



Chanukah Establishes 'A Beachhead of Light'

By Nehemia Polen

The ambience of candlelight is entirely different from that of daylight. When the sun rises, the darkness disappears and the night flees. But when a lamp or candle is lit, the night is left intact, and the light shines within darkness. Candlelight is the light of memory, of hope, of inwardness, of sweetness, of love—and the light of Chanukah, that holiday of the winter solstice, when the sun stands still and the nights are longest.

We are still nourished by the courage of the Maccabees, by their faith and conviction. The lights they kindled have never gone out. Perhaps this is because they threw themselves into their cause completely, with utter commitment. They did not wait for the light of day to come, for absolute clarity, for assurance that they could not fail. They acted not out of certitude of success, but from a faith within that pierced the darkness of that time and ours as well.

The victory of the Maccabees did not end the world of Hellenism, and the challenges it posed to Judaism. Chanukah is not the celebration of a final redemption, but a

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Bush-Shamir: Their Hope is to 'Mend Fences'

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Bush administration and the Israeli government are looking at next week's meeting between President Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as an opportunity to set aside the tensions that have strained relations between the two nations in recent months.

"Both men, Bush and Shamir, are conscious that the stories of the bad chemistry between them" have "gotten out of hand," David Harris, executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee, said Monday after he and six other top officials of the group held a 45-minute meeting here with Shamir.

"Our reading is that both sides would like this to be a positive meeting and to contribute to removing recent

tensions, frictions and misunderstandings," he said.

Harris was here heading an AJCommittee solidarity mission to Israel, dubbed "Operation Undaunted," that brought 125 of the group's top members from across the United States to meet with Israeli political leaders and tour the country.

Shamir will meet with the president on Tuesday, Dec. 11, a day after receiving the Jabotinsky Foundation's Defender of Jerusalem Award in New York. While in Washington, he is also scheduled to meet with Vice President Dan Quayle, Secretary of State James Baker, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and members of Congress.

While Shamir will not ask Bush for any new economic or military aid, he is expected to lay the groundwork for

future additional U.S. aid to help Israel resettle the thousands of Soviet Jewish immigrants arriving each week.

"I believe that we will find receptive ears in this regard," Zalman Shoval, Israel's new ambassador to the United States, told representatives of the Jewish news media in Washington on Tuesday.

A pro-Israel lobbyist in Washington said Israel will seek hundreds of millions of dollars in new U.S. refugee assistance at a later date. Such aid would be in the form of U.S. guarantees for loans from private banks, like the \$100 million in U.S. housing assistance for the immigrants approved earlier this year.

In the military sphere, Is-

rael wants to wait until the end of the Persian Gulf crisis before asking for any new weaponry. Shamir feels that such proposals "should only be decided upon after this crisis is over," Shoval said.

That position appears to be aimed at thwarting any new U.S. arms flow to Arab countries as the crisis wears on. The Bush administration is

expected to propose a \$15 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia after the new Congress convenes in January.

From Israel's standpoint, the success of the Bush-Shamir meeting depends in part on how Washington handles proposals currently before the U.N. Security Council to step up monitoring of condi-

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Human Rights Violations Rampant Throughout Arab World, Boston Told

By Judith S. Antonelli
Advocate Staff

Iraqi occupying forces in Kuwait have tortured and executed scores of people since the August 2 invasion, reports Amnesty International after conducting a fact-finding mission in the Persian Gulf in September. Hundreds of Kuwaitis are also being held in detention centers and prisons in both Kuwait and Iraq, and torture is routine in these centers, refugees told the mission, reporting instances of having their limbs broken, hair pulled, fingernails and toenails pulled out, as well as beatings and electric shock torture.

On the "other side" of the war, however, Amnesty International has also collected evidence that hundreds of Yemenite nationals have been arbitrarily arrested and tor-

tured by Saudi Arabia, for no other reason than their nationality or a "suspected opposition" to Saudi policy on the Gulf crisis.

These and other findings on human rights violations in the Arab world were discussed by Joshua Rubenstein, Amnesty International's northeast regional

director, at a lunch meeting sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith on Tuesday.

Also present to describe the plight of Syrian Jews was Professor Saul Friedman of Youngstown State University, a historian who is the author of *Without Future: The Plight of Syrian Jews*. Fact

sheets on this community were distributed to the nearly 100 people in the audience, as well as a list of addresses for making appeals on behalf of Syrian Jews.

Although Rubenstein mentioned the situations in both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, the bulk of his talk was spent

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Freedom Sunday Pushes Operation Exodus over \$12 Million Mark

By Terry Holzman

It was a huge family celebration and a major fund-raising day for Operation Exodus. People came in all sizes and ages, from all incomes and backgrounds, some whose families have been here for generations and others recently arrived from places like Leningrad, Minsk, and Tashkent. Whatever their differences, they came with a common purpose, a shared commitment, and a belief that what they did on Freedom Sunday could actually change Jewish history.

The 1,000 volunteers and staff of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies who made more than 20,000 phone calls, stuffed envelopes, sorted pledge cards, trained solicitors, and cared for young children at the Leventhal-Sidman Community Center last Sunday, formed an unprecedented legion of organized, dedicated workers.

"This is an historic moment," they told thousands of



PRINCIPALS at Freedom Sunday included, left to right: Edwin N. Sidman, CJP chairman of the board; Devra Lasden, Freedom Sunday chair; and Barry Shrage, CJP president.

generous men and women who answered the calls between 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. "This is our chance to save Jewish lives. Anti-Semitism is on the rise," they explained, "and in the next few years one million Soviet Jews will flee to Israel. Help us turn the dream of freedom into the reality of reunion. It is a chance we may not ever get again." 4,638 people gave a total of \$1.1 million; \$835,000 for Operation Exodus, \$250,000 for the 1991 Annual Campaign.

Even CJP's most veteran leaders spoke in superlatives about the single day this community will long remember — one in which over \$850,000 was raised to rescue Soviet Jews and bring them home to Israel. But even more, it was a day this com-

munity stood proudly to be counted among those who will "never again" be unresponsive when Jewish lives are in danger.

"Freedom Sunday is the Boston Jewish community's answer to Pamyat, Saddam Hussein, and all the people who would tear us apart," said Edwin N. Sidman, CJP chairman of the board. "When we come together at these times, we demonstrate our strength and our will. We are invincible."

The annual JCC Jewish Book Fair proceeds went to Operation Exodus that day. Six-year-old Joshua Lerner of Newton brought his \$100 birthday check from his grandparents. Temple Emanuel of Newton's pre-schoolers donated their bulging tzedaka

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New Era for Jewish Advocate Ira A. Korff Becomes Publisher

The Jewish Advocate, New England's predominant Jewish newspaper, has been purchased by Ira A. Korff, it was announced this week by Bernard M. Hyatt, until now publisher and editor. The distinguished weekly is in its 88th year of publication.

In making the announcement, Hyatt said, "The well-being and fulfillment of the Boston Jewish community has been the dominant concern of my adult life. The Advocate plays a defining role in this process. I feel blessed to have been enabled to place its destiny for coming generations in the wise, compassionate and strong hands of my long-time friend Ira Korff. He is a nationally known business figure and an important spirit within the Jewish community."

Korff expressed his pleasure at being able to acquire what he called "a jewel." While stating his intention to expand and improve the publication's quality, coverage, and circulation, he pledged

his commitment to continuing the high journalistic standards of excellence that have resulted in both the Jewish and non-Jewish public relying on the Advocate for their primary source of Jewish community news, information, and exchange of opinions and ideas.

Korff will now assume the position of publisher, and Hyatt will maintain his position as editor and continue to manage the newspaper in the near term.

Providing legal guidance for the change in stewardship of the paper was Professor William Schwartz of the Boston University Law School. Counsel for the New York firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, he is a well-known Boston Jewish community and civic figure.

Ira A. Korff, 41, was born and grew up in Boston. He has pursued a diverse multi-disciplinary education and career in the fields of law, diplomacy, business, and the rabbinate.



CONGRATULATING NEW ADVOCATE PUBLISHER Ira A. Korff (left) is Bernard M. Hyatt, publisher emeritus and editor.

A descendant of the Baal Shem Tov, the 18th century founder of the Chassidic movement, and the grandson of the late dean of the Orthodox rabbinate, Grand Rabbi Jacob I. Korff, Rabbi Korff is the 74th rabbi in an unbroken line

of the noted rabbinic family.

A graduate of Columbia University, Hebrew College, Brooklyn Law School, and Boston University Law School, he holds the B.A., B.J.E., J.D., and LL.M. de-

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Reform Body Calls Use of Force Against Iraq 'Acceptable Option'

By Aliza Marcus

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism and a former opponent of U.S. intervention in the Vietnam War, called the use of military force against Iraq an "acceptable moral option."

With this statement, the UAHC became one of the first liberal Jewish groups to emphasize the general fear in the larger Jewish community that an unchecked Iraqi military could dangerously threaten Israel's survival.

The UAHC statement follows the position formally taken last month by the Council of Jewish Federations, an organization of 200 groups, in which support was given to Bush's actions.

In its statement, the UAHC also rejected attempts by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and others to link resolution with the Gulf crisis to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"This issue neither caused the Persian Gulf crisis nor can its resolution solve it,"

said the statement released Monday.

"We regard the use of military force as an acceptable response by the United

States and other nations," said the statement, which also urged President Bush to explore non-military options

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ons for Palestinians under Israeli administration.

If Washington supports the idea of convening the signatories of the Fourth Geneva Convention to discuss the Palestinian situation, or if it backs a proposal to dispatch a U.N. ombudsman to monitor the situation in the administered territories, that would be a source of deep concern for Israel and would exacerbate current U.S.-Israeli tensions, said Harris of AJCommittee.

If the United States fails to veto any U.N. resolutions to that effect, "it will certainly harm the goals that both countries have in this meeting," between Bush and Shamir, said Shoval.

For its part, the United States wants Shamir to give a strong reaffirmation of his commitment to the peace process and demonstrate his "willingness to consider ideas that could lead to a breakthrough," said Harris, who met with White House officials before setting out for Israel.

The Bush administration will be "watching Shamir's public statements from now until Dec. 11" for any sign of progress in the peace process, he said.

Bush and Shamir are expected to limit their discussion of the peace process to "creative ways" to restart the process once the Gulf crisis is over, according to Ruth Yaron, the Israeli Embassy spokeswoman in Washington. That phrase has been used in several diplomatic notes over the past few months between Baker and Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy.

The White House also expects Israel to continue maintaining a "low profile" in the Gulf crisis and to remain supportive of the administration's policy.

Shamir will "reiterate Israel's solidarity with the United States and its willingness to be helpful," Shoval said.

But the prime minister will also emphasize "the fact that Israel is America's strongest ally de facto in the Middle East," he said. "There's a limit to how much you can keep an ally in the closet."

Harris said the AJCommittee delegation had not detected a sense of concern from Shamir and other Israeli leaders about Bush's decision to send Secretary of State Baker to Baghdad to meet with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy reportedly have urged Cabinet ministers to squelch any public criticism of the American move, given Israel's delicate position and its desire not to be perceived as a nation of warmongers.

But concern about the diplomatic initiative surfaced at Sunday's Cabinet meeting and is widely reflected in the news media here.

Harris characterized Shamir's stance as one of full support for U.S. policy in the Gulf, "coupled with hope that the U.S. will keep its eyes

wide open as it traverses uncharted territory."

In Washington, an Israeli Embassy official said that one of Shamir's aims in his meeting with Bush will be to focus on the "broader aspects" of the Gulf crisis, an apparent reference to Iraq's chemical and nuclear weapons capabilities.

Shamir is also expected to seek reassurances from Bush that the United States will continue to oppose any linkage between the Gulf crisis and the Israeli-Palestinian dispute, Harris said.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, who will be in Washington to meet with senior U.S. officials at about the same time as the Bush-Shamir meeting, is expected to insist on some sort of linkage as his country's price for a withdrawal from Kuwait.

U.S. and Israeli officials say that because of the need to preserve cooperation in the Gulf crisis, the Bush-Shamir meeting will be less contentious than it otherwise might be if, for instance, the Arab-Israeli peace process were the major item on the agenda.

News reports have indicated that Bush does not like Shamir personally, that he considers the Israeli leader unyielding, especially on the subject of increased Jewish settlement in the administered territories.

Before the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Bush administration had been publicly critical of Israel for rejecting a U.S. proposal to hold preliminary peace negotiations with a Palestinian delegation in Cairo.

Israel objected because the delegation was to have included residents of East Jerusalem and former residents of the West Bank or Gaza Strip whom Israel had deported.

The rhetoric reached its pinnacle June 13, when Secretary of State Baker denounced officials in Shamir's new Likud government for implying that Israel would not talk to Palestinians unless they acceded in advance to Israel's positions.

In testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Baker recited the telephone number of the White House switchboard and added that when Israel is "serious about peace, call us."

Now both countries are trying to "dispel false perceptions" and "clear the air," said Ambassador Shoval. The two sides should not let "unnecessary differences of opinion" get in the way of issues of greater importance, he said.

Good intentions aside, Israelis are approaching the White House meeting with a certain measure of wariness. A joke making its way through Israeli circles in Washington goes something like this: "The last time a Jewish leader met with a bush resulted in the Jews wandering in the desert for 40 years."

(JTA correspondent Howard Rosenberg contributed to this report.)



NORMA MEDOFF, Senior Adult Director of the Metro North JCC Senior Adult Club, will be honored for 20 years of dedicated service to seniors at a testimonial brunch on Sunday, December 16 at 11 a.m. at the Metro North Jewish Community Center, 65 Nahant Avenue, Revere. Contact Frances Caplin at 884-3029, or Irene Zitomersky at 884-5160 for information.

Chanukah At The Atrium

Join the Atrium on Sunday, December 16 for a day of festivities celebrating Chanukah. The entertainment includes choral singing by seniors from the Jewish Community Center of Newton, a cooking demonstration by Lora Brody, a candle lighting by Mayor Mann and a variety of other activities for the whole family.

The Atrium is located at 300 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill. Scheduled from 12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m. — Choral singing by seniors from the Jewish Community Center of Newton; 1:15 p.m.-2 p.m. Cooking demonstration by Lora Brody; 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Candle lighting by Mayor Mann, potato latke tasting and dreidel game playing. These events are sponsored by the Chabad House of Greater Boston.

A dancing dreidel will also distribute a gift to each child.

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toward resolving the crisis.

Their statement contrasted with that issued by the National Council of Jewish Women, which, in a letter to the White House dated Nov. 15, urged President Bush to explore non-military options and made no mention of activating the military option.

"I urge you to explore every feasible alternative to military action in responding to Iraq's aggression and annexation," said the letter signed by NCJW president, Joan Bronk, and released last week.

"We call on you to work closely with Congress to carefully examine our country's options as you work to restore peace and stability in the Gulf," said the NCJW, which has 100,000 members.

The UAHC resolution, adopted during the organization's semi-annual meeting last weekend, recognized "that when all such means have been considered and explored, the use of military force is an acceptable moral option to accomplish the restoration of Kuwaiti independence, freedom for the hostages, the elimination of Iraqi biological, chemical and nuclear capabilities and the diminishment of Iraq's offensive military capacity."

However, the UAHC did tacitly call on President Bush to get a declaration of war from the Congress before moving ahead. Bush has indicated that complying with the controversial constitutional law requiring Congress' support before declaring war is not one of his priorities.

No president has so far invoked this requirement, passed by Congress in the early 1970s to avoid another Vietnam War scenario.

The UAHC represents 840 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada. The number of Reform Jews in North America totals some 1.3 million members.

The American Jewish Congress, another liberal organization, is expected sometime this week to release its official position on the use of force in the Gulf.

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'A Beachhead of Light'

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beachhead of light and belief within a still pervasive fog and confusion.

The Zohar (1:50b) teaches that every candle flame has several parts. There is a radiant white light above, and a dark blue or black light below. The black flame is attached to the wick, and its nature is to consume. The white flame above does not consume; it is pure and benign. There is yet a third light in the candle flame: above the white light rests a concealed light, surrounding it as an aura.

For the Zohar, the parts of the flame symbolize the mystery of faith, and aspects of the divine working in the world. It is the Zohar's great insight that there is darkness within the light, a darkness which for most people is threatening and destructive. But for Israel, for the pure of faith, for those who know how to triumph by surrender and to live by sacrifice, even the dark core of the flame, the consuming energy attached to the wick, is nurturing and sustaining.

It is a human conceit, particularly characteristic of our own age, that before we act we must have absolute clarity and certainty of knowledge. But until the messianic age there is no perfect certainty in human affairs. The deepest human decisions are made on faith. The actions we take always must leap over the abyss of doubt. The correctness of our decisions can only be determined later, and often not even then. The leader must often take, as Carl Sandberg wrote of Abraham Lincoln, "a guess in twilight." The alternative to belief is paralysis.

It helps to know that others have come before us. The Maccabees stand with us to this day, assisting us in lighting our candles. It is also important to remember that others will come after us, looking to us for inspiration. We do what we do for them, as well as for ourselves.

The story is told that Bertrand Russell once gave a lecture on the logic of modern physics. Alfred North Whitehead, who was in the audience, rose to express his gratitude for the illuminating lecture, but also thanked Russell "for not having obscured the great darkness of the subject."

The candles which we light on Chanukah do not make the darkness disappear. But they do enable us to live in the stance of faith, to find our footing, to hold hands with both the Maccabees and our own descendants, and together to move forward to greet the Messiah.

Rabbi Dr. Nehemia Polen is Visiting Professor of Jewish Thought at Hebrew College in Brookline and Rabbi of Congregation Tifereth Israel of Everett.

Human Rights Violations

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explaining the nature of Amnesty International and its history of reporting on the Arab world. His talk seemed, in part, a defense against the criticism that has been hurled at Amnesty from segments of the Jewish community who believe the group has an "anti-Israel" bias.

"Amnesty International is not a general human rights organization," Rubenstein explained. "It is prisoner-oriented. We work on behalf of prisoners of conscience, as long as they have not advocated violence."

"We also work for fair trials for political prisoners. This is a broader category. It includes people like Nelson Mandela, whom we never adopted as a prisoner of conscience because he advocated violence."

Finally, Amnesty works against torture and the death penalty in all of its forms, he said.

Regarding the 21 Arab countries of the Middle East, Amnesty, which is 30 years old, has had "grim things to say about every one of these countries," Rubenstein asserted, holding up copies of reports on Syria, Egypt, Libya, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia as examples.

Syria now has 36 different kinds of torture, and has annihilated its own citizens by emitting poison gas through vents in buildings which were then demolished, he stated.

He also described a "liquidation campaign" of opponents of Libya's Col. Moammar Khadafy, who in 1988 welcomed an Amnesty International mission to Libya. In order to look good for this mission, Khadafy "bulldozed the wall of a prison and let out some political prisoners," Rubenstein reported, "but after that, things started to backslide."

Rubenstein emphasized the importance of Amnesty's impartiality, of holding all governments to one standard, and of the necessity of cross-checking refugee reports since "everyone has an agenda."

"If you work for human rights, you must be impartial, and take out after everybody fairly," he concluded. "You cannot be concerned with how it will play out politically." He cited the example of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who condemned Amnesty when it investigated British shootings in Northern Ireland, but praised Amnesty in another situation where it aided her politics to do so.

Similarly, Amnesty is investigating human rights abuses on both sides of the current Gulf crisis. "If you work for human rights, you must be prepared to point the

finger at everybody," he said. Saul Friedman began his talk by listing the oppressed minorities in the Moslem Arab world that rarely receive media attention: the Bahais, the Copts of Egypt, the Maronite Christians of Lebanon, blacks in Sudan, and the Armenians.

Calling Syrian Jews "the most powerless of any Jewish community in the world," he estimated that there are 4000 in Damascus, 700 in Aleppo, and 150 in the northeast corner of Syria.

Friedman, who spoke in Boston last May at a conference on oppressed Jewry, told three stories to illustrate the horror of life for Syrian Jews: a young boy who died as a result of being denied proper medical care because he was a Jew; a woman with four children who was allowed to leave Syria for spinal surgery after being shot, but was forced to pick only two of her children to take with her; and the story of three sisters and a cousin who tried to escape Syria and were raped, killed, mutilated and dumped at the homes of their parents in black body bags.

Friedman also mentioned the case of the Swed brothers, Eli and Salim, who have been in a Syrian prison since November 1987. "Their trial is reaching a head," Friedman stated. "The charge against them is 'maintaining contact with the enemy.'"

Amnesty International issued an "urgent action" bulletin on behalf of the Swed brothers (and seven other Syrian Jews who were imprisoned at the time) in July 1988. Friedman credited the Canadian Jewish Congress' National Task Force for Syrian Jews for doing the most to keep Syrian Jews on the agenda of the Jewish community.

While it is wrong to compare Iraq's Saddam Hussein or Syria's Hafez Assad to Hitler, Friedman asserted, "we are certainly dealing with evil people in the Middle East." The United States, which is on the same side as Syria in the Persian Gulf crisis, "should be demanding *quid pro quo*, but we're not," he noted.

Rubenstein pointed out that the U.S. has a history of "coddling up to dictators," and cited a statement made by former Secretary of State Alexander Haig that American nuns who were raped and murdered by death squads in El Salvador "must have run a roadblock."



CANTOR BARUCH GREISDORF, baritone, will be the guest entertainer at the meeting of the National Association of Jewish Civil Service Employees at Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, 120 Corey St., West Roxbury, Sunday evening December 9. His program will consist of songs to honor Chanukah, both Yiddish and Israeli as well as tunes from Broadway. Fern Abrams will accompany him at the piano.

Sexual Abuse Support Group

Join a bimonthly Sunday night support group where others who have also survived childhood sexual abuse will help you feel less isolated, provide comfort and support and links to the Jewish community, and offer useful coping suggestions.

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For information call Judi Shaffer, LICSW, at Jewish Family and Children's Service, 566-5716.

99 Restaurant Aids Pine St. Inn

The trucks, arriving at the Pine Street Inn, Boston, the first Tuesday of every month. Over 700 men and women wait patiently for meals served with all the trimmings by the Ninety-Nine Restaurant-Pubs. Since 1985, the Ninety-Nines have been preparing and serving meals to homeless persons at the landmark Boston shelter in the spirit of reaching out to those less fortunate.

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Kick-Off Benefit

Congregation Beth El-Atereth Israel, a modern Orthodox synagogue in Newton Centre, announces its kickoff fundraising event to benefit its new preschool. An Israeli cafe night will be held at the Shul this Saturday night, December 8, at 8 p.m. It will feature live entertainment by Rami Bar David, and a buffet supper in an atmosphere of an informal Israeli cafe.

The new Beth El-Atereth Israel preschool is a fully accredited program, emphasizing excellence in early childhood education and rich traditional Jewish content.

Applications for September 1991 enrollment, for regular and extended day, are currently being accepted. For information concerning the preschool, call the Shul office at 244-7233.

New Year's Eve At Beth Am

A New Year's Eve dinner dance will be held on Monday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Temple Beth Am, 871 North Main St., Randolph.

There will be a full course dinner, hot and cold refreshments and live music by Mirror Image, in addition to a Midnight champagne toast.

Reservations must be made by Dec. 14. Call 617-963-0440 for information.

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grees. In conjunction with The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the Harvard International Law Center, he received an M.A. in international relations, an M.A.L.D. in international law and diplomacy, and Ph.D. in international law. He is also an ordained rabbi and holds a D.D. degree. He attended the Berlin Rabbinical Academy (New York) and the Beis Mordecai Seminary (Jerusalem), and was a resident graduate at Harvard Divinity School.

Dr. Korff has worked extensively in public international relations as a consultant to government and private organizations. Admitted to practice before the Washington, D.C. and Massachusetts Bars, the U.S. Court of International Trade, the United States Tax Court, and the Supreme Court of the United States, he served as a special consultant to the Norfolk County (Mass.) District Attorney's office, and as Special Assistant Attorney General (Mass.).

He was subsequently a partner in a Boston law firm, and a principal in a Washington, D.C. lobbying firm, a UK venture Capital Company, and in various other business enterprises here and abroad.

He currently also holds the position of consul of the Republic of Austria and director of the Austrian Consulate in Boston.

He has served with the Rabbinical Court, as chaplain for the City of Boston, and as rabbi of several congregations in the Boston and Providence areas. He currently also serves as rabbi of The B'nai Jacob Synagogue.

Rabbi Korff is listed in *Who's Who in World Jewry*, *Who's Who in Re-*

ligion, *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in American Business*, and *Who's Who in America*.

Bernard M. Hyatt has been editor and publisher of *The Jewish Advocate* since 1984.

Hyatt, who was previously managing editor of the *Advocate*, guided the paper in its attainment of coveted awards, including Best Editorial Page from both the Accredited Home Newspapers of America Association and the New England Press Association, and the national Smolar Award, given for excellence in Jewish journalism, on consecutive occasions.

In his long association with the paper, dating from 1952, he has written more than 6,000 editorials and hundreds of news stories.

He holds degrees from three institutions: B.A. in Political Science, University of Maryland; M.A. in International Relations, University of Chicago; L.L.B., Harvard University Law School.

Founded in 1902 by Jacob de Haas, secretary to the famed Zionist Theodor Herzl, the *Advocate* has been in continuous publication since that time.

Through the interest of the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, young Alexander Brin, already a nationally syndicated reporter, succeeded de Haas as publisher in 1917. He retained this position for 63 years. From the middle '20s until his death in 1952, his brother, Joseph G. Brin, was co-publisher. In 1980, Joseph G. Weisberg, a nephew of the Brins, became publisher. Previously, he had served as editor. In 1984, he was succeeded by Hyatt.

CJP Freedom Sunday

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kah boxes, and children from 32 religious schools raised more than \$25,000 through a special "Ticket to Freedom" program created by the Bureau of Jewish Education. Whether the gift was \$2 or \$2,000, everyone seemed to feel they were playing a part in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It was communal solidarity at its best.

"It always amazes me," said CJP Past President Joel Sherman, following his hours on the phones. "People are coming here from every conceivable part of our community, including those who benefit from the services CJP provides... older people, children... they genuinely want to help... it's a labor of love and demonstrates their real understanding about how important this is in the perspective of our history."

CJP President Barry Shrage agreed. "It was a great day because it brought so many different kinds of Jewish people together for one purpose — young and old, members of different congregations, different organizations. I was especially touched to see the special needs young adults helping out, participating in a day we'll all long remember."

Gregory Kaidanov, an engineer who came from Lenington 13 years ago now chairs the New Americans Operation Exodus campaign was "amazed at the scale of the operation." It was his first CJP phone-a-thon, but surely not his last. "For us," he said, "it's more personal. We know people who are trying to get out. We know people who are coming here and to Israel."

Maggie Katzenberg, CJP Women's Division Operation Exodus chair, sat with many New Americans making calls to elderly people on fixed incomes. "They wanted to participate," she said, "It was beautiful." CJP Women's Division President Lenore Asher, wearing her red Operation Exodus T-shirt (yours is available for \$10 by calling CJP), was "thrilled" at the response. She said she "hoped all future phone-a-thons would be like this — it feels great."

"More than just the money," concurred CJP Women's Division 1991 Campaign Chair Susan Calechman, "It's the sense of community — the excitement people feel."

At the benefit Safam concert that night, there was hardly a dry eye in the house as the extraordinary musicians on the stage gestured to the 1,240 men, women, and children in the audience to stand and join the chorus of "Let my people go... where can they go once they are free... home to Jerusalem... our love will never end."

Freedom Sunday Chair Devra Lasden, radiant from the generosity and the communal spirit she had witnessed on what Mark Leventhal had called "a perfect day," told the crowd: "It couldn't be more beautiful — making a miracle with you. From the bottom of my heart, *todah rabah* (thank you)."

Operation Exodus Chair Michael Frieze, near the end of a long day in which he had trained solicitors, made many calls, greeted volunteers, sung along with Safam, and folded dozens of chairs during the final clean-up hours, captured what many seemed to be feeling: "I can't think of a more important time to be a Jew. This has been a spiritual renewal of this community. I've had a wonderful time!"

Terry Holzman is the director of communications at CJP.

Chaim Potok Book Review

The Women's Division, American Technion Society will feature Ronya Schwaab at a Chanukah meeting on Thursday, December 13, at 1 p.m. at 1501 Beacon Street, Brookline.

Schwaab will review Chaim Potok's new book, *The Gift of Asher Lev* and there will be holiday refreshments. A special effort is being made to help Israel integrate Russian newcomers into courses at Technion in Israel.

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