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Rabbi Eliezer Gibber

Shrewd Syrians Pose Tough Dilemma For Shamir

by Gil Sedan and Hugh Orgel
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Syria's reportedly positive response to President Bush's proposals for convening a Middle East peace conference has presented the Israeli government with a tough choice.

Either it can back down on its opposition to a United Nations role in the conference, a move which Israeli hardliners fear would set a dangerous precedent, or it can stand its ground and risk being blamed for the collapse of the peace process.

Officially, Jerusalem has cautiously welcomed the letter that Syrian President Hafez Assad sent Bush last week.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office said

that if "the Syrian response makes possible the opening of a direct, unmediated negotiations, we will view it favorably, because what Israel has always wanted was to sit with the Arab states without preconditions."

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir cannot but have been chagrined to hear Assad's response extolled last week by Bush and U.S. Secretary of State James Baker.

Assad's response to Bush's June 1 request to Middle East leaders for "flexibility" may have been six weeks late in coming, but it appears to have been just what the Bush administration was looking for.

Shamir's reply to the same request, though much more

prompt, was widely interpreted as a polite refusal to accept Bush's proposals for surmounting the procedural obstacles to convening a peace conference. It is likely that the Israeli prime minister figured his neighbor to the northeast would be no more forthcoming.

In that sense, it appears that Assad has shrewdly scored a tactical victory on the diplomatic battlefield, timing his purportedly positive response on the eve of the summit meeting of seven leading industrialized nations in London.

But it is not yet clear that the entire onus will be put on Israel, as Secretary of State Baker made another swing
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Jerusalem - The Heart And Mind

by Peter Corwin
Herald Contributing Reporter

Rabbi Eliezer Gibber, dean of the New England Rabbinical College, presented Newport with a look at Orthodox views on the Torah at the Touro Synagogue on July 17. His lecture focused on the Diaspora and the centrality of Jerusalem.

Gibber read from the *Gemara* to illustrate the plight of Jews in the Diaspora. The passage described how some people at sea mistook the back of an enormous fish for land. When the fish felt others on its back, it submerged. An even more precarious cycle for Diaspora Jewry, said Gibber, is if the fish accepts the newcomers. Therein lies the danger of assimilation. "We cannot forsake our own birthright," said Gibber.

The Scriptures provide the answer to this dilemma. Moses tells his people they must seek a secure and separate existence. To stress what happens otherwise, Gibber highlighted recent *Newsweek* statistics: in 1964, 9 percent of Jews intermarried; in 1985, that figure jumped to 52 percent. A further 75 percent of children in mixed marriages were not raised as Jews.

When the Jewish people consider assimilation, G-d turns upon them as a reminder that their mission is to be a holy people and a nation. Jerusalem's function is to arouse the need to fulfill this mission. "Jerusalem pumps Torah into the circulatory system of the Jewish people," Gibber said.

During both solemn and joyous occasions, Jerusalem is

often in the heart and mind of the Jew. In fact, the past three weeks have been a time of incremental mourning. The sorrow over the destruction of the First and Second Temples, in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E. respectively, culminated on the fast of *Tisha B'Av* (July 20-21).

Yom Kippur and Passover both conclude with prayers to be in Jerusalem next year. According to the Bible, male Israelites were instructed to "go up to" Jerusalem on a pilgrimage three times a year. The trek, known as *Shalosh Regalim*, takes place during *Pesach*, *Shavuot*, and *Sukkot*. Even on the joyous occasion of a wedding, Jews must reflect on the Second Temple's destruction by the breaking of a glass under the *huppah*.

Gibber closed by admitting that a Jew could find comfort in the Diaspora. But only in the "City of Cities," the "Gateway to the Heavens," and the "City of Peace," can one find fulfillment. "Jerusalem serves to unite us into one people," Gibber said.

A native of upstate New York, Gibber is a graduate of the Baltimore Seminary. He has served as dean of the New England Rabbinical College in Providence for the past seven years. Gibber presented his lecture within the framework of the "Torah Seed Program" series, which is scheduled for Sundays and Wednesdays until August 7. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rabbi Dr. Chaim Shapiro at 847-4794.



Members of the cast perform "CNN Live" at the JCC.

CNN Live at the JCC!

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

A talented entourage of young Israelis brought their musical interpretation of the Gulf War in Israel to the stage at the JCCRI on Monday evening. To the delight of the audience, these vibrant young performers sang and danced in an Israeli airport, a sealed room, a kibbutz, Jerusalem, and in a school.

The motto for the summer of this energetic group was "Keep on moving and don't stand still!" The performers certainly heeded this call!

The teenagers are part of a B'nai B'rith Youth Organization overseas tour, which affords the youth a chance to gain a better understanding of Jews from other parts of the world. The BBYO delegation consists of teenagers from Israel, Great Britain, and continental Europe. Their stop in Providence comes after visits to Washington, D.C., Delaware, Philadelphia, New York City, and Connecticut. They are currently in Boston on yet another leg of their international tour.

The program for the evening consisted of numerous greetings and addresses from both adults and the teenagers themselves. The performance was followed by a barbecue hosted by the Plantations/Roger Williams Unit #5539 of B'nai B'rith. The facilities for the evening were donated by the JCCRI.



A message to the world during the Gulf War.

Inside the Ocean State

Up! Down! And All Around! A Companion Like No Other



Don asks Dover to come up onto the table of his wheelchair. The two friends meet eye to eye.

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

Talk about amazing pets! There is a truly remarkable dog living locally, who turns lights on and off, picks up dropped objects, carries things in a special harness pack, and even calls for help in the event of an emergency!

His owner, Donald Levine, is no less remarkable. Despite be-

ing confined to a wheelchair without the use of his arms or legs, Don is an accomplished professional photographer. His latest subject is his immensely likeable, furry, ninety-pound golden retriever named Dover. They are constant companions and obviously crazy about one another.

When Don was 15 years old, he was seriously injured in a

diving accident. He has learned to use his mouth and a special stick to dial the telephone, move the wheelchair, and take the beautiful photographs for which he has developed a passion.

In December, 1990, Don went to Washington where his photos were exhibited with those of about 17 other artists at the Very Special Arts Show,

a show for disabled professional artists. Some of his handsome nature photographs hang in his living room in Providence.

Until last year, Don, 54, lived with his parents on the East Side, where he grew up. Today, however, he lives on his own with the help of a home health aide, Susan Wickland. "I finally got out of their hair!" Don confesses with a laugh.

For the last three years, until his term ended, Don was the president of People Actively Reaching Independence, (PARI). At a board training seminar in New Hampshire he met a woman who was affiliated with the Lions Club. "She encouraged me to try for a service dog" through the New England Assistance Dog Service (NEADS, formerly the Hearing Ear Dog Program, located in West Boylston, MA). "Usually you have to wait a long time, but I was lucky and two or three months later I had an interview." Don recently became the first recipient in Rhode Island of a service dog from NEADS.

There was a very intense training program, which initiated the transfer of the bonding from the trainers to the individual dog owner. "The training was like boot camp," Donald groans with a grin. "I'd get up at 5 a.m. to get dressed in order to leave by 8:30 to drive up there. Then we had classes from 10 until 3, for two weeks!" Part of the training involved getting Dover into a mall and a restaurant, teaching him to carry things for distances and to stay down for 10 or 15 minutes.

"He knows 'Go for Help!' which means he goes to the first person he sees and does this lassie thing. He brings the person to help me. At a restaurant he knows: 'Go under and stay!' He'll stay there without sniffing or anything."

Dover is a warm and attentive friend, a member of the family. "He's great as a companion. If I'm lying in bed, he'll put his head under my hand and I'll use what motion and strength I have to rub his head."

Susan Wickland, also Don's constant companion, recently fell and broke her ankle. She,

too, is now confined to a wheelchair. Dover is more of a help than ever!

Don claims that he never really has had a pet before, although he has owned fish and parakeets. Dover is something altogether different!

NEADS chooses each dog only after careful observation. The puppies begin training at the age of three or four months and are taught not to be afraid of wheelchairs but to stay away from the heavy wheels. Their first lessons are with doll carriages.

NEADS is a non-profit organization that provides trained dogs for physically challenged people to assist them in leading more independent lives. Since 1976 the organization has placed over 400 dogs with a success rate of 88%. NEADS is recognized and approved by the American Humane Association and Assistance Dogs International.

Due to the extensive and expensive training necessary to graduate a NEADS dog, the recipient of a service dog like Dover must raise four thousand dollars to cover the cost. Don and Dover would appreciate any sponsors and/or donations. Contributions can be sent on Don's behalf directly to NEADS at P.O. Box 213, West Boylston, MA 01583.



A photograph of Dover with his harness pack taken by Don.

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Shrewd Syrians

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through the Middle East.

Hinting at possible opposition from Jordan's King Hussein and the Palestinians the Hashemite monarch may be asked to represent, Baker said, "There are plenty of hurdles, and we're not there by a long shot."

"This is a dual-track process, so we have not just the Israeli-Arab state negotiations to consider, but the Israeli-Palestinians to consider as well."

Israel insists that the peace conference be no more than a ceremonial curtain-raiser for separate direct talks with Palestinians and Arab states, and be quickly and permanently adjourned.

Similarly, it fears a U.N. presence, even with no more than observer status, would set

a dangerous precedent for U.N. involvement in the peace process.

The Syrian position has been quite the opposite. Assad, in his talks with Baker last month, demanded a full fledged international conference under the auspices of the five permanent members of the Security Council, based on Resolutions 242 and 339, which the Arabs interpret as embodying the principle of trading territory for peace.

Baker said Syria "would still like to have a silent U.N. presence" at any peace conference but that Assad's letter was written in a way that made it conditions for Syria joining a peace conference.

If Israel cannot find a way to appear to be equally forthcoming, it faces the prospect of Assad looking like the "go guy" in the Middle East equi-

JNF Exhibition: One Hundred Years Of Blue Boxes

by **Bunny Alexandroni**

A crumpled and burnt metal box whose blue color is barely distinguishable is one of the highlights of the Jewish National Fund's recent Blue Box Exhibition, which took place in Jerusalem during the Zionist General Council of the World Zionist Organization.

The Blue Box, along with 61 others, was discovered in the rubble of the Warsaw ghetto after World War II. The exhibition was held in cooperation with Prof. Shaul Ladani of Ben-Gurion University in Beer-sheva who collected most of the Blue Boxes in the exhibition and was the driving force behind the project. The exhibition originally opened at the university and, in honor of JNF's 90th anniversary, will travel around the country during the year.

of Australia stands in the middle of JNF's Australia Park at Migav in northern Israel.

The surviving Blue Box from the Warsaw ghetto was Yehuda Silberman's gift to the JNF. Born in Poland, Mr. Silberman served in the Soviet and Polish armies, trying to make his way to Israel while dodging anti-Semitic elements in both armies. In 1944, with the war almost over and all the Jews in his hometown either dead or living elsewhere, Mr. Silberman, at the time a Zionist youth leader, organized the Zionist youth movements to clean out the Warsaw ghetto and put up a monument. During the work he uncovered two items which caught his eye: a gun and the charred remains of what he knew was a JNF Blue Box. He turned the gun over to the authorities but kept the



Summertime Sabbath Soliloquy

by **Mike Fink**
Herald Contributing Editor

The Sun shouts out that it's only July, his seventh month. But the Moon whispers that for her it's already Av, her eighth. I light two *yahrzeits* for my mother, one for the sun and the other for the moon. She lit two for me each Friday evening for 30 years. Those regular rituals, spaced every seventh supper, brought us around the peach tablecloth brightened by white candles in brass sticks.

Our household seeks out Sabbath comforts both night and day, its quiet rhythms of walk to shul, talk and chant. (Though like a chap in a comic strip, I mostly sink into an easy nap at home.)

Something in our century struggles against the spirit of Sabbath. People have found their pleasure in what is really pain. The phone rings. An engine starts. A machine blasts the air. People touch a t.v. button to wreck the sacred stillness of being. A child's simple smile fades. The teenage frown sets in on the brow.

The kiddush and the motzi get their value from the calm of courtesy. If you have to say shh at the table it spoils the peace.

The principle of a creative pause spreads out a grand scheme of things. Labor gets a day off. Land lies fallow. A melamud must have a year away.

I took my first Shabbat from work — a semester's academic sabbatical — before our first-born had showed up. She was there but not yet here *Winnere*

expecting — a spell not unlike a holy weekend. I spent that long Indian summer laying in a nursery. Our flat had an upstairs front porch over the street. Great spot for a veiled bassinet. The fireplace worked. The garage held a load of good split hardwood. Neighbors tended fancy East Side gardens. Before the baby, we hosted weekend guests and week-long lodgers of feather and fur as well. We ran a Saturday Inn, so to speak.

Then, too, I was awaiting, or hunting, something for myself alone, on that porch, by that

hearth, among those formal floral paths, before my clean white sketchbooks and journals. I sought to stop time, to peer down into the ancient stone well of silence. To pull out some bucket of purity.

Sabbath holds a secret idea as well as a weekly event. It says take it easy. Like the ill-fated leisure suit, the magic formula doesn't always work out for you. Providence Puritans don't have the gift of rest. Maybe it's like putting a cranky baby to bed. Once they doze, the face glows with inner life. It rises to a level of nobility.

Where did we get Sabbath? Did we grab some mideast festival, crown it, dress it like a serene Queen of the Moon? On a clear night over the Bay, the Moon rises and pulls at the ocean waters. She looks down and she murmurs, "You can shoot rockets at me, but I'm still beyond you. I'm within you too. I am your dream of love and harmony."



A young girl holds a Jewish National Fund Blue Box prior to lighting the Sabbath candles. The Jewish National Fund's Blue Box Exhibition, recently held at the Zionist General Council of the World Zionist Organization, will be travelling around Israel in honor of JNF's 90th anniversary. The earliest Blue Boxes, distributed almost 100 years ago, represented the first practical steps toward the rebirth of the State of Israel.

The earliest Blue Boxes, distributed almost 100 years ago, represented the first practical steps toward the rebirth of the State of Israel. Every Jewish family was a partner in fulfilling the Zionist dream of statehood by putting its coins in the box and contributing to the redemption of the land on which the Jewish national home would be established. The Blue Box has always been a symbol of the link between Jews everywhere and the soil of their homeland. Not all Blue Boxes are blue, nor are they all boxes. Black, green and other colored boxes, and books and cans which served as Blue Boxes, were on display.

The Blue Box still retains pride of place in many countries such as Australia, which leads the world in Blue Box contributions. Over 10,000 volunteers clear the Blue Box twice a year. Fittingly, a giant monument in the shape of a Blue Box mounted on the map

Blue Box.

"It was important because it proved to me that there were Jews in the ghetto who were Zionists and dreamed of a Jewish state," Mr. Silberman said at the emotional occasion when he officially turned the Blue Box over to the JNF.

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Dear Editors:

John Sununu - Lobbyist for Terrorists

For a few weeks White House Chief of Staff John Sununu was under pressure to resign, because he used military aircraft for political and personal travel. The pressure has subsided, and Sununu, our first Arab Chief of Staff, still has his job.

Sununu should be ousted from his post, but not because of professional impropriety. He is guilty of far graver crimes than that. Here are five of them, in no particular order:

1. Because Sununu maintains a "close relationship" with Saudi Prince Bandar, he refuses to condemn the mass execution of Christians in Saudi Arabia or the genocide campaign against Christian black Africans in Sudan. Because of his "friendship" with King Hussein of Jordan, Sununu was the only United States Governor who would not sign the petition condemning the anti-Israel "Zionism is Racism" resolution of the United Nations.

2. Sununu does condemn Israel's 1981 bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor, a move which saved millions of lives from the atomic fallout that would have been released had American pilots had to bomb it ten years later.

3. When Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens came to the United States in July of 1990 to warn the Bush Administration of Iraq's pending August 2 invasion of Kuwait, Sununu saw to it that Arens could not obtain an audience with the President.

4. According to *Sada Al-wa'ian*, an Arab newspaper, Sununu is a de facto member of the P.L.O., the terrorist organization responsible for thousands of killings, which aligned itself with Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War. This means that while working under the White House roof, our Chief of Staff was rooting for Iraq.

5. Armed with pro-Moslem, pro-Arab sentiments, Sununu makes "99.9 percent" of the President's decisions, accord-

ing to an interview in *People*.

These facts should have been cited when Sununu's employment was still a hot topic. Our Chief of Staff is an enemy of Jews and Christians all over the world, and an enemy of the American people.

**Joseph Braude
Providence, R.I.**

S&Ls

The United States has been preoccupied lately with what the *Washington Post* calls "the worst financial scandal in the nation's history."

Without getting into the details of the Savings & Loan debacle, suffice it to say that things have been going sour for a long time. The recent scandals, involving S&L executives and huge loans to insolvent institutions, are insults added to the injuries of a sick system.

Fixed rate mortgages, allowing home owners to borrow at rates of 8%, for instance,

when the S&L's were paying over that in interest to depositors, are at the root of the problem.

Have you checked on your Divine S&L recently? You see, G-d loans each one of us talents, capabilities, strengths, knowledge. He loans them to us at a very low rate. But he expects us to use them wisely. He expects us to use them to better ourselves, better our world and serve Him. When we do this, He doesn't even charge us interest. For G-d gave us the mitzva of offering "free loans" to our brethren; as the Talmud tells us, any mitzva that G-d gives us, He Himself performs. So, He doesn't expect interest. But He does expect repayment of the loan.

We could save up all of these talents, etc., using them for our own personal or even selfish purposes. We would surely be keeping in mind that "some-day, when I retire, I'll do more mitzvot, be more Jewish." But then, wouldn't that be like the

S&L's that have extended loans at low rates while savings were sitting in the bank accruing loads of interest?

The Divine loans we've received are meant to be drawn upon, now. Unlike monetary loans, however, they don't diminish upon withdrawal; they never get used up. On the contrary, G-d constantly adds more and more to our personal accounts, the more He sees we're using them. Like the lethargic person who finds himself energized once he gets into a good exercise routine, our strengths and talents become more acute, dynamic and vital in both the material and spiritual world once we start involving ourselves in spiritual pursuits.

How's your spiritual S&L doing these days? Hopefully, it's not on the verge of collapse.

A Jewish Education

In this week's Torah portion *V'etchanan*, we are told, "And you shall love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might... and you shall teach them to your children..." From here, we are enjoined with the commandment of giving our children a proper Jewish education. The following are comments from the Lubavitcher Rebbe and his predecessors on Jewish education.

It is the duty of Jewish educators to remove from the child any vestige of inferiority complex about his Jewishness in a predominantly non-Jewish environment, until he understands that democracy and freedom are not cauldrons of assimilation, but rather the contrary; they offer everyone the privilege to have his place, to enjoy his rights, and to live according to his faith without compromise. The opportunity

for the Jew to fulfill his life's destiny.

A person is born lacking both knowledge and good character-traits. Education must address itself to both needs; the teacher must see to it that his pupil receives the necessary knowledge, but he must also train the child so that his char-

acter becomes that of a human being, a creature who has been compared to G-d.

twice a day, we say in the Shema "You shall teach them (the words of Torah) to your children." As we begin the day, every person must remember the Divine command to see that his children receive a pure, sacred Jewish educa-



which need only to be un-earthed.

It is an absolute duty for every person to spend a half hour every day thinking about the Torah-education of children, and to do everything in his power - and beyond his power - to inspire children to follow the path along which they are being guided.

Some claim that if you tell today's youth the verse from Proverbs, "He who refrains from using his rod hates his son; and who loves his son disciplines him," they will run away. This is not true. They will only say that they want to hear this proverb from one who conducts himself as King Solomon wished, in all aspects of his life, not only concerning disciplining children.

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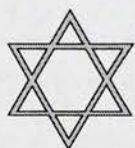
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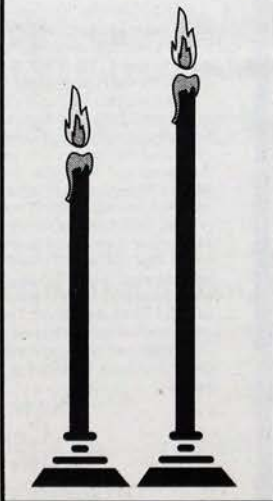
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"V" Symbol Traced to Jews

The "V" symbol, which has been adopted throughout the world as the symbol of victory against the Nazis, originates in the hand information used by the ancient Jewish priests when they blessed their people, it was pointed out. The gesture has been retained in the practices of the Kohanim today.

U.S. and Germany Declared at War

America and Hitler's Germany are today already at war, fighting for the establishment of a new world order which must unite all nations under a single government whatever the outcome of the struggle, it was reported.

New Restrictions Passed In Belgium

Stricter measures against Jews in Belgium have been enacted by Nazi authorities there. All Jews must surrender their radios. No bank is permitted to accept deposits from Jews, and Jewish firms must print the word "Jewish" on their stationary in French, German and Flemish, among other restrictions.

"Thank You For Surviving"

by Ray Eichenbaum

Last spring after my talk to an assembly in a local high school during the Week of Remembrance, a slightly built, woman history teacher whispered into my ear "Thank you for surviving." I didn't make anything of it, but when I came home that evening I was stunned when I grasped the meaning of these kind words. Since I did not take these words as personal praise at all, it then began to sink in that these were the only words that all the Holocaust survivors seek.

I consider myself very fortunate indeed to have survived this human catastrophe. I am grateful to have overcome this personal tragedy with my senses and intellect intact. Besides surviving, I am thankful for being a cognizant observer of the events and people around me. As far as I can tell, not many of us survivors take this almost three-dimensional look back at what has transpired in our lives. Perhaps they were too busy with the process and mechanics of survival those dreadful days. I consider myself an exception, because being one of the youngest to survive - 15 on the day of liberation - I did not accomplish this feat by brawn, shiftiness, speed of movement and/or aggression. On the contrary, I remember being quite passive and resigned to my fate, although full of will-power and inherent optimism.

If anyone ever conducted a study of who the survivors are, I will probably be the one who by all odds should not have gotten through. However, this

passiveness allowed me to observe and be more conscious of the happenings about me.

I am also very appreciative and thankful to the people of Rhode Island and the Jews of the Providence area, in particular. When I came here in 1947 as a youth, I was marvelously received, placed in a loving home and allowed to resume my education. This last factor was the most important in my "resurrection" since it made possible my going to college later on - an opportunity not available to the majority of survivors who were mostly sent off to work.

I will also be forever grateful to the beautiful and generous people of Rhode Island, who contributed so much to the creation of the Holocaust Memorial of Rhode Island, a living museum whose main purpose is to honor the martyrs of the Holocaust by educating Rhode Islanders and others about the dreadful happenings of those horrible times so as to prevent such occurrences from happening ever again.

"Thank you for surviving." - How sweet these words sound to me. If they convey a true feeling, then I am euphoric because I believe that humanity is finally on its way to evolving into a finer species, that it might be on the threshold of a new era in human relations.

For me personally, these few words represent many other things as well - the continuation of the human spirit, indeed proof of its indestructibility. As a Jew, they also mean that we are surviving well as a people; that our tradi-

tions and way of life were not destroyed, albeit they were badly shaken. Indeed, these sounds to me are the verification that the promises we the surviving made to those dying around us in their hours of martyrdom are being kept and that the sacrifice of their lives would not have been in vain.

We the survivors are a unique lot. For many years most of us could not talk about our tragic, immediate past. The terrible experiences were too recent; the pain too much for the soul to disclose.

The world was also not ready to hear us. Even the victorious allies in their victory blush were more receptive to the pandering, babbling of the rosy-cheeked, submissive Nazis than to the truthful voices of the emaciated victims. Most of our liberators looked away - not wanting to believe that any members of the human race could perpetrate such heinous crimes. The Nuremberg Trials were quickly done and disposed of. Humanity did not want to own up to its own enormous criminal potential. Come to think of it, if Hitler's hordes had another year's time - there would have been no survivors at all. A clean slate. No witnesses. Some previous civilizations must have disappeared from the face of the earth this way.

We who survived started to talk and badger. The illustrious voice of Eli Wiesel, a contemporary of Auschwitz, was like the illumination given off by one small candle in the total darkness. We kept on talking. It took almost forty years - a lifespan by biblical dimensions

- for the world to regain its conscience. It took all that time for people to start to listen to our tales of woe and to regain their collective souls.

And human kind will be better for it. Mysterious are the ways of the Almighty. Have we been "chosen" again to bring man another peg up the ladder in its evolution? To quote Tevya from "Fiddler on the Roof" - "could He not choose somebody else for a change? However, if that's what was intended, then we are here to hear you Lord our God..."

For the survivors there will always be the omnipresent cry of blood emanating from the earth - reminding us of the millions of our innocent brothers and sisters - the sweet laughter of the multitudes of innocent children taken from us so prematurely to an incomprehensible destruction. We can only tolerate our constant "guilt trip" here on earth by believing that humanity will have emerged to a new plateau of civilized life through this latest cleansing with the blood of the innocent.

We assume a right to speak on any subject seriously affecting the human condition on this earth. Some may ask - what is your constituency? We, the survivors, who are but an extension of the fallen martyrs of the Holocaust here on earth - we dare to assume the right to speak out for the masses of the innocent who were wiped out from the face of this earth. We will speak out for this "fallen constituency" - for the bond of suffering and mourning for them makes us duty-bound to

do so. Our aim is to legendize the brutality and inhumaneness of the killings during the Holocaust. We hope that when they listen, people will acquire a permanent aversion to mass killings of any kind. They don't throw Christians to the lions any longer. Do they?

One might say why make it into a legend since, by definition, the latter is not based on truth. I know that, but I am of the opinion that people would rather believe in legends than in absolute proven facts. And legends last longer.

The story of the Holocaust should be retold forever so as to serve as a deterrent from mass murder into eternity.

I vividly recall how some of the "visionaries" in the camps before their demise would exhort those surviving to go on fighting for life because - "There are good people out there - good, kind men and women who will greet you as heroes when you survive. All your riches - material as well as spiritual will be restored to you. You will attain what all of us dreamed about in our sufferings."

I am sometimes uplifted. I am beginning to believe that some of the desired "visions" of the fallen martyrs are coming true for me. "Thank you for surviving" - four very beautiful words.



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What's In A Name?

by L.E. Scott

The Jewish Exponent

PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — Pennsylvania law says citizens registering to vote must be asked their surnames and their Christian names.

That language offends state Rep. Babette Josephs (D-Philadelphia), so she stood up in the Pennsylvania Legislature on June 19 and proposed an amendment that would change the phrase "Christian name" to "given name."

"It is a matter of sensitivity," Josephs told her legislative colleagues. "There are a number of voter citizens in this commonwealth who do not think of their first name as their Christian name."

Josephs expected support, but some of her colleagues opposed the change, among them Rep. Jere Strittmatter (R-Lancaster County).

"I believe this amendment is another step and another vote in the continuing march to defy Christ," Strittmatter told the legislature during the debate over the proposed change.

Strittmatter's words had a strong impact on Josephs.

"I was stunned," she recalled in a telephone interview recently.

"I stood in front of the microphone and was completely silent, which is not like me. I was really stunned, and I said to myself, 'Am I not a citizen of

this country? Do I not pay taxes like the rest of them?' And people started to jump up to defend me, and I started to move and talk again."

Josephs' amendment failed on the first vote, but was quickly reconsidered and ultimately passed 123-75. But the bill to which it was attached, H.B. 538, did not pass.

The overall bill would revise Pennsylvania's election code to liberalize registration and eliminate some of the barriers to voting.

For example, the current law requires that people who have not voted in two years be purged from the registration lists, making them re-register when they want to vote.

The new bill would extend the time on the rolls to four years, so those people who vote only in presidential elections would not have to keep re-registering.

Strittmatter, in a telephone interview recently, said of his stand on the amendment, "I just felt we should be advocating toleration and not elimination."

In elaborating on his remark about the "march to defy Christ," the lawmaker mentioned such previous trends as taking prayer out of schools, taking religious carols out of Christmas celebrations and objecting to having a cross on a Christmas tree in a public place.

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World and National News

Rising Costs Of Absorption Contributed To High Inflation

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The mounting costs of immigrant absorption in Israel contributed substantially to the unexpectedly sharp rise in Israel's inflation rate for June.

The 2 percent hike announced last week, the highest for that month in six years, was driven mainly by higher rents, higher housing prices and higher mortgages.

All are directly attributable to last month's 4.7 percent increase in the price of construction materials.

Building contractors raised their prices knowing that the housing authorities would pay what they asked rather than risk the sight of masses of homeless immigrants.

Other contributing factors were the 20 percent devaluation of the shekel since March, the higher costs of govern-

ment-controlled utilities, such as water, electricity and telephones, and a 5.5 percent deficit in the state budget, again the result of absorption costs.

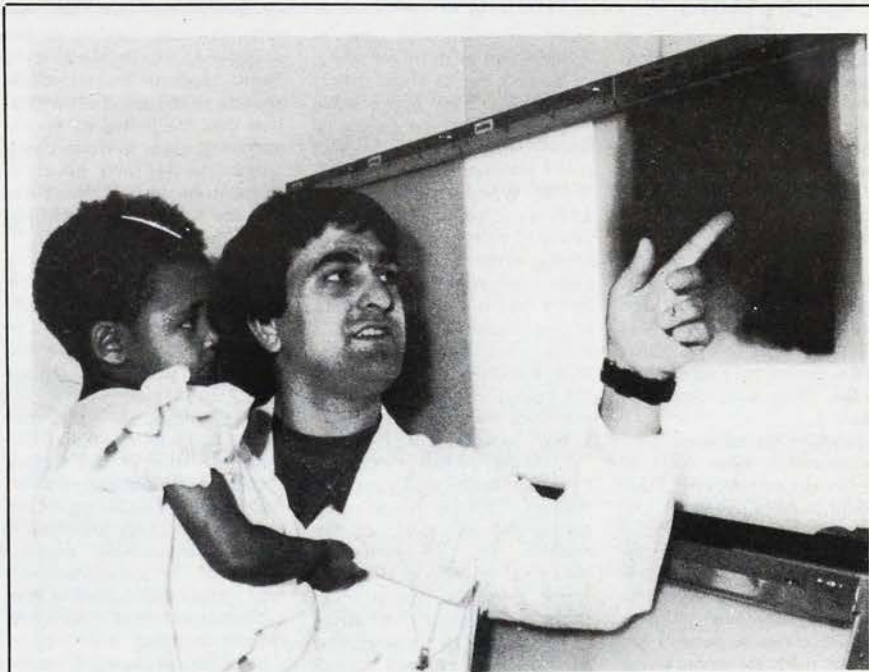
The rising inflation rate unfortunately has not reduced unemployment, which was up 8 percent in June.

The number of Israelis seeking jobs at the labor exchanges rose to 135,700, compared with 129,000 the previous month.

Nevertheless, there is a bright side to the economic situation. As inflation chugs along at an annual rate of 16 to 20 percent, the government, business and consumers adjust and plan accordingly.

That provides a stable atmosphere compared to the situation six years ago, when inflation ran out of control at 200 to 300 percent a year.

The June increase, though, was seen as a timely warning that unless corrective steps are taken, 20 percent could once again become the monthly inflation rate rather than the annual one.



Physicians at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem are examining Ethiopian olim for tuberculosis. The x-ray is certainly an unfamiliar sight, but as technologist Meir Benlulu explains to a young patient, it is a picture which can help improve her health.

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Police Bungled Riots But Did Not Break Law

by Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An investigative judge announced last week that there is insufficient evidence available to incriminate any of the police officers who fired live ammunition at stone-throwing Arabs on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem last year, killing 17 and wounding scores more.

But Judge Ezra Kama's lengthy report on the so-called Temple Mount massacre of October 8, 1990, was sharply critical of certain police conduct, especially of experienced senior officers who he thought could have avoided the episode.

Kama was appointed to in-

vestigate possible police culpability for the deaths after families of the deceased expressed dissatisfaction with the results of an investigation conducted last year.

A special commission of inquiry headed by former Mossad chief Zvi Zamir failed to recommend legal measures against any of the police personnel, although it criticized the performance of some senior officers.

Kama's report stressed that lack of evidence, not approval of the way the police acted, ruled out legal measures at this time.

It noted that if additional evidence turns up, the state prosecutor should consider pressing charges for "negligence which endangered human lives."

The Jerusalem police were obviously relieved by the report. At least a few had feared a recommendation for legal action. Police Inspector General Ya'acov Terner said recently that his department would study the full report and draw the proper conclusions.

But whatever changes are made are expected to be operational rather than in personnel.

The Temple Mount massacre seriously hurt Israel's image in world opinion and intensified the intifada.

It is believed to have touched off the wave of random stabbings of Jews by Arabs, in quiet neighborhoods and main thoroughfares of Israeli cities as well as in the administered territories.

The Temple Mount is an area in the Old City sacred to pious Jews and Moslems. The compound contains the Dome

of the Rock and Al Aksa mosques, two of the most sacred shrines of the Moslem faith.

Since Israel captured the Old City in 1967, Jews have not been permitted to worship there in order to preserve peace and good order. But a militant Jewish group known as the Temple Mount Faithful have tried repeatedly to defy the ban.

On October 8, rumors filled the mosques that Jewish activists were on their way to the Temple Mount. Despite police assurances to the contrary, crowds of Arabs gathered on the height overlooking the Western Wall and began stoning Jews worshipping there.

The police reacted by storming the Temple Mount and firing their weapons directly into the crowd. "There is no doubt that because of this shooting, people were killed," the judge wrote.

One police officer testified that he fired a full rifle clip into the crowd. But the judge could not find direct evidence that his shooting caused anyone's death.

"It is possible that the behavior of some police deviated from rational behavior to the degree of negligence. But I do not see fit to press charges against any of them," the judge wrote. He was sharply critical of "senior and experienced officers who failed to curb in advance the outbreak of events."

The bulk of his criticism was aimed at the special riot police who he said "fired unnecessarily" while advancing on the crowd.

Avigdor Feldman, a lawyer representing the parents of a Israeli citizen killed in the riot said he was satisfied with the judge's ruling. He noted, however, that Kama found "strange discrepancies in the testimony of police officers."

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NEWS BRIEFS

National

Washington (JTA) - Jewish groups joined an ecumenical coalition of abortion rights forces last week on Capitol Hill to lobby for swift adoption of legislation that would overturn a regulation barring federally funded clinics from advising women about abortion options. The U.S. Supreme Court recently upheld the constitutionality of the federal regulation, prompting opponents to seek a legislative remedy.

New York (JTA) - American Jewish organizations have reacted with a mixture of hope and skepticism to Syria's seemingly positive response to President Bush's Middle East peace proposal. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations summed up the feelings of many Jewish organizational leaders "as positive as the presidents said it is" it "represents a potential breakthrough, the harbinger of an era of peace for Arabs, Jews and all mankind."

New York (JTA) - Soviet officials are worried that the massive Jewish exodus from their country will lead to a "brain drain," according to the leader of a State of Israel Bonds delegation that recently traveled through the Soviet Union. Howard Goldstein, national chairman for the North American New Leadership Delegation, said a Moscow official referred to the "major problem" caused by talented Jews leaving the country.

International

Tel Aviv (JTA) - Three Israel Defense Force soldiers who were killed in a Hezbollah ambush in southern Lebanon were identified last week. The IDF also disclosed details of the incident but did not explain why the casualties were not announced for several hours, after Israeli air force jets artillery had struck Hezbollah positions. The men killed were Capt. Yosef Givilli od Givatayim, commander of the patrol; Lt. Oren Meltzer, 21, of Jerusalem, who was second in command; and 1st Sgt. Yehuda Korkus, 20, of Moshav Rinatya.

Copenhagen (JTA) - Economic pressures are forcing the Palestine Liberation Organization to shut down its information offices in Copenhagen and Oslo, the Danish and Norwegian capitals. The PLO representatives in Denmark, Abdul Rahman Allawi, informed the Danish Foreign Ministry of the closures. There was no official reaction from the ministry or from the Israeli Embassy here.

Parents Of Vandals Liable For Damages

NEW YORK (JTA) - A bill that would increase the liability of parents whose children vandalize or desecrate a house of worship has passed the New York State Senate and now goes to the Assembly, said Sen. Norman Levy (R, C-Merrick), the author of the bill.

The bill would make parents or legal guardians responsible to pay up to \$7,500 of damages if their children are convicted of vandalizing or desecrating houses of worship or property used in connection with religious worship or instruction, unless the parents or guardian can show undue hardship.

The bill also allows a judge to order the youth to make restitution by performing community service.

The proposed legislation "is aimed at compelling parents to provide greater supervision of their child's activities and to accept greater responsibility for developing their child's respect for others," said Levy.

The senator explained that it is necessary to increase the present \$5,000 parental liability cap because of the rising value of property, as well as the increasing cost of replacing or repairing damaged property

or items.

At the outset, Levy was against setting any limit on parental liability. But he accepted a cap of \$7500 to placate the Assembly, where the bill still sits in committee, said Elizabeth Connelly, a spokeswoman.

She said that Levy has been an advocate of parental liability for the past 10 to 15 years, and was the sponsor of the law which made the desecration of a religious institution a Class E felony (punishable by up to four years in prison).

In a statement, Levy said, "Respect for all religious beliefs and buildings in which services are conducted is basic to our American ideals. It is paramount that New York state continue to take steps to deter acts of desecration, vandalism and theft to houses of worship.

"Houses of worship continue to be targets for malicious acts of vandalism and desecration. The enactment into law of my legislative proposal would help stem the tide of these disrespectful acts by sending out a loud, clear message that such destructive actions will not be tolerated in New York state."

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Launches Campaign

Rabbinical leaders from the four major Jewish movements (Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist) recently visited The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to plan a nationwide Congregational Campaign.

The campaign will encourage synagogue congregations to contribute to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which has raised \$115 million of its \$147 million goal. A similar outreach campaign to churches of many Christian denominations is also planned.

Every church or synagogue in the United States will have an opportunity to commemorate a destroyed synagogue in Europe by donating \$50,000, payable over five years. The names of the congregations will appear on a special wall in the Museum. Those congregations which are unable to contribute \$50,000 will have an

opportunity to make gifts in the \$25,000, \$18,000, and \$6,000 levels and will be acknowledged in special books in the Museum.

Rabbis who attended the planning meeting included: Rabbi Robert Gluck, executive director, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association; Rabbi Lee Friedman, president, Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association; Rabbi Walter Jacob, president, Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, executive director, Rabbinical Council of America; Rabbi Binyamin Walfish, executive director, Rabbinical Council of America; and Rabbi Joel Meyers, executive director, Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Rabbi Seymour Essrog, secretary of The Rabbinical Assembly of America, was recently named as a consultant for the Congregational Campaign. Rabbi Jack Luxemburg

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1991 Israel Bonds Sales Reach \$500 Million

— Landmark Achievement in Campaign's 40-year History —

NEW YORK — The 1991 worldwide Israel Bonds campaign has surpassed \$500 million, the earliest point that annual sales have reached that level in the 40-year history of Israel Bonds.

Israel Bonds President and CEO Ambassador Meir Rosenne and National Campaign Chairman Michael D. Siegal jointly announced, "This record achievement is a resounding confirmation of faith in Israel, and a clear recognition that an investment in Israel Bonds is one of the most meaningful ways of participating in Israel's future."

Siegal continued, "This landmark moment in the Israel Bonds campaign comes at a critical time when Israel's government is looking to bond capital to help resettle the continuing influx of Soviet, Ethiopian and other immigrants."

Israel's Minister of Finance has announced that all 1991 Israel Bonds proceeds will be utilized for immigrant absorption, specifically to help provide housing units for the hundreds of thousands of new immigrants.

In noting that 1991 bond sales exceeded a comparable period in last year's campaign by more than \$150 million, Ambassador Rosenne said, "The dramatic increase represents both the overwhelming outpouring of support for Israel

during the Persian Gulf War and a desire by thousands of individuals, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to participate in history as Israel prepares to welcome one million new citizens. This surge in sales came in spite of the sluggish American economy, reinforcing the paramount importance of Israel to world Jewry."

Ambassador Rosenne also attributed the extraordinary increase in sales to the appeal of the Israel Bonds instruments, most notably the Variable Rate Issue Bond (VRI), which currently yields 8.21%.

Ambassador Rosenne stressed that the sales figures, which include bonds as well as other securities, represent what until only recently was an entire year's campaign. "The passing of the \$500 million mark so early in the campaign places us well on our way toward achieving the \$1 billion goal for 1991, an accomplishment that will be unprecedented in the history of Israel."

Since its inception in 1951, State of Israel Bonds has mobilized approximately \$11 billion in investment capital for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Now, with hundreds of thousands of Jews arriving from the Soviet Union, bond proceeds are being utilized to provide jobs and homes for these, Ethiopian and other immigrants.

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was named National Rabbinic Coordinator.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which will open in the spring of 1993, will be the only national Holocaust Museum in the United States. The privately funded Museum was created by an act of Congress in 1980, and has attracted international support. The Museum will house a permanent exhibition telling the story of the Holocaust, two galleries for special exhibits, two theaters, a library, archives and an interactive learning center.



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Mr. Leonard, accompanied by pianist Valerie Becker, will present a program which includes works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Claude Debussy, Erik Satie, Scott Joplin and George Gershwin.

Mr. Leonard received a B.M. and M.M. from the New England Conservatory of Music. A versatile musician, he is an active performer on saxophone, clarinet, bass clarinet, and flute. He has been saxophonist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops Orchestra, Boston Concert

Opera, the Soviet-American Festival Orchestra and others. He is on the faculty of the New England Conservatory of Music, currently teaches at Brown University and has lectured at the Hartt School of Music.

Valerie Becker received her Bachelor and Master's degrees in piano performance from Boston University. She currently teaches at the Winsor School in Boston. As a professional accompanist she has played Master classes for artists Yo Yo Ma, Isaac Stern, and Joseph Silverstein, and has served as rehearsal and audition pianist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets for the concert are \$7 at the door. For more information, please call (401) 253-2707.

New England Reggae Festival

The New England Reggae Festival Committee is pleased to announce the forthcoming Second Annual New England Reggae Festival. Featuring an incomparable combination of national and international acts and promising regional talent, this outdoor celebration of reggae music and culture will be held at Stepping Stone Ranch in Escoheag, R.I., on Saturday, July 27. Performances last year by Eek-A-Mouse, Israel Vibration and various local bands attracted a crowd of over 1,500 to a harmoniously green and quiet setting for one full day of music enjoyment, Caribbean, African and Afro-American culture and crafts, camping, horseback riding and children's activities.

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Jah Rastafari

Swan Lake Performance

The American Ballet of Rhode Island will present the first annual summer workshop performance on Monday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Assembly Theatre in Harrisville, R.I. This year's workshop performance will feature "Swan Lake Act II." This familiar Petipa/Ivanov ballet is set to the haunting Tchaikovsky's score. It was first produced by the Russian Imperial Ballet on January 5, 1895. The story concerns Prince Siegfried and his love for the enchanted Swan Queen, Odette. Only Siegfried can break the evil spell which the Magician Von Rotbart has cast upon Odette; the spell in which by day she is transformed into a swan, and at night into a beautiful maiden.

This workshop performance features students from the American Ballet School, as well as some of the company's dancers. Dancing the role of Odette will be principal dancer, Sonya Shemenski. Ms. Shemenski dazzled the audiences last season with her interpretation of Nikia in "La Bayadere" when she danced opposite the former Bolshoi dancer, Alexandre Kedrov. Prince Siegfried will be danced by Brent Trimble. As a workshop performance is not a formal production, all tickets are general admission and are \$5 each. The theatre is also air-conditioned for the audience's comfort. For more information or ticket reservations, please call 1-568-0015.

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The Langston Hughes Center for the Arts presents its 10th Annual Jazz on the Grass Concert to be held on Sunday, July 28, beginning at noon. Featured artists are: the George Thomas Blues Band, the Cecilia Smith Quartet, Willie Love and the East Bay Jazz Band, the Michelle Bishop Group, and Larry Watson.

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A Feast For Every Taste

by Sarah Baird
Herald Associate Editor

Beau James is a familiar landmark on North Main Street. Owned for 13 years by Shirley and David Brandt and their partner Robert Willner, it is a neighborhood restaurant with

something for everyone. Both Mr. Brandt and Mr. Willner are culinary graduates; and one is present at all times in the kitchen.

The restaurant is notable not only for being handicapped accessible but also for being

handicapped friendly. Three ramps flank the front of the building, leading to the three entrances. Residents of Highland Court and the Summit Medical Center are frequent patrons of Beau James thanks to its convenience, gracious staff and delicious food. In fact, according to Shirley Brandt, thirty-eight people eat at Beau James every day! "We have to open daily! They wouldn't eat without us!" Other people regularly stop by to pick up their meals to go.

Our meal began with soups and an appetizer. Much to my delight, the matzoh balls in Chef David's Mother's Chicken Soup were fluffy yet substantial with a distinct flavor. Even for those rock-solid matzoh ball lovers, a cup of Chef David's soup will be a welcome relief from the vast desert of matzoh ball-less chicken soups.

The Baked Onion Soup served in a crock with melted cheese was less sublime but quite good nonetheless. Our appetizer of Buffalo wings and blue cheese dressing gave us a vinegary zing of authentic Buffalo flavor. (As a native Buffalonian, I do reserve the right to identify real Buffalo zings).

The main courses, served with potatoes or pasta, rolls, and a choice of salad or vegetable, were delicious but huge! My Filet Mignon with sauteed mushrooms was tender and infused with a rich flavor. The poached Norwegian Salmon with onions was delicate and perfectly prepared. Unfortunately, the piece was so large that it seemed almost insurmountable.

The menu also features a multitude of sandwiches, salads and other selections, including such favorites as blintzes, bagels and lox, and Chicken Apricot.

The desserts are fabulous, albeit distracting. It was terribly hard to concentrate on dinner with the prospect of a chocolate wonder on the horizon. The rotating dessert tray, just out of reach, housed such dream desserts as the too-tall-to-be-truer Three Tier Chocolate Cake, the Cappuccino Torte, pies galore and other delicacies. There are in all over fifteen tempting desserts from which to choose.

For twenty dollars, a couple can have a light supper of soups and first-rate sandwiches. A four-course meal consisting of soup, salad, entree and dessert may total forty dollars per couple, exclusive of alcohol consumed. In short, Beau James offers a comfortable, low-key atmosphere for a lovely meal away from home.

The summer hours of Beau James are as follows: Monday-Thursday, 11:30a.m.-9p.m., Friday 11:30a.m.-10p.m., Saturday 4p.m.-10p.m., and Sunday 4p.m.-9p.m.



(L-R) David Brandt and Robert Willner in front of Beau James restaurant.

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about 2 additional cups confectioners' sugar for finishing
Blend together the almonds with the sifted confectioners' sugar and to these add the egg whites, lemon rind and almond extract. Knead to make a firm dough.

Coat palms with butter and break off walnut sized pieces of dough. Form these into pear-like shapes and into each insert a whole clove to resemble a stem. Place the "pears" on a buttered and floured baking tray and bake in a low oven for 10 minutes, covering the tops with foil if they begin to brown.

Sift about 2 cups of confectioners' sugar into a bowl and to this dip the hot almond pears. Stand on a rack to cool. Lift the remaining sugar from the bowl into the base of a rectangular storage container and in this arrange the pears when cool, in a single layer. Over the pears sift a bit more of the sugar and seal and store for 1-2 days before serving.

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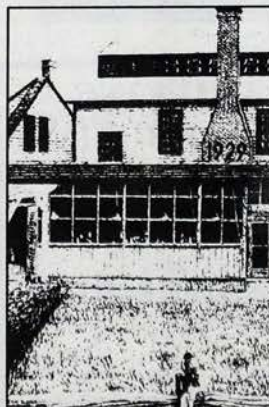
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Milestones

Jewish Boy Scouts To Dedicate Ner Tamid Plaque

ROCKVILLE, R.I. — A plaque, recognizing campers who have earned the Ner Tamid (eternal light) Award, will be dedicated Aug. 2 during the Sabbath service at Yawgoog Scout Reservation.

Part of the camp-wide "Scout is Reverend Weekend," the service of dedication at the Temple of the Ten Commandments will be led by Chaplain Rina Wolfgang. She also is director of Hillel and Jewish chaplain at the University of Rhode Island.

The plaque is a gift from the

Touro Fraternal Association. Chaplain Wolfgang has started a library at the Jewish chapel to help Scouts prepare for the Ner Tamid patch.

Jules Cohen of North Kingstown, chairman of the Narragansett Council's Jewish Committee on Scouting, is inviting all Jewish Yawgoog alumni to attend the service. A chicken barbecue will precede the service, and reservations for the meal may be made with Chaplain Wolfgang at Yawgoog. The telephone number is 539-2311.

1991 National DMDA Convention

More than 500 attendees are expected at The National Depressive and Manic Depressive Association's (National DMDA) 7th Annual National convention, "Illuminations 1991," to be held July 25-28 at Brown University (Salomon Hall) in Providence, R.I.

The convention, which is opened to the public, will provide a dynamic interchange of ideas that focus on depressive illnesses. Exhibits from all over the country and workshops featuring renowned psychiatrists will explore the newest research and treatments available for depression and manic-depression.

"This convention will bring together patients, family members and health professionals seeking new ways of generating greater awareness of depressive and manic-depressive dis-

orders," said Gary Goldsmith, president of the National DMDA. "It is also our goal to strive for more effective treatments, affordable care, and insurance benefits for those who are in need."

Featured speakers include Louis W. Sullivan, secretary of health and human services; Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island and Dr. Frederick K. Goodwin, administrator of the Alcohol Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

The National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association is a not-for-profit education, advocacy, and support group for individuals suffering from depressive illnesses.

"Illuminations 1991" is open to the public. For registration or more information, contact The National DMDA at (312) 642-0049.

O'Neil Joined Mission To Israel

New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams lead a mission of State Attorneys General to Israel. The ten-day trip, a bi-annual visit, was co-sponsored by the America-Israel Friendship League and the National Association of Attorneys General. The group is returning on July 26.

Other members of this delegation are: Larry EchoHawk, Attorney General of Idaho; James O'Neil of Rhode Island; Robert Stephan, Kanasa; Lynne Ross, Deputy Director of the National Association of Attorneys General, and their spouses.

"Although I have been to Israel many times, this visit holds special significance," noted Mr. Abrams on the eve

of the group's departure, July 17. "It is an honor to be leading a delegation for the National Association of Attorneys General on a fact-finding mission to Israel, where we will meet with the Prime Minister and other legal, economic and political leaders."

The delegation will meet with the key leaders of Israel's judiciary, legal profession, government and political life, including Prime Minister Shamir; Labor Party Chairman Shimon Peres; Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek; Israel's Minister of Justice, Attorney General and Supreme Court Justices; the U.S. Ambassador; leaders of the Druse community and the Attorneys General Palestinian counterparts.

"We have planned this mission," said Samuel E. Eisenstat, president of the America-Israel Friendship, "to give the members of this distinguished delegation an understanding of Israel and the situation in the Middle East that they could not have gotten any other way."

The non-partisan America-Israel Friendship Leagues (AIFL), whose headquarters are in New York and which has offices in Arizona, California and Colorado, was founded in 1971 to foster friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Israel. It sponsors a wide array of educational and cultural programs in both countries to accomplish this goal.

Ramah To Hold Dinner/Concert

On Thursday night, August 1, singer-songwriter Craig Taubman and his band will be appearing at Camp Ramah New England in Palmer, Massachusetts, in a special dinner/concert open to the public.

Taubman's songs, whether they are the secular tunes contained in his four albums for children produced under the name Craig 'N Co., or those on his seven albums of Jewish songs, are a blend of infectious rock and folk-rock that appeals to audiences of all ages. Original, upbeat, and performed in a mix of English and Hebrew, Taubman's concerts are high-energy events by a consummate musician who knows how to inspire and include his audience.

Taubman's special appearance at Ramah is providing the camp with a welcome occasion

for opening its doors to neighboring Jewish communities. According to Rabbi Michael Swartz, the camp's director, "Not only does the concert give us the opportunity to share an exceptional cultural experience with surrounding Jewish communities, but we also look forward to sharing the beauty and unique atmosphere of Ramah that our campers enjoy throughout the summer."

Camp Ramah is the camping arm of the Conservative Movement and has been offering summer programs for Jewish youth for over forty years. Located on 350 scenic acres, the camp's programs include Jewish education and Hebrew studies as well as sports, waterfront activities, and the arts.

Tickets for the concert,

which begins at 8 p.m. and includes a kosher picnic dinner served at 7 p.m. on the camp's grounds, are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children under 13. Located off Exit 8 of the Mass. Turnpike, travel time is approximately 1½ hours from Boston and one hour from Hartford. For reservations and further travel information, call the Camp Ramah office at (413) 283-9771, Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fridays until 3 p.m.

IRS News

During the next few weeks, 73 taxpayers in the Providence District will be getting a unique piece of correspondence from the Internal Revenue Service. It will ask them to take another look at their 1989 federal income tax return. By so doing, they can spare themselves a visit to an IRS office for an audit.

Under the self-audit program, which will be tested in New England and upstate New York, taxpayers will be told that some items on their return appear to have been omitted or reported incorrectly.

In the event the taxpayers find that additional taxes are due, they will be asked to complete an amended return and remit the additional taxes. If they believe that their return was correct, then the IRS should be so advised.

Persons who completely ignore the letter, will be asked to come in for an audit.

The IRS has established a special toll-free number for this program. It is 1-800-829-1235, and it will be staffed weekdays between 6:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

"We believe that these self-audits will ease the taxpayers' burden by eliminating the need for an in-office audit, and at the same time it allows them to look at their returns at a time and place of their choosing," said Malcolm A. Liebermann, Director of the Providence District.

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Kleinman Weds Saslavsky

The wedding of Elisa Ann Kleinman of Washington, D.C., and Michael Jay Saslavsky of the same city took place June 29 at the Swiss Grand Hotel in Chicago, Ill. Rabbi George Astrachan officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kleinman of Chicago. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Saslavsky of East Greenwich, R.I.

Abbe Schwartz was the maid of honor. Other attendants were Jill Kleinman, a cousin of the bride, Nikki Goldstein, Tracy Kaplan, and Deborah Skolnik. The best man was Jim Weinstein. Ushers were David Saslavsky, brother of the groom, Brett Worrall, Michael Mishell, Mitch Pascal, and Alan Mishell.

Both the bride and the groom are recent graduates of George Washington University. The bride is currently employed by Stuckey's Corporation in Virginia. The groom is employed by American Management Systems also in Virginia.

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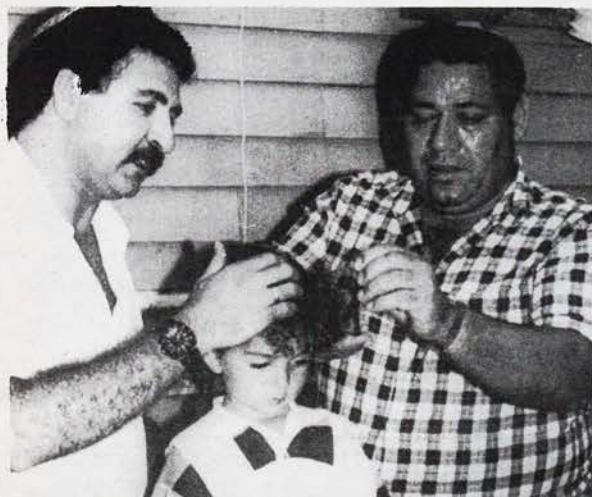
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Local News

A Very Special Occasion



Mrs. Laufer watches as her three-year-old son, Aryeh Leib, has his hair cut by his father, Rabbi Laufer.



Daniel (center) is getting his hair cut by his uncle Simon Enelmalem (right) as his father, Yosi Vaknin watches.

by Kathy Cohen
Herald Associate Editor

Last Monday evening, although the skies threatened rain, the only apparent wetness were the tears of joy of the two parents as they cut their three-year-old boys' hair and then sat back watching as all their gentlemen friends lined up to do likewise.

This ceremony, called Upsherenish, was held at the Chabad House from about 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The two boys were Daniel Vaknin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yosi Vaknin and Aryeh Leib, second to last child of Rabbi and Mrs. Yehoshua Laufer (a special congratulations goes to the Laufer's newborn girl).

Before the ceremony began each child was chosen to say a prayer which was repeated by the crowd. All evening, entertainer Mike Bresler performed intermittently with various instruments prompting dancing and an enjoyable evening.

The Upsherenish ceremony has been celebrated for hundreds of thousands of years since the death of Israeli Rabbi Shimon Baur Yochoy who wrote the book on mysticism called, "Zohar." Today large crowds gather at his gravesite to perform this ritual hair cutting event.

Until a boy turns the age of three, he is allowed to grow his hair uncut. In the Torah a man is compared to the growth cycles of a tree. Both he and the tree, from a small seed, reach maturity, bear fruit and extend

branches. It's because of this that many Jewish communities have the custom of symbolically comparing the laws of tree to man. A tree's first three years is when the fruit is not cut and the same applies to three-year-old boys.

When a child turns three it's also the time to begin his basic Jewish educational training of the Torah and of mitzvahs.

Events At The JCCRI: Week Of July 26-August 1

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elm Grove Avenue in Providence, will be holding activities and events of interest for people of all ages during the week of July 26-August 1, as detailed in the following list. To sign up or to obtain further information, please call the Center at 861-8800 and ask for the person specified in the listing.

Kosher Mealsite

Seniors are invited to join in a variety of activities and to enjoy a hot kosher meal at noon at the Kosher Mealsite at the Center. The mealsite is open at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby until

11. Exercise is scheduled on weekdays at 11:15. A Women's Group meets every Tuesday morning from 11 to 11:45. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played Thursday from 12:45 until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins served at 10 a.m., followed by interesting programs. The schedule includes:

Friday 26

VCR program, "David Ben Gurion and Mahatma Gandhi," 11 a.m. Shabbat

Sunday 28

VCR program, "A World Away - Australia," 11 a.m. to

noon.

Tuesday 30

Women's Forum, 11 a.m./Bingo, 12:45 to 2 p.m.

Thursday 1

Friend to Friend, 11 a.m. to noon/Golden Age Club Board Meeting, 1 p.m. Bingo, 12:45-1:45 p.m.

Call Sandy Bass for more information.

Sunday Lunch at September's

The JCCRI Singles will be socializing over lunch at September's, New London Avenue, Cranston, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 28. The cost will vary. For more information, call the Center or Laura at 941-7640.

Japan And The Gateway To China

A slide lecture entitled "Japan and the Gateway to China (Hong Kong)" will be given by RISD professor Mike Fink at the Barrington Public Library on Tuesday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. Professor Fink was a scholar-in-residence at the Baptist College of Hong Kong and went to Japan on a Faculty Development grant from the R.I. School of Design to do research on ancient trade routes between Europe, the Mid East and the Far East. This lecture describes some of his experiences during that time period.

This program, like others in this Summer Travel Series, is free and open to all.

How Gift-Giving Can Help At The Library

A program on Community gift giving as an aspect of Estate Planning will be given at the Barrington Public Library on Wednesday, July 31, at 7:30 p.m. This program will be presented by William Slattery and

Arthur C. Everly of Coordinated Financial Planning Group Ltd.

The seminar will open with an overview of estate planning, to be followed by specific examples of techniques that can be used to take advantage of tax law while gifting one's favorite community center or project. Special emphasis will be placed on how gifts might expand and enhance the services of the Library to the community at large.

William Slattery is a Barrington resident who has been active in the insurance industry for 12 years. He has worked extensively in areas such as estate planning, financial planning and group insurance. Arthur C. Everly is the executive Vice President of Coordinated Financial Planning Group Ltd. For the last four years he has taught the financial planning course at the Brown Learning Community. He is a frequent guest on

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Now in the third printing, "A Guide To Home Care and Nursing Home Resources in Rhode Island" was compiled by the Neighborhood Friendly Visitor Program under a grant provided by the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA). The guide was first published in 1979 and revised in 1985.

Copies of "A Guide To Home Care and Nursing Home Resources in Rhode Island" can be picked up at the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs offices, 160 Pine Street in Providence during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Guides will not be mailed. Copies of the guide may also be obtained at any of the state's 45

senior centers.

According to Maureen Maigret, DEA director, "The decision of whether to put a loved one in a nursing home or keep them at home often presents difficult and confusing choices for the families involved."

"This guide outlines the options available for home and community-based care as well as nursing homes," she offered.

The guide describes the bed capacity, rates, services, and activities available at each of the state's nursing homes. In addition, the guide describes alternatives to nursing home placement, including homemakers and home health aides, hospice, sheltered care, adult day care centers, and other community-based care programs such as Meals on Wheels or respite.

For information on "A Guide To Home Care and Nursing Home Resources in Rhode Island," call the DEA information and referral services at 277-2880.

Congregation Sons Of Jacob Synagogue

Friday, July 26 - Fifteen days in Av. Candlelighting is at 7:51 p.m. (Chamishah-osor B'Av)

Saturday, July 27 - Sixteen days in the month of Av. Shabbos Nachamu, Parshas VO'ESCHANAN.

(Morning services) - Shacharis is at 8:30 a.m. followed by kiddush.

Mincha is at 8 p.m. with the "third" meal immediately to follow.

Ma'ariv is at 8:50 p.m. Today Shabbos is over at 8:58 p.m.

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Sunday, July 28 - Morning services are at 7:45 a.m.

Morning services for Monday and Thursday are at 6:30 a.m. and for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6:45 a.m.

Mincha for the entire week is at 8:10 p.m.

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The structures associated with Tefillin are the two BATIM - Housings (The one placed on the head is called the SHEL ROSH and the one placed on the arm is called the SHEL YAD). Parshiyos - scrolls, and Retzuos - straps, each of which is integrally associated with the significance of the Mitzvah.

As prescribed in the SHULCAN ARUCH (Jewish Code of Law) every Jewish male, upon reaching the age of thirteen years is obligated to don Tefillin.

A Mezuah scroll contains two paragraphs, handwritten on a single piece of parchment, by a sofer - scribe. Each paragraph contains a portion of the Torah referencing the commandment of Mezuah:

1. Sh'ma (Deut. 6:4-9) affirming G-d's unity and our mutual bond of love.
2. Ve'Haya Im Sho'moa (Ibid. 11: 13-21) declaring man's responsibility toward G-d.

Tefillin scrolls contain four paragraphs, each containing a portion of the Torah referencing the commandment of Tefillin.

1. KADESH (Exodus 13:1-10) outlining our obligation to remember the Exodus.
2. Ve'Haya Ki Ye Viacha (Ibid. 13:11-16), speaking of our obligation to transmit this tradition to our children.
3. Sh'ma (Deut. 6:4-9), affirming G-d's unity and our mutual bond of love.
4. Ve'Haya Im Sho'moa (Ibid. 11: 13-21), declaring man's responsibility toward G-d.

The preceding represents only a sampling of information and services we have and can provide.

Let us know if we can serve you better. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome. The synagogue provides lectures, and inspections of Tefillin and Mezuzos. Absolutely no obligations.

Simcha Singles

Simcha Singles of Temple Torat Yisrael will be going to see Sha Na Na on August 1, at 7:45 p.m. at the Warwick Musical Theatre.

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For further information, contact Judy at 943-7272 evenings.



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Cranston/Warwick Hadassah Trip To Ellis Island

The Cranston / Warwick Hadassah group has made plans for a trip to Ellis Island in New York City for two days, September 4 and 5.

The bus tour will also include a guided visit to the Yeshiva University, and a viewing of the Spanish-Portu-

guese synagogue.

Transportation, baggage handling, hotel accommodations, dinner and continental breakfast are all-inclusive in the reasonably priced excursion. There are some seats available, and a deposit is required for a reservation. This

trip promises to be a most enjoyable and interesting sojourn. Husbands and friends are invited.

Further information can be requested by contacting Goldie Greene, 738-6956 or Fran Sadler, 942-7796.

Pachyderm Prayers

by Mike Fink

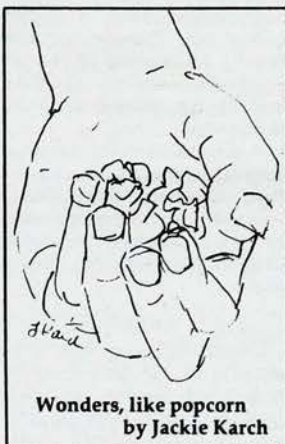
Herald Contributing Editor

Long before the Big Apple Circus pitched its tent at Nini-gret Park in Charlestown, Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey camped right in the heart of the Jewish East Side. You could kvetch to Mom, "I'm running off with the freaks." You could almost ride their rails away from home.

One Jewish boy, Paul Binder, really did join in and even started his own circus business. The founder and artistic director of Big Apple juggled his way through Europe to become the toast of Paris and a star of French T.V. He came back to get an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, Dartmouth College, then went over and married into Danish big tent aristocracy.

How did I find out Paul was Jewish? I mean, sure he has a son named Max Abraham, but you can never tell. Hey, you feel funny asking the old question, "Are you . . . you know?" But I called the company office in New York. They first said no, then put me on hold and came back with the yes I had hoped for.

Paul's big one-ringer this



Wonders, like popcorn
by Jackie Karch

son asked, "Is he real?" His mom said, "Of course. Why do you ask?" "He doesn't say anything."

The circus brings you away from the tube and the screen. It displays the elegant art of the trained body, doing numbers that echo past glories on straw. Against the age of talkshows, within its own international pact of silence, it throws wonder after wonder at you, like the popcorn the jesters toss out. With their marvellous bodies and made-up painted faces, the performers pose for you up close in the small canvas arena, not for a fight, not for vanity, but, with proud humility, to let your kids clap and shout and laugh. Clowns do and play the lowest roles and chores in the circus. Not in Big Apple's. In this review they bring you back down to earth after each soaring stunt. They creep caterpillar to the winged butterflies. They keep coming back center stage all the way. The highwire trapezers change places with the fools, making you think as well as feel.

A brother strongman feat from Portugal brought down the house. People cheered for their power and grace. Did they also sense that the number stood as a metaphor for the bonds that hold brothers together, a prayer for peace on the planet?

Then the pachyderm pair, mother and daughter, paraded with a human mother and daughters. The littlest girl,

swinging from a trunk, opened her mouth wide in a cross between delight and alarm. She took the applause with showmanship and style, raising her arms to the crowd. When the big "rubber cow" takes the grown-up lady in her mouth by one leg, I read "trust," not just "training."

Man and woman and groomed steed and noble elephant and grunting pig, all shining, sparkling, and sturdy, they bring tears to my eyes. They do stunts I never could do. They give and give — to strangers in the dark. My wife likes a single ring so she can focus. I used to prefer the old 3-ringers for their gusto and grandeur, their boasts. But I've grown used to the solitary. The world, too, has gotten more intimate.

It does go on, a circus show. You get sticky from the cotton candy and the pink slush. It leaves you with something else as well — hope and belief. Paul Binder has turned Circus into a Jewish song of Hatikvah.

Haffenreffer "Settlement And Struggle" Talk

What happened to New England's native peoples as Europeans arrived in large numbers in the period after the first settlements at Plymouth? Learn about the tensions leading up to such conflicts as the Pequot War and King Philip's War as Ann McMullen of Brown University leads a discussion on "Settlement and Struggle" at the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Thursday, August 1. For more information, call 253-8388.

The program is the third in a series entitled "Encounter in Norumbega: The Hidden Story of Early New England Maps." An exhibit of early maps of our region is on display at the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology.

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ous "Simon Sez." A wonderful and fun way to spend a beautiful summer evening under the stars.

Reservations can be made by sending a check to Temple Shalom, P.O. Box 4372, Middletown, R.I. 02840 on or before July 30.

The cost of the evening is \$16.50 for adults and \$8.25 for children 10 years of age and under.

Rotary Club To Sponsor Hot Air Balloon Festival

The Annual South County Hot Air Balloon Festival, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wakefield, will take place at the University of Rhode Island Athletic Fields on Friday through Sunday, July 26-28.

Over thirty (30) Hot Air Balloons from several states are expected to lift-off at sunrise and sunset on Saturday and Sunday, depending upon wind and weather conditions. Friday evening will present a Balloon "Glow" night display.

Although the Hot-Air Balloons are only able to lift-off at low-wind times, a full schedule of events is planned for the three-day Festival. A Lobster-Boil on Friday evening is a new feature this year. On Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a.m. through 7:30 p.m., a Craft Fair of 70 exhibitors will be open to the public. Other events include Classic Cars, Radio Controlled Airplanes, Kite Flying Demonstrations, Gymnastic and Fitness Demonstrations, Ultralites and Gyrocopters. Entertainment will be provided each afternoon by "Gin Mill Five," a Country and Western Band, and "South County Rounders," a Blue Grass Band. On Sunday morning, the "Old Time Fiddlers" will provide some old-fashioned foot-tapping music.

Special attractions include a cold-air balloon that is a life-size replica of the head of the Statue of Liberty. The Virgin

Atlantic Airways will bring their novelty hot air balloon that looks like a 747 airplane flying through the clouds. On Saturday, July 27, the Narragansett Karate Academy and the John Paul Mitchell Karate Team will present a special exhibition. The team with local Steve Babcock is ranked as the #1 Karate Team in the nation.

Admission to the field on Friday will be \$2 per person, adults and children. The Lobster Boil, sponsored by the Chariho Rotary Club, will be charged separately. Admission to the field on Saturday and Sunday will be \$4 for adults, \$1 for children.

All proceeds raised by this event, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wakefield, go to the charitable contribution and scholarship programs of the Rotary in the communities of South Kingstown and Narragansett.

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All circus is made of pure poetry, but the Big Apple speaks, wit out barker words, a message of its very own that mixes the pull of yesteryear with a right-on clarion call for today. A circus invites you to a come-as-you-are party for guests. But for your hosts, it's a formal, regal event. Yet nobody announces the courtly names. You have to read the program on your bench to figure out who's who. Kids couldn't care less.

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Obituaries

JOSEPH BROADMAN

SAN GABRIEL, Calif. — Joseph Broadman, 77, employed in the City of Providence Public Works Department for 10 years before retiring in the late 1960s, died Thursday, July 18, 1991.

Born in Woonsocket, he was a son of the late Michael and Anna (Spector) Broadman. He lived in Providence most of his life before moving to California in 1966. He moved to Alderwood last month.

He leaves seven nieces and nephews, including Enid Kagan and Frances Leahy, both of Warwick; Paula Meyerson and Ivy Broadman, both of Cranston, and Rosalie Mele of Providence.

A graveside funeral service was held July 21 at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Funeral arrangements were by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

EDITH DUSHINSKY

PROVIDENCE — Edith Dushinsky, 90, of Smith St., died Wednesday, July 17, 1991, at the Roger Williams Hospital.

She was born in Germany and came to Providence in 1928, where she was a governess for 40 years until retiring.

She was a volunteer worker at the Miriam Hospital Coffee Shop and was recognized by the hospital several times for her many years of volunteer service.

Funeral services were held July 18 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was private.

LESTER EISENSTADT

EAST PROVIDENCE — Lester Eisenstadt of 1357 Wampanoag Trail, founder and the owner of the former College Launderers for 31 years before retiring six years ago, died Tuesday, July 16, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Bella (Tubman) Eisenstadt.

Born in Bristol, he was the son of the late Abraham and Molly (Kitaif) Eisenstadt. He lived in East Providence 22 years and previously had lived in Providence many years.

Mr. Eisenstadt attended Boston University and was a member of the Majestic Senior Guild.

Besides his wife, he leaves a sister, Leah Abrams of Providence; a brother, Nathan Eisenstadt of Warwick, and two grandchildren. He was the father of the late Marvin Eisenstadt, and the brother of the late Herbert and Rose Eisenstadt.

The funeral was held July 17 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

SYDNEY FISHBEIN

PAWTUCKET — Sydney Fishbein, 73, of Bedford Road, a partner in the former Dorothy Kay Children's Shop in Providence for 24 years before retiring in 1973, died Wednesday, July 17, 1991, at Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Dorothy (Kay) Fishbein.

Born in Malden, Mass., he was a son of the late Louis and Sarah (Miller) Fishbein. He had lived in Pawtucket 10 years and previously had lived in Providence.

Mr. Fishbein was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in Africa and Italy.

He attended Brown University and graduated in 1948 from Bryant-Stratton College, now Bryant College.

Besides his wife, he leaves three brothers, Nathan Fishbein of Providence, Mathew Fishbein of Pawtucket and Dr. Arthur Fishbein of Margate, Fla.

The funeral service was held Friday, July 19, at Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

HAROLD HIRSCH

CRANSTON — Harold Hirsch, 69, of 6218 Scituate Vista Drive, a dispatcher for Airport Taxi until retirement four years ago, died Saturday, July 20, 1991, at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Bridget (Palazzo) Cabral.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Adolph and Mary (Silverman) Hirsch. He lived in Cranston seven years, previously living in Providence.

He was also the operator of the hurricane barrier for the City of Providence for 10 years. He was a member of the Jewish Community Center and the William Gates Cutler Olympic Club for over 45 years.

Besides his wife, he leaves two stepdaughters, Deborah Cabral of Providence and Beverly Mouradjian of Harrisville; two sisters, Eleanor Bida and Evelyn Hirsch, both of Providence.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, July 23, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

ETTA KESSLER

CRANSTON — Etta Kessler, 79, of 225 New London Ave., died Sunday, July 14, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Milton M. Kessler.

Born in New York City, a daughter of the late Samuel and Libby (Shore) Dress, she lived in Cranston for the last ten years, previously living in Providence.

For 25 years she and her late husband were the owners and operators of the former Kessler Delicatessen Store, Camp Street, Providence.

Mrs. Kessler was a member of Temple Emanu-El and its Sisterhood and Leisure Club and the Cranston Senior Guild.

She leaves a daughter, Paula Levine of Sherborn, Mass.; a sister, Bess Goldman of Warwick; a brother, Al Dress of Miami, Fla., and a granddaughter. She was the sister of the late Joe Dress, Harry Dress, Louis Dress, David Dress, Jack Dress, and Fanny Blank.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 16, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

ANNA KLAUSNER

CRANSTON — Anna Klausner, 81, of 33 Community Drive, died Thursday, June 27, 1991, at Cranston General Hos-

pital. She was the wife of Isaac Klausner.

Born in Vilna, Russia, a daughter of the late Rabbi and Mohel Osher and Elena (Gonionski) Spokojny, she lived in Cranston since 1950.

Mrs. Klausner was a Holocaust survivor. Her whole family had been annihilated by the Nazis.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, Dr. Edmond Klausner of New York City; a daughter, Elana Vikanof Baltimore, Md.; and two granddaughters.

Graveside services were held at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

JOEL M. KLEIN

BALTIMORE, Md. — Joel M. Klein, 54, of 3836 Menlo Drive, a professor at Towson College in Towson, Md., died Thursday, July 11, 1991, at Sinai Hospital, Baltimore. He was the husband of Annette (Baer) Klein.

Born in Montreal, Canada, he was the son of Jenny (Machlowitz) Klein of Providence, and the late Dr. Aaron Klein. He lived in Providence from 1943 to 1958.

Mr. Klein was a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned a doctor's degree of philosophy at Boston University. He was a chemist and a certified public accountant.

He was a captain in the Army Reserve Chemical Corps.

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves a daughter, Rivka N. Yaffe of Jerusalem, Israel; a son, Avraham S. Klein of Baltimore; a brother, Ruvain Klein of Warwick, and a grandson.

The funeral service was held in Baltimore. Burial was in Jerusalem.

LEO KOPELMAN

PROVIDENCE — Leo Kopelman, 70, of 63 Hope St., an inspector for Corning Glass Co. in Central Falls for more than 40 years before retiring in 1986, died Monday, July 15, 1991, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Abraham and Anna (Roy) Kopelman, he was a lifelong resident of Providence. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European theater.

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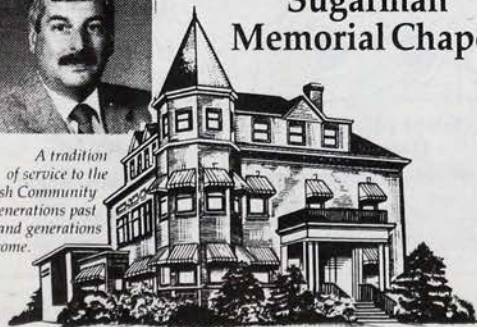
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Mr. Kopelman leaves a sister, Lillian Konisky of Northridge, Calif. He was a brother of the late Harris Kopelman and Charles Kopelman.

A graveside service was held Thursday, July 18, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

CHARLOTTE ROSENBERG PAWTUCKET — Charlotte Rosenberg, 67, of 24 Scarborough Rd., office manager for Dr. Ruth Friedman and Dr. Howard Trieman, both of Providence, for 21 years before retiring last year, died Monday, July 15, 1991, at Miriam Hospital. She was the wife of Howard Rosenberg.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Joseph J. and Celia (Weinfeld) Elowitz. Mrs. Rosenberg had lived in Pawtucket for 45 years.

Mrs. Rosenberg was executive director of the Blackstone Valley United Jewish Appeal. She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, the Women's Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Dr. Robert D. Rosenberg of Providence and William P. Rosenberg of Memphis, Tenn.; two sisters, Rosalea Cohn of Providence and Dorothy Kosto of Ala-

monte Springs, Fla.; a brother, Murray L. Elowitz of Beverly Hills, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held July 17 in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Providence.

MARTIN SLUTSKY

STUART, Fla. — Martin Slutsky, 67, of South East Harbor Circle, the founder, president and chairman of American Dryer Corp. of Fall River, Mass., for more than 25 years before retiring in 1986, died Friday, July 19, 1991, at Christiana Hospital, Newark, Del. He was the husband of Frances (Chase) Slutsky.

Born in New York City, a son of the late Abraham and Ida (Globus) Slutsky, he had lived in Fall River, Mass., and Portsmouth, R.I., before moving to Stuart five years ago.

He was on the board of directors of Crestwood Country Club, a member of Sailfish Country Club in Stuart, a member of the board of directors of Bristol Community College, and founder of the National Association of Coin Laundry Equipment Operators.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dennis M. Slutsky of Providence; a daughter, Ilene Garvey of Vienna, Va., and three grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, July 21, at Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial was in Dodgeville Cemetery, Attleboro.

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An artist and her roommate live in what was once the kitchen of a former plantation house. In front of their home is the main house. To the left a neighbor lives where the servants' quarters and barn were located. This setting, just far enough away from route 138, is a perfect, serene spot for an artist to get her work done.

However, if a guest were to come through **Laura Berkson's** front door they would get little peace. Berkson's two labradors, Lilly and its three-year-old mother, Sadie, would instantly be at his or her feet, excited to see new faces and to receive attention. Lilly, says Berkson, is her baby, as she literally "popped into my hands" at birth.

Laura Berkson is a singer, musician, composer, writer and teacher. She's been written up by several distinguished papers. The *Boston Globe's* Debra Cash wrote, "...Berkson showcases a steady soprano in songs that call on reserves of inner strength..." Mike Caito of *The Phoenix's NewPaper*, called her

music "songs of revolt, songs of love and songs of celebration..."

She may be a typical artist in that she travels constantly by plane, train, or automobile to perform, but she's certainly not typical in her artistic style. The dark, curly haired musician is very much influenced by her Jewish upbringing; and you can find evidence of that in some of her music as in the song, "Miriam." It tells a Biblical story of Miriam, who led other women in a dance after they crossed the sea of reeds in Israel. She has performed at Bat and Bar Mitzvahs. And not long ago she performed and lead a Passover seder at the annual Gulf Coast Women's Festival in Jackson, Mississippi. Since there were no Passover supplies available in Mississippi, the materials for the service were brought from Memphis, Tennessee.

The singer claims the song, "Marie," to be the most popular as it's a factual story about two girls winning a court battle against their town to attend their senior prom. The artist read about it in the *Journal*.

You can find her mostly in the northeastern and southeastern parts of the United States and at some points in the West, but she's made her home in Kingston, Rhode Island. Well, she says, she's trying to settle down a little, but still wants to do some international touring.

Berkson started playing the piano at the age of four with lots of encouragement from her parents and especially from her grandparents. By the time she reached the fifth grade she began singing and already had done a lot of piano recitals. At that point she knew she loved being on the stage.

When she reached high school, her enthusiasm went towards coffeehouse performances with guitar and original music. During her high school years, Berkson frequented Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany, New York, where Cantor Howard Stahl had a tremendous influence as her youth advisor and helped her to "nurture her love of music."

As an undergraduate student at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, she began teaching music at a Sunday school. Once an all girl's private school, Vassar College never had a co-ed choir, until Berkson founded a co-ed a cappella singing group.

She always knew music was going to be a major part of her life but it wasn't until five years ago that she finally realized what she was going to do. Before she found her true desire, she pursued a Master's Degree at Brandeis in Jewish Communal Services, which included human services, administration, and contemporary Judaic studies. During her graduate years she interned at the Jewish



Laura Berkson

Family Services of Boston and Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly.

After graduating in 1984, Berkson looked for work in and around Boston. Her first job was at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. During her two-and-a-half years there she directed and founded the Kol Simha Chorus and she also began specific children's musical programs for Kidspace.

Within the last four years Laura has performed at a number of clubs and coffeehouses, colleges and universities, festivals and community events. For instance you might be able to catch her sound at Providence's Stone Soup Coffeehouse, where she performs once a year — usually in February.

Laura repeatedly has been an artist-in-residence, held workshops or taught music at Barrington High School, Barrington

ton; Harbor House, Peace Dale; JCCRI and St. Dunstan's Day School, Providence.

The artist's performance credits extend to several recording merits including her 1989 debut, "Laura Berkson," now on cassette and CD.

At age 32, **Laura Berkson** has come to the realization that whether playing in coffeehouses or teaching children classical piano, music is a universal language that can include an educational spirit. People can enjoy music while learning about religion or life in general. And children in training can be taught through their favorite songs with a little adaptation on Berkson's part.

Shrewd Syrians

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tion and Shamir looking like the spoiler.

But political commentators here pointed out that the Israeli premier has some room to maneuver.

The Knesset went on summer recess July 24. Until it reconvenes in October, Shamir's government is immune from no-confidence motions. That means the prime minister will be able to conduct foreign policy without dissent from either the government or the opposition.

When the Knesset does reconvene, it will be barely a year before both the Israeli parliamentary elections and the U.S. presidential elections.

JNF Exhibition

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Another special box is the one which belonged to Bernard Bucholdt. When transferred from Lodz Ghetto, the Germans made the Jews leave their suitcases by the train and choose just one item for the journey. Most people chose a warm coat but Mr. Bucholdt chose the box. The destination was Auschwitz and he hid the box under the floorboards in his barracks. Sometimes at night, he would take it out of its hiding place and hold it.

"It was my mezuza," said Mr. Bucholdt, who presented the box, with shaking hands, to the JNF. "All of Israel, all of my Jewish heritage was in that box."

The United States historically is loath to apply any sort of pressure on Israel during a presidential election year, which could give Shamir a long breathing spell.

And Shamir could always

opt for early Knesset elections at home, rather than make any real concessions. The collapse of the Israeli government could put the peace process on hold indefinitely.

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