with sharp one-liners interjected throughout. He has a smoothness and control that just doesn't change throughout his act. His humor is semi-conceptual, where you are required to imagine what the setting is that he is talking about. For instance when he talks about being buried alive in cement, or when his father tells him to bury the dog in the backyard you can actually visualize Emo as a small child

getting into these precarious positions.

Emo's humor is what comedy really should be — just taking the normal, everyday, run-of-the-mill, bizarre events that happen through the course of a day and relating them to an audience of your peers.

Emo thrilled this audience. Simple as that.

The only improvement that Emo could make in his set is to NOT let Judy come out at the end. It only made the bad memories worse by bringing her back out. But then again Emo probably isn't to blame, she probably had it put into her contract.

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### Art Against Racism

The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts, One Hilton Street, Providence is holding the second annual "Art Against Racism" exhibition on Tuesday, January 16 and Friday, February 23. This exhibition seeks to contribute to the unlearning and uprooting of racism. It seeks to empower and take claim of the value in our diversity. This exhibition will include the works of between 20 and 35 Rhode Island artists, including faculty and students from area schools, as well as community artists. The show will be juried and will include both 2-D and 3-D works including painting, sculpture, photo, and mixed-media.

For interviews with artists or the exhibition director, please call Anne-Louise at 272-4400, extension 214.

### Temple Habonim Gallery

Betsy Sundel Parent of Bristol will exhibit her artworks at the Temple Habonim Gallery, 165 New Meadow Road, Barrington. Works include paintings, hand-painted tiles, advertising design and calligraphy.

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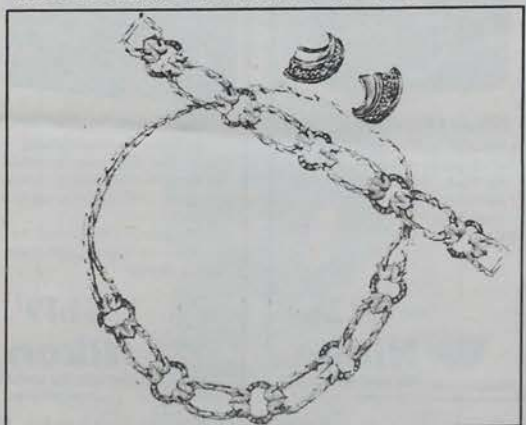
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# Your Community

## Women's Association Of The Jewish Home

The Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged of R.I. will hold its meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 20 in the Martin Chase Auditorium. Cantor Brian J. Mayer of Temple Emanu-El will entertain with an afternoon of song.

Cantor Mayer received his Diploma of Hazzan and his Master of Sacred Music degree at the Cantor's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary in the spring of 1988. Cantor Mayer had been in the choir in the Jerusalem Great Synagogue and was part of the ensemble's Australian tour.

Dessert will be served at 12:30 p.m.; the meeting will be at 1:15 p.m.

Program chairwoman is Beatrice Bojar. Doris Jacobs is in charge of hospitality. The presiding officer will be Edith Bernstein, Co-President.

## Beth Shalom Chanukah Party

On Monday evening, December 25, Congregation Beth Shalom will be hosting its annual Chanukah party. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a community candlelighting service. A full meal will be served. Other parts of the program will include a Chanukah sing-a-long, a Chinese auction for adults and a grab bag for children. Past Chanukah parties at Beth Shalom have been well attended and have been enjoyable for all. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. All members of the Jewish community are invited and are encouraged to light their menorahs at home prior to attending.

For more information or reservations contact Congregation Beth Shalom at 331-9393 or Howard Mintz at 751-1251.

## Beth-El — Sisterhood Sabbath

This Friday evening, December 15, Temple Beth-El will host its annual Sisterhood Sabbath. Members of Sisterhood will participate in the service and the many new families who have joined the congregation this fall will be honored at a festive Oneg Shabbat.

Betsy Friedman Abrams, President of the New England Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, will be the guest speaker. The topic will be, "Women of Reform Judaism: Our Influence on the Future." Betsy Abrams' involvement in Sisterhood began when she was elected to the Board of Directors of the Sisterhood in Temple Israel in 1967. In 1978 she became the treasurer of the New England Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. Currently a vice president of Temple Israel in Boston, Betsy Abrams also serves as a member of the Religious School and Youth Committees and currently the Temple archivist.

The community is welcome to attend. For more information, call 331-6070.



## Gordon - Sisto Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John Sisto, Jr. of Atlantic Avenue, North Providence announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Sisto of Atlantic Avenue to Mr. Michael Gordon of Charles Street, North Providence, the son of Mrs. Muriel Gordon and the late Norman Gordon of Shadowbrook Lane, Smithfield.

Miss Sisto is a graduate of North Providence High School and Mr. Gordon graduated from Charles E. Shea High School.

The ceremony will be held on June 24, 1990 at 3 p.m.

## Paisner-Thelwell

Susan Roberta Paisner of Adelphi, Maryland and Malcolm Thelwell of Slough, England, were married on November 5 at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. by Cantor Siegfried Rowe. The bride wore a white silk, tea length, sequined dress with a handkerchief hem and carried a bouquet of white roses and Dendrobium orchids. She was attended by Janet Petrofsky and Susan Chatis. Jonah Paisner served as best man, and William and James Paisner, brothers of the bride, served as ushers.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Paisner of North Andover, is a criminologist and president of her own consulting firm. She is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University and holds a Master's degree in Criminology from the University of Maryland. The bridegroom, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thelwell, is an artist and design consultant. The bride will retain her maiden name.

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**Goldsmith-Taub**



Mr. and Mrs. James Goldsmith of Seekonk announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara J. Goldsmith, of Cambridge, Mass., to Mr. Peter Taub of Montreal (Quebec), Canada. Mr. Taub is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Taub, also of Montreal. A February wedding in Providence is planned.

Ms. Goldsmith, a specialist in national and international environmental policy, heads Barbara J. Goldsmith & Company, an environmental management consulting firm in Cambridge. She holds a Bachelor's degree from George Washington University and a Master's degree from Harvard University. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Carl Jagolinzer, Providence.

Mr. Taub obtained his bachelor's degree from Concordia University, Montreal and completed graduate studies at McGill University, Montreal. He has business interests in the plastics manufacturing industries of Canada and the U.S.

**Blazar-Hankin**

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Blazer of Providence announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Sue, to Bradley Lawrence Hankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hankin of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Linda's maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wine. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon Blazer.

Bradley's maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosenzweig. His paternal grandparents are Mrs. Sylvia Hankin and the late Sam Hankin.

Linda has a bachelor's degree from Brandeis University and a Master's degree in Social Psychology from the University of Connecticut. Bradley has a Bachelor's degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

An August 1990 wedding is planned.

**JCCRI Club 456 Hanukkah Party**

Club 456 of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, is having a party to celebrate Hanukkah on Sunday, December 17 at 1 p.m. at the Center. Everyone is requested to bring a small gift of no more than \$3 for the Grab Bag. There will also be latke-making, refreshments and dreidel games.

The party is free to Club 456 members, \$7 for non-members. For more information call Michele Bram or Regis Glennon at 861-8800.

**Dvorah Dayan Na'Amat/USA**

The next meeting of the Dvorah Dayan Club of Na'amat/USA will be held on Monday, December 18, at the home of Ceil and Seymour Krieger, 381 Cole Avenue, Providence. Our business meeting will be brief so we may enjoy a special Chanukah program, an audio-visual presentation by Seymour Krieger followed by discussion and holiday refreshments. We welcome members and friends.

Please remember to call Claire Limer who is substituting for Sylvia Prescott if you desire greeting cards to be mailed. Also, if you have as yet not sent in your dues for the year, please mail your check to Tess Hassenfeld or bring payment to the next meeting.

**Adult Singles of Emanuel**

The Adult Singles Group of Temple Emanuel in Newton is sponsoring an Annual Winter Dance on Sunday, December 24 at 8 p.m. The dance will be held in the beautiful hall of Temple Mishkan Tefila, 300 Hammond Pond Parkway, Newton. Parking is available for over 300 cars on the temple grounds. The Mike Segal Orchestra will play while the cash bar, door prizes, coffee and pastry will be available for your enjoyment. For further information call Temple Emanuel at 332-5770. Admission is \$7.00 for ages 38 and over.



**Rothberg Grabs The Gold**

Hilary Rothberg, a seventh grade student at Cole Jr. High School, in East Greenwich, recently competed in the New England Regional Figure Skating Championships.

As an Intermediate Lady Freestyle skater, Hilary became the first Rhode Islander to win an individual gold medal at the Regional Championships. Hilary will compete in the Eastern Championships, being held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in January, 1990.

**Jews in East Germany Win Support**

by David Kantor

BONN (JTA) — East Germany's newly founded Green Party has urged the authorities to return property confiscated from the Jews by the Nazis before and during World War II.

The left-wing, environmentalist Greens emphasized that the Jews' property had never been returned to its owners despite the anti-fascist rhetoric spouted by the old Communist leadership.

The demand comes amid the most revolutionary changes in the German Democratic Republic, whose entire Communist leadership resigned.

Even before this, the changes in East Germany, culminating in the crumbling of the Berlin Wall, convinced the country's tiny Jewish community it was time to assert itself.

For one thing, the East German Jewish community, or Gemeinde, demanded that the authorities tell the truth about anti-Semitic incidents that have taken place in the country.

The Jewish community has also asked that textbooks used in schools tell the story of the Stalinist persecution of the Jews in the early years of East German history.

Meanwhile, the East Germans, strengthened by the promise of a

multi-party system, are concerned about attempts by right-wing parties in West Germany to form a union with what they believe are like-minded parties in the East.

An East German party called the National Democrats has already strongly rebuffed offers of unity made by two right-wing parties in West Germany.

In East Berlin, the chairman of the National Democrats, Gunter Hartman, said that his group has become alarmed by attempts by the West German National Democratic Party and the Republic Party to seek a partnership.

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# Feature

## The Repentant Racist

by Joel Breshin

Joel Breshin is director of ADL's regional office in Phoenix, AZ. He assisted David Waughtal in surrendering to face charges of telephone harassment.

On a Friday morning in mid-September, a young man stood before a judge in a Scottsdale, AZ, City courtroom and heard himself sentenced to 12 months probation and the assignment of reading *Treblinka*, a book about the Holocaust death camp.

This unusual sentence marked the end of a saga for David Waughtal, 24... one that saw him change from an avowed white supremacist who idolized Adolf Hitler and launched a one-man hate campaign against Jews, to a man who has renounced his racist views in favor of religion.

Ironically, one of the first targets of Waughtal's hate campaign — the Anti-Defamation League — played a key role in helping Waughtal find his new life.

The story began in July 1987. During a typically hot Arizona weekend, harassing telephone calls started to come into our regional office in Phoenix. When I picked up the phone, I would hear the voice of a young man, stridently proclaiming: "De Partes Hitler. Deutschlandes Deutschland. You Jews are no longer welcome in Phoenix. You are swine. You are the seed of Satan. Get out before you can't."

Similar calls — some 75 of them — were made to two synagogues in the area and to the home of a rabbi. As the days passed, other Jewish agencies contacted

the distributors of *Race and Reason* in Phoenix. ADL to complain of harassing calls with Hitler-like messages. Some of the calls appeared to be playing recordings of Hitler's actual speeches before a roaring crowd. In all, 12 Jewish agencies in the Phoenix, Scottsdale and Sun City areas received 200 calls spewing hate and venom.

I immediately contacted the police departments in those municipalities. In order to allay fears in the Jewish community and to keep the various Jewish institutions apprised of developments, I arranged a meeting between the victims and the police. Phoenix Police Captain Irwin Bakin, a member of ADL's Arizona regional board, who chaired the meeting, assured the assembled group that the identification and capture of the perpetrator was a major police priority.

At subsequent meetings with ADL, police reported narrowing the field of suspects to one person — David Waughtal. Then 21 and an unemployed landscaper, Waughtal was known in the community for distributing the neo-Nazi newspaper *WAR* (White Aryan Resistance) on the lawns of Central Phoenix homes. I told the police that he had contacted me some months earlier in a cynical attempt to learn what the Anti-Defamation League would do about the forthcoming appearance on a Phoenix cable TV station of Tom Metzger's *Race and Reason* program, spreading Metzger's White Aryan Resistance propaganda. Subsequently I learned that Waughtal and his brother, Glen, and a third individual were

known to be associates of Waughtal.

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That is what I thought until last July when I received a call from a minister in Eugene, OR, who told me that David Waughtal was a member of his congregation, that he had become very religious, repentant, and that he wanted to return to Arizona to face the charges against him. The minister, the Rev. Allen Stensvad asked if I would assist in arranging his surrender to authorities in Arizona.

We agreed that Waughtal would turn himself in to the Scottsdale City Court on July 18. I met him beforehand and we discussed his crimes of two years earlier. Waughtal told me that his inspiration to enter the white supremacy movement came after hearing a talk show on Phoenix radio station KFIY in the mid-1980s featuring Glen Miller, a white supremacist and Ku Klux Klan leader in North Carolina.

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on the radio. He joined Pastor Stensvad's Berean Baptist Church in Eugene and told the minister of his past. Rev. Stensvad, who said Waughtal has become an active participant in church programs, encouraged him to return to Arizona to face charges.

"Before I can serve God and go on with my life, I have to clear up my past," Waughtal said. "What I did was real dumb... a stupid thing. I am sorry for those I offended. There is no way to take back what I said. I am not looking for leniency. I just want to go on with my life."

I was impressed with his statements of remorse and told him I would help him. Because he was charged in several municipalities, Waughtal had to make appearances in each. In Scottsdale, he was remanded for sentencing until September. He appeared in Peoria, AZ, as a fugitive from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department and received a sentence of six months probation and 96 hours of community service. In Phoenix, where he pleaded guilty to the charges, he paid a fine and was released.

When he was sentenced in Scottsdale, the prosecutor asked that an example be made of Waughtal to discourage others.

Judge George Preston spoke forcefully about the evils of Nazism and anti-Semitism.

Before passing the unusual sentence, the judge noted Waughtal's repentance, the fact that he had returned voluntarily and his subsequent enrollment at Southwestern College, an American Baptist Bible school.

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## Hornstein Program At Brandeis Expands Horizons

by Robert Israel

Four foreign students in the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service may be giving Brandeis University's role as an international institution of higher learning a new dimension. The graduate students, from Australia, Argentina and South Africa, have been sent to the Hornstein Program by their home countries and are expected to return to jobs as Jewish communal professionals.

"This has extended the mission of the Hornstein Program from educating just Jewish communal professionals primarily from North America," said Bernard Reisman, professor of American Jewish Communal Studies and director of the Hornstein Program. "Next year we will receive two new graduate students from the Jewish community in England."

The newest students are: Fernando Frydman, 29, from Buenos Aires, Argentina; William Maynard, 31, and Guy Bermeil, 25, from Sydney, Australia; and Vivienne Anstey, 30, from Cape Town, South Africa. Another foreign student, Rafael Sidi, 26, from Istanbul, Turkey, is planning to remain in the United States after graduation in May 1990.

In recent interviews at the Hornstein Program, the students spoke about their home communities and how their experiences as students at Brandeis will help them prepare for the tasks that await them when their studies are completed.

"One of the areas I am most interested in learning more about," said Frydman, "is the area of Jewish philanthropy. Fund raising within Jewish organizations is not as developed in South America as it is here in the United States. Many of our Jewish organizations are in need of this specific area of expertise in order to guarantee fiscal survival. I am learning ways of organizing a fund-raising campaign. The challenge for me will be to translate what I learn about the American Jewish community for use in my home community."

Maynard said the challenge he and fellow Australian Bermeil are facing is to live in a community that has just recently begun to "develop its own leadership, rather than importing leaders from outside Australia, as has been the case in the past." He learned of the Hornstein Program from Hilton Immerman, an Australian who graduated from the Hornstein program, and from Bernard Reisman, who was a visiting scholar in Australia last year.

"I am being sponsored by the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies in Australia, the equivalent of the Jewish Federation in this country," Maynard explained. "I have studied at a yeshiva in Israel and feel I have sufficient background in religious training, but my experience in communal issues has been limited. I want to use my skills to put my energies into the community, to learn about how Jewish communities flourish in the United States and what similarities and differences there are between the United States and Australian Jewish communities."

Bermeil will concentrate his studies in Judaism, Jewish history and community management courses. He will return to Australia to assume a position as assistant Hillel director at Shalom College-Hillel Foundation in

Sydney.

"I lack knowledge of Jewish history and religion, and I will be concentrating on these areas at the Hornstein program," Bermeil said. "When my studies are completed, I will be able to work more broadly as a Jewish professional."

Anstey is being sponsored by a donor from her home community in Cape Town, where she will return after her year of study at the Hornstein Program is completed. For the past four years she has worked at a home for handicapped Jews. Her focus, she says, is "to become a better Jewish communal professional." Like her colleagues, she is exploring how Jewish communal organizations operate in the United States in hopes of learning "new ideas."

"In order to ensure Jewish survival in South Africa," Anstey explained, "Jewish organizations must be open to new ideas, and many of these ideas can be gleaned from looking at how American Jewish communities are organized. I will return home next year with some answers and many more questions, like: What is it that bonds us together as Jews? How will we address the issue of young Jews wanting to leave South Africa? How will we ensure Jewish survival? I hope to find many of the answers by studying here at Brandeis."

Recruitment of international students for the Hornstein Program at Brandeis has been by word of mouth, according to Bernard Reisman.

"The international students hear of our program from our graduates," Reisman said. "The two students who will be arriving next year from England learned about the Hornstein Program from two alumni now living in London, who were able to convince their lay leadership to sponsor the students. We hope this trend will continue and we'll be able to attract students from other countries in the world."

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## B'nai B'rith Sends Women Packing

by Elena Neuman

NEW YORK (JTA) — A decision by B'nai B'rith International to end its 92-year-old relationship with B'nai B'rith Women has raised a storm of protest from the 120,000-member women's organization.

In a 64-14 vote, B'nai B'rith International's board of governors voted to approve a resolution that would sever its constitutional ties with the national women's organization and establish itself as a united men's and women's organization.

"We have a responsibility to ourselves and to our future," Seymour Reich, international president of B'nai B'rith, said in a statement issued before the vote.

"If B'nai B'rith Women has declared itself to be separate, independent and autonomous, and if that is truly the desire of their leadership and membership, so be it. We wish them well," he said.

Reich was referring to a resolution adopted in October 1988 by BBW, in which the organization declared its separately incorporated legal status and its autonomy within the B'nai B'rith organization.

But according to BBW President Hyla Lipsky, B'nai B'rith International has intentionally chosen to misinterpret the women's 1988 resolution for its own purposes.

"What is really going on here is transparent," she said. "B'nai B'rith International's decision-makers now seek total control over their empire."

Last year's resolution was, in her words, a reaction to a unilateral action to admit women taken at the September 1988 BBI biennial convention in Baltimore.

The BBW resolution, said Lipsky, was completely in keeping with the ordinance of the organization. "B'nai B'rith Women has been legally incorporated as a separate organization since 1962," she said. "It has all the rights to self-governance that such incorporation implies."

But Reich said, in a telephone interview, that such incorporation "has no significance."

"Each of our constituent organizations — B'nai B'rith Women, BBYO and Hillel — has a separate corporate status. They, nevertheless, all are subject to the regulations of the B'nai B'rith constitution," he said.

The resolution adopted gives the women's organization 14 days to rescind its 1988 resolution, failing which all affiliation between the two groups will be abandoned.

BBW maintains that resolution is the equivalent of a hostile

takeover, an effort to offset the international organization's flagging membership and revenue.

BBI's membership has fallen from a high of 200,000 in 1969 to 136,000 in 1987, according to the spring 1989 issue of *Lilith* magazine.

According to Reich, however, the decision to sever ties with the women is the result of a grass-roots movement. "Its origins stem from a desire to meet the challenge of changing social mores, by offering women equal status within B'nai B'rith. Women have told us that they want membership privileges," he said in the interview.

Both Reich and Lipsky expressed their dismay with the sit-

uation and stated that their organizations did not want the imminent separation to take place.

"Rest assured that we do not want to break from B'nai B'rith International," Lipsky said in a telephone interview. "We have made every attempt to avoid this situation. But all our attempts at compromise have been outright rejected. Their position is: We can't wear the name if we can't play their game."

Reich put it a different way. "We didn't want a separate B'nai B'rith Women's organization," he said. "We wanted an affiliated organization. They want the name, but not the game."

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**DOROTHY COHEN**  
CRANSTON — Dorothy Cohen, 83, of 85 Park View Blvd., died Saturday, December 2, 1989, at Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of William Cohen.

Born in Lynn, Mass., a daughter of the late Louis and Mammie Blum, she moved from Providence to Cranston 33 years ago. Mrs. Cohen was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and the Cranston Senior Citizens.

She leaves two daughters, Rosalyn Factor and Davida Greenstein, both of Cranston; a son, Joel Cohen of Natick, Mass.; a sister, Zelma Zeldich of Tulsa, Okla.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday, December 3, 1989, at 1 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Crawford Street Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.

### ISRAEL R. LEWIS

PROVIDENCE — Israel R. Lewis, 69, of 89 Lexington Ave., died Thursday, December 7, 1989, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Natalie (Newman) Lewis.

He was born in Providence, a son of the late Daniel and Annie (Bloom) Lewis, and was a lifelong resident of the city.

He was a self-employed sheet metal worker for over 45 years, and was a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek.

He leaves two sons, Daniel H. Lewis and Mark F. Lewis, both of Providence; a daughter, Amy Beth Lewis of Providence; and a brother, Leonard Lewis of Cranston.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on December 8 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### JOSEPH H. MARKEL

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Joseph H. Markel, 57, of 72 Hilltop Drive, co-founder and president of the Mortgage Guarantee & Title Co., Providence, since 1963, died Wednesday, December 6, 1989, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Morris and Helen (Brand) Markel, he moved to North Providence last year.

Mr. Markel was a graduate of URI, and received a law degree

from Boston University. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Men's Club, and the Rotary Club. He was a Mason. He had served in the Army.

He was recently honored by the Rhode Island Supreme Court, and had also been chosen as a special prosecutor for that court.

Mr. Markel leaves two sons, M. William Markel of North Providence and Gregory S. Markel of Philadelphia, Pa.; four sisters, Thelma Salmonson Rodbell of Atlanta, Ga.; Kay Kaplin of Cranston; Ann Schlusberg and Freda Markel, both of New York; and a friend, Sandra Robins of North Providence.

The funeral services were held Thursday, December 7, at 2 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

### STELLA SALK

PROVIDENCE — Stella Salk, 82, of 13 Sparrow St., died Friday, December 8, 1989, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave. She was the wife of Reuben Salk.

A lifelong resident of Providence, she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Celia (Berger) Matzner.

Mrs. Salk was a life member of the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and a member of Temple Am David and its Ladies Association.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Kenneth H. Salk of Bradford, Mass.; three brothers, William I. and Leonard Matzner, both of Providence, Henry Matzner of Cranston; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Sunday, December 10, at noon at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### BLANCHE SIMON

CRANSTON — Blanche Simon, 65, of 77 Summit Drive died Saturday, December 2, 1989, at home. She was the wife of Gerald A. Simon.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late James and Mary (Primack) Topil, she lived in Cranston for 18 years.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Larry Simon of Providence; a daughter, Linda Essinger of Newton, Mass., and a granddaughter.

The funeral service was held Monday, December 4, 1989, at 11 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

### ANNA WYZANSKY

PROVIDENCE — Anna Wyzansky, 83, of 26 Bevelin Road, died Wednesday, December 6, 1989, at home. She was the widow of Benjamin Wyzansky.

Born in Salem, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Morris and Lena (Borenkind) Bernstein. She lived in Providence since 1943.

Mrs. Bernstein was a volunteer at Miriam Hospital for 24 years. She was a member of the Women's Associations of the Miriam Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its sisterhood, and was also a member of Hadassah and B'nai B'rith.

She leaves three daughters, Miriam Laudon of Warren,

Rosamond Helfand of Taunton, Mass., and Barbara Sues of Tenafly, N.J.; a son, David Wyzansky of Providence; a sister, Sadie Silverman of Taunton; two brothers, Bernard Bernstein of Taunton and Hershey Bernstein of Newton, Mass.; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Thursday, December 7, at 1 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial was in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Taunton, Mass.

## Wall Saga

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There was no intervention by female orderlies employed by the Orthodox-controlled Religious Affairs Ministry to keep the worshippers under surveillance.

But the women's services at the Kotel are known to anger the religious authorities, who object especially to women reading from a Torah scroll and chanting prayers.

Violence has erupted during similar Rosh Chodesh services in the past, as ultra-Orthodox men and not a few women spewed curses and tried forcibly to wrest the Torahs from the women worshippers.

The women are now banned from reading the Torah at the Wall, pending a court hearing next month of conflicting petitions from the women and the Religious Affairs Ministry.

The women are also under temporary court orders to recite their prayers, instead of chanting them. To read the Torah, they retire to a nearby archaeological garden site.

Women of the Wall has scrupulously observed both halachic injunctions and the orders of the High Court, where its case is still under judicial consideration.

But sources in New York said the group may attempt to hold a prayer service at the Wall.

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## Future Of Jews Predicted — Again

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As Jews become more secular, more assimilated and less centralized, they will become more conservative.

"The growing comfort of American Jews socially and economically will reduce their commitment to liberal causes and their advocacy of change." In the end, he says, "rifts between Jews and other minority groups such as blacks will deepen."

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Tobin explained that as dismal as the future of the American Jewish community may look, there are a number of ways to prevent the impending problems of the next century.

"At the present, we are in a period of rebirth as well as assimilation. We're on the upside right now. The baby boomers are now discovering their cultural roots. Those becoming involved are more intense in their observance. It's the next generation that I worry about."

"We need a lot more programs for under-affiliated populations — programs to increase conversion and singles programs."

Tobin calls on Jewish organizations and institutions to play an active role in addressing the problems of tomorrow.

"If Jewish organizations and institutions play a more pro-active role in dealing with issues of intermarriage, Jewish identity and reinforcing Jewish life, then the heart of the community may remain strong."

Leaders in American Jewish communal life are not completely convinced by Professor Tobin's predictions or his prescribed solutions.

Larry Rubin, associate executive vice-chairman of NJCRAC, sees a much more favorable forecast for the American Jewish community in the 21st century.

"I would disagree with a forecast that predicts gloom and doom for the Jewish community," he says. "The Jewish community is vibrant and exciting and there's no reason for it not to continue to be this way."

"These problems are important, but it seems to me that Jewish organizations have a responsibility to stress the values and virtues of the community. I'm not suggesting that we should be complacent; we can always do better. But the fact that not all Jews are active doesn't mean that we are doomed."

"That we are a well-organized community with many institutions and channels is part of why we maintain our vitality. I'm sorry to sound so optimistic," Rubin said.

## Joint Committee Comes Out of Closet

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Its low profile and avowedly non-political status has allowed it to run schools in Moslem countries that shun Israel, such as Syria, where the JDC operates Jewish day schools for the tiny Jewish community that remains there.

It is now the Arab world, as opposed to the East bloc countries, in which there remains a veil of secrecy over some of JDC's activities.

A JDC official estimated that 5 to 10 percent of the agency's programs continue to operate in the shadows.

These programs will have to remain secret until the winds of glasnost that toppled the Berlin Wall and opened the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe to their fellow Jews in the West are able to make a dent in the wall of fear and hatred that stands in the way of peace in the Middle East.

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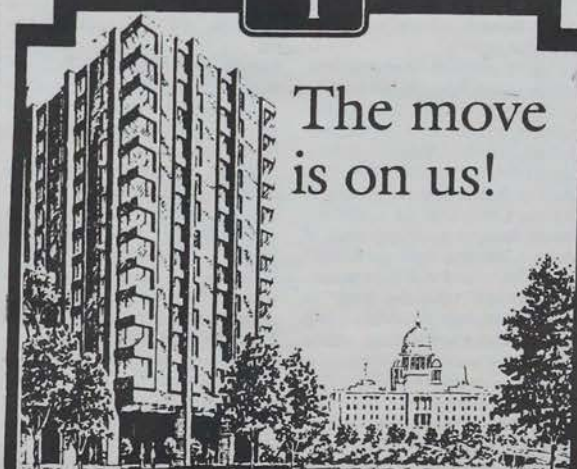
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## Lubavitch Jews — What's Next?

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The entanglement of Lubavitch in the Who Is a Jew controversy and its dexterity in disentanglement provide a good opportunity to look at the ways and means that Lubavitch operates.

By most accounts, Lubavitch is the largest of the Chasidic groups that survived the destruction of European Jewry. Although they are loath to release population figures, interpretation of census data show that 20,000 Lubavitch Jews live in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, where the worldwide headquarters of Lubavitch is located.

There is also a substantial Lubavitch community in Israel as well as Lubavitch centers, known as Chabad houses, in more than 450 cities around the world. (Chabad is a Hebrew acronym for Chochma, Binah and Daas, or Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge.)

Firmly at the helm of the organization is 87-year-old Rabbi Schneerson, the seventh in line of rabbis that dates back to Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Lyady, an early Chasidic master born in 1745.

Rabbi Zalman and his successors, who lived in the town of Lubavitch for more than a century, were victims of czars and pogroms as well as the Mitnagdim, the rational Orthodox Jewish movement that are the historical rivals of the Chasidim. Unlike other, more insulated Chasidic groups, the leaders of Lubavitch and their followers worked closely with both secular Jews and gentiles.

Professor Heilman of Queens College said the exposure of Lubavitch throughout its history to different people and ideas enables it today to reach out well beyond its own constituency. It is a talent unmatched among other Chasidic groups.

The Lubavitch dynasty was passed down from father to son, or father to son-in-law, to the current Rebbe, who succeeded his father-in-law, Yosef Yitzchok Schneerson, in 1950. But, the current Rebbe has no children. Within Lubavitch, he is the supreme human authority and, if there is anyone waiting to succeed him, it is a well kept secret.

Lubavitch officials, such as Rabbi Yehudah Krinsky, a top aide to Rabbi Schneerson, refuse to discuss succession, resorting instead to comments like, "This is not a concern for us. The Moshiach [Messiah] will come."

When asked whether that means Lubavitch considers Rabbi Schneerson to be the Messiah, Rabbi Krinsky responded: "Our sages teach us that the Messiah will be a human being who lives among us. We believe that in every generation there is a person who has the qualifications to be the Messiah of the Jewish people. I don't know of anyone around now more suitable to fill the shoes of the Messiah than the Rebbe."

His response is in keeping with a long-standing tradition for Chasidic Jews to believe their own rabbi could be the Messiah. But such a comment has led to some criticism that Lubavitch is treading on dangerous ground by implying that its leader will someday be revealed as the Savior promised in the Bible.

Lubavitch also has been criticized for messianism. Last year, Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological seminary of America, the educational center of Conservative Judaism,

asked Conservative Jews to withhold financial support from Lubavitch groups. A year later, Dr. Schorsch admits his appeal had little impact.

More recently, an article in *Reform Judaism*, entitled "Before You Give to Chabad," cautioned that while many Reform Jews contribute to Lubavitch, they may be unaware of the group's active support of the Who Is a Jew campaign and of the Rebbe's description of Conservative and Reform Judaism as heretical.

Lubavitch field workers reported "a small dip" in contributions immediately after the Who Is a Jew controversy, but said the numbers have risen beyond the old levels in the months since.

"It is now as strong as it ever was," said Rabbi Shmuel Butman, director of the Lubavitch Youth Organization, which conducts programs all over the nation.

The main Lubavitch spokesman, Rabbi Krinsky, declined to specify how much Lubavitch receives in financial contributions each year, though he characterized an estimate of \$50 million as "very low."

Dr. Steven Bayme, director of the Jewish communal affairs department of the American Jewish Committee, said some supporters are having "vicarious" Jewish experiences by contributing to Lubavitch, which they view as perpetuating authentic Judaism. He was, however, critical of this relationship. "There is something fundamentally wrong with the notion that I give to Lubavitch so that I can save Jews because I can't save myself," he said.

Lubavitch walks a fine line when it comes to Israel. It does not attach religious significance to Israel, as do the religious Zionists, nor is it anti-Zionist like its rival Chasidic sect, the Satmar. Lubavitch regards Israel as a place worthy of support because there are Jews there and because it is the holy land of the Jewish people.

While Lubavitch has many outside critics, probably its greatest detractor comes from within Rabbi Schneerson's own family. His nephew, Barry Gourary, 67, a physicist who lives in New Jersey, is the only other surviving male of the Lubavitch family dynasty.

Gourary has not spoken to Rabbi Schneerson in years, except indirectly in Federal court. Gourary believes his uncle has distorted the teachings of the long line of Lubavitch rabbis and has taken the group on a dangerous course "outside of the mainstream of Judaism."

In a lawsuit over ownership of more than 40,000 books and manuscripts, Gourary brought in expert witnesses to shore up his claims. Among them was Rabbi Arthur Green, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pa.

In an interview, Rabbi Green, a non-Chasidic student of Chasidic thought, said he believed there was a connection between the Lubavitch fervor for the Messiah and the group's advocacy in Israel for the Who Is a Jew legislation. He said the reasoning of Lubavitch was something like this: "The Jewish people have to be pure and whole in order for the redemption to come. Who Is a Jew was a way for the Lubavitch to hasten the time when the Rebbe will reveal himself as the Messiah."

The looming question for

Lubavitch is what will happen after Rabbi Schneerson's reign. Since Lubavitch officials refuse to comment on the future, many others have jumped into the silence.

Professor Heilman said "the smart money" in Israel is that the group will follow the Bratzlav Chasidim. The Bratzlav are disciples of Rab Nachman of Bratzlav, who died in the early 19th century, leaving no heir. His followers chose no successor and believe he communicates with them from the grave. They study his books, especially the mystical volume *Likutei Mahararan*.

"With Rav Nachman it was the *Likutei Mahararan*," said Professor Heilman, "but with Rabbi Schneerson they'll have the videos and the tapes. They'll replay them again and again, analyzing and discussing them."

In time, a successor may be groomed to become the eighth Lubavitcher Rebbe. But the job will not be an easy one. "If there is a successor," Professor Heilman said, "he will be dealing with something larger than life."

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### The Repentant Racist

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Since his return to Arizona, Waughtal has spoken openly to the press and on the radio against white supremacy. ADL hopes to arrange speaking engagements for him so that he — like other reformed white supremacists such as Tom Martinez, the former Ku Klux Klansman who blew the whistle on The Order (*ADL Bulletin* June 1988 "What Else I Learned About the Jews") — can serve as a role model for the young people who are so often the targets for recruitment by today's hate mongers.

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### Win Support

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"We have nothing to do with those West German parties, which we consider very dangerous," Hartman averred. "No one should confuse the East German National Democrats with the extreme right-wing party of the same name which operates in West Germany," he made clear.

The Republicans announced a program for the reunification of Germany and said they had already established a base of support in the eastern part of the unified country.

The West German National Democrats likewise maintained that they had thousands of followers in East Germany.

The East German government announced that it would not allow West German neo-Nazi leaders to enter the country, let alone launch political activities.

The statement affirming this specifically mentioned Franz Schoenhuber, the former SS colonel who is founder of the Republicans, now the largest right-wing party in West Germany.

## French Right-Wing Extremist Wins Seat

by Edwin Eytan

PARIS (JTA) — Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme right-wing National Front won a seat in the National Assembly in one runoff election and came close to winning a seat in another.

National Front candidate Marie-France Stirbois gained an overwhelming victory in Dreux, a city of about 14,000 just west of Paris. She scored with 61 percent of the vote against a de facto coalition of all other parties lined up to beat her.

In Marseille, France's second largest city, the National Front's Marie-Claude Roussel came within less than 1,200 votes of beating the center-right opponent, a respected medical doctor and professor at the Marseilles medical school.

The first round of the two special elections were held on November 26. Since no candidate received an absolute majority,

runoff contests were held a week later.

They were closely watched by political observers as an indication of how political currents are running in France.

Stirbois, who did very well in the first round was virtually assured of victory in the runoff.

Dreux, in any event, is a stronghold of right-wing voters susceptible to the National Front's appeals to racism and xenophobia. The town has a large population of foreign immigrant workers, mainly from North Africa, who have been Le Pen's main target in recent years.

Le Pen, meanwhile, has appealed to the Supreme Court to order new elections in Marseille. The right-wing leader contends that Prime Minister Michel Rocard violated the law by electioneering before the polls closed, urging Socialists to back the center-right candidate.



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