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Irving Brodsky is sworn in by Mayor Cianci.

Peace Process Gaining Momentum

by Mark Frankel Special to the *Herald*

BOSTON, February 26 — Yaakov Levy, Israel's Consulate General for New England, sounded an optimistic note Tuesday, when he spoke about the new round of talks, which began in Washington on Monday.

"Because we're on the third round of talks, a certain momentum is being created," Levy said, "and if we can sustain it we may begin to show some progress by the end of the year."

Levy spoke about the peace process at a press conference at the Israeli Consulate in Boston on Tuesday

on Tuesday.

He admitted that further complications may arise that could frustrate the conference, but because there is mutual agreement on the foundation of the talks, the peace process will continue.

"The Madrid Conference established continuation," he said. "Now we have a blueprint (for the process)."

(for the process)."

He said that the Madrid formula must be the consistent basis for all talks in the conference, otherwise it will not work.

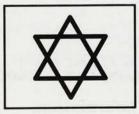
"It is very important that these parameters be agreed upon."

The Madrid formula is a com-

The Madrid formula is a complicated one, that calls for all parties to negotiate in good faith, and to mutually agree on all proceedures in both bi-lateral and multi-lateral talks.

(Bi-lateral, in Middle East terminology means that Israel is negotiating directly with Syria, Lebanon, and the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. Multilateral talks can include all other interested parties with diplomatic relations, inluding the United States, members of the C.I.S., and the European Community.)

The Madrid Conference itself was arranged by United States Secretary of State James Baker during his eight trips to the Middle East between March and September of 1991. Invitations to the conference were hastily sent out during a sum-



mit by Presidents Bush and Gorbachev of the old U.S.S.R. in August.

The latest round began smoothly, despite fighting in Lebanon in reaction to Sheik Abbas Musawi's death and the detention of two Palestinian delegates. Levy, however, denied that these latest events were impediments to the Washington talks. Israel, Lebanon, the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, and Syria were all in attendance.

Levy did not remark on the substance of the talks to date, but did say that Israel proposed a new round of bi-lateral and multi-lateral talks to be held in late April or early May.

The proposed multi-lateral

talks will be held in five different locations. They are: Brussels for economics, Ottowa for refugee problems, Tokyo for environmental issues, Turkey for water problems, and Washington, D.C. for arms control.

The bi-lateral talks were held in Madrid in October and in Washington in January, although Levy admitted that the Madrid talks were only, "formal and ceremonial."

The first multi-lateral talks, held January 28 - 29 in Moscow, were boycotted by Syria. "We will ask them why," said Levy, and, "we will express our disappointment."

A newly accepted feature to the peace process is known as the "two-track approach." This holds that the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation is really two delegations, and can negotiate separately with the Israelis.

At the January Washington conference, the Israelis and Jordanian-Palestinian delegates conversed out in the corridors of the meeting place, but this time, at preliminary meetings, delegation heads spoke in more formal settings.

formal settings.

Levy claimed that the two track-approach is consistent with the Madrid formula, although Israel had earlier insisted that the Palestinians should not have their own delegation.

"We are not opposed to two tracks," Levy said. "We just want to uphold the Madrid formula. Working groups are fine to break down into for various issues, but they must be by agreement."

Brodsky Sworn In

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. administered the oath of office to Irving Brodsky as Associate Justice of the Providence Housing Court on February 14. Mr. Brodsky had served as City Solicitor since January of last year.

"Irving Brodsky's dedication to the City of Providence has earned him this appointment," said Mayor Cianci. "He is a man of his word, loyal to this city and totally dedicated to his community. In fact, his history in public service is also rooted in his work with the State of Rhode Island and the United States government. Because of this he brings to the job a much respected depth of experience and wisdom."

A Providence native, Mr. Brodsky is a graduate of Classical High School. He earned his A.B. degree from Brown University and his law degree from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Federal Bars.

Having practiced law in Providence for many years, Mr. Brodsky is also a former Assistant Attorney General who was in charge of the prosecution of all major felonies. He also served as a Special Assistant to the U.S. District Attorney.

Mr. Brodsky is past president of the Temple Beth Israel Jewish Family and Children Service, and the Bureau of Education.

He and his wife Naomi Richman Brodsky live on Woodbury Street in Providence. They are the parents of two sons, both attorneys, and have five grandchildren.

Lincoln Global Link-Up

by Kathy Cohen Herald Associate Editor

Last week, Lincoln School students in grades 7 through 12 participated in a global hookup. 180 girls divided up into several groups, and interviewed other students in 15 different countries. The Lincoln School students who collectively spoke nine different languages, communicated through video conferencing, telephone and electronic mail. The parents, students and staff at Lincoln School coordinated the event together.

The link was made possible through AT&T and PictureTel equipment, and studios were set up at the Fleet Center and Rhode Island Hospital Trust Building in Providence.

With this link-up, students

With this link-up, students were able to see, hear and talk to young people in Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Switzerland and England. Other countries were also connected by telephone.

Students in Israel joined in at 8:00 am, our time, last Friday morning. It was 3 p.m. there. Politcs was not the hot topic

Politcs was not the hot topic of conversation among the many and culturally diverse participants. Most conversations concerned everyday teenage likes and dislikes: food, school work, and extra-curricular activities.

The conversations were transcribed and sent via Federal Express to the participating schools. The transcriptions were done by Lincoln School students fluent in the other languages.

Founded in 1884, the Lincoln School educates girls from elementary to high-school levels. The school takes great pride in its language program.

Just The Fax

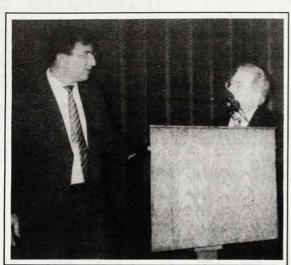
These letters were faxed by Stephanie Klien, Hyla Kaplan, Amy Port, Erica Stern, and Hilarie Rubin to the Smooha family in Haifa, Israel.

My name is Erica Stern. I am in the seventh grade, and I am twelve years old. I like to play field hockey, lacrosse, and basketball, but my favorite sport is skiing. I have a sister named Shanley, who is 17, and a brother named Andy who is 20 years old. I go to Hebrew school in Fall River, Massachusetts, and I have been going since I was two years old. My favorite subjects in school are English and Math. Most weekends I am involved in a group called U.S.Y., and I go to dances with other people in the group. I can't wait to interview you in a few weeks.

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YOUR COMMUNITY

Dr. Pliskin Discusses "Israel Today" at Brotherhood Brunch



Dr. Joseph Pliskin and Temple Beth-El Brotherhood member Bob Bernstein.

by Kathy Cohen Herald Associate Editor

Sunday, February 23, Providence — At an early morning Brotherhood brunch, guest speaker Dr. Joseph N. Pliskin of Israel took the podium to talk about "Israel Today." He jok-

ingly admitted that "so many things have happened" in Israel during his American visit, that the theme of his talk warranted a change to, "Israel Yesterday."

This was Pliskin's second visit to Temple Beth-El, and

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the Sidney Liswood Professor of Health Care Management at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev captivated the audience with his modesty and sincerity.

Currently a visiting professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, author and lecturer, Pliskin chose four topics: U.S.-Israeli Relations, Israeli Elections, Russian Immigration and the Furture of Israel.

U.S.-Israeli Relations

Pliskin spoke about the most recent talks between the American and Israeli governments regarding the \$10 billion loan guarantee meant to help Israel with the resettling of the Soviet Immigrants.

"Israel was very upset with the fact that Americans were telling Israel, 'Look, you stop the settlements in the West Bank, we will talk about the loan."

"I can understand that [Israeli] people are concerned about someone meddling in their internal affairs, but I understand the American people, too, and in a sense I support them. The reason is the U.S. preserves the right to support their choice. That's what the American government has been doing. They choose to give the money to Israel if the money goes toward the immigration, not other things like settlement in the West Bank.

"I'm sure that many of you don't like what's happening in Israel. The same question that was relevant three years ago. The Jewish people of the U.S. are asking themselves, 'Should we continue to support Israel?

Israel is kind of mitigating. We don't like what Israel is doing.'

"I think that question should never come up. I think the U.S. Jewish population should support Israel. Israel is an asset that is very valuable and, like a son or daughter, may misbehave. You don't get rid of it, you may punish it a little, you talk to them, but they are still your children forever."

Russian Immigration

"When I left Israel I picked up a newspaper and the paper showed Soviet Jews standing in line for food. And that was in Tel Aviv. This was very sad. I said, 'Gee, with all us joking about the lines in the Soviet Union, here they are standing in line to get some free food.

Pliskin spoke of a Russian family that his family adopted. He explained that there were organizations looking for families to volunteer to help Soviets have an easier absorption process.

"They were immigrants from Russia. They were two engineers and their nine-year-old daughter. We try to help them as much as we can.

"Some of them didn't even complain, they seem happy about it. [Our adopted family] told us something very interesting. In the Soviet Union they had money in Russia, but they could not buy anything. In Israel they don't have the money to buy anything, but there's plenty to buy. Still these people are looking forward to living in a society where, when they have jobs they will be able to buy and have things."

Another problem Pliskin finds, which doesn't help unemployment much, is that Russian education is far different than Western education. For example, a Russian might have invested years in studying the science of welding, and received a degree or two. All the Westerner needs to do is know the techniques of welding and uses a manual to find the right composition for a certain building.

Job descriptions vary greatly from Western standards. The Soviet Union pediatric physicians receive training not suited for Israeli and Western jobs. Many Russians have to be retrained.

The Election

Pliskin believes the Soviet Jews are an important factor in the elections this year. And, even though the latest overall poll indicates that voting favors the labor party, he feels that the unemployed will play a strong role in voting.

The Ultra-Orthodox can be a

The Ultra-Orthodox can be a problem in the government elections too. Without the right wing organizations, there can be no majority votes, which can cause a standstill and government collapse. Knowing the advantage they hold over the state, the Ultra-Orthodox request that certain policies be kept if they are to be involved in the voting process. For example, public transportation is a problem. Bus services are halted on Shabbat, making life difficult for secular people and the non-Orthodox Jews who need to get from one side of the country to the other to enjoy Shabbat with their family.

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The Pen Is Still Mightier Than The Sword

Several weeks ago I was invited to a theatre performance of the "Diary of Anne Frank" which was put on by the Pawtucket Arts Council, a local, very capable, theatre group. I was very much impressed and touched by the group of young actors, aspiring young professionals who, according to my perhaps inadequate evaluation, performed the play of their lives.

Especially heart wrenching for me were the tears which were shed by the cast, the producer, the director, and the stage-crew at the end of the performance. Once they found out that I was a contemporary of Anne Frank - we were in Auschwitz in August, 1944, unbeknownst to and unaware of one another - I became the recipient of all the attention

and love the cast and crew has acquired in the course of learning, rehearsing and performing

After hugs, pleasantries and many tears, I became aware of how deeply the words of a little Jewish girl have affected the world we live in. For it is this bit of innocence, purity of mind, and honest simplicity amongst the cruelty and bitterness of war that gives all of us the hope and inspiration for the future. The play took us back to a state of naivete (despite the war conditions) where young people believed in a better world of the future without drugs, aids and unwanted pregnancies by the time girls reached fifteen years of age. A question comes immediately to mind. Does progress always have to bring about

moral decay?

Is it really true that mankind, when not in dire danger, cannot handle too much freedom? When not indulging in terrible destructive wars, people appear to seek self-destruction by lessening the moral fibers which keep our society from returning to a primitive state. Did not excessive tendencies in self-gratification and the accompanying greed for material things lead to destruction of mighty empires before?

Anne Frank's immortal

Anne Frank's immortal words are a reminder of the potential for good that lies in all of us. Her "I believe that people are basically good at heart," is a sentence that is like a breath of fresh air in a world of increasing corruption and ever greater moral bankruptcy and dismay.

It is really ironic that, as it is written at the end of the diary, the Nazis have ransacked the little secret annex of the house in Amsterdam and have taken all the valuables after capturing the hidden inmates. Left on the floor were trash, newspapers and magazines, and "The Diary of Anne Frank." Little did the Germans know that they had missed the most valuable possession - the words written by a girl whose message to the world would shine as a beacon of divine light in contrast to the brutal darkness of the fate predicated upon mankind by the Nazis had they emerged victorious.

I would like to detect something almost divine that remained there in the annex after the Nazis ransacking. People always search for signs which the A-mighty gives mankind in its evolutionary process - Sinai, the splitting of the Red Sea, the shrine at Lourdes, the black stone of Mecca, and many others. Would you not consider the written words of Anne Frank's diary there on the floor of the secret annex as a sign?

Little Anne's diary seems to be making a great impact on all of humanity. From the depth of rural villages in Africa to the mountain top hamlets of Nepal, to the shacks of shanty towns in South America, everywhere the words of the diary are being read and making an impact. And rightfully so. For the theme of these passages is hope — hope for mankind living under freedom everywhere on this earth.

Who doubts that the pen is

Who doubts that the pen is mightier than the sword . . .

RayEichenbaum Providence

A Journey

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What does the Second Commandment actually enjoin? If one is to learn from historical evidence provided by art, we can assume that throughout much of Jewish history this commandment has been interpreted as an injunction against idol worship, and not against the use of figurative forms in art.

Why then the preponderance of the myth that figurative elements are not allowed in Jewish art? The two primary causes of proscriptions against using figurative forms in Jewish art are persecution and aesthetic pressures from surrounding cultures. These are the direct results of external conflicts, rather than internal theological concerns.

A common response to persecution is a turning inward by the threatened community, with a more rigid observance of the laws, including those of Kashrut and dress, as well as those pertaining to ritual art. Aesthetic pressures, on the other hand, stem from the unique nature of the Jewish propulses a dispersed nation.

people as a dispersed nation.
Jewish art is often stylistically determined by the dominant forms of the land in which it is created. For example, due to the injunction against figurative art in Moslem tradition, Jewish works of art created in Islamic countries are more likely to incorporate exclusively decorative and nonfigurative

Just as Bezalel glorified the Tabernacle with cherubim and fine linen, there are countless ways for us to add adornment and beauty to our own lives, from hand-crafted mezuzot and menorot to decorative paper cuts and wall hangings. Moses understood the importance of utilizing and encouraging exceptional talent within his community. So too, our observances can have the added mitzvah of supporting local

mitzvah of supporting local Jewish artists and craftspeople. In discussing the notion of hiddus mitzvah, our rabbis also addressed the monetary reality of artistic creation. According to one discussion (Talmud Bavli, Baba Kamma 9b), a third of the expense allocated for a

Jewish celebration should be spent on hiddur mitzvah. "R. Zera therefore said: For (performing a commandment in) an exemplary manner one should go up to a third of (the ordinary expense involved in) the observance thereof."

At the close of the Book of Exodus, the Tabernacle is completed, "and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle" (Exodus 40:34). The Tabernacle represents hiddur mitzvah in its most literal sense - as a protective adornment surrounding the Commandments given at Sinai. The completion of this work marks the final stage of the Exodus and spiritual journey of the Jewish people, just as the final strokes on a canvas or the last mark on a ketubah completes an aesthetic journey. It is within this visual glorification that the spirit of G-d accompanies us as we travel.

Pamela Feldman-Hill is an artist in Gahanna, Ohio, whose works deal primarily with Jewish themes. She presents slide lectures and classes across the country on themes related to Jewish art history, and creates original ketubot under the name of Pearl Editions. This column was provided by the National Havurah Committee.



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- CORRECTION

In last week's Herald, the photo caption under the front-page heading "NCJW Holds Successful Fundraiser" should have read "Valery Korennoy, cellist." Also, the article should have stated that the NCJW volunteers make phone calls to elderly shut-ins. The NCJW are advocates for registered family day care providers but do not donate \$52 a week to these centers. We regret any confusion these errors may have caused.

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WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

Shamir Re-Elected To Head Likud, Rabin To Lead Labor

by David Landau

TEL AVIV (JTA) - Yitzhak dorsement recently from Likud's huge Central Committee, which selected him to head the party for another four years. The decision means Shamir will remain prime min-ister if Likud wins enough seats in the June 23 Knesset elections

The 76-year-old premier easily outdistanced his rivals. By the final count, Shamir had 46 percent of the vote in the 3,000member committee, compared to about 31 percent for Foreign Minister David Levy and 22 percent for Housing Minister Ariel Sharon.

Both Levy, who is more dovish than Shamir on foreign policy, and Sharon, a hard-line

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hawk, each claimed before the Central Committee convened that they were running to win.

But political observers sug gested that neither realistically believed he could unseat Shamir, and that both were merely positioning themselves for a future contest for party leadership after the Shamir steps down.

The Likud convention followed, by a day, Israel's first U.S.-style primary election, U.S.-style primary election, conducted by the rival Labor

Its leadership contest was decided by the party's 150,000 registered members, who voted at 700 polling stations around

the country.

The main battle was between Shimon Peres, the incumbent party chairman, and his long-time rival Yitzhik Rabin. The outcome gave Rabin a 40.5 to 34.5 percent edge over Peres. By scaling the 40 percent mark, Rabin avoided a runoff elec-

The two veterans, each ap proaching 70, easily shook off challenges from a younger generation of Laborites.

Yisrael Kessar, secretary-general of Histadrut, Israel's powerful trade union federation, polled less than 20 percent

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Buchanan's Strong Showing At Polls Causes Concern In Jewish Community

by David Friedman WASHINGTON (JTA) atrick Buchanan's st showing in the New Hamp-shire presidential primary is raising concern in the Jewish community that his views against Jews and Israel are

being legitimized.

This despite a widespread consensus that New Hampshire Republicans voted for Buchanan to protest President Bush's economic policies rather than to express agreement with his anti-Israel or isolationist

The major focus in the Jewish community and elsewhere was on the Buchanan showing.

'It means that a large proportion of the population is prepared to support an avowedly anti-Semitic candisupport an date with fascist tendencies for economic reasons," said Menachem Rosensaft, a New York lawyer and founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust

Rosensaft said the New Hampshire voters made Buchanan "a credible, legi-timate candidate" because they were "prepared to tolerate his racist, abhorrent views."

Harvard Law School Professor Alan Dershowitz agreed.

'I think the Buchanan phenomenon is the most danger-ous manifestation of American anti-Semitism since the Second World War," he said.

Dershowitz said the primary result shows that "Americans who are not anti-Semites are willing to vote for an anti-Semite if they agree with his

policy."

Both Rosensaft and Dersh-

owitz observed that Adolf Hitler was brought into office in Germany by voters who were not necessarily anti-Jewish but agreed with his economic policy

Shoshana Cardin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said the New Hampshire primary results "have implications which must be recognized."

They show Americans' seri-s concerns with domestic issues and reflect a trend which we believe is a dangerous one one which encourages neo-isolationism and negative feel-ings toward foreign aid," she said at a news conference in

Rosensaft and Dershowitz expressed concern that the organized Jewish community has not taken on Buchanan as they have Duke, who did not enter the New Hampshire pri-

By maintaining a silence on Buchanan, the Jewish leader-ship has contributed to his credibility, Rosensaft charged, I think Buchanan must be exposed for what he is,' he said.

Rosensaft said that for the first time since he came to the United States at the age of 10, there is presidential candidate who implies that Jews, blacks and Asians "don't fit in. That has to be exposed.

Many Jewish organizations have been silent on Buchanan, they say, because their federal tax-exempt status bars them from engaging in partisan political activity.

Dershowitz argued that as a result, the moral case against Buchanan has not been made. He called for the establishment of a non-partisan, non-tax-exempt committee of "decent Americans against Buchanan's indecency," made up of Demo-crats and Republican, Jews, Protestant, Catholics, African-Americans, women and others.

This group would document Buchanan's positions in televi-sion and newspaper ads "because most Americans do not really know Buchanan's anti-Semitic views,' Dershowitz

During the New Hampshire campaign, Buchanan gradually replaced his calls for "America First" and other isolationist views with attacks on Bush's economic policy.
There are about 7,000 Jews

in the Granite State, about 0.6 percent of the populations. Some 3,000 Jews live in the Greater Manchester area.

The Jewish community fol-lowed the race very closely, as did all residents of New Hampshire, Silverberg said. He said Clinton and Tsongas made the strongest appeal to the Jewish

community.

(JTA correspondent Michele Chabin in Jerusalem contributed to this report.)



National

New York (JTA) - The State of Israel Bonds Organization has set a \$1.5 billion goal for 1992 to help create jobs for new immigrants, its president and chief executive off-ficer, Meir Rosenne, announced here. "While we are thrilled with our \$990 million achievement 1991, we must surpass this record in 1992," Rosenne said, citing the urgent need to create jobs for tens of thousands of immigrants arriving from the former Soviet Union.

Columbus, Ohio (JTA) More than 100 Jewish stu-dents at Ohio State University filed complaints of racial harassment against the edi-tor of a student newspaper, for publishing an article that described the Holocaust as a 'Jewish hoax.

Washington (JTA) - The U.S. Commerce Department is accusing L.A. Gear, the athletic footwear company, of violating federal laws ring acquiescence with the Arab boycott of Israel. The purported violations are possibly one of the last involving Kuwait. They took place in July 1987 and January 1990, when the Los Angeles-based outfit provided names and background data on its manufacturers to an unnamed company in the emirate.

International

Vienna (JTA) - At least 20 people are in Austrian jails awaiting trial for illegal neo-Nazi activity while the Parliament prepares to enact legislation that would reduce the penalties for such offenses. The reasoning behind the proposed new laws and amendments to existing ones is that the conviction of neo-Nazis by juries would be more likely if the penalties mandated by law were

Aviv (JTA) About 35,000 public health workers walked off the job last week to protest the government's proposed method of containing rising hospital costs. The one-day strike by nurses, maintenance service workers paralyzed government hospitals and those operated by Kupat Holim, Histadrut's health care agency. Physicians did not join the walkout.

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Japanese Food, With Style

by Sven

Mmmmm, sushi!

For those of you who think Japanese food is all raw fish, squiggly tentacles, and octopus, Soli's Japanese Steak House will set you straight. Of course, the menu features such luscious delicacies as eel, flying fish egg, salmon roe, and sea urchin, all of them raw, but Soli's also has a huge menu of broiled chicken, beef, and salmon, not to mention the main attraction, hiba-

chi-style anything.

Japanese food served hibachi-style is more than a meal; it's an event, like dinner theater. Diners sit around a large rectangular grill table, and the chef, the star of the show, stands in the middle

Instants later, the chef is banging on the table with his spatula fork, and salt and pepper shakers. The flashes of the short knife blade can be startling. Our chef, Vone, liked to twirl his knife around his finger, as if it were a wild west cowboy's six-shooter. The faint of heart might worry about the danger from a flying knife, but all the chefs at Soli's train for six months or more.

"There's no hibachi school, explained Irene, our waitress, who brought us plentiful bottles of deliciously hot sake. "I call Vone my Banzai Chef."

Slice, cut, bang, crash, toss... Hibachi chefs do the one thing that most parents admonish their children for - they play with their food. A piece of mushroom is more than just a fungus to be seasoned with soy it's also a hockey puck that

slides along the table, or a baskethall that shoots through the air into the chef's hat.

"This is a lot of food" said my lovely dinner partner, as she examined the neatly arranged, huge piles of grilled chicken, mushrooms, zuc-chini, onions zucfried rice, and garlic noodles on her plate. Every hibachi dinner at Soli's

also comes with soup, salad, and

(Note: The garlic noodles, which were delicious, were a

Vone smiled, and asked if she would like even more bean sprouts

Meanwhile, I had the distinct pleasure of nibbling away at the above-mentioned raw fish.
I like sushi, and at Soli's, it's

especially fresh. The pieces of maguro (tuna) and hamachi (yellowtail) practically melted in my mouth.

Sushi, for beginners, is raw fish on a bed of firmly packed cold rice, with a dab of wasabi (Japanese horseradish). The



Banzai Chef Vone Sonevong in action

pieces can then be picked up by hand, or with chopsticks, and dipped into a mixture of soy

sauce and wasabi. Eat whole. and enjoy!

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Levine and Duerden Announce Engagement



Mr. Philip Levine of Warwick, Rhode Island, and Mrs. Sheila Duerden of Fort Myers, Florida, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daugher, Lisa Ellen Levine, to Robert W. Simmons of Winter Park, Florida. Mr. Simmons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Simmons, also of Winter Park.

Ms. Levine is a graduate of the University of South Florida and currently attends the University of Central Florida. Mr. Simmons is the owner of Simmons Jewelers in Winter Park.

The couple plans to marry in March, 1993, and will reside in Winter Park, Florida.

In Memory Of...



In memory of Rose and Joseph Finkelstein, a dedication of the tablets of the Ten Commandments was held recently at Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County, Del Ray Beach, Florida. The dedication was sponsored by the Finkelstein children. Standing in front of the tablets is A. Archie Finkelstein of Providence, a member of the family.

> If you are celebrating a special anniversary, announce it in the Herald. Include a photo with the announcement. Black and white only, please.

Shores Announce Birth

Michael and Lori (Gersten) Shore of Glastonbury, Conn., are the proud parents of their first child and daughter, Erica Lily, born on January 26. Erica is named in loving memory of her maternal and paternal greatgrandmothers, Esther Brotman and Lillian Shore, respectively.

Maternal grandparents are Frances and Barry Levin of Cranston. Paternal grand-parents are Priscilla and Edwin Shore of West Hartford, Conn. Erica is also the granddaughter of the late Bertram Gersten

Bazars Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Banice Bazar of Cranston, R.I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Karen Bazar Finkelman of Cranston, R.I., to Mr. Alan Bergel of Cranston, R.I., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bergel of Warwick, R.I.

Miss Finkelman is a gradu-ate of Curry College and Mr. Bergel is a graduate of Bryant

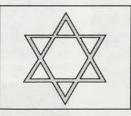
College.
The date of the wedding is May 3, 1992.

Furmans Announce Birth

Dr. Ronald and Gayle Furman of Warwick, R.I., an-nounce the birth of their identical twin sons, Samuel Aaron and Elliot Marshall. Samuel is named in loving memory of his maternal great-grandfather, Samuel Tarsky, and in memory of his great-great uncle, Sam Weiser, Elliot is named in loving memory of his great-grandmother, Louise Miriam Tarsky.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Friedman of Warwick, R.I. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Furman of Cranston,

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### AROUND TOWN

Story and photos by Dorothea Snyder

## A Love For The Old

A love for the workmanship of years ago brought many to browse and buy at the Southeastern New England Antique Dealers Association's show held at East Providence High School last weekend.

Noticeable among visitors were young people in their twenties and thirties

"The antique business is getting stronger," said Lois Torman, who owns Collectiques. "Younger people are looking into it more than they did in the past, economy-wise and quality-wise."

Lois has been doing shows since joining the Association. Antiques is

joining the Association. Antiques is her "second job." She teaches first grade in Scituate.

Lois's entry into antiques was collecting Depression glass for herself.

Later, she added other antiques into her menagerie. Lois also had low resistance to bargains she couldn't

pass up.
Deciding she couldn't keep all her "collectiques," Lois stocked two "collectiques," Lois stocked two booths at Pomfret Antique World. The cooperative, located on Route 1, sells

Lois feels it's harder to find treasures today. "We can't pick up things like we could at one time. People are conservative and more aware of what they've got, or they're just holding onto them. They try harder to get a bargain. You can't

blame them."
Claire Silverman has owned
Antique Haven in Warwick for 15 years. Back in vogue, after a five-year slowdown, is Victorian hand-painted china, she said. "It's come into its own again. The cycle changes.

Claire specializes in china, glass, crystal, silver, "a little bit of everything.

"I'm always interested in buying one item, or the entire contents of a . hand-painted china, glass, small pieces of furniture, costume jewelry, silver, silverplate, anything miscellaneous, 40's and 50's vintage.

"I love to buy!" she said, adding she makes house calls.

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Hazel Thompson, of Treasures of Royal "T" in Green Hill, sells a lot of antique oak furniture. "That's our specialty, and it goes over very well.

"The young people are really into buying oak rather than buying new. They think the construction is better.

We agree.'

We agree."
Coincidentally, a young couple was examining an oak dining room set, and a few minutes later, they bought it. "Oak doesn't scratch up that much," said the Nawrockis. "We like the country effect." the country effect."

Besides oak furniture, Hazel sees a new and popular trend in kitchenware. "We've been selling a tinware for walls decoration."

At the booth of Ipo's Attic, Barbara Ruscetto was holding up an Empire Ogee mirror she thought perfect for her lavette. The dealer, Jim Wims, said the mirror was dated prior to the Civil

War, 1840-1865.
"That's the exact age of my house," said Barbara.

The mirror, Jim explained, was solid pine underneath but originally came with mahogany veneer over it, which wore off. "There were millions of them.

As for trends, the Rumford antique dealer said, "All I know is the good stuff sells like crazy!

Michelle Komar had stopped to appreciate the glassware of Rosewood Antiques. Tucked under her arm in a paper bag was her first purchase of the day.

"I bought gardening books," she shared. "I love the illustrations. They're great compared to what can be found today. They tell about the folk of the flowers as well as how to plant and nurture them."

Michelle also collects ruby and amber, glass plates, pitchers, and vases. "I like glassware because of the quality of old compared to new," she said, "and the prices are great!"



Claire Silverman of Antique Haven shows an Imari bowl to Katey Adams.



Hazel Thompson of Treasures of Royal "T" points out features of an oak dining room set to the admiring Ron Nawrockis.



Lois Torman of Collectiques amidst her varied antique collection.





Barbara Ruscetto studies the Empire Ogee mirror, held by dealer Jim Wims of Ipo's Attic.



Joyce Gomes of Purple Opal shows an 1890 milky white cracker jar to Joyce Aylward and Patricia Shilo. Decorated in delicate pastel flowers, the glass is blown-out rather than molded. Antiques have been Joyce's hobby for over 20 years, her specialties: china, glass and jewelry.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### Salks Announce Engagement "The Hands of G-d"

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Salk of Bradford, Massachusetts, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen Salk, to Dr. Michael G. Katlan, son of Mrs. Sonia Katlan of Baldwin, New York, and the late David

Katlan.
Ms. Salk is a cum laude graduate of the University of Massate of the University of Massate of the University of the Univer chusetts at Amherst, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and received her Masters of Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Salk is a clinical social worker in the pediatric department of Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California.

Dr. Katlan is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He is a resident in internal medicine at Hunting-



ton Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California.

Ms. Salk is the granddaughter of Reuben Salk of Providence, and the late Stella Salk

by Mike Fink

by Mike Fink
Herald Contributing Reporter
He's not the author of the
book about bad things and
good people. The Journal
printed the wrong release. But
crowds came to cram the upstairs auditorium of the newly revamped Hillel House at the Brown campus. Rabbi Lawrence Kushner spoke on "Finding G-d in Ordinary Places" on Thursday, February 20. His talk mixed Reform humanism

with Chassidic lyrical magic. "The burning bush wasn't such a big miracle, such a fancy deal. You could do better shop ping at your local trick store," the Sudbury, Mass., spiritual leader quipped. "G-d was only testing Moses' attention span.

"Jacob's dream of the ladder from heaven and the struggle with angels sent by G-d likewise stands for us as a warning against sleeping through lectures and missing out on the humble magic of our everyday encounters with each other and with ourselves — with the 'self' of the universe."

According to Kushner, G-d's presence figures within the world like the power of letters in our language. A Jew can "see G-d's back — that is, the aftermath of His effect upon a place where you have had a



Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

mystic experience, like Ezekiel hallucinating the chariot.

The stand-up rabbi's words brought the pages of fairytales and the sacred texts of Torah together in the mind and spirit. He even told a Zen joke, making Eden seem like a rock garden. "A Zen master asks, 'Who am I?' His inner voice re-

sponds, 'Who's asking?'' Rabbi Lawrence Kushner even spoke of churches and mosques. He visited a lovely priory that held "a very goyish air — not because of graven images, but because of the deep quiet. Jews deal with G-d by arguing, by noisy debate.

March 12. Kirschenbaum is an

Academic Research Assistant in the Comparative Literature Department at Brown Uni-versity. This Brown Bag talk will take place at the Samuel

and Reika Rapaporte Hillel House at 80 Brown Street in

The series will conclude on Monday, March 16, when a panel of Brown alumni address

"Making a Difference: Alumni in Leadership." Rabbi Ellen Lewis '74, rabbinical student

Susan Fendrick '84, and Dorot Fellowship in Israel Director

Dina Charnin '80 will speak at 8 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Room 102. Jesslyn Brown '82 will

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and our prayer."
He sketched a scene from his Beth El congregation in nearby Sudbury, MA. They do a great Simchas Torah street dance each springtime. But a recent Russian immigrant scoffed at its spirit. "Is nothing compared with Simchas Torah in Mos-cow!" Crestfallen, the rabbi cow!" Crestfallen, the rabbi asked, how come? "There, you hold a Torah outdoors, and KGB agent takes your picture. He shows it to your boss. You lose job. *That's* a real Simchas Torah!" The rabbi tells it with just the right accent. He goes on. "A real Jew prays totally, puts his life on the line, forgets himself '

Dan Aronson, who coordinates programs at Hillel, moved around the room snapping pic-tures from different corners and angles. Somebody mum-bled to him, "He tells good tales, but he delivers each line a little too forcefully, like a t.v. comic." Dan put it this way. 'He knows how to reach a lot

of people."
Rabbi Kushner closed his brief sermon with a dramatic flourish. He asked everybody in the hall to stand up and hold out their hands

"Take a good look at your hands. They are the hands of G-d.

### **Plaskow To Keynote Series** On Jewish Women

speak on "Standing Again at Sinai: Toward the Transformation of Judaism" on Sunday, March 8, at 8 p.m. The lecture will take place on the campus of Brown University in Wilson Hall, Room 102. Dr. Plaskow will speak as part of the series will speak as part of the series "Claiming Our Place: Women in the American Jewish Com-munity," which is sponsored by Brown-RISD Hillel Foundation with a generous grant from the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the interfaith educa-tional program of the National Association of Temple Brotherhoods.

Dr. Judith Plaskow writes and teaches on feminist theology at Manhattan College in New York. She is widely recognized as the leading thinker in the field of Jewish feminist theology.

Professor Blossom Kirschenbaum will speak on "Dreaming Our Worlds: Into the Works of Jewish Women Writers of Fiction" at noon on Thursday, Writers

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### **Local Elderly Abuse Rights Advocate**



Linda Goldberg (right) of Cranston recently completed an eight-hour training course to become a volunteer Elderly Abuse Rights Advocate. She is joined by Sandy Centazzo (left), executive director of Rhode Island Meals on Wheels and Maureen Maigret, director of the Rhode Island Department of

Elderly Affairs.

The Elderly Abuse Support Project recruits, trains, and places volunteers with elderly abuse victims. They work closely with the Department of Elderly Affairs staff and community case managers and they offer support, assistance and encouragement in activities that will enhance the clients' self esteem. They also are available to transport or accompany abuse victims through the court system if they choose to take legal action. legal action.

#### **Pawtucket Poetry Winners**

Rhode Island students received honors in the Pawtucket Arts Council Third Annual High School Poetry Competition.

From over 400 entries, judges selected a poem by Emily B. W. Fink, the daughter of Michael and Michael Fink, a student at Classical High School, as the First Place winner of a \$100 savings bond. Andrew Tarnoff of Warwick, a Toll Gate High School student, received the Second Place award of a \$75 savings bond for his poem, "The Club." Third Place was shared by Kandi Everton of Tolman High School, Pawtucket, for "The Morning Orchestra," and Morning Orchestra," and Alyssa Mankofsky, Portsmouth High School, for "A Prose Poem: Thoughts Running Through the Mind of an Ado-lescent." Each receives a \$50 savings bond.

The public is invited to an awards ceremony to honor the young poets Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m. at the Pawtucket Pub-Library Auditorium, 13

Summer Street, Pawtucket. The winning poems will be read and a reception will follow.

Co-sponsors of this year's program are Paramount Cards, Inc., and Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

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### **Hebrew Scholarship Fund**

by Rabbi Arnold Samlan

Before there were Israel Pilgrimages or Resnik Scholars, Teacher's Incentive Grants or Salmanson Awards, the Bureau had the Hebrew Culture Committee with Lillian Potter as Chairman and William Strange, Co-chair, and, during its initial year, Nathan Temkin, fund-raiser for its Hebrew Scholarship Fund. The Committee oversaw a myriad of activities aimed at promoting the study and appreciation of Hebrew. Included within its sphere of interest were: existing Hebrew classes at Hope High School; a proposed class in the Brown Extension Program; active liaison with youth groups and Jewish schools; intensive efforts to encourage parents and students to commit to the study of Hebrew language.

Mrs. Potter's (now Mrs. Hyman Goldstein) enthusiasm and energy infused a previously mundane committee with new life and ambitious goals. One of the first activities undertaken by the Hebrew Culture Committee to stimulate interest in Hebrew was a scholarship fund to enable a student or students of Hebrew to attend a summer seminar in Israel.

Mr. Nathan Temkin motivated by his devotion to this community, and especially its young people, served as chief fund-raiser. He is remembered with affection by generations of children in Jewish schools and at the Jewish Community Center for his gifts of sweets in celebration of Chanukah,

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Purim, and special occasions. Through his efforts, two young Hebrew scholars, Barbara Labush and Sondra Smith, re-Barbara ceived the opportunity become seminarists that year (1955). For almost two decades thereafter, scores of young people were able to attend programs in Israel or at various Hebrew camps thanks to Nathan Temkin's generous

spirit and gifts as a fund-raiser. In 1958, Chaya Segal received the first teacher's scholarship enabling her to study at an educator's seminar in Israel.

According to Mrs. Goldstein, the idea to include teachers in the scholarship program arose during a trip she and her late husband, Dr. Charles Potter, took to Israel. Fascinated with Hebrew as a spoken language, Dr. Potter felt that direct expo sure to life in Israel would enhance the quality of a teacher's work, heighten his/ her effectiveness. They both thought that special travel scholarships might act as an incentive to potential teachers and encourage them to become teachers in Jewish schools in Greater Providence. After discussions with Dr. Harry Elkin, BJE Executive Director, and with the Hebrew Culture committee, the idea became reality. The guiding spirits behind the Hebrew Culture Committee were dedicated and farsighted.

To this day, the BJE continues to provide fellowships and study opportunities locally and in Israel to allow educators to upgrade their Hebraic and Judaic knowledge.

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#### **Events At The JCCRI: Week** Of February 28-March 5

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island, located at 401 Elmgrove Avenue in Providence is a valuable resource to members of the community, young and old alike. Whether it be a place to exercise, to attend enrichment classes, to learn English or to enjoy fine art, the Center offers a wide variety of exciting pro-gramming. The following list highlights activities that will be held during the upcoming weeks. For further information, please call 861-8800 and ask for the person indicated.

Preschool Carnival
The Preschool will be holding a Winter Carnival on Sunday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Social Hall. Enjoy a puppet show by Sparky Davis, games, crafts, lunch and more. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 per child with a maximum of \$15 for the immediate family For further information, call Eva Silver.

Swim-a-Thon

The Center's swimming pool offers the community a healthy, safe place to learn to the swim, to enjoy exercise or to have fun with the family. Show your support for all the activities and programs the pool affords by participating in this year's Swim-a-Thon, March 8-15. Simply ask friends, co-workers or family members to sponsor you for each lap you complete. All funds raised directly support the pool's operation. Incentive prizes for money raised include T-shirts, free swimming classes, Health Club and Center memberships. A Victory Splash Party will be held on April 26 for those who qualify. For further information, please call Patty Gold.

### Emanu-El **Leisure Club**

The Sunday meeting of Temple Emanu-El Leisure Club will be held on March 1 at 2 p.m. in the Bohnen Vestry of the Temple.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be Mel Topf, Ph.D. Dr. Topf is a member of the Governor's Committee on Ethics in the Government. His topic will be "Will the Ethics Commission Clean Up Rhode Island Right Now?"

Dr. Topf came to Rhode Island to assist in the establish-ment of Roger Williams College where he taught media law, ethics and communication. He headed the English and Humanities Department and was acting dean of the college. He is a former president of Temple Emanu-El Men's Club and has been recording secretary for five years.

Following the program a social hour will be held.

Seniors/Kosher Mealsite

Seniors are invited to join a variety of activities and to share a hot kosher meal at noon at the JCCRI Kosher Mealsite. The doors open weekdays at 10 a.m., with casual conversation in the lobby for an hour. Exercise is scheduled during the week of 11:15 a.m. Seniors can try their hand at bridge on Monday afternoon from 12:30 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. A women's group meets every Tuesday morning from 11-11:45 a.m. Friend to Friend meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon. Bingo is played on Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m. Shabbat traditions are observed on Fridays. Sundays begin with tea, coffee and hot muffins at 10 a.m., followed by a variety of movies or VCR programs. March includes the following activities and programs:

Friday, February 28 - VCR program, "Good-bye Russia, Hello Freedom." Speaker will talk about "What being Jewish in America Means to Me" as well as a personal journey to freedom. 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 1 - VCR program, "America - The First Impact," 11 a.m.

Thursday, March 5 - Golden Age Club Board Meeting, 1 p.m. Call Sandy Bass for further

information

Preschool, Kindergarten Registration

Registration for September 1992 preschool and kindergarten classes at the Jewish Com-munity Center of Rhode Island will open to the community on March 2

The JCCRI Preschool is a fully accredited program that offers classes for children aged

28 months through 5 years The maximum enrollment is 20 children per classroom, with smaller classes for younger children. Classes with ten or more children have two teachers. The curriculum is "hands-on, according to Preschool Director Eva Silver. "The children are given opportunities to develop appropriate preschool skills, while growing emotionally and socially

Children attending the Preschool use the Center's physical education facilities. Swimming and gym are important components of the overall program, encouraging develop-ment of physical skills and establishing fitness as an inte-

establishing fitness as an integral part of life.

Morning, afternoon, 3- or 5-day programs are available, allowing flexibility in meeting each child's and his/her family's needs. Early arrival and extended day are also available.

In response to the request of families with school-age children who also require day care, the JCCRI will begin a certified, full-day kindergarten program in September, 1992. The school day will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with options for early arrival and extended day available. A maximum of 22 students will be enrolled with 2 teachers, giving children an advantage of learning in a small classroom setting. The comprehensive curriculum will include science, computer, swim, gym, Jewish traditions and heritage

For further information about the preschool or the new information kindergarten program, call Eva Silver, Early Childhood Di-rector, at 861-8800.

#### Cranston-Warwick Hadassah

The first Spring meeting of the Cranston/Warwick Group of Hadassah is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Warwick Police Station.

The Holocaust will be commemorated with an unfor-gettable program about "The Hidden Children" of World War II. Two survivors of those tragic years (now R.I. resi-dents), will relate their experiences in Lithuania.

Ellen Zitkin was a child sent away to survive, and Leah

Eliash was the mother who sent her daughter to be saved by the caring Christians. The Jewish parents worked as slave labor or were shipped to concentration camps.

The poignant stories of sur-vival and reunion will keep everyone present riveted to her seat. Peppy Fuerst is program chairperson.

Also, new members are most welcome to the organization, and anyone interested, please call Sylvia Taubman, 738-5291.

### Simcha Singles Events

Simcha Singles of Temple Torat Yisrael will hold an Open House at a members home on Sunday, March 1, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to

socialize with Jewish singles of all ages. Reservations are a must.

Cost is \$5.00

For information call Sid at 1-401-751-1264 or Judy at

1-401-943-7272.

### Wally Pickford

Simcha Singles of Temple Torat Yisrael will host a Bagel Brunch featuring Wally Pick-ford on Sunday, March 8, at 10:45 a.m. at the temple.

Admission to the brunch is \$5.00

Wally Pickford is a former Providence Journal Police Beat Reporter and Director of Public

Relations at Blue Cross. Wally is a lifelong resident of Cranston who considers himself a "reluctant observer of the

human race."

Simcha Singles is open to
Jewish singles of all ages.

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gested. For reservations and information call Sid at 1-401-751-1264 or 1-401-943-7272. The temple is located at 330 Park Ave., Cranston.

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### **FEATURE**

### First Timers Take the Stage at Am David's Comedy Night

by Kathy Cohen Herald Associate Editor

An uncertain Dave Natale took the stage last Saturday night at Temple Am David in Warwick. The occasion was the temple's "Comedy Night", sponsored by their Men's Club, which featured both local comedians and an open-mike period. Dave, a lumber salesman and amateur cut-up from Warwick, was making his debut as a comedian, and greeted every-one he met that night with the phrase: "this is my first time.



David Netale

The evening was hosted by veteran comic Frank O'Donnell and featured a dinner of pasta, chicken and vegetables, with drinks as well as entertainment included in its admission price. Audience members were encouraged to perform, and a few did — many of them from their seats. O'Donnell has a ten-dency to engage audience members in conversation and gives them a few straight lines. After his initial set, which centered around his aversion to flying and his aversion to the state of Connecticut, O'Donnell did a brief warm-up for each comedian.

First up was Marion Rozen, a Providence actress, comedian, writer and Hebrew school teacher. She talked a little about herself, played guitar, and sang a hilarious black humor song called, "We're Sittin Shiva.

Dr. Pliskin

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Israel's Future

"Negev is our future. We need to create industries in Negev, but lets do it in an orga-nized way. Because my educa-

tional background in the health

field, I was in charge of finding out what jobs I could create for

new communities in the health

"Another way to create jobs is through Israel's large military industry. It would be best to move it to a safer location

To many it may seem like "a bleak, grey future," Pliskin said, "but to me and my col-

which would create jobs "There is a potential for a great furture, however politi-

cians stifle our efforts.

We came up with thousands



Steve and Ron

Next up was the comedy team of "Steve and Ron," who performed a "Star Trek" par-ody, with Andy Rooney in place of Captain Kirk.



Karen Jennings

Providence comedian Karen Jennings gave what was per-haps the most-off the-wall performance, which included some bold but well received jokes about mass murderer Jeffery Dahmer.
Another first-timer,

Labonte did a short, funny set before announcing, "How do I get out of this?" M.C. O'Donnel took the stage and hollered: "Try, 'good night' Al!"

legues we stay on because it's

Dr. Pliskin is currently a visiting professor at Boston University and at the Harvard School of Public Health. His worldwide activities include service as a instructor of military medicine in the Israei Defense Forces and visiting professor of medical deci-sion-making at the University of OEMENT CENT

Judith Jaffe Benharris, M.S.

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### **Worse Than** Murder!

by Mike Fink Herald Contributing Reporter

If you step into the lobby of the Hebrew Day School, you will stare at a group of war posters. Yes, the melamud militia has declared open combat against Loshon Hora, the armies of unguarded tongues like Cossack sabres.

Each poster warns against bad conduct. Making fun of a friend counts against you. Even if your friend doesn't mind. Even if you think it's just goodnatured kidding. The posters made me think of the huge billmade me think of the huge bill-boards of World War II. They shouted, "Loose Lips Sink Ships." And "Careless Talk Costs Lives." Those posters of the past dealt with shipyard secrets. These posters deal not with the ship of state but the vessel of the soul, the spirit, the neshama

I went round the corner to the Temple Emanu-El library and took out a book on the subject. Dorothy Fox gave the blue volume, titled Guard Your Tongue, in honor of the birthof her son-in-law, Robert Starr, in 1975. I couldn't put the book down or stop turn-ing its impassioned pages. I smiled at some of the fine points. But I took this adaptation of Chofetz Chaim to heart. The subtitle says, "A Practical Guide to the Laws of Loshon Hora: A few examples: Block your ears or grimace if you hear idle gossip. Don't praise somebody's enemy. Mind Your Own Business. Remember that ugly words bring you lower than beasts. To speak them is worse than murder (because you harm the soul, not just the body.) Ask yourself, Would You Like it?"

You will find some wonderful phrases within the rules and traditions concerning and traditions concerning Loshon Hora, Rav Shimon ben Pazi said, "Rain is withheld because of speakers of Loshon Since unkind words Hora.

"pollute the land," perhaps we might mend the ozone holes with gentler love for each other. "The Second Temple was destroyed by Loshon Hora."
"Loshon Hora kills three

people: the speaker, the listener and the subject. Every word will be repeated to you on your day of reckoning.

Of course, you can't just fol-low the rules, you have to struggle with them. How can a comedian, a writer, a lawyer, even a cafe-sitter get along without letting the tongue wag a little? But as a general principle, you have to ask, Do I mean to do good? To correct someone is one thing. To demean or belittle a person is quite another. How would the subject of your words feel, or better still, his or her mother, if that soul were hovering over your table as you unburden yourself?

This has been Presidents' month for us as Americans. George Washington "could not tell a lie," and blamed himself for the chopping down of the cherry tree. The myth means, don't dish it out if you can't take it. And then Abraham Lincoln was famous for protecting his generals from Loshon Hora



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You know the legend. Some one whispered that Grant was a lush, a shiker. The President retorted, "Find out the brand of whisky, and set 'em up, Joe."
So the Jews don't have a

copyright on the laws of Loshon Hora. But we have honed it to a high art form. The gallery where its beauty can be taken in most vividly is the foyer of the Hebrew Day School. My son went to kindergarten at the Day School. He still chants the warsong from the Battle against Loshon Hora. It goes like this, "Loshon Hora, Lamed Hay — Keep your dirty words away!" Take that, scandal-mongers; put that in your pipe and smoke it.





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### EDITORIAL

### More Talk With The Regulars

by Mark Binder Herald Associate Editor

The Regular People of Rhode Island: So, what did you think about the Olympics? Weren't the figure skaters wonderful?

Me: What?

They: Oy, not this again. Me: (Defensively) I think it's high time people got away from their television screens.

(Pointing They: three remote controls on the table) You're one to talk, you run a small theater, edit a newspaper, and have cable, with two movie channels

Me: (More defensively) I never watch it.

They: Not even the late night, blue movies?
Me: Never!

They: (Whispers among themselves)
Me: I just think that we, as

nation, should do more than produce and consume entertainment.

They: (Snorting with deri-

sion) Oh, you do, do you?

Me: Farming, for example.

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They: And how would you suggest we pay for this?

Me: (Long pause) A tax on automobiles?

They: Fat chance.

Me: (Whispering) The truth is, I haven't got a clue. They: What's that?

Me: It's like the story of the ant and the grasshopper.

They: The frugal ant and the wastrel grasshopper? I've got a brother like that. Every time he goes to the store, he buys one of those, tabloids with headlines like 'UFO BABY EATS ELVIS!" Sixty-five cents a week he spends, and then, at home, he wonders why his two children spend all their time with the Sega machine.

Me: (Agreeing, excitedly) That's it, exactly! It's as if there's no common basis for reality!

Common People Rhode Island: This from a fellow who talks to himself.

Me: I do not. They: (Silence) Me: Hello?

They: (Whispering among themselves, as they walk off into the distance) All he had to do was say he liked the ice skating too. Defensive beggar, isn't he? Too much en-tertainment? He's gone gone around the bend..

### Letters to the **EDITO**



Dear Editors:

for Rabbi Three cheers Marder and his organization for fighting for the Kosher consumer. He is to be commended for his public and private efforts to ensure that Jews in Rhode Island are able to purchase meat that fully complies with halacha and Jewish tradition. Lucky are we to have such dignified and diligent leaders in the Jewish community!

David Strachman, Esq. Providence

Dear Editors:

I just finished viewing the television film "Wakening," story about mentally patients. The movie was filmed mostly inside asylums. It brought back memories dating to the late 1940's. The period was shortly after the war, after the Holocaust.

Although most of the prisoners of the death camps were repatriated or brought back to civilization, there were still many unaccounted for. Yes, even from Italy. I was employed with the American Joint Distribution Committee.

We took care of the transitcamps which housed those unfortunates who went through living hell (if one can call those

conditions "living" indeed).

But one day at a meeting in Rome with a representative from the New York office, it was suggested that perhaps there may be some survivors who are hidden in hospitals for the mentally ill.

was assigned to tour mental institutions from Rome south to the islands of Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria. A colleague was to do the same task north of the capital to the Austrian and Yugoslav border.

What I saw in those hospitals was so terrible as far as conditions went, that when I returned to my hotel room at night, I could not eat and/or

While most of the institutions tried to keep up an ap-pearance, they more often than not failed in doing so. Many patients were neglected, ill-housed or fed, clothed in rags and forced to endure inhuman, or sub-human conditions.

found seven refugees either from Germany

from German-occupied countries. It was not easy to convince the administrators to let me talk to them. I managed, however, and made arrangements to have them transferred to private institutions. Their care and maintenance was financed by "the Joint" and they were eventually taken to postrehabilitative sanitoria and later on to Israel after its 1948 rehabilitative establishment.

How did they end up in such snake pits"? We never found out the whole true stories. Some of them indeed had mental breakdowns caused by Nazi treatment, were simply going into hiding. They were hidden by well meaning Italian physicians, others by the partisans fighting in the hills against the Nazi invaders

The last I heard from Headquarters of the AJDC was that they were all out and had recovered from their ordeals.

But what if no one in New York or in Rome had the idea to look for them? The Talmud says that "he who saves only one life, saves all mankind . .

Sometimes, as for example, when I finished Sunday night's movie, I wonder.

Hans L. Heimann Cranston

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### A Journey Of Artistic Expression

by Pamela Feldman-Hill

GAHANNA, Ohio (JTA) No artist has ever engaged in a task as great as Bezalel's. In the Torah portion Vayakhel, he is called upon to create a tabernacle to house G-d's most holy gift, the Commandments. Bezalel was asked to envision and interpret G-d's explicit directions for building the Tabernacle - as awesome, and per-haps intimidating task. To compound his struggle, he had to create his art under the scrutiny of the entire Jewish

We can glean insight from Vayakhel into three issues in art, each of which touches us on a different level. On a spiritual level, we can read Bezalel's story as a paradigm for all creative endeavor. As Jews struggling with theological issues, we can clarify the discrepancies revolving around the use of figurative forms in ritual art. And to address practical concerns, we can begin to under-stand the concept of hiddur mitzvah, glorification of a commandment.

G-d provided Bezalel with skill, and yet this is the last and perhaps léast important, attri-bute with which he is endowed. "And (G-d) hath filled him with the spirit of G-d, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and all manner of work-manship" (Exodus 35:31). To reveal with integrity the inner-



most essence of one's soul, and to be willing to suffer its in-spection by others, is an artist's most difficult task. It is wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, even more than talent, which provide the artist with the courage necessary to expose unshared visions. These are the tools with which Bezalel, and every artist, undertakes the frightening responsi-

bility of creating art worthy of G-d's presence. For the student of lewish

theology, a troubling aspect of Bezalel's creation is the inclu-sion of "cherubim." The text describes these cherubim - figurative forms of "angels" which are to decorate the ark (Exodus 25:18) - in great detail. In Vayakhel, Bezalel creates these gold angels with wings and faces (Exodus 37:7). This seems to be in direct contradiction of the Second Command-ment, "Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any manner of likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." (Exodus 20:4).

This commandment been cited throughout history to enforce the notion that Juda-ism forbids the use of figurative forms in art. Consequently, it might seem odd that G-d would command Bezalel to protect the covering for this very commandment with a "graven

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### Fifty Years Ago This Week In The Jewish Herald

Terrorist Gang Leader is

TEL AVIV - Law-abiding citizens of this community breathed easier with the realization of the full implications of the killing of Abraham Stern, terrorist gang leader, who engineered the fatal mine explosion, which on January 20th caused the death of three police officers and the wounding of three

Killed

FEBRUARY 27, 1942 Moe Chitim Fund Seeks

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Israel Kaufman, the South Providence Moes Chitim Fund is now conducting its eighth annual campaign for Passover funds for needy Jewish families in the community.

Samson, Delilah Wed

NEW YORK - A new volume of Old Testament stories is to be published in the near future by Elliot Paul. Advance notices say that in his book, Mr. Paul has Samson marry Delilah, whereupon someone expressed the hope that Mr. Paul doesn't forget to Mr. Paul doesn't longer to make some disposition of Samson's first wife, the Philistine woman, lest he cause the Biblical strongman to commit bigamy.

# School



### Lincoln Link-Up To Israel

(continued from page 1)

Hi! My name is Amy Port. I am fifteen years old. I have two brothers, one is 26 and the other is 23. I play tennis, basketball, and lacrosse. My favorite subject in school is Biology. I am in the tenth Biology. I am in the terms grade. I belong to a Jewish youth group called U.S.Y. I attend Lincoln School for girls. graduated from Solomon Schechter Day School. I am looking forward to speaking to you in a few weeks.

Shalom! My name is Hyla Kaplan, and I am sixteen years old. I am a junior at the Lincoln School for girls. My favorite subjects are History and Math. I enjoy volleyball, skiing, and ice skating. I belong to a Jewish youth group called U.S.Y. I speak a little Hebrew, but I haven't spoken it recently. I have visited Israel twice, and I am returning this summer. I have relatives who live in Haifa. I attend Hebrew High School twice a week. I have an eight-year-old brother and a one-year-old sister. I can't wait to talk to you in a few weeks.

My name is Hilarie Rubin, and I am seventeen years old. I am a senior at Lincoln School. I Pawtucket, in Island, and travelled to Israel last summer for two months with United Synagogue Youth. I spent three weeks in Jerusalem in addition to traveling throughout the country. I also visited my relatives in Haifa. I have two younger brothers who attend the Solomon Schechter Day School which is the Jewish Day school I graduated from. I swim, play volleyball, and attend Hebrew school

twice a week. My Hebrew is not very good, but when I travelled to Israel I realized that most Israelis speak English. I am looking forward to speaking to you in a few weeks.

My name is Stephanie Klein, and I'm fourteen years old. I am an eighth gradér at Lincoln School in Providence, R.I. I live in Pawtucket, R.I. I enjoy playing the sports, field hockey and tennis. My favorite subject in school is History. I belong to a Jewish youth organization called U.S.Y. I have not been to Israel yet, but I plan to in the future. I am looking forward to speaking to you in a few weeks. Shalom!

### A Global Conversation

by Students From The Lincoln School

At 8:00 on the dot Mr. Cofone dialed the home phone number of the Smooha residence. The Smoohas live in Haifa, Israel. and are friends of Lancaster, a history er. The interviewers lane were Hyla Kaplan, Amy Port, Stephanie Klein, Erica Stern and Hilarie Rubin, and were assisted by Mrs. Beverly Loeben-berg, a Middle School teacher. All members of the team are Jewish and four of them have visited Israel. They were interested in comparing the similarities between life in the United States and in Israel. Adi

Adi Smooha, 18, answered the phone.

When she graduates from high school, she will enter the



(L. to R.) Stephanie Klein, 8th grade, Hyla Kaplan, 11th grade, Amy Port, 10th grade, Erica Stern, 7th grade, Hilarie Rubin, 12th grade, and Beverly Loebenberg, teacher.

Israeli army. All Israeli teenagers must serve in the army; boys must serve for three year while girls can spend from 10 months to 2 years there.

Tal Lax

Tal Lax, Adi's 17-year-old friend, lives in a house with her brother, sister, and parents.

Tal belongs to BBYO, which is the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. We told her that we belong to BBYO here in the States

Tal was born in New York but lived in Israel for ten years. She feels the econ-omy and security are the most important issues facing Israelis today. She said that, 'Women's roles (are) changing a bit. Women used to spend their time in the home, and if they went out to work, it was at women's jobs like teachers and stuff like that. Now women are beginning to go into other fields."

Conclusion

We felt that, although we live in different countries across the world, our lifestyles were somewhat similar.

We all are concerned with unemployment and the econ-

omy. However, the problem of security in Israel is a major concern in their daily lives. We are all hoping for lasting world peace. Instead of entering a university after graduating from high school like American

teenagers, must enter the army and serve their country. Although we live thousands of miles away from each other, we hope to keep in contact with each other and eventually meet them



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### OBITUARIES

#### MINA BOXER

PROVIDENCE Boxer, 81, of 21 Alexander St., a sales clerk for Guttin's Bakery for 25 years before retiring 10 years ago, died Sunday, February 23, 1992, at home

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Max and Bessie (Pomeranz) Boxer, she lived in Providence for 50 years. She previously lived in Canada. Miss Boxer was a member of

the Congregation S Zedek-Sons of Abraham. Shaare

She leaves a sister, Eva Sacarovitz of Providence; two Sacarovitz of Providence; two nieces, Ruth Lipson of War-wick, Muriel Polish of New York, and a nephew, Melvin Wallick of Rockville Center,

A graveside service was held Monday, February 24, at Lin-coln Park Cemetery, Warwick, and was coordinated by Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence

#### BENJAMIN COHEN

IOHNSTON Benjamin Cohen, 84, of Pocasset Lodge died Saturday, February 22, 1992, at the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence. He was the husband of Marie (Ricci)

Born in Providence, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cohen, he lived in Johnston for nine months. He previously lived in Warwick and Providence.

Mr. Cohen was a graduate of Providence College. He was an assistant manager for the John Hancock Life Insurance Co., Cranston, for 30 years. He was an examiner for the State of Rhode Island for 10 years before retiring. He was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Dr. John M. Cohen of Boston, Dr. Richard L. Cohen

of Richardson, Texas, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, February 24, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, Providence

#### FLORENCE DATZ

PROVIDENCE - Florence Datz, 87, of Randall Street, a stenographer and legal sec-retary in New York City for many years before retiring 20 years ago, died Friday, February 21, 1992, at Charlesgate Nursing Center. She was the widow of Irving Datz and the late Samuel Pressman.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Rabbi David and Althea (Kotransky) Bachrach, she had lived in New York City for many years before moving back to Provi-

She was a member of the Brandeis Women's Auxiliary and a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves daughter, She leaves a daughter, Maida Horovitz of Boynton Beach, Fla., and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Sunday, February 23, at Lin-coln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence

#### SIDNEY FELDMAN

WARWICK — Sidney Feldman, 72, of 312 Chatham Circle, a salesman for the United Paper Stock Co., Pawtucket, for 15 years before retiring five years ago, died Wednesday, February 19, 1992, at Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Helen (Seigal) Feldman

Born in Providence, a son of the late Abraham and Minnie (Adler) Feldman, he lived in Cranston for 35 years before moving to Warwick four years

ago. Mr. Feldman was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the European Theater. He was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was a member the Segreganset Country Club.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Debra DeAlmo of Cranston and Amy Rotondi of Warwick; a son, Fred Feldman of Marblehead, Mass. brother, Max Feldman of Fall River, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday, February 21, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence, Burial was Lincoln Park Cemetery, War-

#### DR. IRVING KAPLAN

CRANSTON — Dr. Irving Kaplan, 72, of 283 Summit Drive, a dentist in Providence for 45 years, died Friday, February 21, 1992, in Atlanta, Ga. He was the husband of Kate (Markel) Kaplan.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Samuel and Sadie (Bigunetz) Kaplan. He

lived in Cranston 36 years. He was a graduate of Providence College and Temple University School of Dentisty, versity School of Dentisty, where he was a member of the John A. Kolmer Honorary Medical Society and the Fredric James Clinical Pathology Hon-

orary Society.

Dr. Kaplan was a past president of the Rhode Island Dental Association and the Providence District Dental Society He was a member of the dental staffs of Rhode Island Hospital, Roger Williams Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital for many

He was a past chairman of the medical division of the March of Dimes of Rhode Island and a past president of the Men's Club of Temple Beth Shalom. He was a founding member of the Cranston B'nai B'rith Association, and was a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, the Jewish Historical Society and the Providence Hebrew Day

Dr. Kaplan was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael of Crans ton and had been a member of its board of directors and its men's club.

Besides his wife, he leaves a Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Lisa B. Lubka of San Gabriel, Calif., and four sons, Dr. Andrew S. Kaplan of Scarsdale, N.Y., Dr. Richard D. Kaplan of Atlanta, Ga., Jeffrey S. Kaplan of Waltham, Mass., and Peter J. Kaplan of West Roxbury, Mass.; a sister, Ruth Kahn of El Toro, Calif.; two brothers, Stanley Kaplan of Middletown, R.I., and Paul Kaplan of Newport Beach, Calif.; and five grandchildren. He was a brother of the late Muriel Gordon.

The funeral service was held Sunday, February 23, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

#### LILLIAN KLITZNER

PROVIDENCE — Lillian Klitzner, 91, of Upton Avenue, died Wednesday, February 19, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. Born in Providence

ter of the late Solomon and Rachel Mary (Lifschitz) Klitzner, she had also lived in Miami Beach, Fla.

Miss Klitzner assisted her late brother, Harry Klitzner, from an early age in the family business, now known as Klitz-ner Industries. She was active in the business until retiring at age 65.

She was a past grand chief and a past president of the Pythian Sisters of Rhode Island, and a member of the Jewish Community Center Senior Citizens Club.

Miss Klitzner leaves a niece, C. Blanche Dember of Providence, with whom she made her home. She was also sister of the late Jacob Klitzner, Abraham Klitzner, Michael Klitzner and Robert Klitzner.

A graveside service was held Thursday, February 20, at Lin-coln Park Cemetery, Warwick, and was coordinated by Mount Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

#### LEO I. MAL

PROVIDENCE — Leo I. Mal, 69, died February 20, 1992, at the Jane Brown Unit of the R.I. Hospital.

Born in Providence, a life-

long resident, he was the son of the late Hyman and Rose

(Hershkowitz) Malachowsky. Mr. Mal was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael and Sackin-Shocket Post #533 of the Jewish War Veterans. He was a World War II veteran.

He leaves one brother, Joseph L. Mal of Providence; two sisters, Frances "Faye" Dress and Anna Grossman, both of Providence; five nieces, five nephews, five great-nephews and one great-niece. He was the brother of the late Abraham M. Mal.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feruary 23, at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

#### JOSEPH PRIEST

CRANSTON loseph Priest, 74, of 191 Deerfield Rd., founder and owner of the former Rhody Distributors, North Main Street, Providence, for 30 years before retiring 18 years ago, died Sunday, February 23, 1992, at home. He was the husband of Frances (Bander)

Born in Providence, a son of the late Henry and Minnie Priest, he lived in Lauderhill, Fla., for the last 18 years, and in Cranston. He lived in Crans-

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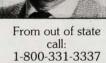
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ton for many years before moving to Lauderhill, and had lived in Providence most of his life.

Mr. Priest was a member of Temple Sinai, the Redwood Lodge F & AM, and the Palestine Shrine. He was a past patron of the Hope Link 46, and a member of the Providence Hebrew Free Loan.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Sandra Maldavir; a Henry Priest, both of Cranston, and four grand-

The funeral service was held at Monday, February 24, at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

#### JAMES SANEK

PAWTUCKET lames Sanek, 82, of 28 Roberta Ave., a manufacturer's agent in the wire and cable industry for 40 years before retiring five years ago, died Tuesday, February 18, 1992, at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Madeline (Bogin) Sanek.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Helen (Com-mon) Sanek, he had lived in Pawtucket and Laguna Hills, Calif., for a total of 52 years

Mr. Sanek was a 1931 Brown University graduate, and a member of the Brown

Club of Rhode Island. He was a member of the Wire & Cable International Organization, and the Metacomet Country Club.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge of Masons, Temple Beth-El, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and the Hospice of Rhode Island.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Martha Simen-sky of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and Marjorie Platzker of Brentwood, Calif.; a sister, Ruth Haft Warwick, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was private. Arrangements were by the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

#### LOUIS WEISMAN

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Louis Weisman (LTC, U.S. Army, Ret.) died suddenly at his home on February 17, 1992. He lived in Rhode Island until 1981

Colonel Weisman was a member of the Rhode Island Army National Guard from 1956 until his retirement in 1976. He held positions as Operations and Training Of-ficer, Civil Defense Officer and

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Recruiting Officer. His military career began in 1939 when he enlisted in the Guard. He received his commission in October of 1942 as an Anti-Aircraft Artillery Officer, and served in the South Pacific during World War II.

He was a member of B'nai B'rith, the Retired Officers Association of America, Jewish War Veterans of America, and the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Colonel Weisman was born on October 8, 1921, in New York City, the second of five sons of the late Annie (Nudelman) Weisman and David Weisman. He leaves a wife, Sandra (Gorman) Weisman, of Melbourne, Florida; four children, Nancy Hawksley of Rhode Island, Elizabeth Hagopian of Raleigh, North Carolina, Janet Weisman of New York City, N.Y., Dr. Joseph Weisman of San Antonio, Texas; and five grandchildren. He also leaves three brothers, Samuel Weisman of Rhode Island, Daniel Weisman of Florida, and Benjamin Weissman of New York.

Services and burial were

Services and burial were held at Fountainhead Memorial Park in Palm Bay, Florida, on February 19.

In his memory donations can be made to Harbor City Volunteer Ambulance Squad, 1131 S. Hickory St., Melbourne, Florida 32901 or Temple Israel of Brevard County, 1900 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island 32952.

#### KATHERINE WHITE

NEW YORK — Katherine "Kitty" White, 87, of 5 Riverside Drive died Saturday, February 22, 1992, at home.

Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Samuel and Bella (Altschuler) Reitman, she lived in New York for 65 years.

She was founder and owner of the former K.B. White Employment Agency, for 40 years

before retiring 10 years ago. She was a member of Hadassah, the Park Avenue Synagogue of New York, ORT, B'nai B'rith, and the Carol Solov Foundation.

She leaves two nieces, Florence Horenstein of New York, Florence Renner of Sunrise, Fla., and three nephews, Sidney Horenstein of Warwick, Bernard Kling of Sunrise, and Stanley Green in New Jersey.

A graveside service was held Monday, February 21, at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick and was coordinated by Moun Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence.

### Shamir, Rabin

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of the vote. Ora Namir, one of only two women in Labor's 39member Knesset delegation, trailed far behind with 5.5 percent. After 3 a.m. local time, Peres phoned Rabin to concede defeat and congratulate him.

Both men spoke of their future "cooperation" to secure the party's return to power. "That is the main thing," echoed Peres.

Shamir declined to say which of the Labor contenders he considers the stronger candidate against Likud in the June 23 elections.

Most pollsters predict that Labor under Rabin will be much tougher to beat than Labor under Peres. That, in fact, was the central plank of Rabin's platform in his primary campaign.

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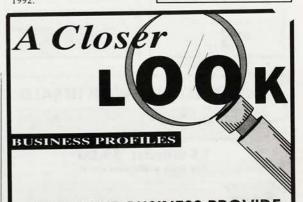
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