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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Her name is Marissa Emple. She is gorgeous. Coal black eyes that seem almost too large for her tiny little face. A cupid's bow mouth. An absolutely perfect baby - except that she was born with one major imperfection - a genetic liver disease that prevented her from digesting anything she was fed. She was slowly starving to death.

The birth of any child is a miracle - a gift of G-d. But for Jane and Jerry Emple, Marissa's re-birth is indeed miraculous. For four weeks Jane Emple stayed by her infant's side in Connecticut's Yale New Haven Hospital while Jerry remained at home in Brookfield, CT, trying to keep things as normal as possible for their two other small children, aged three and six. Tubes hung from Marissa's tiny body like telephone wires stretched across an urban landscape. Doctor's advised Jane to go home and tend to her other children. Well-meaning friends and relatives questioned how she could put a helpless infant through such extraordinary and painful medical procedures. But sometimes it takes extraordinary courage, love and genius to accomplish extraordinary results.

A few weeks ago, through the compassion and generosity of a Maine family who reached out to the Emples and donated their infant's liver in the midst of their tragic loss and sorrow, Marissa Emple, at 12 weeks old, became the youngest child in the world to receive a liver transplant.

Today, she is home with her parents, her brother and her sister. . . a gift of love, of life, of G-d! The Talmud says if you save one life, you save the world. Surely Marissa's miraculous recovery has given the Emple's back their world and no one shares their joy more than I. This tiny baby and I have received a legacy of life that is our families' private pleasure - and humanity's public promise. I pray that she will continue to be a source of nachus to her family and to all who prayed for her survival.

As for me, sitting in the Jewish Community Center office, borrowing Ida's trusty IBM, on this the third anniversary of my own liver transplant, I can think of no greater birthday present than the gift of life of this cherished child who shared my February anniversary. May she too go from strength to strength and continue to know the wondrous love of family, friends and neighbors that has enriched and blessed my own life as a daughter of Bangor who never ceases to delight in the pleasure of "coming home".

Finally, Marissa's difficult beginning is hopefully behind her, but the financial burden of her family looms far into the future. Transplants are enormously expensive. There is surely no doubt in the Emple's mind or mine that the end is worth the means. Their beautiful child is alive and

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Ooo-la-la! Straight from Broadway to Bangor are the Beth Abraham Players. Shown above at the Beth Abraham Sudab held at the Jewish Community Center is the "Queen Vashti Look-A-Like Contest". Notice the "Beauties" in drag.

Dance Party Planned



WMLI, AM 1250, in conjunction with the Jewish Community Center will have a DANCE PARTY on SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 30 from 8:00 P.M. to midnight.

Dance to the music of such greats as Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Guy Lombardo, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and the records of the Platters, Johnnie Matthis and others.

Hosted by Marlin Rexrode of the Kempton Ballroom Dance Studio.

There will be door prizes, a dance contest, and novelty dance taught. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

The cost for this evening of music and merriment is \$6.00 a couple in advance and \$8.00 a couple at the door.

You will be dancing the Fox Trot, the Cha-Cha, Mambo, Tango and Waltz and more. For more information, call us at 945-5631. You will have a ball at the WMLI-JCC Dance Party!

Passover Poster Contest

CALLING ALL KIDS OF THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY AGE 5-11 & 12-15.

THE UNITED BANK, 2 Hammond Street, Bangor, will again sponsor the 5th Annual Passover Poster Contest from April 6-12.

The posters will be displayed in the bank lobby and the customers of the bank will judge the contest.

The competition will be among two age groups - 5 through 11 years old, and 12 through 15 years of age. The first prize in each group will be a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. The prizes will be awarded to posters that best express: "THE MEANING AND MESSAGE OF PASSOVER."

The contest is open to any youngster of the Jewish community. Deadline for all entries is April 4th. Posters may be delivered to the Jewish Community Center any time before that date.

POSTER PAPER MUST BE USED. Minimum size 8 1/2 x 11; maximum 12 x 18. Any writing material may be used and remember the theme: The Meaning and Message of Passover.

Put your name, address, age and grade in school on the back only - nothing but your picture on the front. HURRY! Make your poster now and you may win a \$50.00 Savings Bond.

Youth Aliyah During the Pre-State Period

- Yehuda Bacon: Rescue and Rehabilitation

By the time he was 15, Yehuda Bacon was already a graduate of Theresienstadt, Auschwitz and Mauthausen. In Theresienstadt, he received his first formal art lessons and sold some of his drawings for food. In Auschwitz, he lost his parents and sister and found the tragic vision that would later inform and shape his art.

After the war, recuperating in a child-rearers home in Prague, Yehuda drew from memory every aspect of concentration camp life and death. He was determined that the suffering he had witnessed would not pass into oblivion, but would be set forth in undeniable and riveting images.

Yehuda was one of the children that Youth Aliyah's emissaries found as they searched Europe for young survivors. In 1946, with Youth Aliyah's help, he received an entry permit for Palestine and was taken to the village of Mikveh Israel to study Hebrew and agriculture. But Yehuda was not to become a farmer with the other youngsters at the youth village. His extraordinary artistic talent was quickly recognized, and he was sent to Bezalel Academy of Art in Jerusalem. Guided by interested people within Youth Aliyah and supported by grants and scholarships, Yehuda pursued his studies in Israel and abroad.

Still in contact with Youth Aliyah and proud to be among the artists who design greeting cards, Yehuda is deeply conscious of his debt: "I was very lucky to find, in my time of need, the best people who could help me, living examples to show me that there was still hope. From my experience... the help you can give a child

at the right moment is enormous and has far-reaching consequences for his whole life."

Now a senior lecturer at Bezalel, Yehuda has had more than 31 one-man shows of paintings and drawings. For years, his work reflected the pain and horror of the Holocaust, but gradually, these themes were supplemented, then replaced by lighter, mystical motifs. A resident of Jerusalem, Yehuda is married to a teacher at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and has two sons.

In 1961, during the trial of Adolf Eichman, Yehuda took his vividly-detailed Auschwitz sketches out of their dusty portfolio. He had been called to testify, and his drawings, compulsively labored over so many years before, were entered into the record as documentary evidence. . . eloquent witnesses to the horror we had survived.

By Ronnie Horn, Leslie Klineman and Shael Siegal

Contributions to Youth Aliyah is always needed. Send or call Marlene Allen 942-2010, Ida Gopan at the JCC 945-5631, Julie Kominsky 942-7956, or me at 942-4201 Mildred Kominsky, Chairman.



Nursery School children being treated to a Puppet Show.

Passover Cookbooks Now Available!

Kadima is Cooking! A cookbook compiled last year by members of Kadima USY (5-6 graders) and friends is now available. The Cookbook contains a variety of interesting, unusual and different Kosher-for-Passover recipes. Orders are now being taken by Susan Schonberger for **Kadima is Cooking** at the price of \$2 per copy.

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The importance of lighting Friday night candles is urged to spread the atmosphere of the Jewish home to the children and their visitors as well as to adults. What better way to instill the pride of Judaism in performing a simple and convenient ritual weekly as the sight of "Shabbos Lights" brings a glow and a reminder.

Daughters in the household should be taught at a young age to attain the habit and privilege of lighting one candle as mother lights the two or three that is usual. With this habit may lie the continuing of Judaism in that young girl's future home. And sons, accustomed to it, may request their future wives to do the same procedure.

The family gathers around the candles at sundown. The mother covers her head with a napkin or favorite covering. The daughter who lights a candle stands with her and does the same. Light the candles, "bench" three times (the hands gesture over the candles in a blessing), cover the eyes with the fingers (to hide the flames) and recite the blessing: "Blessed are You, our G-d, King of the Universe, who has hallowed us through His commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of the holy Sabbath." It is permissible to end with a silent "request" prayer and thanksgivings for the goodness showered upon us.

It is never too late to start this practice.

HEBREW SCHOOL SEDER

The Community Hebrew School will hold a model Seder for Family and Friends on Sunday, May 31st at the Jewish Community Center. Members of the Community who are interested in participating in this very special family-oriented activity should contact the Center to make reservations. The Hebrew School's condensed Holiday Haggada is now available in the office.

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Happy Birthday

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thriving. A fund has been established by Congregation B'nai Israel in Brookfield to help the Emple's cope with the enormity of Marissa's medical bills. I would be very proud to know that my family and friends in Bangor honored my re-birthday by helping Marissa's family provide for hers. Contributions to the Marissa Emple Transplant Fund may be mailed to:

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by Joyce Silver Willig

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Passover Away From Home

Rose Kleiner
Israel Today Travel Writer

There is no place like home for celebrating Passover. But the locations where one can celebrate a strictly kosher Passover these days are constantly increasing, thanks to the imagination and entrepreneurial spirit of the travel industry.

In the United States you can celebrate Passover in such places as Mt. Pocono, Pa., Long Branch, N.J., or Palm Springs, California, besides the all time favorite destinations such as Miami Beach or the Catskills.

For those ready to wander farther afield there are Hawaii, Santo Domingo or St. Maarten. Across the Atlantic one can celebrate a strictly kosher Passover in Switzerland, and, for the first time, in Spain.

For a most meaningful Passover celebration in Israel, there are numerous package deals and group tours to choose from.

Glatt kosher meals, traditional seders and "top name entertainment" are offered by Atlas Ambassador Kosher Tours from coast to coast in the U.S.A. Among the hotels they offer in the N.Y. area is the Tamiment Resort of the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. In the midwest, the Lake Geneva Resort, and in California the Sheraton Plaza of Palm Springs are also under the auspices of Atlas Ambassador Kosher Tours.

Heading south, you can now celebrate Passover at the Sheraton Savannah in Georgia or at several Miami Hotels, including the magnificent Fontainebleau.

The same tour company can also provide the proper Passover ambience in Acapulco's Copacabana Hotel, at the Ambassador Beach in the Bahamas, or at the Sheraton Makaha in Hawaii.

The Harbor Island Spa of Long Branch, New Jersey invites its guests to "stay home for Pesach!" that is, if your home can match what they have to offer. Among their many amenities is an indoor heated pool, a full health spa, and a golf course, as well as cholov Yisroel gourmet meals, and all day tea room, and a camp and night patrol for the children.

Pennsylvania's Valley Forge (Valley Forge Hilton), Lake Harmony (The Grant), and Mt. Pocono (Mt. Airy Lodge) all offer strictly kosher gourmet Passover accommodation in a traditional atmosphere. The Valley Forge Hilton advertises "most luxurious rooms with Designer linen-Down pillows, in-room VCR's, as well as a health spa Fitness Centre.

The nearby King of Prussia Mall is supposed to be the world's largest — with no sales tax on clothes. There is also a free bus to Atlantic City. The hotel serves glatt kosher meat. Cholov Yisroel and Shmura

Special lectures and guest appearances by famous personalities are now as much a part of these hotels' programming as are the big-star entertainers.

The number of Miami hotels hosting Passover guests this year is large. In the north there is the Diplomat, where a \$20 million renovation has just been completed. The Sheraton Bal Harbor and the Deauville are further down the beach. And more to the south are the Eden Roc, and the year-round kosher hotels such as the Caribbean the Waldman and the Saxony.

This area, however, is dominated by the presence of the Fontainebleau hotel, whose grounds encompass a complete resort. It is a popular place for strollers from all the nearby hotels, and during the Passover season the place is buzzing with young people from virtually all parts of North and South America.

Passover accommodations in Europe are available at the Hotel Silberhorn in Grindelwald, Switzerland and in Spain, for the first time.

The Spanish holiday package includes a tour to historic Toledo, with options to Tangiers and Gibraltar. The seders will be celebrated with the Jewish community in Madrid.

Passover in Israel has a special quality and a number of tours are being arranged this year. Emunah Tours have four special packages at the Windmill and Moriah Hotels in Jerusalem, with stays ranging from 10 to 22 days.

Mizrachi Tours offer, in addition to the above two hotels, packages at the Plaza and Central Hotels in Jerusalem.

A unique Passover package tour to Israel has been prepared especially for older adults by Associated Camps of New York.

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EUROPEAN REPORT



Published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

Animal Rights and Anti-Semitism

An increasingly politicized offshoot of the ecological movement in several European countries are wildlife protectionist and animal rights associations.

Though directed principally against vivisection, a much more radical lobby in Britain has turned to violence and is close to becoming a vehicle for anti-Semitism.

"The Animal Liberation Front" (ALF), based in London, claims 1,500 members and has taken credit for over 2,000 violent incidents during 1984. These went from threatening letters and phone calls to biology researchers, the injection of weed-killer into beef and mutton carcasses, all the way to shootings and firebombings of research laboratories and butchershops.

ALF leader Ron Lee, admitted, on a BBC World Service programme, to his movement's escalation to direct action. He claimed, however, that such measures were directed "only against the property of vivisectionists and for the liberation of oppressed animals", but never against individual persons.

The extremist ALF, for the first time received the support of the respectable Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) and other moderate groups, when it began its first major lobbying campaign against "Kashrut", which was deemed to be inhumane. Last spring, Conservative member of Parliament Richard Page, introduced a Bill in the House of Commons to amend the Slaughterhouses Act of 1974. This Act, according to Page, required the pre-stunning of animals before slaughter, and, he asked, why Jews should be exempted from this ruling? The Bill received only 54 votes and was struck down by a majority of 155 against.

The growth of the Muslim community in Britain and the subsequent increased demand for "Halal" has attracted the attention of extreme-right elements whose racist hate campaign includes both the Jewish and Muslim minorities.

Thus, last September, a National Front march in Brighton demonstrated against both Jewish and Muslim ritual slaughter.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews announced in December 1984 that it is contacting "eminent scientists who would

slaughtering animals caused distress."

The Board is preparing a publication on all aspects of 'Shechita' and is examining legislation on this problem throughout Europe and elsewhere.

Within Europe, Kashrut laws differ considerably from country to country. Indeed, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden had banned local ritual slaughter and there have been negotiations with the Swedish Community regarding customs duties on imported kosher meat. During 1984, parliamentarians in Portugal, Italy and Austria raised the question of re-examining and possibly banning ritual slaughter.

Moreover, the Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture recently presented a proposal to ban ritual slaughter for meat exported. The Netherlands is one of the largest exporters of Kosher meat. 350,000 head of cattle are slaughtered annually, of which only 2,000 heads are for domestic consumption - the rest going to Israel, Switzerland and Gibraltar. The Dutch Jewish Community is concerned that a ban on meat for export will deny local needs also.

Public outrage following the sacrifice of a lamb in the street by an Iranian diplomat in London and an Iraqi in Paris in two separate instances on 'Eid-al-Fitr' (the Feast of the Sacrifice) is potential fuel for both Animal Rights activists and neo-Nazi elements seeking a platform.

The Jewish community is debating between two approaches to counteraction. The first is to draw clear distinction between "halal" and "shechita", pointing to the difference in technique and supervision. Board of Deputies President Greville Janner pointed on the other hand to the common threat for both minorities "for whatever happens to other minorities has a direct impact on us. . ."

In a December 1984 issue of the Board's newsletter, Janner concluded: ". . . We must recognize that we will neither add stature to our own cause nor increase its prospects of Parliamentary success if we are only for ourselves."

The Board of Deputies has proposed organizing a conference of Jewish communities from the member countries of the European Economic Community to discuss the 'Shechita' issue.

The report was prepared by Shimon Samuels, director of our office in Paris.



Ballroom Dance Class Continues

Marlin Rexrode, expert Dance Instructor will start a new Ballroom Dance Class for beginners on Monday evenings, starting March 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

In recent months, the Jews for Jesus Organization has stepped up their proselytizing efforts. In order to increase their visibility and broaden their outreach, Jews for Jesus has moved their headquarters from the West Coast to the East Coast. Headquarters is now located in a seven story building at Park Avenue and 31st Street in Midtown Manhattan.

Since the advent of the summer, members of this group have infested the streets sporting t-shirts bearing the logo "Jesus made me Kusher" while distributing their literature (The Jews for Jesus' use of the Orthodox Union emblem is unauthorized and illegal). According to Dr. Phil Abramowitz of the JCRC's Task Force on Missionaries and Cults, a counter campaign has been enacted. The Task Force's literature is aimed at debunking cultist propaganda.

If a family or friend is involved in Jews for Jesus, or any other missionary group, the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services' Cult Hotline is available for counseling and crisis intervention. Their number is: [212] 860-8533.

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The terror of the Third Reich war machine and the memory of the Holocaust

still cast dark shadows upon our times and consciousness. They speak to us in terrible terms about the nature of violence and hate, the virus of anti-Semitism, and the capacity of the modern state to inflict death and destruction upon millions of people.

We feel appalled, diminished and depressed in the face of the Nazi nightmare. Yet, while we are beholden to remember the dimensions of evil and indifference which characterized that period of history, we are also challenged to be aware of the heroism of those individuals who risked their own safety in order to save Jews in Europe. Their deeds keep alive our faith in humanity and the values which make life worth living. One of these distin-

guished souls was Raoul Wallenberg of Sweden.

On April 8 and 9, 1985, NBC will present "Wallenberg: A Hero's Story" a four-hour miniseries about the Swedish diplomat who

went to Budapest, Hungary. In 1944 during the waning days of World War II and rescued more Jews than any other individual or institution on Nazi-occupied Europe. The drama recounts how Wallenberg, an aristocrat, was recruited for his rescue mission to Hungary; how once there he dedicated his enormous energies to an ingenious program to provide safe passes and shelter to Jews, and how in the process he came face-to-face with Nazi brutality and challenged the power of the Arrow Cross (Hungarian Fascists). Raoul Wallenberg disappeared when the Russians conquered Hungary in the last months of the war; to this date, his fate remains unknown.

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The banner is easily secured to a car rear window with preaffixed double-faced tape. Reflective lettering makes the words CALL POLICE, printed in eight-inch fluorescent letters, visible both day and night.

Some 150,000 banners have been distributed nationally in the past six weeks since they became available through the NCJW. Proceeds go to community service programs. The banner began with volunteers working at the kitchen table in a member's home. But a notice about the banners in the syndicated "Dear Abby" newspaper column catapulted the local community service project to a major full-service operation.

The organization has been deluged with hundred of requests and testimonials each day from senior, women, police departments, schools and corporations interested in sponsoring employee safety programs.

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Beth Israel Seder Planned

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WANT A CHALLENGE?

How would you like to exercise your creative talent?
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The Community News in an attempt to expand itself and at the same time maintain its high standards, is seeking a volunteer or two, to become its editor.

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Congregation Beth Israel Celebrates Purim

Over 110 adults and children attended Purim festivities at Congregation Beth Israel on Purim night, March 6th.

Included in the program was a costume parade of the 60 participating children; a pinata of Haman destroyed by the same enthusiastic group of youngsters; entertainment for the adults by Keith, Kronin & Hall as well as some humorous stories by Prof. Goodfriend; a performance by Bruce "Magic" Johnson; and games for the children. A complete deli dinner was served.

Beth Israel would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this special Purim a great success.

Karate Classes to Continue

The Jewish Community Center of Bangor will again offer a Beginner's Karate Class for boys and girls, ages 6 to 12, from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. beginning March 17th.

The fee will be 8 weeks for \$20.00.

In addition, a co-ed adult Karate class will be given from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. Minimum age for this program is 13.

The instructor for these classes is Richard Oakes who has a brown belt, 2nd degree. He will teach Goju Rye style Karate.

The fee for this 8-week, one and a half hour class is \$30.00. A discount is available for multiple family enrollment. However, enrollment is limited. Little or no knowledge of Karate is needed.

For additional information, contact the Jewish Community Center, 28 Somerset Street, Bangor, or call 945-5631.

The JCC is a member agency of the United Way of Penobscot Valley.

14th Annual Fashion Show & Petit Luncheon

TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd
AT NOON

The Beth Abraham Sisterhood will be holding their 14th Annual Fashion Show and Petite Luncheon at the Jewish Community Center on Tuesday, April 2nd at 12 noon.

The theme of the show this year is "Town and Country", with fashion from Tragus Casuals.

Chairwomen of the Fashion Show are Jo-Ann Kirstein and Louise Shindler. Tickets are available at the Jewish Community Center, 945-5631, or call, Lillian Salzman, 942-0735 or Rhoda Bernstein, 945-5997.

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RELIGION GOES TO SCHOOL

Over the summer, the Congress passed an "Equal Access" bill that gives students the right to hold religious, philosophical and political meetings in public high schools before and after school hours. This measure opens up the schools to outside religious groups, including cults and proselytizers. Furthermore, though this legislation refers to "student-initiated" groups, anyone who is "invited" to the school by the students will be permitted to take part in a group's activities.

The subject of Equal Access legislation was included in the agenda of a recent Communal Relations Commission meeting. The Orthodox Union has long opposed Equal Access legislation, as well as all other attempts to bring religious practices

into the schools. As such, the Commission decided to continue to oppose Equal Access and will join in supporting the efforts to overturn this measure. The Commission also decided that even though we are opposed to turning our schools into a battleground for the souls of our children - so long as the present law is on the books, we will not stand silently by. It is, therefore, imperative that rabbis, parents and youth leaders carefully monitor the situation in their communities' schools and implement programs for Jewish youth in accordance with the guidelines of the legislation.

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Aliyah Center Sponsors Tour of Israel

NEW YORK, February 8, 1985. . . The Israel Aliyah Center this summer will sponsor its first pilot tour designed particularly for students, giving them a chance to explore both academic and professional opportunities in Israel, an official of that agency has announced.

The tour, open to graduate students and undergraduates alike, will last for two weeks, with participants having the option of staying an additional week or longer on their own, according to Yossi Windzberg, the Aliyah Center's assistant director.

"The itinerary," he said, "will include meetings with university officials, visits to Israeli campuses, and other activities, such as attending lectures, that are pertinent to students."

While in Israel, the students also will tour the country and, if interested, meet individually with prospective employers. Windzberg continued.

"Our intention is to give students, serious about the possibility of studying or living in Israel, a first-hand knowledge of Israeli life and culture, as well as a familiarity with their respective fields of study in Israel."

Each of Israel's major universities have schools that accept overseas students for a year or longer.

In addition, tuition assistance, rental

allowances and other forms of assistance are available through Israel's Student Authority to individuals who wish to study in Israel and remain there after graduation.

Participants will be able to explore these and other options at length during the tour.

The Israel Student Center, headquartered in Boston, is working in conjunction with the Aliyah Center to organize the trip. Directed by Eli Hauben, the Israel Student Center, a joint project of the Aliyah Center and the Student Authority, is a clearinghouse of all information regarding student programs in Israel.

Students interested in participating in the pilot tour - or in helping to lead the group - should contact Yossi Windzberg by writing to the Israel Aliyah Center, 515 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022 or by calling (212) 752-0600.

Barton's Passover Chocolates

Bangor USY is once again selling KOSHER-FOR-PASSOVER BARTON'S CHOCOLATES for this upcoming holiday season. Contact Matt Rolnick j(942-5625), or Susan Schonberger (947-5558) with your order today. Add a little Passover sweetness to this year's seder.

Remove Watermark Now

Stacey Cooper, daughter of Judy and Darrell Cooper set a new state record at the YMCA Swimming and Diving State Championship meet held at the UMO pool on Sunday, March 10. Her score was the highest recorded in both the intermediate and senior division.

Stacey also took first place in her age group on both one meter and three meter boards at the Harvard Mid-Winter Invitational Diving Meet in Boston, February 17.

* The following students for being elected to the National Honor Society at Bangor High School: Beth Adelman, Leah Goodman, Julie Kominsky, David Tabenken and Samuel Trotzky.

CONDOLENCE

* To the family of the late Betty (Mrs. Maurice) Cohen, Florida, formerly of Bangor, Maine.

* To the family of the late Mrs. Ann (Unobsky) Theeman, Lubec, Maine.

MAZEL-TOV

To Debra Gayle Blum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blum, Union, New Jersey, and Louis Andrew Ornstein, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Ornstein, Miami and Bangor, on the occasion of their engagement.

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* Mrs. Anna Kaminsky would like to thank everyone who remembered her on her 95th birthday.

* Marcia Braveman would like to thank everyone for all the kindness extended to her while she was ill.

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