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## Protestors Confront Peres at Brandeis

BOSTON (JTA) — Appearing in the Boston area for two days earlier this month, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres encountered what has become a familiar sight for him back home — protesters.

Peres, who was here as part of a four-city U. S. tour aimed to garner support from American Jews for the peace accords with the Palestine Liberation Organization, spoke at a Combined Jewish Philanthropies rally that was co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the consul general of Israel's office in Boston.

More than 4,000 people packed a hall at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., to hear his comments about the ongoing peace initiatives with the PLO.

But among the audience were those who wanted to use the occasion to voice their discontent and fears about the policies of the Israeli government.

As Peres was describing the late night meetings in Oslo, Norway, held secretly prior to the signing of the Palestinian

self-rule accord last September in Washington, he was interrupted by hecklers.

"You're a traitor! You're a traitor!" one man shouted, throwing leaflets into the air.

Later identified as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Jews of Wayland (Mass.), the man and two women were escorted out of the auditorium by Brandeis police and later arrested.

They were charged with disturbing the peace and were arraigned the following day at Waltham District Court, according to Ed Callahan, Brandeis University director of public safety.

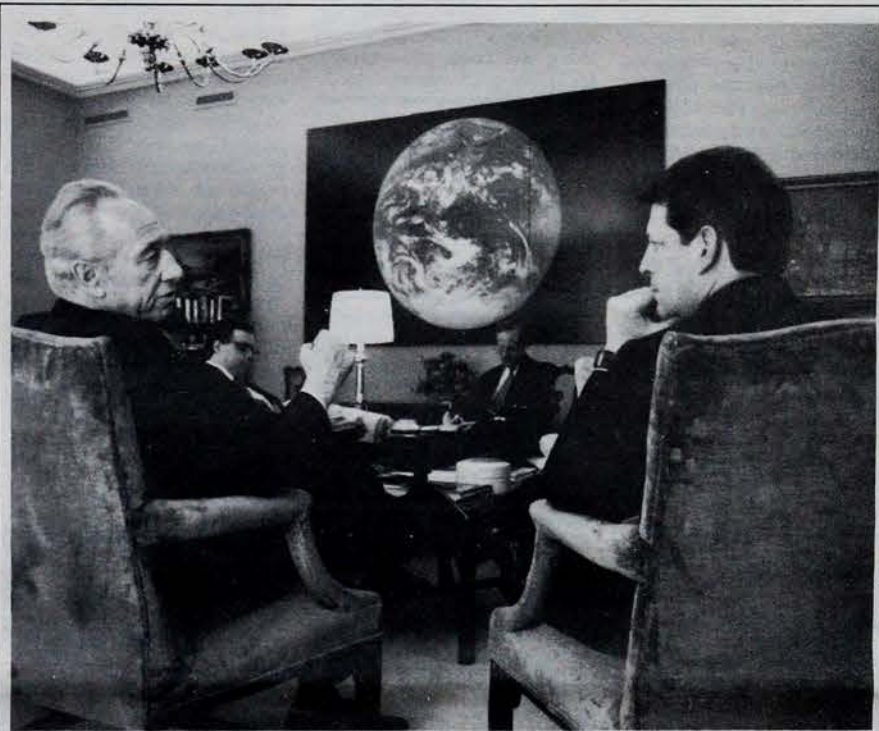
Peres was quick to respond to the shouts.

"If making peace is being a traitor," he said, to thunderous applause, "then I am a traitor. Menachem Begin was called a traitor, too, when he made peace with Egypt."

But the protests did not stop there.

Several Brandeis students were taken away by campus

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## Exchanging Views On The Middle East

Vice President Albert Gore, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Anthony Lake, assistant to the president for national security affairs, recently met with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Washington.

Photo courtesy of The White House



A DRAMATIC MOMENT — as Rabbi Zvi Pincus works on the last few characters on the new Sefer Torah scroll at Providence Hebrew Day School, Feb. 21. Herald photo by Alison Smith

## PHDS Welcomes Its New Torah Scroll

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-Editor

A new Sefer Torah scroll was completed and dedicated Monday afternoon at Providence Hebrew Day School.

The afternoon started with activities designed to involve grandparents, parents and children all together. There were opportunities for parents and grandparents to make family history tapes; tables for creating colorful picture frames and bookmarks were set up; a makeshift "photo op" studio appeared on the stage for all those who were willing to dress up in high style and have their pictures taken for posterity.

In a large room to one side, Rabbi Zvi Chaim Pincus from Brooklyn, N. Y., was finishing writing the scroll.

He worked with grave precision, calm in spite of the crowd of fascinated onlookers around him.

At last there was only one more letter to add to the scroll. It was brought into the auditorium. Rabbi Daniel Goodman spoke briefly about the fact that finishing the last letter would make the Torah valid.

He mentioned the belief that it is every Jew's duty to own or

possess a Torah, and explained that some feel you must actually write the Torah, to possess it in the spirit of the law.

To enable everyone to fulfill these obligations, the school had allowed any member of the Jewish community to pay for a letter or posuk, thereby becoming one of the Torah's owners. Rabbi Goodman explained that this way, the community owns the Torah, and many "wrote" in it by proxy.

He commended Morris Smith for the part he played in commissioning the new scroll.

Before the last character was actually completed, the school chorus sang, "A Place Where I Belong," a song about the bond between a Torah scroll and those who loved it.

After the final letter was inked in, a three-piece group played traditional joyful music. Many of the men in the center of the room began to dance, shoulder to shoulder, in a big circle.

In one corner of the auditorium a small circle of little boys began to dance, too. They were joined by Rabbi Hershy Worch, and more little boys, and finally, several dads.

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## Boycott Diminishes

by Stacey A. Pacheco,  
Herald Co-Editor

Evidence continues to arise from many countries that the primary boycott of Israel is beginning to disintegrate.

The most recent and significant indication was the report made to Secretary of State Warren Christopher by King Hassam II of Morocco of a package of agreements he had reached with Israel in the last few months which was to become effective "in the immediate future."

The local airlines for both countries would soon begin exchanging flight patterns to each other's homeland, where more than 100,000 travelers are expected.

Exchange visits of religious leaders and business heads was authorized, as well as direct telephone communications and mail links are in the beginning stages.

A joint banking arrangement between both countries will be set up. But, the establishment of formal diplomatic relations was not mentioned by the king, who fears moving too quickly.

Another sign of the weakening of the boycott was the public

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# INSIDE THE OCEAN STATE

## Tilt Train Best for Northeast

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — A Bryant College economics professor has determined that the Swedish-built "X-2000" high-speed train offers the best hope for improving rail transportation in the Northeast corridor in the immediate future.

Professor William Sweeney said the X-2000, also known as the "Tilt Train," is more cost effective than the German "Magnetic Levitation Train (Maglev)," or the French "Train a Grand Vitesse" (TGV). "Maglev offers the ultimate in ground transportation for the long term," said Sweeney. "However, due to its huge capital requirements, it is not recommended for service until the consumer demand justifies this investment."

Without an updated rail transportation system, Sweeney noted that delays due to highway congestion are projected to jump from three billion to 12 billion vehicle hours annually between 1985 and 2005.

The average airport delay will jump from 8 minutes per take off and landing to 47 minutes.

In addition, average highway vehicle speeds on New York and southern New England interstates have fallen from 55 miles per hour in 1985 to 40 miles per hour today.

The costs of these inconveniences from highway and airport congestion in the United States could rise to from \$15 billion in 1985 to \$61 billion by 2005.

As for the Boston to Washington, D.C. corridor, Sweeney's report ruled out the TGV because it would require a new track bed. "TGV technology demands an absolutely straight track alignment, making the Amtrak shore route that snakes along the coast unacceptable for TGV use," Sweeney said.

**"High-speed ground transportation should give the southern New England region an edge."**

*Professor William Sweeney*

Sweeney added that according to the figures from the U.S. Department of Transportation, a TGV line running from Boston to New York alone would cost at least five times more than the X-2000 alternative.

"Maglev trains, which have the capability of reaching speeds of up to 300 miles per hour, have the ability to negotiate the irregular track configuration of Amtrak's Southern New England line," Sweeney said. "However, Maglev will

probably cost three times as much as the Swedish X-2000."

Sweeney found that the X-2000 Tilt Train is the best overall investment for the next 20 years, with Maglev a close second choice. "Maglev," he added, "is the state-of-the-art technology that should be groomed as the obvious successor to the Swedish model."

"If the United States is to remain competitive in the global marketplace, our infrastructure, including education, communication, and transportation, needs to be upgraded," Sweeney said. "High-speed ground transportation should give the southern New England region an edge when it becomes a reality."

Sweeney's report urged policymakers in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island to pool their financial resources and, with matching funds from the federal government, develop a comprehensive master plan for making high-speed rail a reality.

## There Are Children Waiting

This month's issue of *Tuesday's Child Quarterly*, put out by the Ocean State Adoption Resource Exchange, which

is supported in part by United Way, features five boys who need homes of their own, and need them now.

These youngsters have all been waiting an exceptionally long time.

In general, people who are interested in adopting children of school age prefer to adopt girls, feeling, perhaps, that they might be more adaptable than boys.

From Jan. 1, 1993 to Dec. 31, 1993, there were 47 children registered with Ocean State Adoption Resource Exchange.

Out of these children 28 were boys and 19 were girls. The oldest boy was 14 years old and the youngest boy was 2 months old.

Forty-three percent of the boys were Caucasian, 36 percent of the boys were African American, 14 percent of the boys were Hispanic and 7 percent of the boys were multi-racial.

Only half of the boys were placed in adoptive families, the other half are still waiting.

The average age of the 14 boys who were placed in adoptive families was 7.5 years old. The average age of the boys who are still waiting is 9 years old. All of these boys who are still waiting do not currently have any prospects of an adoptive family.

If you are at all interested, please call OSARE, 724-1910, for more information. You will be under no obligation to pursue the matter further.

## Cont. Education for Nursing Home Administrators

Legislation requiring administrators of nursing homes in Rhode Island to attend a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education annually as a condition for renewing their licenses was unveiled recently at a state house news conference by Rep. Linda J. Kushner (D-Dist. 4) of Providence and Pawtucket.

"Attending continuing education programs regularly will keep administrators up to date on how to operate their facilities amid the confusion of federal and state regulations, and will help keep them informed of newly emerging trends in patient care and management," Kushner said.

"Nursing homes are no longer small operations providing limited care to a handful of residents," said the legislator. "Today these facilities are often sophisticated institutions providing long-term care and rehabilitation to sick, elderly residents and to those who are recovering from strokes."

The legislation (94-H 8597) directs the board of examiners for nursing home administrators in the Department of Health to adopt by Jan. 1, 1995, a mandatory program of continuing education. Effective Jan. 1, 1996, administrators must have completed a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education within one year of their license renewal date.

Kushner said that Rhode Island is one of only six states that does not require nursing



Feb. 25, 8 p.m., a talk by R. M. Utley, authority on the Native American wars, will be given in Rm. 101, Salomon Center on the College Green, Brown University. Call 863-2476.

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Feb. 25, noon to 3 p.m., at Providence City Hall, free blood pressure screenings, refreshments, and a jump rope demonstration to celebrate American Heart Month. Call 728-5300.

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Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at Ashamu Dance Studio, Waterman St., Providence, a seminar on traditional Luganda music by Samite Mutondo of Uganda, known for his work on the Grace-land album. Call 863-2476.

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Feb. 27, 3 p.m. at the RISD Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence, a children's program about African rituals followed by a mask workshop.

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Feb. 28, 3 p.m. at Career Access Center, 305 Pleasant St., Fall River, a workshop entitled Opportunities are All Around Us by Godwin Ariguzo of Bristol Community College. For details about this and future workshops, call Clint Jones, (508) 678-2811, ext. 2123.

home administrators to maintain a competency level through mandatory continuing education. "How can we require other nursing home workers, such as nursing assistants, to complete an annual program of continuing education, when administrators who have the responsibility for supervising all employees, are not required to do so?" she said.

According to Kushner, new federal requirements mandating 20 hours of continuing education for renewal of nursing home administrator licenses are expected to go into effect sometime this year.

"My bill will bring the state into federal compliance," she said. "Rhode Island should take the lead and require higher standards to ensure quality care, instead of always being forced to do so by the federal government."



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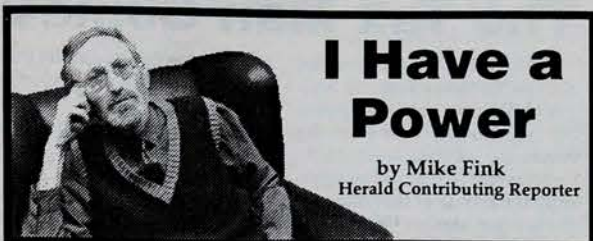
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## FEATURE



## I Have a Power

by Mike Fink  
Herald Contributing Reporter

"This morning at 3, I held hands with a woman as she died. I tell the staff at nursing homes to call me at any hour if somebody needs me to make the passing, the crossing. I have a power. I can make Jewish ideas clear to people. It's my gift."

Rabbi Sol Goodman looks like a sprite from a Singer story, or a golux from Thurber's Bermuda tales, or a kelpie-puck from Shakespeare. With his grey chin-beard, he brings to New England the daguerreotype of an early American icon, more traveller than settler. Al Capp would have had fun sketching Rabbi Sol. This lively and intelligent fellow has four children he packs off to schools before joining me for hot chocolate and a chat.

"My son had his bar mitzvah at Sons of Jacob. I was ordained a Reform rabbi, but this state needs a community rabbi, and I go from place to place. My Orthodox brothers in the clergy see this our life as an allegory for Torah. I grew up and came of age in the '60s, when people talked about trips. Friends took LSD or smoked pot. I have travelled a different path. I did my thesis on death and dying. That final journey isn't as unknown and strange as you might think. I mean, our birth is also a great

voyage. We start as we end, and we know it all the time."

I stared through morning glare at the half-shadowy face of Rabbi Sol Goodman, a goodfellow, and told him my earliest panic about dying. I had looked out my bedroom window, over the valley to the north to the streetlights on the hillside across the field, stream and road — and the chilly stars winking against the flat black horizon. I told the rabbi my old memory and added, "I'm not sure that the death of my rabbit, or the radio broadcast about the deaths of children in the Warsaw ghetto came to me tied into that glimpse of the terror of infinity, or not."

Sol said he launched his work with death and dying after he had helped his mother-in-law to make her peace and her passing. "Bodies vanish, but souls go on," he said with force and a gesture of his hands and arms. Rabbi Sol brings from that '60s mysticism a belief in reincarnation, a Cabbalist creed he fits into his vocabulary. "I have found my calling, though that's not a Jewish word, and it's not institutional, it's personal."

The rabbi speaks to me about Chaim Potok's novels, in which a rabbinical student comes to terms with the truths and lies of

art and beauty. "In some ways life has shapes like design. People facing big illness set priorities and decide when to let go. A Jewish woman who had married a Catholic called me in to meet her three sons. She had an agenda. She wanted them to reconcile, with each other and with her Jewish soul. We want to make meaning from the events of our lives, above all else."

I had been reading the book *How We Die*, that got reviews in the *New York Times*. Rabbi Sol had not read Dr. Sherwin Nuland's melancholy group of essays, but he said some of the same things as the Jewish surgeon. Why does death interest you, I asked. "I can give unconditional love to a person who needs me. The other day a non-Jewish woman asked me to bless her mother. She wrote me a kind letter thanking me. I can reach out to people. It's my special strength, my power."

Rabbi Goodman does not have a congregation at present, "But I see a temple as a way station for spiritual wayfarers — almost like an inn." I shook hands with Sol as if he ran a lodge in a far-off land. Or as if we were moving down the same street called hope. "If I were you I'd go down to the Caribbean where we Jews began our lives in the West. You could bring us back and drink daquiris." He got in his van, I climbed into my jeep and we went our ways.

## ORTNet Premiers

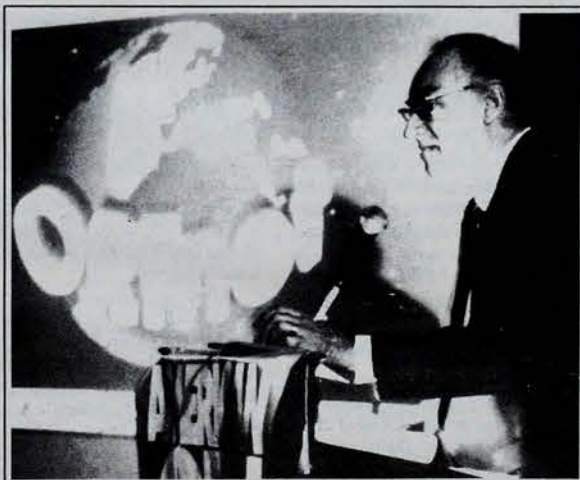
ORTNet, a major advance in educational high technology which will link Jewish schools and communities throughout the world, was unveiled at the American ORT National Conference held recently in Atlanta.

Designed by the World ORT Union Department of Information Technology in London, ORTNet will be accessible through the international computer network, Internet, and will facilitate the exchange of information between all ORT schools, offices and other institutions throughout the world.

ORTNet will allow Jews in geographically remote areas and in communities isolated from Jewish life, such as those in Eastern Europe, access to ORT technology, and will enable them to participate in the programs of study.

"Distance will no longer be an obstacle to students seeking ORT training," noted American ORT President Murray Koppelman. "An ORT student in Atlanta will be able to work on projects jointly with students at ORT schools in Tel Aviv, Paris, Bombay or anywhere else in the world," he said.

ORTNet will also allow users managed access to leading Jewish data bases and resources throughout the world including "Jerusalem One," and the "NYSER-NET Israel Project."



**JEWISH SCHOOLS NOW "DOS" EQUIPPED** — Michael Shain, director of the World ORT Union Department of Information Technology in London, discusses ORTNet, an interactive, international computer network linking Jewish schools and communities the world over. Photo courtesy of Richard Lobell

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## Starting Life Anew

by Gil Sedan  
MAKARSKA, Croatia (JTA) — This once-popular vacation spot on the Adriatic Coast has become both a rehabilitation center for those wounded in the seemingly endless civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and a transit station for refugees from its once beautiful capital, Sarajevo.

The lobby of a hotel, once crowded with tourists, is now filled with people on crutches and wheelchairs.

One has little trouble spotting the refugees from Sarajevo. From the looks on their faces it is clear they have hardly recovered from the shock of transition from the hell of war-torn Sarajevo to the coastal paradise of Makarska.

The most recent group of refugees from Sarajevo arrived in a six-bus convoy.

"This is heaven," Srdjan Gornjakovic said at the end of the 16-hour trip that brought the convoy. "It's so quiet here, I could hardly sleep."

Gornjakovic, 30, a Serb, practiced medicine in Sarajevo's Jewish community.

He was one of the 296 people who left Sarajevo on the convoy.

Although the convoy was organized under Jewish auspices, only one-third of the refugees were Jewish. In the tradition of its relief work, the Joint Distribution Committee rescued people of all three communities — Muslims and Christians as well as Jews.

Jewish Agency officials worked extra hours to ensure the safe entry to Israel of Dennis Karolic, 11. He had left Sarajevo without his parents, traveling with his best friend, Ridoslav Bozovic, and Ridoslav's mother, who has been like a mother to him in recent years.

Dennis's mother had left him two years ago and is living in Germany. His father stayed in Sarajevo.

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# OPINIONS

## Flicking Out Through a Frozen February

by Mike Fink

Snowbanks have narrowed our proud highways into corduroy trails, lanes from the old country, hard to tool around and travel through. Some of us got up in planes and flew off from the sphere of our sorrow and tsuris. We just looked for some lands of make-believe in the cinemas round the corner.

The Avon hid a zen fable made by Yong Kyun Bae, shown at odd hours. I sat out a storm at a matinee and bumped into Jane Adler, the plant lady and her husband Ed, our local cabbalist — who believes in the recycling of souls. We agreed the Korean movie made you think. "All journeys wind roads deep within your true self," or words to that effect, came from Ed. The zen tale brings together an orphan, "like each of us," noted Ed, a youthful seeker after truth, and an elder who stays "like a lighthouse" in a remote hilltop temple retreat.

The climax of this haunting reverie on the screen shows the funeral pyre the young man builds to return his master into the endless cycle of being. Don't jet to Korea, watch a gorgeous show and mull it over like a hot toddy. Jane Adler writes about green things — which have given us the language of reincarnation.

"Cool Runnings" takes you from the backroads of Jamaica, sear and faded, up to the frozen steeps of Canada. A group of track stars lose a race and takes up bobsledding. They pick up

John Candy, who had cheated to win too much gold, to train their Olympic team. The odd-ball group overcomes barriers to win an equal place in the great world, good will amongst each other, new values and deeper grasp of the best self each can reach.



I went over this charming and under-rated movie, scene by scene, with David Payne — the *Herald* graphic artist and Caribbean native, who has watched "Cool Runnings" five times.

"At first, the guys just want to get out, to win. Then they learn to accept their homes, each other, themselves. They end up not champions but citizens of their country, their sport, the world outside." We agreed it was a relief to listen to a script without foul language and embarrassing scenes, to laugh and learn along with the characters in the story.

My wife and I made our way through the tundra of Smith Hill to watch this slight master-

piece upstairs at the Castle, a real cultural castle of Chalkstone where second-run features come round for another chance to find an audience. We didn't fly to Jamaica, ski in Canada or Switzerland, or hack through the forests of the far east. We just caught a couple of good movies in town. They gave me something to talk about, think about and dwell on over my pot of tea in the tempests of late winter.

## French Jews Sue L'Oreal

by Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK (JTA) — A \$100 million civil action suit has been filed by two Jewish-French brothers against L'Oreal, alleging that the world's largest cosmetics manufacturer bribed Syrian authorities to get off the blacklist of companies that comply with the Arab boycott of Israel.

The suit, filed Feb. 2 in New York State Supreme Court by Jean and David Frydman, also charges fraud, saying the firm forged papers to remove Jean Frydman from L'Oreal's board because he was a resident of Israel.

The suit was filed in New York because, the brothers say, New York state and United States anti-boycott law were violated by L'Oreal's American licensee, Cosmair.

The case in France went into arbitration but remained inconclusive.

The Frydmans also filed a complaint against L'Oreal with the U.S. Office of Boycott Compliance in Washington.

The firm said, "Cosmair, Inc. is a U.S. company operating exclusively on the American market" and "has no business interest in the Middle East."

It also denied ties to a deceased chief executive of L'Oreal who served prison time for war crimes.

In 1990, Jean Frydman and long-time friend L'Oreal chairman Francois Dalle entered into a separate business agreement. They set up a film company called Paravision. Some of the funds for establishing the company were to be provided by L'Oreal.

It has been inferred, but not proven, that the Damascus-based Arab League Boycott office was incensed by this arrangement with an Israeli, Frydman, and placed L'Oreal on the blacklist.

Parts of a secret report prepared by the French lawyer, David Ruzie, were leaked last month to the French and Israeli media. The Frydman brothers and Ruzie charge that L'Oreal made bribery payments to remove the firm from the blacklist and in 1988 closed an Israeli plant of the company Helena Rubinstein, which L'Oreal had acquired.

Israeli is pressing L'Oreal for a public apology.

## The Tax Man Cometh

DEERFIELD BEACH — For a taxpayer who's been hit with a tax bill he or she cannot possibly hope to pay now or in the future the solution is either:

\* Remain a 'paper pauper' until the statute of limitation on the tax lien expires (10 years).

\* Stall the IRS for three years and then file for bankruptcy, thus discharging the income tax liability.

\* Settle with the IRS through an offer in compromise.

So says Arnold S. Goldstein, president of IRS Rescue, Inc., an attorney and author of 50 books on law, business, and finance.

"You'll receive far less cooperation from the IRS if they believe you intentionally avoided them. Delay [only] long enough to protect your assets so you can bargain with the IRS on your terms, not theirs."

For those choosing negotiated settlement, Goldstein recommends:

Let the IRS chase you before you make your offer. The IRS must be convinced that regular collection efforts won't work on you, and the IRS is never quite convinced until they try.

Start with a low-ball offer. As with any negotiations, expect the IRS to counter-offer no matter how reasonable your initial offer may be.

The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, enacted by the agency in 1988 is the best-kept secret of all for taxpayers. Its purpose [is] to

educate taxpayers and let them know in plain English what the IRS can and cannot do when dealing with taxpayers. The document is available at any IRS office.

"If you doubt your ability to negotiate a tax resolution on your own behalf, you can hire either a CPA or attorney experienced in such tax matters" says Goldstein. "But these professionals can be expensive. If you want to save money, call an 'enrolled agent' (EA) to assist you."

"Enrolled agents are neither accountants or lawyers. They are usually former IRS agents or examiners, so they have a fair idea of how to deal with the IRS."

Communications with an attorney are privileged. Neither the IRS or any other party can force your attorney to disclose confidential communications without your permission. Thus, you can confide in your attorney the deepest secret, including disposition of your assets, without fear of forced disclosure.

If a taxpayer's attorney retains an accountant to handle the taxpayer's case, communications to the accountant is as protected as communications directly with the lawyer.

The topic is also included at length in Goldstein's brand new *How to Settle with the IRS ... for Pennies on the Dollar*. This and *Asset Protection Secrets* are available through, (800) 333-2069.

## Jewish Group Attacks 'Negative' Slant of 'Curtis' Cartoon

by Mardee Gruen

The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle MILWAUKEE (JTA) — The punch line to a recent comic strip hit Jews below the belt, the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations has complained.

The council was referring to a "Curtis" comic strip published in the Jan. 9 edition of the *Milwaukee Journal*.

After well-meaning Curtis accidentally disrupted a church service, the comic ended with a report that the minister offered Curtis \$20 to join a synagogue.

The comic promotes "a negative image of Jews relative to Christians," the Jewish council's executive director, Mordecai Lee, wrote in a Jan. 11 letter to "Curtis" creator Ray Billingsley and King Features Syndicate comics editor Jay Kennedy.

The "presumably unintentional" message of the comic strip, according to Lee, is that either Curtis' clumsiness was acceptable in a synagogue or that the minister didn't care if Curtis disrupted a synagogue service.

Lee wrote that members of the council "frown on the use of religious or ethnic humor of all kinds. Such things are easily misunderstood, and often perceived very differently than the sender intended."

In a response to the council, Kennedy wrote that no offense was intended and that a more generic punchline could have been substituted. But Kennedy disagreed that the strip was an example of ethnic humor.

"I think of ethnic humor as being humor that hinges on some ethnic trait. This joke hinged on synagogues as being an alternative place of worship, which is what they are by definition," he wrote.

## P. C. Offers Free Income Tax Return Preparation

Having trouble figuring out those 1993 income tax return forms? The Providence College Department of Accountancy and Student Accounting Association will come to your rescue during its annual VITA (Volunteer Tax Assistance) Program, a free income tax preparation assistance program available on five Saturdays (Feb. 19 and 26, and March 5, 12, and 19) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Koffler Hall on the college's lower campus.

As a service to the community, the free tax preparation assistance program is open to the public, with special emphasis on serving the Providence College community, senior citizens, those with questions about tax rules, and the economically disadvantaged.

Those who would like to make use of this service are asked to bring a copy of last year's tax return, their W-2 forms, 1099 forms, and the tax return booklet with the label attached if it was mailed to them by the IRS.

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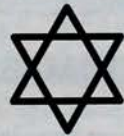
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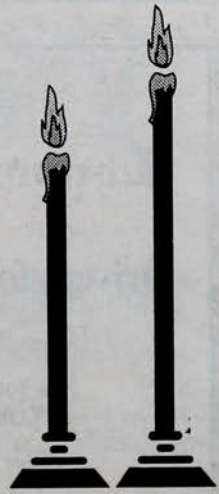
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# EDITORIAL

## Did You Say 47 to 2?

by Alison Smith  
Herald Co-Editor

I heard about the trustee's approval of the sale of the Jewish Home to A. Giordano early on the morning of Feb. 16, and I thought, "Well, that's over."

Then I saw the *Providence Journal* account of the meeting, in the Feb. 17 edition, and I learned that the vote had been 47 to 2.

47 to 2! Wow! Talk about a resounding defeat! Anyone who didn't know better would assume that the issue was so clear-cut no reasonable person could have disagreed with the consensus of the meeting.

(If this had been a basketball game the final score would have been 94 to 4, and most of the fans would have left after the first five minutes, embarrassed to be present at such a lopsided contest.)

But the vote was not really 47 to 2.

There are 93 trustees, according to the wording in Judge Israel's ruling.

47 voted in favor of the sale to Giordano; two voted against; and 44 abstained for some reason, thought the outcome was a foregone conclusion so there was no point in voting, or did not care enough either way to show up.

You could say the vote was 47 to 46 — 47 in favor, 46 unwilling to vote for the sale.

You could say that was a darned close vote. A quorum for a group of 93 is usually 47. The quorum necessary to transact this bit of business apparently was not even present till the late arrival of several trustees.

I sure would like to know the names of those two trustees who attended the meeting and voted against the overwhelming majority of those present. That took guts. Maybe they were right, maybe they were wrong, but they sure did stand their ground.

We would also like to hear from some of the 44 who did not vote. If they will write to the *Herald* explaining their position, we will print their letters. (We hope we will have to edit them to fit them all in.)

The Jewish community probably would like to know, and deserves to know, what really happened Feb. 15.

If those missing 44 had shown up at the meeting, who knows who might have rethought their position and voted against the sale?

We'll never know what might have been, but we need to understand what did happen at that meeting.

pated air coordinates, only to down in error the Italian passenger jet, which took off two hours late.

The book claims it is this tragedy that prompted Begin's heart attack and collapse in the Knesset on June 20 and that led to the start of a mental collapse that forced him out of politics.

According to the book, opposition to Begin's plan to shoot down the French plane may have led to Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's resignation a month before the tragedy.

The book says Israeli Col. Ran Goren, head of the Israeli air force's operational department, was removed from his position as punishment and sent to the United States, ostensibly to take part in a study course.

Goren has denied the claim in an interview with the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot* and the spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Rome has categorically denied the accusations.

"It is a ridiculous story, the fruit of an imagination that is too fertile," the spokesman said.

"Israel has nothing to do with the tragic affair of Ustica. It is not the first time that someone has tried to unload on Israel the responsibility for some occurrence that has not been resolved. It is time to stop this deplorable behavior," he said.

Andrea Purgatori, writing in the Milan daily *Corriere della Sera*, said the book included much documentation but left unresolved questions.

"It is possible that the Mossad would not have ascertained that the French cargo plane did not leave Marseilles?" he wrote.

"Is it possible that the Israeli pilots, so efficient and well-trained, would have mistaken a DC9 for an Airbus A-300, with its lines and dimensions so different?"

"Is it possible that no suspicion of responsibility by Jerusalem ever emerged in all these 14 years of investigation? And is it possible that the counterespionage services of France, Italy and the United States remained in the dark about what happened?" Purgatori asked.

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## New Italian Book Blames Israel for 1980 Downing

by Ruth E. Gruber

ROME (JTA) — A book recently released in Italy implicates Israel in the mysterious crash of an Italian domestic passenger plane in 1980 in which 81 people lost their lives.

Israeli officials have denounced the findings of *The Fifth Scenario*, by journalists Claudio Gatti and Gail Hammer, as "ridiculous." And Italian journalists have pointed out that the new explanation for the crash — an accidentally fired Israeli missile — is full of holes.

The June 27, 1980, crash of an Itavia Airlines DC9 into the Mediterranean Sea on a flight from Bologna to Palermo, Sicily, has remained one of the great mysteries of Italy's post-war period.

Examination of wreckage recovered from the seabed, near the island of Ustica, northwest of Sicily, indicated that the plane was probably either destroyed by a bomb or — more likely — shot down by a missile.

Despite nearly 14 years of investigation, it has never been established who placed the bomb or who fired the missile (if it was a misfired missile) or why it occurred at all.

Various theories have pointed a finger at Libya, France, Italy or the United States, with the hypothesis that the Itavia plane was either hit by a missile that went astray during a training exercise, or that it got caught in some other type of cross fire.

There have been many accusations of coverup.

According to the theory propounded in the book, Israel — under direct orders of then Prime Minister Menachem Begin — sent two Phantom jets, along with support planes, to intercept a French cargo plane that was transporting enriched uranium from France to Iraq for its nuclear reactor.

The fighter jets, the theory states, mistook the Itavia DC9 for the plane carrying the uranium and shot it down.

According to the book, the Israelis had learned that two shipments of uranium would be made, one on June 25 and the other June 27. The book says the June 25 shipment from Marseilles took place without incident.

The French plane that was supposed to leave on June 27 did not take off, according to *The Fifth Scenario*. Therefore, the book claims, the Israelis fired at a plane in the anti-

## Letters to the EDITOR



### Dear Editors:

In a world where too often negative stories abound, Southern New Englanders have provided a ray of hope for all of us.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of our viewers, Rescue 10 Relief Day on WJAR Channel 10 raised \$81,619 so far in aid for the earthquake victims in southern California.

Children at Rocky Hill School took up a collection, an elderly couple donated their entire social security check, and many kids pledged their weekly allowance, all to help those in need 3,000 miles away.

Volunteers from the United Way, John Hope Settlement House, Travelers Aid, Genesis House, American Red Cross, the Urban League and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce manned the phones from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on a February phonathon.

Since July, Southern New Englanders have donated almost \$200,000 towards the flood and quake victims. This generosity despite high unemployment and a rocky economy is something in which all of us should take pride. Thank you!

Linda Weir Sullivan  
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## Toll-Free HUD Line for Housing Counseling

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development has a new, improved toll-free telephone number now to help the public obtain a list of HUD-approved housing counseling agencies.

Homeowners experiencing difficulty in paying their mortgages, and renters interested in buying, may locate trained nonprofit agencies that serve their residential area by calling (800) 569-4287.

The assistant secretary for housing, Nicolas P. Retsinas, said that HUD has added several enhancements to make the new system more user-friendly including: a clearer digitized voice, a Spanish-speaking option for touch-tone phones, and faster response time.

### 1994 Holiday Schedule

Purim	Feb. 25
Passover	March 27
Lag B'Omer	April 29
Shavout	May 16
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 6
Yom Kippur	Sept. 15
Sukkot	Sept. 20
Simchat Torah	Sept. 28
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# WORLD NEWS

## World Famous Mothers Spread Human Rights Message at Brandeis

Two founding members of the Mothers of the Plaza del Mayo — known throughout the world as living symbols of international peace and political activism — will visit Brandeis University in April.

Juana de Pargament and Hebe Pastor de Bonafini, who has long been the target of death threats and assassination attempts for her outspoken criticism of the Argentine government, will be at Brandeis April 8 to 9 to participate in the first annual Tillie K. Lubin Symposium, "Revolutionizing Motherhood: The Mothers of the Plaza del Mayo." It is free and open to the public. The mothers will speak from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on April 9.

The mothers gained prominence in 1977 for their courageous defiance of the military junta that governed Argentina. They were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for daring to protest the disappearance of their children during a reign of terror that claimed the lives of 30,000 innocent people. The victims had been labeled as sub-

versives by the military regime.

The visit to Brandeis comes just days after De Pargament and Pastor de Bonafini will have hosted a Paris conference for women throughout the world whose children have disappeared.

In a time when it seems no one is taking action against the forces of evil, these courageous women have enlarged their political campaign against abuses by the Argentine military and police to encompass human rights abuses all over the globe. They were recently in Germany to denounce racism.

The mothers, who had no previous political experience before their children were taken, are also scheduled to visit a Boston shelter for battered women run by a Hispanic organization, and spend time with area representatives from human rights organizations.

Pastor de Bonafini is the president of the group, a position she has held since the organization was formalized in 1979, and she serves as the group's chief spokesperson. She lost her two sons and a pregnant daughter-in-law to the junta.

De Pargament, a founding member of the organization, lost her son, who was a doctor.

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## Saudis Pay \$6 Billion

by Steven Weiss

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Saudi Arabia has agreed to purchase \$6 billion in commercial aircraft from United States companies, President Clinton recently announced.

As a White House news conference, Clinton and Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said the Saudis had decided to replace their civilian fleet of approximately 50 planes with aircraft made by Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp.

The Jewish community has long kept a watchful eye on purchases of American technological goods by Arab countries, especially those with military applications. In this case, where only commercial aircraft were involved, however, the major American Jewish watchdog groups had no comment on the sale.

"In this Olympic season, we come here to announce a gold

medal win for America's businesses and workers," Clinton said.

Clinton added that the deal will support tens of thousands of jobs in states including Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Utah and Washington.

When asked about the deal's specific effects on American employment, Brown said the purchase would create at least 100,000 jobs.

Clinton thanked Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, who chose American companies over European companies for the purchase, for his "vote of confidence in American quality, American workers and the competitiveness of our exports."

Prince Bandar, appearing at the White House with Clinton and Brown, said the relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States was "very strong."

## Appeal for An End to Bloodshed

ISTANBUL — A New York rabbi recently brought together for the first time Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Muslim and Jewish religious leaders at an unprecedented "Conference on Peace and Tolerance" that called for an end to "crimes against humanity [that] continue in Bosnia, in Armenia/Azerbaijan, Georgia and Tadjikistan."

Rabbi Arthur Schneier of Park East Synagogue in Manhattan and president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, served as chief organizer of the three-day interfaith meeting, which was co-sponsored by The Ecumenical Patriarchate under Bartholomew I, spiritual leader of the world's 270 million Eastern Orthodox Christians.

A declaration adopted by the Conference denounced "ethnic cleansing" and rejected "the concept that it is possible to justify one's actions in any armed conflict in the name of G-d." It was signed by several participating religious leaders from around the world.

"The Jewish people have a special interest in the principles enunciated in the declaration, since they are the ones often caught in the middle when a national or region is beset by international religious or nationalistic upheaval," Rabbi Schneier said, noting that nearly 100,000 Jews live in Central Asia, currently the scene of several such conflicts.

Rabbi Avraham Shayevech, chief rabbi of Russia, and Rabbi David Asseo, chief rabbi of Turkey, played active roles in the conference, reflecting concerns for the safety of Jewish communities in Central Asia and other areas of rising religious, national and ethnic conflict.

Rabbi Asseo told the conference that two basic tenets of religion are "love of G-d and love of man." In order to achieve the peace and tolerance that the conference was hoping to help bring about, he said, "it is essential for every human

being from the great to the small to foster a love of G-d and of mankind."

The Appeal of Conscience Foundation, founded by Rabbi Schneier in 1965, is composed of lay and clerical leaders of all faiths working for human rights and religious freedom.

## Project May Be Extended to Gaza

Ben Gurion University and Egypt have been involved for two years in several joint venture programs with funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Teams in both countries are working on a multidisciplinary study of viral hepatitis, and a study of chronic diarrhea will begin shortly.

The hepatitis project originally focused on epidemiological, clinical and laboratory studies of the blood-borne hepatitis B and C viruses, which are common causes of chronic liver disease.

The aim is to enhance the capacity for managing and controlling chronic sickness caused by viral hepatitis and to seek improved means of prevention and of treatment of carriers in the community.

The BGU team has already established an exemplary laboratory screening and diagnostic service for the entire southern region, and is working on identification of highly sensitive markers for early detection of viral replication.

Gazans have expressed great interest in joining the collaborative project on infectious disease, and the idea was warmly welcomed by both Israeli and Egyptian partners. Gaza scientists have defined their main objectives as building up an infrastructure for screening and testing services; estimating the scope of infections, identifying the high-risk sub-groups in the population and planning intervention programs.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### INTERNATIONAL

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — A Belgian, Herbert Verbeke, who applied for political asylum in Holland after returning to Belgium after it was learned that he is a neo-Nazi.

BRUSSELS (JTA) — During the 50th anniversary of Nazi liberation, the monarch questions whether Belgians, who collaborated with the Nazis, should be granted amnesty. After World War II, 405,067 files were opened, 53,005 were condemned and 2,940 death penalties were pronounced as 242 were executed.

ROME (JTA) — The Vatican will hold a concert in memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The concert will be held at the Vatican on Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, this year April 7.

### NATIONAL

TORONTO (JTA) — Irving Abella, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and a professor of history at Toronto's New York University, was appointed to the Order of Canada. This is the country's highest civilian distinction and comes in recognition of his work in education.

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — Israel and the southwest African nation of Namibia have established full diplomatic relations. This is the 12th country to establish such ties in five months.

NEW YORK (JTA) — After days of heated debate and confusion, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee has chosen Neal She to be its new executive director.

NEW YORK (JTA) — Major battle in the United States between Reform and Orthodox groups over religious pluralism in Israel has been postponed but not averted.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — With no fanfare, Israel and Arab negotiators returned to resume their low-key talks. The official talks between Israel and Lebanon, Syria and Palestine, resumed after a break lasting over a week.



# NATIONAL NEWS

## Author Tells How Holocaust Deniers Assault Truth

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Deborah E. Lipstadt, author of the acclaimed book, *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, told the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) National Executive Committee meeting how Holocaust deniers fail to distinguish between truth and fiction in a speech in Palm Beach.

"There is a difference," said Lipstadt, "between fact and opinion. Much of the current debate shows, among other things, a failure to understand the difference between truth and fiction. Fiction is not opinion; opinion needs to be rooted in the truth in order to be viable."

She referred to "the fragility

of memory" that makes the assault on the truth about the Holocaust especially menacing. On college campuses across the country, Holocaust denial appears in newspaper ads or editorials. In seemingly reasonable challenges to historical fact, even so-called "scientific" reports, the phenomenon is pervasive both in this country and abroad.

"I do not debate Holocaust deniers," Lipstadt stated. "It is as absurd to debate the Holocaust as to debate two plus two equals four. The Holocaust is not an issue that is open to debate."

Lipstadt is Dorothea Associate Professor of Modern Jewish and

Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta and, as a leading authority of Holocaust denial, she lectures all over the world. She is frequently called upon by the media to analyze Jewish issues and has appeared on CNN and CBS.

An historical consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Lipstadt participated in development of the section of the American Response to the Holocaust. In addition, she is directing a research project on the impact of the American experience on the values of ethnic and religious groups in Los Angeles.

## Filmgoer Mimics Violence Depicted in 'Schindler's List'

by Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — A man who shot a woman in the back during a screening of the film "Schindler's List" in a San Diego theater has told police he pulled the trigger to test G-d and to protect Jews from harm.

The bizarre incident occurred last month, when James Michael Kirby, 45, was sitting behind Ellen Campbell, 40. Both were watching Steven Spielberg's film about a German businessman who protected approximately 1,300 Jews during the Holocaust.

At a preliminary court hearing in San Diego, Campbell reportedly testified that "in the movie, Nazis were chasing Jews down the street and they were shooting them in the back. And at that time, I was shot in the back."

In the scene described by Campbell, Nazi troops were liquidating the Krakow ghetto in Poland and shooting Jews in the back of the head.

Kirby apparently mimicked the action on the screen by firing one bullet from his .380-caliber semi-automatic pistol.

The attack left Campbell with a 14-inch scar, a partially collapsed lung and a dread of being alone in public, according to her testimony.

Kirby fled the theater but was apprehended shortly after the incident.

He is being held on \$300,000 bail on charges of committing a

felony assault with a semi-automatic weapon and of carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

## Three Composers Create 'The Shoah Concert'

NEW YORK (JTA) — In an effort to present a musical interpretation of the events surrounding the Holocaust, three American composers have pooled their talents to create an evening of music known as the Shoah Concert.

The composers — Richard Honoroff, David Dachinger and Larry Hochman — have each created a separate piece of music that reflects their deepest feelings about the Holocaust.

The first piece, "Shoah," by Honoroff, contains three parts. The first section presents a view of Jews in prewar days carrying on with their everyday lives. Then comes a musical depiction of the Holocaust itself. The third part creates a note of hope for the future.

"Hidden Child," composed by Dachinger, tells of Jewish children — his own father being one of them — being hidden from the Nazis during the war by a courageous Catholic priest.

"In Memoriam," written by Hochman for chamber orchestra, expresses compassion for the victims of the Holocaust and ends with a prayer for peace.

The concert's first performance took place Feb. 4 in Berlin. A second performance will be held April 2 at the Sorbonne Hall in Paris.

Shimon Knoll, an Israeli maestro, is the conductor of the two concerts, performed by the Arts Viva Ensemble Contemporain de la Sorbonne.

The concerts will be recorded for a future release on compact disc.

Discussions are now being held to arrange for performances of the Shoah Concert in the United States and Israel.

## Rise of Fascism in Romania

WASHINGTON, D.C. — B'nai B'rith officials and Petre Roman, former prime minister of Romania, recently met to discuss their "deep concerns" about growing anti-Semitism and Romanian President Ion Iliescu's negotiations with fascist parties interested in forging a coalition.

In an effort to form a new coalition government, Roman and his party are also negotiating with Iliescu and the Democratic Convention composed of four democratic parties.

"There will be a deep rupture between American Jewry and Romania if the fascist parties have a formal role in the new Romanian government," warned Dr. Sidney Clearfield, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith who participated in the meeting.

In June, Romania's status as most favored nation is up for Congressional review. Four months ago, Romania was re-granted most-favored-nation trade status after a five-year suspension.

There are signs that anti-Semitism in Romania is growing. Currently more than 15,000 Jews live in Romania. A campaign by ultra-nationalists has been mounted to white-wash Romania's wartime record and rehabilitate fascist leader Ion Antonescu.

"We are alarmed at the growing tributes to this fascist leader from statues to streets to television shows praising a man who was responsible for more than 300,000 violent deaths," Clearfield said.

Romania has made some steps toward reaching out to the West and was the first Eastern European country to join President Clinton's new "Partnership for Peace."

## Feinstein Named Honorary Chairman of Hunger Center

WASHINGTON — Hunger philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein, founder of the World Hunger Center at Brown University, has been named honorary chairman of the newly formed Congressional Hunger Center.

A major initiative of the Center is to operate the Alan Shawn Feinstein Youth Hunger Brigade Program on a national basis.

The junior-high curriculum guide, developed in Rhode Island by the Feinstein Foundation in cooperation with Brown University, enables sixth to eighth graders to learn and understand the problems of

hunger through a comprehensive education program.

"It is particularly appropriate to have Alan Shawn Feinstein serve as our honorary chairman because of his strong support of the hunger issue," said CHC founder, Rep. Tony P. Hall (D-Ohio). "The Feinstein program can have a major impact by creating a broad-based constituency of students and their families."



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# ISRAEL

## Ben-Gurion Univ. and UCLA Host Conference

BEERSHEVA — Scientists and senior officials representing Gaza, Egypt, Jordan and Israel were among 150 participants from all over the world who took part recently in a major conference on the problems and opportunities facing the world's frontier regions. Under the sponsorship of UCLA and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The 40 working sessions were devoted to various issues relating to conservation, agriculture, water resources, tourism, industrial and technological development, migration, health, energy sources and the literature of frontier areas. Among the countries represented were the United States, France, Germany, Greece, Ethiopia, Chile, Brazil, Canada, Ghana, Kenya, India, Nepal, Japan, Slovakia and Zambia.

One of the major themes of the conference was the peace process. A special session, chaired by BGU President Dr. Avishay Braverman, was devoted to the potential impact of peace on the development of frontier regions in the Middle East.

Several sessions were devoted to the tourism potential of desert areas, with special reference to multinational cooperation in tourism development in the Red Sea basin.

Professor Joel Margalit of BGU's department of life sciences and Professor Andrew



WORLD UNIVERSITIES GETTING TOGETHER — Professor Gradus (right) pictured with four guests from around the world, in Israel.

Spielman of the Harvard School of Public Health reported on strategies for biological control of house fly and mosquito infestations in the Jordan Rift Valley.

"The conference discussed a broad spectrum of issues and problems relating to frontier areas which differ widely in many of their attributes," says Professor Gradus. "But there is a common thread linking them all — from the Sahara desert to the Siberian tundra. They are characterized by their distance from economic and political centers, by a sensitive ecological environment, by large native populations, by neglect

on the part of the central government and by lagging development. The message of this conference is that the problems of frontier regions must be fully understood, since these are the areas for future development for the benefit of all mankind."

## 'Do-It-Yourself' Israel

by Elmer L. Winter  
Chairman, Committee for Economic Growth of Israel

Home Depot is the world's largest do-it-yourself company, with annual sales of \$9.5 billion. Several years ago, Bernard Marcus, CEO of Home Depot, decided to launch a serious search for potential suppliers in Israel. His director of importing, Don Campbell, went to Israel to see for himself. He

returned with a list of products they could use: patio furniture, floor tiles, shelf units, corrugated roofing, storage boxes, plastic faucets, tool boxes, etc.

That first year, 1992, Home Depot bought \$6 million worth of items. In the first 11 months of 1993, purchases jumped to \$16 million. This year, the company is projecting \$25 million in imports from Israel.

While Marcus acknowledges a deep and long-standing personal interest in Israel, he established two hard-and-fast criteria for importing Israeli products. They must be quality products, and they must provide a competitive advantage, in other words, a profit.

As the peace process continues to advance, Israel stands at the edge of an economic boom. This is the time to take a serious look at Israel and start to do business there.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The nation's leading banks and more than a dozen of their former top executives were found guilty of criminal misconduct in Israel's biggest financial scandal.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Police will tighten security measures in the wake of a series of terrorist incidents. They will increase patrols and roadblocks and tighten controls over permits issued to Palestinians crossing the Green Line from the administered territories to work inside Israel.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a landmark decision awarding a divorcee half of all assets accumulated in the marriage, Israel's Supreme Court ruled that rabbinical courts must apply civil, rather than religious, law to property settlements in divorce cases.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Closing a difficult chapter for the Jewish Agency for Israel, Simcha Dinitz has announced he will step down as chairman following a decision by Israel's attorney general to indict him on charges relating to his alleged misuse of agency credit cards.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The former editor of Al-Fajr, a Palestinian newspaper has been tapped to head a new Palestinian banking venture backed by an international consortium with \$40 million in start-up capital.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel and Ukraine have unveiled a jointly designed airplane. The Antonov 72P specializes in marine surveillance.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Hoping his presence would help, Prime Minister Rabin intervened in the six-week countrywide strike of university faculty members. The faculty demands a 100 percent wage increase over three years, while Israel wants to pay 46 percent over four years.

TEL AVIV (JTA) — In a move that may one day enable Israel to host a winter sports competition, construction will soon begin on the country's first Olympic-sized ice-skating rink.



## Scientific Discovery

A previously unrecognized mechanism controlling the development of signal recognition in the brain was recently discussed by Professor Gerald Fischbach at the Weizmann Institute in Israel. Fischbach is a neurobiologist and director of the Harvard Mahoney Neuroscience Institute.

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# PURIM

## 1994 Purim Calendar

### February 24

5:45 p.m. Temple Beth-El of Fall River will join with Congregation Adas Israel, 1647 Robenson St., Fall River, (508) 674-9761, for a Purim service at Congregation Adas Israel.

6 p.m. Temple Shalom, 71 Valley Rd., Middletown, 846-9002, will have a creative reading of the Book of Esther by Rabbi Jagolinzer, followed by a costume parade and a sing-along.

6 to 7:30 p.m. at the JCCRI, 861-8800, a Purim dinner and costume party.

6 p.m. at Touro Synagogue (Jeshuat Israel Congregation), 85 Touro St., Newport, 847-4794, an evening reading of the Megillah followed by a carnival and costume parade.

6 p.m. Megillah reading at Congregation Ohawe Sholam, East Ave., Pawtucket. Call 722-3146.

6 p.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, 275 Camp St., Providence, 331-9393, a reading of the Megillah, followed at 7:15 by a carnival.

6:15 p.m. at Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh, 203 Summit Ave., Providence, 521-1616, a Megillah reading. There will be refreshments, and Rabbi Berlinsky will speak on the connection between the redemption of Purim and the redemption of Passover.

6:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, 785-1800, a family Megillah reading and annual Purim Shpiel.

6:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, 331-6070, an early-bird celebration of Purim for tots in the Boardroom at the temple.

7 p.m. Temple Beth-El, a Purim service followed by entertainment.

7 p.m. at Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue, 24 Douglas Ave., Providence, 274-5260, a reading of the Megillah.

7 p.m. Congregation Agudas Achim, 901 N. Main St., Rte. 152 (corner of Toner Blvd. and N. Main) Attleboro, Mass. (508) 222-2243, a Purim service followed by an evening of festivities.

7 p.m. a reading of the Megillah, Chai Center, 15 Centerville Rd., (Four Corners, Apponaug), Warwick (884-4071).

7:30 p.m. a Purim Razzle, with Kol Israel Orchestra, the Grand Purim Shpeilers, and Zevi the Clown, at Congregation Ohawe Sholam, East Ave., Pawtucket. Call 722-3146.

### February 25

6:30 a.m. Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, 785-1800, the traditional Megillah reading.

7 a.m. at Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue, 24 Douglas Ave., Providence, 274-5260, a reading of the Megillah.

8 a.m. at Touro Synagogue (Jeshuat Israel Congregation), 85 Touro St., Newport, 847-4794, a Purim service and reading of the Megillah.

### February 27

7:45 a.m. Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue, 24 Douglas Ave., Providence, 274-5260, Purim services.

9 a.m. at Congregation Sons of Jacob Synagogue, a Purim party and raffle.

10 a.m. at the corner of Elm Grove and Savoy Avenues, the 7th Annual Providence Purim Parade. Rain date, Feb. 28.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, 785-1800, a Purim celebration and carnival.

### Other Observances of Purim

To commemorate the day of prayer and fasting which the Jews held before their victory, we fast on the day before Purim,

Feb. 24, from approximately three hours before sunrise until 40 minutes after sunset.

It is a tradition to give three half-dollar coins to charity to commemorate the half-shekel given by each Jew in the time of the Holy Temple. This mitzvah, usually performed in the synagogue, should be done on Feb. 24 or 25, according to your custom.

On Purim Jews recite the "Al HaNissim" liturgy in the Amidah (Silent Prayer) for evening, morning and afternoon, as well as in the Grace After Meals. In the morning service there is a special reading from the Torah scroll in the synagogue.

## MILESTONES

### Lax Appointed

LOS ANGELES — Marvin William Lax, executive vice president with the Warwick office of Halperin & Lax, Ltd., has been named to the All-American Team of The American Funds Group of mutual funds.

Lax was cited for outstanding service to investors in Rhode Island and for excellence in financial counseling in mutual fund investments and variable annuity contracts.

He graduated from Roger Williams University in Providence in 1970 with a B.S. in Business Administration. He lives in Pawtucket with his wife, Rhonda, and their son, Ryan.

### Correction

On the Milestones page of the Feb. 17 Herald an article about an upcoming appearance by Susan DeBlasio was credited to DeBlasio. The article was written by Barbara Caslowitz of Hadassah, and the Herald regrets its error.

### Tehilla Orit Samlan

Rabbi Arnold and Deborah Samlan of Providence, R.I., announce the birth of a daughter, Tehilla Orit on Jan. 30. Grandparents are Marga Schotland of Jerusalem, Gertrude Samlan of Chicago, and Raymond Samlan of Skokie, Ill.

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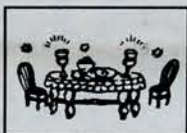
**LISTEN** to the reading of the Megillah (Book of Esther) this year on Thursday evening, February 24, and again on Friday, February 25, thereby recounting and reliving in our own day the miracle of Purim.



**SEND** a gift of at least two kinds of prepared foods (pastry, fruit, beverage, etc.) to at least one friend. (Each item of food should be at least one ounce or more, 3.5 ounces for liquids)



**GIVE** charity to two or more people. If you cannot find poor people, place at least two coins in a charity box. In the Megillah, this is called "Matonos L'Evyonim."



**EAT** the festive Purim meal and rejoice in the Purim Spirit.

**These Mitzvot should be done on the Day of Purim**

### More Purim Information...

#### FAST OF ESTHER

We fast the day before Purim. This commemorates the day of prayer and fasting the Jews held before their victorious battle. On this day, give three half-dollars to charity. This commemorates the yearly contribution by Jews to the temple in the Hebrew month of Adar.

#### AL HANISSIM

Remember to add in the Amidah prayer, and also the Grace After Meals, the special part for Purim, beginning with "Al Hanissim."

#### INVOLVE THE CHILDREN

As in all Mitzvot, encourage young children to fulfill the Purim Mitzvot. Boys and girls past Bar or Bat Mitzvah are obligated, as adults, in all Purim Mitzvot.

#### PURIM MITZVOT

The Purim Mitzvot (precepts) demonstrate the unity and togetherness of the Jewish people. The more charity and Purim presents one gives, the better. There is no greater joy than to gladden the hearts of the poor, the elderly and the needy.

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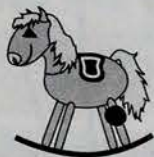
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### Purim Yesteryears

Children of Jewish displaced persons celebrate Purim in a Munich kindergarten class in 1949 and receive toys distributed by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which ran the displaced persons camps in Germany after the Holocaust.

*Photo courtesy of Joan Roth*

## Then <sup>A</sup>ND <sup>D</sup> Now



### Purim Today

Hungarian children dress up as characters from the Megillat Esther at a Purim Festival in Budapest. *Photo courtesy of JDC Archives*

### Purim: Celebration of a Hidden G-d

The rabbis had a difficult time deciding if the story of Purim was to become a part of the Hebrew Bible. Megillat Esther, "The Scroll of Esther," presented a unique problem. It is a book which does not mention G-d's name. Nevertheless, the Book of Esther became part of our Bible and Purim is one of the most popular festivals.

The true origins of Purim have not been discovered. It is not mentioned in Jewish literature before the first century B.C.E. However, this powerful story catches the Jewish imagination and holds a special place in the hearts and minds of children and adults.

First, Purim is a festival of the spirit. It is a time when we are "commanded" to stop taking ourselves too seriously — just for a day. On Purim it is a mitzvah to don a costume and poke fun, even at the most sacred of Jewish traditions. Purim reminds us that Jewish life can be joyous.

Second, the story of Purim says that our foes will come and go, but that we are an eternal people. It teaches that no matter how intractable an enemy may seem and regardless of any internal or external threat, Judaism will survive.

Esther and Mordechai are not particularly pious Jews. They do not spend their days and nights thinking about G-d nor do they expect G-d to intervene in their daily affairs. Esther and Mordechai became heroes because they knew that they were Jews. Regardless of how detached from G-d they may have felt, they knew that loyalty to the Jewish community and responsibility for Jewish survival was their concern. When the time came they were both willing and able to act.

Purim celebrates our unity as Jews. It brings the believer and the agnostic, the learned and the lost, the powerful and the powerless together in one great festival. A celebration which says even when G-d was hidden from us, we Jews may never hide from each other.

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# PURIM

## Purim: The Noisiest Holiday

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald Co-editor

Purim, the noisiest and most playful holiday of the year.

When going to the synagogue, don't forget your groggers (noisemakers) as you listen to the Megillah scroll from the Book of Esther. It tells the story of Mordecai and his niece Esther, a Jewish girl who married King Ahasuerus of Shushan Town in Persia. Haman, the king's prime minister, was plotting to kill all the Jews. Esther took a dangerous chance and turned the king against Haman to save her heritage.

During the reading, each time the name Haman is mentioned, the audience twirl their groggers, stamp their feet, and hiss and boo.

At the end of reading the passage, sweets and drinks are usually served to replenish energy exerted during the service.

Purim is a time for masquerades.

In Israel, paths and trolleys are filled with queens, kings, gypsies, and skeletons on their way to costume parties.

The annual Purim carnival in Israel is called Adloyada. According to Jewish tradition, each person should drink and be joyful.

In Europe, children dress in costumes and travel door to door singing little rhyming verses.

Jews universally celebrate with festive occasions, carnivals, puppet shows, and silly parodies.

There is also a Purim custom of mishlo'ah manot, carrying gift dishes of sweet treats to friends and neighbors. Money is collected for funds that help the poor.

On the holiday a tremendous feast is prepared, a Purim se'uddah, with wine and plenty of hamentashen — filled pastries that are shaped like Haman's three-cornered hat.

### Hamantashen

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes

Makes about 20 pastries

To make and shape the dough:

- ½ cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 2 to 3 tablespoons water
- 1 egg
- extra flour for coating board and rolling pin

The fillings:

- 1 pound uncooked prunes
- 1 apple
- 2 teaspoons honey

Option #1

- Add 3 ounces of cream cheese or farmer cheese
- 2 teaspoons jam
- ¼ cup chopped nuts

Option #2

Soak 1 cup poppy seeds overnight

Drain and grind in a food processor

Add 4 tablespoons honey.

### Making the dough

Grease cookie sheets. Combine sugar, flour, baking powder and salt and mix well. Cut butter or margarine into little pieces and add to bowl. Mix with fork or hands until evenly crumbly. Add the egg and water. Mix until dough sticks together in a ball. Sprinkle some extra flour on the rolling board, rolling pin and hands. Pinch off a piece of dough. Roll into 1½-

inch round ball. Dip into extra flour and roll flat with rolling pin about ⅛-inch thick.

### Making the filling

Put the prunes in a pan. Add water to cover. Bring to a boil and cook on medium heat for 20 minutes. Remove and let cool. Take out pits and chop or grind prunes, place in a bowl. Add washed, grated apple, pour in honey and mix well.

### Adding the filling

Scoop a teaspoon of filling and place in the middle of the dough. Fold up three edges of the dough and pinch together to make a triangle. Repeat until all of the dough is used.



A THREE CORNERED DELIGHT — Five little hamantaschen in a bakery shop, all with yummy fillings showing through the top.

Herald Photo by Stacey A. Pacheco.

## Chabad House Gives Purim Kits

The Chabad Lubavitch of New England will distribute Purim kits to university students and families.

Each kit contains two kinds of food, as prescribed by the tradition of Mishidach Monos.

Pennies for charity and a brochure describing the various mitzvot (commandments) are included to remind the recipients of the full meaning of Purim.

Hundreds of kits will be distributed to schools and hospitals in Providence and surrounding areas.

As part of a nationwide campaign initiated by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, Shlita, Chabad representatives will share the holiday spirit with patients and residents at Miriam and Rhode Island Hospitals, Charlesgate and Oak Hill Nursing Home and with senior citizens at the Jewish Community Center.

All these activities are designed to recreate the spirit of unity and harmony that prevailed among the Jewish people during the miracle of Purim.

## Purim Ends on Friday

Since this year Purim ends Friday afternoon, we are especially careful to avoid any violations of the sanctity of the Shabbat.

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## New Exhibit Opening

Bert Gallery will offer the exhibit, "Approaching Reality," from April 12 to May 28.

This exhibit will feature four contemporary realist artists, Harley Bartlett, Robert Head, Nathan Katz and Joseph Keiffer.

The gallery is located at 540 South Water St. at Corliss Landing and is open daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

"Approaching Reality" is an exhibit of four contemporary artists pursuing a representational format to view the world around them.

Bartlett's paintings capture the soft light upon an old bridge in Tiverton. The stilted jars and

boxes on a closet shelf crowd Head's canvas. Keiffer's cool morning haze in a river valley engage the viewer. The woman grappling for her morning clothes in a Katz interior narrate a story.

All of these modern realists struggle to keep a humanistic content in their art, going beyond treating the canvas on a purely intellectual and physical level. Composition, form, manipulation of texture, color, and hue are the tools of their trade.

Over 40 canvases of these artists covering an array of scenes and subject matter will be on display. Call 751-2628.



"THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM" — The musical "Man of La Mancha" tells a story while expressing themes common to both Cervantes and his hero. Photo courtesy of Gerry Goodstein

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after its opening. "Man of La Mancha" won all the major theater awards for the 1965 season.

Author Dale Wasserman and songwriters, Joe Darion and Mitch Leigh, go beyond literal translation of Miguel de Cervantes' Novel, *Don Quixote*, in this musical play.

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Feb. 24 through Feb. 27, at the Providence Civic Center, *Sleeping Birdie*, starring the Muppets. Call 331-0700, ext. 155, for ticket prices and times of performances.

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Feb. 25 at 8 p.m., Feb. 26 at 2 and 8 p.m., Feb. 27 at 2 and 7 p.m., performances of "Man of La Mancha" at the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence. Call 421-ARTS for tickets.

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Feb. 26 is the deadline for reservations for *An Evening in Ghana at International House*, 8 Stimson Ave., Providence, on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. A Ghanaian dinner and a presentation about Ghanaian culture are planned. Call 421-7181.

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Feb. 26 at 9 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, Providence, a cabaret of entertainers will perform for the benefit of Project/AIDS. Call 277-6895.

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March 1, at 8 p.m., at the Woonsocket Public Library, a performance by the Providence Mandolin Orchestra. Free. 861-6825.

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March 3, 6:30 p.m. a discussion of her work by artist Mary Hutchins at the RISD Museum of Art, 224 Benefit St., Providence. 454-6347.

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March 3, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Bannister Gallery at RIC, an artist's lecture and exhibition by Brenda Atwood Pinardi. Call 456-9765 for details.

## RISD Students Stage Cabaret

Students from Rhode Island School of Design will stage the seventh annual RISD Cabaret, "The Life and Times of Joseph Beuys," in seven performances running from Feb. 24 to Feb. 27 at the Waterman Building, 13 Waterman St.

The cabaret will take to the stage at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24 and 7 and 10 p.m. on Feb. 25, 26 and 27.

Two performances of the cabaret will also be offered at 9 p.m. on March 4 and 5 at AS220, 115 Empire St. in Providence. Tickets will be available at the door.



# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



JOHN INMAN — of "Are You Being Served?"  
Photo courtesy of Channel 36 TV.

## Are You Being Served? Star to Visit Channel 36

John Inman, star of the long-running British comedy *Are You Being Served?*, will visit Rhode Island on March 9 and 10, as a guest of WSBE-TV, Channel 36. *Are You Being Served?*, one of the station's most popular shows since its first United States appearance in the mid-1980s, is telecast Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Inman has attracted a large, loyal Rhode Island following in his role as Mr. Humphries. The station plans a series of fundraising events around the British comedian who was voted the "Funniest Man on Television" by readers of *TV Times*, a British publication, and honored as BBC television's "Personality of the Year."

"We're delighted that John Inman has selected Channel 36 as one of five PBS stations he will visit during his tour of the United States," says Susan L. Farmer, CEO and general manager of WSBE-TV. "We're arranging a number of affordable and fun opportunities for John's loyal fans to get to meet him — and benefit Channel 36 at the same time," she says.

On March 9, Inman fans can join him on a trolley tour of Providence's most special attractions. Providence Through English Eyes will be led by Al Klyberg of the Rhode Island Historical Society. A limited number of tickets for the 2 to 4 p.m. event are available at \$25 each. From 5 to 6:30 p.m. an English Tea with Mr. Humphries will be held at the Rhode Island Historical Society's John Brown House in Providence, featuring such delicacies as cucumber and watercress sandwiches, savorys, bowls of berries and Devonshire cream, scones, crumpets and petit fours, as well as coffees, teas and sherry.

Tickets are \$25 each, and include a tour of the historic mansion.

Both tour and tea are available at a combination price of \$40.

On March 1, a broadcast marathon of the most popular *Are You Being Served?* shows will be telecast from 8 to 11 p.m. on Channel 36, with Inman hosting an on-air pledge drive.

Viewers will have an additional opportunity to mix and mingle with the British comic at a wine and cheese reception scheduled for 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the WSBE-TV studios at 50 Park Lane, Providence. Tickets are \$25.

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## Four New Videos About Holocaust

In "Sorrow; the Nazi Legacy," a group of six Swedish teenagers, two of whom are Jewish, embark upon a journey to Auschwitz, in an effort to comprehend the incomprehensible.

Their first stop is Wannsee, site of the Nazi meeting place where the implementation of the "Final Solution" was determined. Yet as the teens soon discover, no amount of intellectual explanation of the facts as they occurred can adequately prepare the group for their own emotional reactions at Auschwitz.

A meeting with Ruth Elias, one of the camp's survivors, proves to be at once full of pain and sorrow, yet full of hope for the future. The group then returns to Stockholm for a meeting with Niklas Frank, the son of Hans Frank, the governor-general of Nazi-occupied Poland.

They attempt to explore in the words of one of the teenagers, "How could all this have happened?"

This video won an International Emmy Award in the Children's and Young People's Category.

Of the 15,000 children who were sent to the Theresienstadt ghetto and transit camp, less than 100 survived. Through interviews with some of these survivors, "Theresienstadt; Gateway to Auschwitz" gives us meaningful insight into their most unusual childhood. Theresienstadt was the "model" ghetto, and as a result, art, music, drama, ballet and sports were all part of the inmates' daily routine. These varied cultural activities, in spite of the daily exposure to disease, starvation, transports and death, enabled the children to cling to the hope of a brighter future.

This video won a Blue Ribbon at the American Film/Video Festival and a Bronze Medal at The International Film/Television Festival.

"A Generation Apart" exam-

ines the Holocaust's effect on the "second generation," the children of the survivors, most of whom are now grown. This documentary deals with the parents' hopes and dreams for their children, as well as their sometimes unrealistic expectations for them.

There is no question that the parents' wartime experiences formed the emotional cornerstone of their families' relationships. Yet no matter how hard they try to comprehend as well as sympathize with their parents' tragic past, the new generation comes to realize that they must maintain their own individual identities, separate from those of their parents.

Between 1941 and 1944, 200,000 Jews, one third of the Jewish population of Galicia, were taken to the Nazi labor camp Janovska, located on the outskirts of Lvov — only 300 survived.

"The Janovska Camp at Lvov" is a video filled with tales of personal courage, miraculous survival and heart-rending suffering.

Among those whose firsthand testimonies appear in the video are the famed Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, as well as Rabbi David Kahane, chief rabbi of the Israel Air Force (Ret.) No matter how different each tale of survival is, all of the eyewitnesses agree that only through education and learning history's lessons can the world prevent

such a tragedy from recurring. Try your local store for these videos — Tikva Traditions, Hope St., Providence, or call Ergo at 201-692-0404.

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## Experts Debunk Holocaust Series

WALTHAM, Mass. — Those who deny the Holocaust or seek to recast it in a historical sense are saying that no fact, no event, and no aspect of history has any real meaning of context.

That was the message at a Feb. 9 panel discussion at Brandeis University on "Truth, History, and the Holocaust Denial/Holocaust Revision." The panel featured three Brandeis experts in the fields of conspiracy, anti-Semitism, and European Jewry.

Jehuda Reinharz, Brandeis provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, said Holocaust deniers and revisionists retell facts until no historical reality remains.

**"... five million Jews just disappeared; and Jewish families mourning their dead remained silent upon learning that their relatives were really alive."**

"If Holocaust denial has shown anything, it is the fragility of truth and reason and history," he said. "You and I may disagree on the interpretation of a fact, but at least we know we will have the fact... we are dealing with people here who deny all facts."

The Dec. 7 issue of *The Justice*, Brandeis University's independent student newspaper, carried a paid advertisement from the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, a California-based organization that denies the existence of the Holocaust. The student board that voted to print the ad said it did so to expose the irrationality of the revisionist viewpoint.

Series organizer and panelist

Jacob Cohen, an associate professor of American studies, said no reasonable and honest person would believe the Holocaust did not happen when they were confronted by the facts.

A conspiracy expert, Cohen said that people who deny the Holocaust must believe the following: that thousands of people participated in a massive and conscious conspiracy; all speeches and documents were forged; all confessions about the events surrounding the Holocaust were false; five

million Jews just disappeared; and Jewish families mourning their dead remained silent upon learning that their relatives were really alive.

"It's possible but you don't believe it, nor would any honest and reasonable person," he said. "The Holocaust deniers are moving in realms of deceit and distortion that go well beyond the realms of respectable discourse."

The best way to refute the claims of the deniers and the revisionists is with first-hand accounts and memoirs of the atrocities, according to panelist Antony Polonsky, the Walter Stern Hilborn Professor of Judaic and Social Studies and author of *My Brother's Keeper? Recent Polish Debates About the Holocaust*.

"In studying (the lessons of the Holocaust), it's very important to try and retain a clear picture of what was destroyed, the people who were destroyed," he said.

Eyewitness testimonies and portrayals of the victims as human beings are great strengths, Polonsky said.

"It's often been said that the death of one man is tragedy and the death of 10,000 is a statistic," he said. "It's very hard to comprehend the scale of this destruction."



MUSICIANS AND KIDS — an unbeatable combination at the Providence Hebrew Day School Torah scroll dedication. Those kids could really dance, too. *Herald photo by Alison Smith*

## Welcome Torah

(Continued from front page)

When the music and the dancing and the foot-tapping stopped, Rabbi Goodman announced that the Torah would be taken outside through a nearby door, carried around the building, and introduced to the Torah scrolls already in the shul as it re-entered the building.

A gentle rain was falling. The police blocked Elm Grove Avenue, torches were lit, the canopy was raised over the new scroll, now wrapped and crowned, and almost everyone in the building accompanied the scroll and its attendants into the street and around the corner.

The singing, playing, and dancing never faltered.

As the group carrying the new scroll approached the other building entrance, the singing and clapping grew even louder, and the tempo picked up.

Several men appeared in the school doorway, each carrying one of the scrolls already in residence at the school, to greet the new scroll.

The scrolls were then carried back into the building, and the older ones returned to the shul.

When it came time to read from the new scroll for the first time, the women in the audience gathered at the rear of the room behind wooden partitions. The men continued to celebrate the reading of the new scroll with music and dancing.

## Contest for Papers on Southern Jewry

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Southern Jewish Historical Society will award \$500 for the best paper dealing with Southern Jewry by a current graduate or undergraduate student.

The presentation will be made at the society's annual meeting in Raleigh, N.C., in October.

Submissions should focus on a subject related to Jewish history in the South.

Primary sources should be used with proper documentation and papers should be double spaced.

The submitter's name, address, and academic affiliation should appear only on the cover letter and not in the body of the paper.

Papers should be submitted by July 1, to Professor Berkley Kalin, Chair, Student Prize Committee, SJHS, Department of History, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tenn. 38152.

## New Seminars

Smithfield — The Bryant College Center for Management Development (CMD) offers the following seminars Feb. 28 to March 8, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 28 — Reading and Understanding Annual Financial Statements.

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March 3, 10, 17 — The Frontline Supervisor: Essential Skills.

March 8 to 9 — Managers: Facing the Leadership Challenge.

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## Unemployed Jewish Professionals

by Miriam Kessler

NEW YORK (JTA) — In an effort to alleviate unemployment problems among Jewish professionals, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America has recently established the National Employment Networking Program.

Rabbi Yitzchok Rosenberg and Eliezer Edelman, who are administering the effort for the Orthodox Union, are hoping to implement the program by encouraging employers to register with the O.U. when they need qualified professionals to fill open positions.

Employers are not obligated to pay a fee to participate in the program.

To help prospective em-

ployees, 1,000 synagogues throughout the country have assembled volunteer staffs to collect resumes and to research employment opportunities.

The International Association of Jewish Vocational Services has joined with the O.U. to help implement the networking program.

The two groups have launched job seminars for the unemployed to help them write resumes and develop the skills to enable them to have successful interviews.

"We are very mindful of the fact that the economy has hit the Jewish middle class, and as a Jewish community-based organization, we have a responsibility to do whatever we can do to help," said Edelman.

## Schatz Speaks on Israeli Issues

The Providence Hadassah Group will hold its annual donor kickoff meeting on March 7 at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island in Providence.

Judy Schatz, president of the Western New England Region of Hadassah, will be the guest speaker.

Schatz served as president of the Leominster Hadassah Chapter and vice president of the Western New England Region. She is the first woman president of her temple.

She has just returned from the mid-winter meetings for Hadassah held in Israel. Issues confronting Israel will be discussed, and there will be an update on Hadassah projects.



Judy Schatz

Coffee hour will start at 12:30 p.m., the meeting at 1 p.m. All are welcome. For information on Hadassah, call 463-3636.

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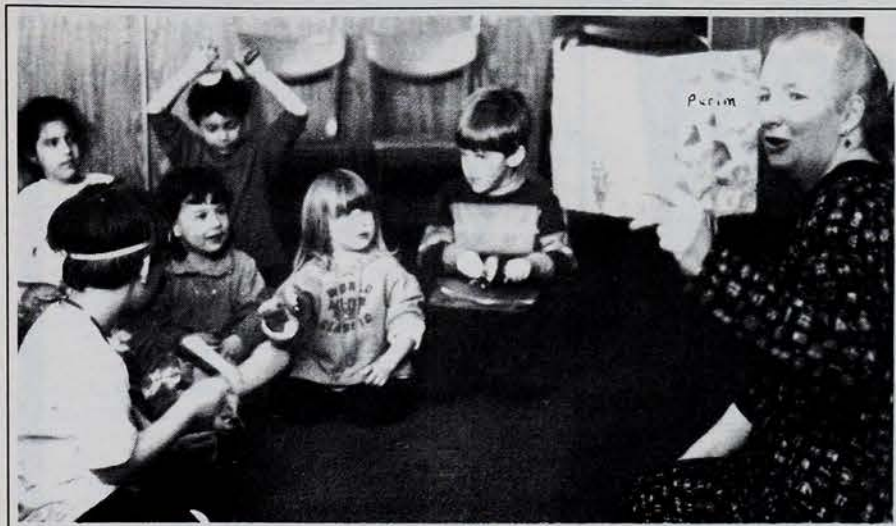
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LEARNING IN FUN — I'm a little grogger, shake me around. Here is my handle; now listen to my sound. When I hear Haman's name, I will shout. Hold me tightly and wave me about.

Herald Photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

## Purim "Funshop"

by Stacey A. Pacheco  
Herald Co-Editor

The Sunday before Purim, children of all ages were attending a workshop to learn, in a fun and creative way, about the holiday.

"Triumph of Queen Esther," was the theme of the program led by Judaica teacher Anne Dansicker, at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island.

As the 2- to 8-year-olds arrived with their parents, they began putting their busy little fingers to play as they colored in a storybook about Purim.

Hand puppets of Queen Esther and the rest of the characters that we remember on this special day were made with paper bags and decorations galore.

Picking up the pace, a little Jewish dancing got the youths ready for the thrill of mask making.

The intermixing supplies of glitter glues, ribbons, sequins, paints and much more were plentiful—allowing the youngsters to create as their textile imagination's ran wild.

Onward to the story telling of Purim, where groggers and other noises were made when Haman's name was mentioned.

A well deserved snack of hamantashen and juice were served after a day of pre-celebration and entertainment.

The next JCCRI children's "funshop" is scheduled for Passover.

## Jewish Cooking in America

Ambassador Colette Avital, the consul general of Israel, threw a big party on Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. in New York to introduce a new book.

Providence native Joan Nathan has come out with a new cookbook titled, *Jewish Cooking in America*, published by Alfred Knopf.

Of course, a Jewish cookbook doesn't only give you recipes. It tells stories, sums up history, and indulges in memoir.

Nathan brings her readers into her home. "At our home-seeder, which we have been holding for the past 10 years, we include 25 family members and friends. The children prepare a

play for us." She adds, "Other seders are equally wonderful. There are gay seders, singles seders. There is a seder for Trappist monks led by a rabbi."

The author is also senior producer for a one-hour special set to air on PBS stations nationwide in March. Titled "Passover: Traditions of Freedom," the program was shot in Israel and the United States, intertwining ancient customs and personal family stories.

Chef Nathan comes to town in April to offer a one-night course at the Rhode Island School of Design on April 11 and will appear at a book party at the College Hill bookstore on April 12.



PURIM "FUNSHOP" — Judaic Teacher Anne Dansicker of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island is helping children and parents with many projects during a holiday workshop on Sunday.

Herald Photo by Stacey A. Pacheco

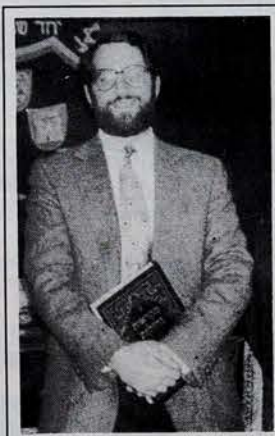
## Providence Rabbi to Chair Rabbinic Alumni Conference

Rabbi Chaim Marder, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Sholom in Providence, is serving as a chairman of the Annual Mid-Year Conference of the Rabbinic Alumni of Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS).

The March 7 conference in New York City is dedicated to the memory of the Rav, Rabbi Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Soloveitchik, who was recognized as the world's foremost authority on halakhah (Jewish law), and was the spiritual father of RIETS and of Orthodoxy in America, until he died on April 7, 1993.

Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, will keynote the program with the 15th annual Samuel Belkin Memorial Shiur (lecture), in memory of the university's second president.

The shiur is given on or about the *yahrzeit* (anniversary of the



Rabbi Chaim Marder

death) of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spektor, an eminent 19th-century rabbi and scholar from Kovno, Lithuania. RIETS is named in honor of Spektor.

## Internship Opportunities

A new book, entitled *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities in Israel*, has been published by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education.

This handbook is designed for students, young professionals and potential olim who

are interested in exploring employment opportunities in Israel.

To order, send \$10 for each book to: USD/AZYF, 110 E. 59th St., 3rd Floor, New York, N.Y. 10022 or call: (212) 339-6941 or (800) 27-ISRAEL.

## Calendar of Jewish Events

### Thursday, February 24

4:30 p.m. — "Shakespeare and The Jews" will be discussed at Ann Mary Brown Memorial, Brown University.

### Friday, February 25

Have a festive Purim morning!

### Sunday, February 27

1 - 4 p.m. — Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island's Third annual Russian Culture Festival. Festivities for all ages, raffle, Russian food, dancing, clown appearance and much more. For more information call Ruby Shalansky at 861-8800.

2:30 p.m. — Program on the future of Jewish-Christian relations. Guest speakers include Rev. Edward H. Flannery, Dr. Shaye J. D. Cohen, Sister Rose Thering and Rev. Dr. Paul M. Van Buren. Touro Synagogue in Newport. For more information, call 847-0810.

### Tuesday, March 1

"Super 7" Raffle at Alperin Schechter Day School during the month of March. Tickets cost \$20. Six prizes of \$250 each will be drawn — one per week. The Grand Prize of \$1,000 will be drawn April 21. The money raised will directly benefit educational programs at the school. For tickets, call 751-2470.

Send items to: Calendar, *Rhode Island Jewish Herald*, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940 or fax to 726-5820.

### Thursday, March 3

6-7 p.m. — Chicken Cacciatore dinner at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, prior to the 50 and Up Club presentation. See below.

7:30 p.m. — Come relive the magic of the radio at the 50 and Up Club. Russ Butler, 40-year radio veteran, will present, "The Old Radio Show." Contact the JCCRI for more information, 861-8800.

### Friday, March 4

3 p.m. — Brown University Judaic Studies will sponsor Lambda Literary Award-winning author, Lev Raphael, who will read from his recent novel *Winter Eyes*. Reception and book signing to follow. Open to all. For more information, call 863-3900.

8:15 p.m. — "First Friday," late services at Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Chestnut Hill with Rabbi Michael Menitoff joined by special guest Dr. Jonathan Wilson, Professor at Tufts University, author of "Schoom" and "The Hiding Room." All are welcome. For more information, call (617) 332-7770.

### Saturday, March 5

6:30 - 11 p.m. — Temple Beth-El of Attleboro, Mass. is sponsoring "The MATIV Tennis Party." For more information, call Gary (508) 699-1475 or evenings (508) 222-1108.



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# Passover Poetry Contest

Instead of a drawing contest, we are encouraging entries of original poems (maximum 12 lines) about Passover. Entries will be judged in the age categories listed below. Send the poem with a completed entry form (provided below) to: R.I. Jewish Herald, Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 6063, Providence, R.I. 02940

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# School Beat



## Local Pianist to Perform at Temple

Young American pianist Gideon Rubin, who attended Moses Brown School, will present a concert in honor of Jewish Music Month at Temple Beth-El on March 4.

Gideon's appearance is made possible through the generosity of the Joseph Cohen Music Fund. The program will be completely devoted to the works of Felix Mendelssohn including his "Song Without Words."

Gideon Rubin received his bachelor's degree from Harvard College last June. During this past summer, he worked with

singing coach Peter Elkus in Hamburg, Germany, accompanying voice students from all over Europe.

This fall, Gideon began work on a master's degree in performance with concert pianist, Benjamin Pasternak, a member of the piano faculty of the School of Arts of Boston University.

Gideon will perform after Shabbat evening services in the Meeting Hall. Members of the community are invited to attend. For more information, call 331-6070.

## Flash from Coach Santos

Congratulations to the Alperin Schechter Day School Middle School team on a well played season. Recapping the season: the first game against St. Anne's was a nail-biting one point overtime loss. In the next game, victory once again eluded the ASDS team, but players showed an outstanding effort. Although in the third game, faced with an older and more experienced team from Westport, players demonstrated character and resilience in challenging the hosts.

Even though the ASDS team was 0-3, it did not lose its confidence or its drive. In the fourth game, against a different

Westport team, they overcame a double digit deficit in the waning minutes to snare a one-point victory! The fifth game took place at the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island against one of its league teams. During this game, the Schechter players shone brightly, coming away with a convincing victory.

During the sixth game, team members rose to a new level and played a spectacular two-point victory.

Approaching the final game, the entire team recognized the importance of this victory, the first winning record in over four seasons. The final result was a victorious score of 42-22.



## A Recipe For A Sweet Future

Master pastry chef Jacky Azoulay (right) looks on as participants in a hotel cooking course for school dropouts try to make their cookies as perfect as his. The course is part of a program designed to move troubled adolescents back into the mainstream. Photo courtesy of Vera Etzion, UJA

## The Sweet Taste of Maple Syrup

From sap to syrup, you can see the complete maple sugaring process at the Children's Museum during March.

Cold nights followed by warm days herald the maple sugaring walks. These walks are free with the price of admission and all ages are welcome. The staff-guided walks are held every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The museum staff opens up

the "sugar shed," fires up a special sugaring stove, and taps our famous maple trees. See the sap being boiled and sample a sweet taste of the finished product.

"Maple Mania" concludes on March 26 with a combination maple walk and pancake breakfast.

For further information, call (508) 993-3361.

## CCRI to Hold Open House

Community College of Rhode Island is hosting an open house on March 6 at the Knight Campus in Warwick from 1 to 5 p.m.

High school students, their parents, and individuals inter-

ested in the college will have an opportunity to talk to faculty about academic and vocational programs of study, learn about transferring to a four-year college or university, discuss activities with current students, and hear about admissions procedures and financial aid and scholarships.

Visitors can gain first-hand information on what avenues are available to them at CCRI. The open house will display both the college's career and transfer programs, such as business, computer studies and information processing, chemical technology, industrial technology, engineering, liberal arts, human services, allied health, nursing fine arts, fire science and office administration.

Call 825-2285.

## Open Those Doors and Hearts

If you have room in your hearts and room in your home, the Share! Program needs families in Rhode Island to host high school exchange students from around the world, including Eastern and Western Europe, the former Soviet Republics, South and Central America and Asia.

Exchange students, all between the ages of 15 and 18, will live with host families and attend local high schools for the 1994-95 school year.

The Share! Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, a non-profit educational foundation. This year ERDT celebrates 20 years promoting intercultural exchange and understanding.

"It is extremely gratifying to bring people together from different cultures. The relationship that forms between the student and the host family continues long after the student returns home," states Roger Riske, president of ERDT.

The Share! Program exchange students are carefully selected, speak English, are fully insured, and bring their own personal spending money. Host families provide a bed, meals, and a loving home and may deduct a \$50 per month charitable contribution for income tax purposes.

Interested families are able to review student applications and select the student that would best match their own interests. The local Share! representative provides informa-



## Cheers!

Alperin Schechter Middle School students enjoy a traditional Tu B'Shevat Seder. Photo courtesy of ASDS

tion about the program during an informal, in-home meeting.

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morial Auditorium in Providence.

The symphony orchestra, under the direction of Steven Karidoyanes, will perform Cesar Franck's monumental "Symphony in D minor." The concert will spotlight Christina Hodge of South Dartmouth, Mass., who won RIPYO's recent concerto competition.

The concert will also feature the repertory orchestra, under the direction of Vincent Mattera and the Preparatory String Ensemble led by Christine Harrington Anderson.

Tickets for the event are \$6 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. For more information, call 831-3123.

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# OBITUARIES

## JEROME J. ADLER

**CRANSTON** — Jerome J. Adler, 89, of 85 Kearney St., credit manager for the former Ford Electronics Co., Providence, for 20 years before retiring 24 years ago, died at home. He was the husband of Pauline (Katz) Adler.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Lillian Adler, he moved Cranston 25 years ago.

Mr. Adler was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Howard Adler; a sister, Freida Braverman, both of Providence; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Feb. 23. The service was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## SAMUEL CHORNEY

**WEST ROXBURY, Mass.** — Samuel Chorney died Feb. 10. He was the husband of Sadie (Aaron) Chorney.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Elinor Kleinberg of Stoughton; a son, Alvin Chorney of Sharon; two brothers, Sidney and Ernest Chorney both of Providence; a sister, Ann Kempner of Miami, Fla., and four grandchildren.

Services were held at the Stanetsky Memorial Chapels, 1668 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in his memory may be donated to the charity of your choice.

## JEAN FRANKLIN

**PROVIDENCE** — Jean Franklin, 87, of 60 Broadway, died Feb. 17 at Rhode Island Hospital after an illness. She was the widow of Anthony Franklin.

Born in Woonsocket, she was a daughter of the late Hyman and Ida Castleman. She moved to Providence several years ago.

Mrs. Franklin was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel, Woonsocket, where she was a member of its Sisterhood. She also was a member of Hadassah.

She leaves a brother, Earl Castleman of Providence.

The funeral service was private.

## MARGARET KOSOFSKY

**PROVIDENCE** — Margaret Kosofsky died Feb. 16 at The Miriam Hospital. She was the widow of Jack Kosofsky.

She is survived by a daughter, Evelyn Brown of Pawtucket, a son, Frank Kosofsky of Cranston, a sister, Thelma Novich of Maryland, and four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 18 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Donations may be sent to Congregation Ohawe Sholam, East Ave., Pawtucket.

## EVA ANNA ROBIN

**NEWPORT** — Eva Anna Robin, 97, of the Heatherwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Bellevue Avenue, and formerly of the Jewish Home for the Aged, died Feb. 9 at the center. She was the widow of Benjamin Robin.

Born in Kiev, Russia, a daughter of the late Shalom and Rachel (Chudokofsky) Lozovitsky, she lived in Providence for many years until moving to Delray Beach, Fla., in 1980. She returned to Providence in 1990, and moved to Newport seven months ago.

Mrs. Robin was a member of Temple Emanu-El, Providence and its Sisterhood. She was a member of the Women's Association of Miriam Hospital.

She leaves a daughter, Sheila Robin Russo of Boca Raton, Fla.; two sons, William Robin of Centerville, Mass., and Rob Morris Robin of Newport; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Feb. 13 at Mount Sinai Memorial, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

## MOSES ZANGWILL

**FALL RIVER** — Moses Zangwill, 84, of 21 Courtney St., owner of Famous Sportswear for more than 20 years before retiring, died Feb. 18 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Harriet (Levinstein) Zangwill.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the late Pincus and Sarah (Strucinsky) Zangwill, he lived

in the Fall River area most of his life.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of Temple Beth El.

He leaves a son, Irving Zangwill of Fall River; two daughters, Susan Zangwill of Waltham, Mass., and Sheila Zangwill of Fall River; and two sisters, Mary Minkin of Providence and Dory Leviss of Deerfield Beach, Fla.

A graveside service was held Feb. 20 in Temple Beth El Cemetery.

from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture to write a biography of Nathan Birnbaum, a writer, philosopher, originator of Zionist ideology and a prominent religious figure in Vienna in the early 1900s.

An Orthodox Jew, she was active in Emunah Women and the Bar-Ilan Women's Organization.

Hirschler's work on Hirsch, a prominent 19th-century German rabbi, included a translation of his edition of Psalms and the Chumash, or The Five Books of Moses, from German to English.

She also edited books written by Holocaust survivors.

## Brandeis Protest

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police later in the evening for unfurling a sign written in Hebrew, which read, "Don't give up the Golan Heights."

Kevin Schreiber, a senior member of Manhattan who is a member of the Brandeis Orthodox Organization, a coalition of Orthodox Jews who pray together during Shabbat, was among those removed from the hall. He later said that he was "warned by the Brandeis police to 'put the sign down, or we will escort you out.'"

He and a fellow student, Maccabee Avishur, raised their sign at 9 p.m. and were promptly shown the door.

"I have travelled recently to Israel," Schreiber said, "and there's great concern there. The people living there are worried Israel will give up the area they

## Arab Boycott

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statement from President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, who declared that the boycott was "evaporating."

A new ally in the anti-boycott effort is the Federation of European Chambers of Commerce, which announced at a recent congress in Venice that it would work toward ending the strike.

A significant visit by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to Jakarta, where he was received by Indonesia's head of state, President Soeharto, at his private home — not at the presidential palace. Indonesia is the largest Muslim nation in the world.

Other Moslem countries like Malaysia and Bangladesh are also cautiously reassessing their views of Israel.

Meanwhile, the trade blockade against Israel continues to weaken. Israel's Transportation Minister, Israel Kenas, has been invited to a meeting held in Italy with transportation ministers from Europe and the Arab countries. The "transportation link" from Europe through Israel, Egypt and Africa will be the main topic. Five Arab countries have already indicated that they will attend, including Syria.

While the Israel-PLO negotiations continue their slow pace, Arab investors are increasingly ignoring the commands of the Arab boycott office.

It was to be expected that Morocco and perhaps Tunisia would be most likely to embark on new trade relations with Israel, but Israelis are involved in all sorts of deals with Saudi business chiefs.

Reports indicate that a private Saudi company has purchased \$2.5 million of building products from an Israeli kibbutz. Prior to the completion of the deal, sample building products were "transferred" to Saudi Arabia so that they could be checked and adapted to building conditions prevailing in the kingdom.

An Israeli seed company, Hazera, stated that it was receiving daily communications from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan and Syria, requesting seed samples and catalogues.

Despite the boycotts, Israel's worldwide exports have increased by 13.2 percent in the first half of 1993, totaling \$7.09 billion. In the same time frame, imports totaled \$10.31 billion, an increase of 12.7 percent.

Data from the Israel Bureau of Statistics.

have worked so hard to maintain."

Others shared Schreiber's concern. Speaking before the rally began, a group of women said that their main reason for fighting the traffic to attend the evening's event was to reassure themselves that the Golan Heights would stay under Israeli control.

"I want to know how much he's going to give back," said Ruth Levitan, 71, from Boston. "I know that you have to give something to get peace, but the Golan Heights overlooks everything. It's a very important place."

During his remarks, Peres sought to reassure those attending the rally that Israel had only humanitarian intentions in their pursuit of peace.

"We, the Jewish people, for 4,000 years have never dominated another people and don't want to," he said. "We made peace with the Palestinians so they can govern themselves and feel like human beings."

Peres also summarized the problems facing Israel and PLO negotiators as they attempt to change the course of their blood-stained history.

The main obstacles, he said, were the continuing dispute over the settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel's determination to remain responsible for their own security and the exclusion of Jerusalem from the agreements.

"Jerusalem is the capital of Israel," he said to a cheering, standing ovation. "It is under Israeli sovereignty forever."

Using language that was often visionary, descriptive and poetic, Peres spoke of a Middle East of the future, one which will be transformed by peace.

"We would like to see Israel prosper, but not as a prosperous island in a sea of poverty," he said. "We would like to see our neighbors prosper as well."

Nancy Kaufman, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, said she was thrilled by Peres' speech and by the enthusiastic turnout.

"Once again it showed that the Boston Jewish community has a unique opportunity to come together in good times and bad times. The entire spectrum of the community was represented during this important event," Kaufman said.

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## La Mancha

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**Starting Anew**

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Difficulties arose in arranging his entry into Israel because Dennis's grandmother was Jewish, but his mother is not. According to halacha, or Orthodox Jewish law, Dennis is not Jewish and not entitled to enter Israel under the Law of Return.

But Dennis, along with Ridoslav, have both been wards of the Jewish community in Sarajevo, spending the months of the war in the Jewish community offices, helping out.

To make sure that Dennis would be able to go to Israel, Jewish Agency officials were on the phone with Jerusalem until shortly before a group of Jews were going to make their departure from here.

The officials finally achieved success, and Tuvia Raviv, the Jewish Agency representative here, emerged from a hotel telephone booth weary-eyed but flashing a smile that communicated the good news.

Dennis had no doubts about going to Israel, perhaps because there was nowhere else for him to go.

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