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Abromson Gift Establishes Richard D. Aronson Leadership Award

Linda and Joel Abromson have donated \$25,000 to the Perpetual Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation. The donation will be used to establish the Richard D. Aronson Young Leadership Award. Jerome Goldberg, chairman of the Endowment Committee, announced the donation and expressed the appreciation of the Jewish Federation, noting the continuing commitment of the Abromson family to the benevolent and educational programs of the Jewish community.

The award will be given annually to a young man or woman in Southern Maine between the ages of 25 and 40 who has the potential for leadership exemplified by Richard D. Aronson, a past president of the Jewish Federation and an outstanding community leader. The recipient will be presented with an appropriate plaque or other tangible recognition. In addition, the recipient and his/her spouse will be provided with the opportunity to attend and participate in the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, particularly in the sessions on leadership development.

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Federation; two members of the Federation Board of Directors; the executive director of the Jewish Federation; a member of the Abromson family; and a member of the Aronson family.

The recipient must possess initiative, intelligence, the capacity to lead, and must demonstrate a commitment to the Jewish community. The recipient must be a contributor to the Combined Jewish Appeal of the Jewish Federation.

The recipient will be requested to commit to an active role in Jewish communal activities, including the campaign, in the year following his/her receiving the award.

The Perpetual Endowment Fund was established in 1973 by Abraham S. Levey. One purpose of the fund is to provide a means to perpetuate an individual's gift to the annual Combined Jewish Appeal campaign. Another purpose of the fund is to provide seed money for new, innovative programs, which are not funded by the annual Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, and to help sustain the Jewish Federation and its agencies in case of emergencies.

For more information about endowment giving, call the Jewish Federation office at 773-7254.

Analysis Background on U.S. Policy Toward Jerusalem

By Sara M. Averick

Reprinted from *Near East Report*

Identical legislation has been introduced in the House and in the Senate to move the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Senator William Cohen and Representatives John McKernan and Olympia Snowe have indicated their support. The following is an excerpt from an AIPAC monograph on U.S. policy toward Jerusalem over three decades.

This brief historical account reveals a policy riddled with contradictions, a policy which from its very inception never corresponded with Jerusalem's changing reality, a policy in need of change.

The contradictions are manifold. The United States does not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and yet in reality and in law Israel has never had any other capital but Jerusalem.

The United States does not recognize Israel's sovereignty even over the western sector of Jerusalem, which in reality Israel has controlled since its establishment.

The United States maintains its embassy in Tel

Aviv, even though in reality Jerusalem is Israel's administrative center, housing the offices of the Prime Minister, the President, the Foreign Ministry and the Knesset. In no other country is the American embassy located outside the administrative capital. Even the American embassy to the German Democratic Republic is located in East Berlin although the United States does not recognize East Berlin as East Germany's capital.

America's declaratory policy has also been at odds with itself. Until 1967 the United States repeatedly declared that it supported the internationalization of Jerusalem. Yet in the United Nations, the United States voted against a resolution calling for internationalization. Since 1967, the United States has expressed support for the principle of a unified Jerusalem but has refused to acknowledge the reality that the city is already unified. By declaring east Jerusalem to be "occupied territory," the United States is effectively calling for the redivision of Jerusalem while at the same time expressing support for unification.

Moreover, by insisting that the city be undivided but that its status be subject to negotiations the United States is implying that even west Jerusalem could be handed over to the Arabs.

In short, for 35 years the United States has maintained a policy at odds with reality and therefore a policy that lacks logic and consistency. During this time, the United States has always had a choice between what is practical and preferred and what is acceptable to the Arabs. In effect, the unwillingness of the Arabs to accept reality has been allowed to prevent the United States from doing so. The practical result is a series of absurdities.

For example, in recent editions of the State Department's schedule of sites for the United States Foreign Service examination, cities where the test was being offered are grouped by country, listed in alphabetical order. Jerusalem, the city, appears between the countries of Japan and Jordan.

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State of Maine Institute Participants Discuss Future Directions

By Cecelia Levine

Forty-seven participants in the first State of Maine Institute discussed the delivery of programs and services identified as needed by Jewish communities which are separated by considerable distances.

The institute was hosted by the Jewish Federation of Bangor and cosponsored by the Lewiston-Auburn Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federation of Southern Maine. The Council of Jewish Federations served as a planning and staffing resource.

Attending from Southern Maine were Joel Abromson, Richard Aronson, Harvey Berman, David Cohen, Lisa Cohen, Cecelia Levine,

Eleanor Merdek, Greta Miller, Gertrude Moscowitz, Rabbi Harry Z. Sky, and Robert Willis.

Attending from Lewiston-Auburn were Elliot Gruber, Shirley Isaacson, Jackie Laskoff, Robert Laskoff and Steve Passerman.

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Attending from Garland were Deena Wein-

stein and Jack Weinstein; from Orono were Leanne Harris, Avis Smith, Marilyn Zwerling and Richard Zwerling; and from Waterville was Rabbi Raymond Krinsky. Representing the Council of Jewish Federations was Mel Cohen.

The institute opened with an experiential discussion on personal childhood memories of Jewish family and communal life. Many participants remembered intergenerational family life; grandparents lived with them and aunts and uncles celebrated holidays with them. The synagogue was central to communal life, as was the Jewish Community Center. This contrasts

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a message from federation

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Priorities of the Jewish Community

As we approach the middle of our 1984 Combined Jewish Appeal, we can be proud of the many accomplishments of our Southern Maine Jewish community. It is through both the financial and volunteer efforts, coordinated through Federation, that we are able to support these programs in our community.

The Combined Jewish Appeal is the major fundraising campaign for the benefit of the Jewish community. The funds are used to sponsor or support the ongoing programs and organizations in the community.

One of the highest priorities of the community is Jewish education. The Portland Community Hebrew School and the Levey Hebrew Day School provide our children with the basic knowledge and skills of Jewish religion, history and culture, and the positive understanding of their Jewish heritage which will enable them to develop a reverence for Torah studies and ethical values and a sense of community with Jews around the world.

Strong leadership is essential for a viable Jewish community. New and creative programs designed to enhance Jewish consciousness and commitment are an ongoing activity of the Jewish Federation. The most recent of these programs was the successful State of Maine Institute which was sponsored by Bangor, Lewiston-Auburn, and Southern Maine. Statewide programs and services will benefit all members of the Jewish community.

Our Hayom newspaper is a valuable instrument in keeping the community informed about current issues on the local, national, and world scene. Distributed free in the Southern Maine area, the newspaper has become recognized for its comprehensive reporting and insightful articles on Jewish issues.

The purpose of the community relations program is to promote the interests and defend the civil rights of the Jewish community of Southern Maine in relation to the community at large. This is done by nurturing good relationships with our school departments and our congressional delegation and by providing speakers for interested groups in the general community. The Omnibus series was open to the public and provided a variety of interesting, educational and cultural programs. This series will be continued next year.

Hadassah sponsors Zionist activities in America including a Zionist youth movement. The Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center maintains healing, teaching, and

research programs in Israel. Hadassah is the largest organizational contributor to Youth Aliyah and Jewish National Fund.

National Council of Jewish Women operates programs in education, social and legislative action, and community service for children and youth, the aging, and the disadvantage in Jewish and general communities.

AMIT Women conducts cultural and educational programs and raises funds for religious educational institutions in Israel.

B'nai B'rith Women participates in contemporary Jewish life through youth and adult Jewish education programs, human rights endeavors, and community service activities.

The object of the Jewish Community Center is to promote the mental, moral, spiritual, and physical welfare of its members and the entire Jewish community and to promote literary, charitable, educational, social, moral, religious, and benevolent endeavors in the general community.

The Jewish Family Services is a social service agency serving the Jewish population of greater Portland. It offers emergency relief during a crisis situation; supplemental relief; referral services, referring clients to a community agency that can better serve their needs; and Hebrew Free Loans.

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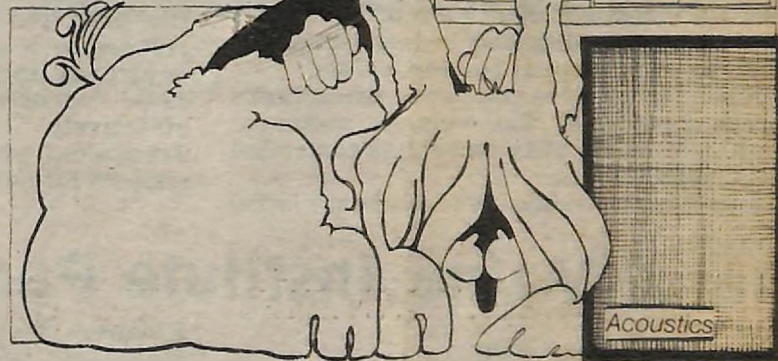
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It is particularly appropriate that the Independence Day occurs on the calendar soon after Passover, which commemorates the Exodus as the catalyzing event of Jewish

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nationhood. The existence of the State of Israel represents the fulfillment of the divine promise to bring the Israelites to the Promised Land and make them a great nation.

On the anniversary that symbolizes twice 18, the numerical equivalent of chai, or life, we look hopefully to a future of spiritual strength and physical security for the State of Israel. We pray that wisdom will motivate her neighbors to recognize Israel's place among nations and to clear away the obstacles to peace.

Susan S. Most

United States' Policy Toward Jerusalem

Although the United States has insisted that the city be undivided, many American officials are prevented by the State Department from visiting the eastern part of the city accompanied by an Israeli official.

In October 1977, when Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal was in Jerusalem on official business, the American Embassy insisted that Jerusalem's mayor, Teddy Kollek, could take him only to west Jerusalem and not to the eastern part of the city. Former Attorney General Griffen Bell was not permitted to meet his counterpart in his east Jerusalem office during a 1977 visit. When Secretary of Defense Harold Brown was in Israel on an official visit, he was accompanied to the Western Wall by the U.S. consul in Jerusalem. U.S. officials insisted that the Israeli military escort attached to Brown's party and other Israeli officials who had been accompanying him not do so in the Old City.

Reagan Administration policy has been less consistent. Deputy Assistant to the Attorney General, Mark Richards, returned to the

United States rather than meet with Israel's Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir in his east Jerusalem office. But Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeanne Kirkpatrick toured throughout Jerusalem, old and new with Mayor Kollek in August 1982.

The implementation of these peculiar restrictions is inconsistent with the stated policy of maintaining a unified Jerusalem. Moreover, the practice itself appears full of contradictions; some officials travel freely throughout the city accompanied by Israeli officials, while others are forbidden by State Department rules from doing so for fear of admitting that united Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.

A further and even more problematic product of U.S. policy is the go-it-alone philosophy of the consulate in east Jerusalem. The American embassy in Tel Aviv and this consulate operate independently; they do not even share Fourth of July celebrations. The Ambassador has no "official" role or status in Jerusalem, save that

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of dealing with the Government of Israel which happens to be located in Jerusalem. At Washington's instructions, "he can't even stamp a U.S. visa in Jerusalem." He controls neither the consulate's activities nor its reporting. All cables to Washington originating in Jerusalem are signed by the consul — even those concerning visits to the Israeli capital by high ranking U.S. officials. The absurdity of this practice is that it is the Ambassador, not the consul, who usually participates in the meetings with Israeli leaders.

In sum, U.S. policy on Jerusalem is marked by a nostalgia for solutions whose time has passed or for situations that never existed. Israel has already fulfilled the conditions that the United States has proposed, namely a unified city in which there is free access to the holy places. Yet, for all intents and purposes, in the State Department's mind the Mandelbaum Gate, the concrete barriers and the minefields still divide the city. ■

Editorial Prejudging Jerusalem

Reprinted from *Near East Report*

It is hard to know what George Shultz was thinking when he wrote his letter to Sen. Charles Percy (R-Ill.) opposing the legislation that would move the American embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. Shultz offered two reasons for his opposition. Shultz's first reason was that moving the embassy would "prejudge one of the key issues which must be freely negotiated between the parties and perhaps fatally damage our credibility as a peacemaker."

His second reason was that "a move of our embassy would certainly fan Islamic extremism, possibly inciting a wave of violence against our citizens, diplomats, and installations in the region."

Let's deal with Shultz's second reason first. Shultz fears that an embassy move would trigger demonstrations (and worse) by extremists and fanatics throughout the Arab world. He could be right. It takes very little to stir up anti-American passions in the Arab Middle East. Nevertheless, the Shultz position does not hold water simply because it suggests that the United States should tailor its foreign policy to avoid offending the sensitivities of fanatics. The sad fact is that Middle Eastern fundamentalists already despise the United States. From Teheran to Damascus to Tripoli, the United States is denounced as the "great Satan," excoriated as "imperialist" and "Zionist." Moving the American embassy to Jerusalem would add just one more item to the

long list of grievances which the extremists use to justify their hatred.

But there is more wrong with the Shultz statement than that. In suggesting that an embassy move would trigger anti-American violence, the Secretary makes such violence more — rather than less — likely. Instead of predicting violence, Shultz could have let the Arab world know that moving the embassy would not be a significant step and that it would simply concretize longstanding U.S. support for an undivided Jerusalem. He could even have stated that the American embassy in Jerusalem would be situated in west Jerusalem near the Knesset rather than in the Old City or east Jerusalem. Instead, the Secretary predicted violence and, in so doing, inadvertently justified it. That was a mistake.

Negotiations?

Shultz also said that the United States did not want to prejudge the outcome of negotiations over Jerusalem. This would tend to confirm the view that the Administration intends to push Israel into negotiations over the future of its capital city. This should not really surprise anyone. The Reagan Administration, like its predecessors since 1969, has made clear that it considers Jerusalem to be "occupied territory," governed by the principles (of Israeli withdrawal) laid down in United Nations Resolutions 242 and 338.

Israel, of course, maintains that Jerusalem is not negotiable. It might be willing to discuss flying Arab flags over Moslem holy places but it will not cede any part of its capital city to anyone. This is a fact of life — and it is one that will not be changed by the Administration's suggestion that Israel will negotiate over the future of Jerusalem with Jordan or with anyone else. The concurrent Administration arguments that Jerusalem should remain undivided but, at the same time, negotiable only suggest that deep in the Administration's heart is the dream of an internationalized city. This is an impossible dream.

The Shultz letter only points to the need for Congressional action to begin moving the Administration toward a policy that comports with reality. Israel is not yielding its capital. Suggesting otherwise is counter-productive.

For all its faults, there is one positive aspect to the Shultz letter. There is not one word of criticism of Israel's administration of Jerusalem. Even the State Department has to concede that Israel's Teddy Kollek has transformed Jerusalem into a great city, one that is open to all. On the merits, Israel has earned U.S. recognition of its right to Jerusalem. Maintaining an embassy in Tel Aviv is nothing less than an undeserved slap in the face. ■

B'nai B'rith Holds Installation

By Ingrid Slosberg

On Wednesday, April 11, B'nai B'rith Women, Cumberland Chapter, installed its officers for 1984-85 at a delightful paid-up membership dinner in Washington Gardens Community Hall in Portland. The mistress of ceremonies, Linda Abromson, introduced the installing officer, Ellie Miller. The slate of officers for the upcoming year is as follows: president, Susan Fine; membership co-vice presidents, Bea Chorney and Lorraine Smith; fundraising vice president, Shelley Chorney; programming vice president, Marlene Cohen; communications vice president, Ingrid Slosberg; treasurer, Ilene Berman; recording secretary, Barbara Ar-

chibald; financial secretary, Lisa Plotkin; corresponding secretary, Recia Richman; corresponding secretary-board, Jeri Brem; counselor, Shelley Chorney.

Shelley Chorney recapped her past year as president, highlighting the many fundraising events which enabled the Cumberland Chapter to allocate \$1200 to the national organization for numerous, worthwhile projects. The enjoyable dinner and installation were capped by musical entertainment by the Ad-Lib quartet which performed Broadway and popular tunes. The entire chapter of B'nai B'rith Women looks forward to a successful 1984-85 year. ■

Maine Institute Participants Discuss Future

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with today's mobile Jewish community in which families are separated in different cities and in which secular activities often take precedence over synagogue activities.

The next discussion focused on the needs of the Jewish community. Leadership development and Jewish education were the highest priorities. Secular interests including libraries, museums, ERA, and nuclear proliferation have pulled our leadership away from Jewish activities.

A training program and the Havarah movement are two approaches to this problem. Proximity makes it difficult to develop an on-going statewide program in leadership development, but periodic retreats and seminars would be beneficial to the communities. Educational programs must cover the range of religious, cultural, social, and recreational interests of the Jewish community. Bar mitzvah and post bar mitzvah classes are essential; a statewide network could be useful in curriculum development and personnel search. Adult education could be expanded and enriched by coordinating programs on a statewide basis. A statewide resource center would benefit the general community as well as the Jewish community. The unaffiliated could be involved

by offering programs which would appeal to their varied interests and the interests of their children.

The discussion on special interest groups focused on the needs of singles, intermarried couples, the elderly, youth and single parent families. The essential ingredient is to make each group feel welcome in the mainstream of Jewish communal life. Special events, day trips, and weekends should be planned to create a comfortable, social atmosphere within a Jewish setting.

The role of the Jewish Federation is to strengthen the Jewish community by acting as a central coordinator, information gatherer, consultant, and initiator for educational, social service and community relations programs. Fundraising is the foremost activity which enables these programs to function. A statewide calendar of events could be useful in coordinating speakers, publicity, leadership development, and fundraising.

The recommendation of the participants was to establish immediately a representative committee to develop a statewide calendar for programming and fundraising, thus pooling the resources of the three organized communities.

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This committee could later expand its agenda to deal with Jewish education and leadership development on a statewide basis.

Another committee will be established to explore the possibility of establishing a chair of Jewish studies at the University of Maine in Orono. This project would maintain a Jewish presence on the campus and make it a more viable campus for Jewish students and faculty. This project would entail a \$500,000 fundraising effort so that the interest on the fund would provide in perpetuity for the salary of the professor of Jewish studies.

The participants agreed that a statewide network could create an opportunity for members of the Jewish community to make new friends and renew old acquaintances. In addition, the Jewish community would benefit by making more varied programs and services available at less cost.

The exchange of ideas at the institute was both extensive and intensive. The interest in continuing the dialogue was unanimous. The first step in establishing a statewide network was taken with enthusiasm and a positive look to the future. ■

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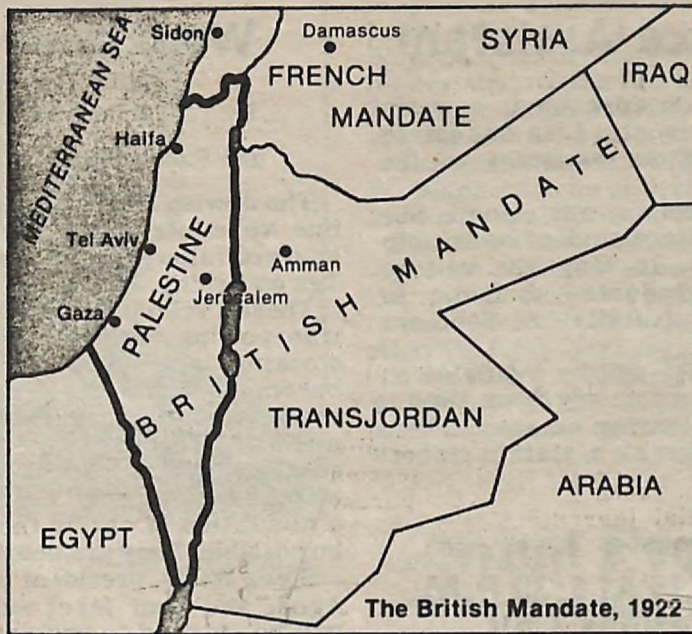
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Historical Background of State of Israel

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles covering major events in the development of the State of Israel. The information is reprinted from Myths and Facts 1982, a concise record of the Arab-Israeli conflict edited by Leonard J. Davis and Moshe Decter.



Early History

In 1897, Jewish leaders formally organized the Zionist movement, calling for the restoration of the Jewish national home, where Jews could have sanctuary, self-determination and the renaissance of their civilization and culture.

Zionist leaders appealed to the Turkish government to facilitate Jewish settlement in Palestine. But in vain. During World War I, many Jews were forced to leave Palestine by the harsh Ottoman regime. In 1917 Britain issued the Balfour Declaration:

"His Majesty's Government views with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

The Balfour Declaration won the approval of the United States and other Western powers. At first, there was hope that Arabs would also accept it. Emir Faisal, son of the acknowledged leader of the Arabs, Sherif Hussein, met with Dr. Chaim Weizmann and other Zionist leaders during the 1919 Paris Peace Conference. They signed an agreement which, "mindful of the racial kinship and racial bonds existing between the Arab and the Jewish people," declared that "the surest means of working out the consummation of their national aspiration is through the closest possible collaboration of the development of the Arab state and Palestine."

The agreement looked to the fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration and also called for all necessary measures . . .

"to encourage and stimulate immigration of Jews into Palestine on a large scale, and as quickly as possible to settle Jewish immigrants upon the land through closer settlement and extensive cultivation of the soil." . . .

Faisal had conditioned his acceptance on the fulfillment of British wartime promises to the Arabs, who had hoped for independence in a vast part of the Ottoman empire.

But those hopes were temporarily dashed when the French took over the mandate for Syria, ejecting Faisal, who had been proclaimed king of Syria. As consolation, the British named Faisal king of Iraq. And, in a further effort to placate the Arabs, Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill cut away four-fifths of Palestine — some 35,000 square miles — created a brand new Arab entity, Trans-jordan, and installed Faisal's brother, Abdullah, as emir. Britain administered Transjordan until 1946, when independence was granted. This apportionment — the first partition of Palestine and of the promised Jewish National Home — was a blow to the Zionists, but they most reluctantly accepted it, as the British simultaneously took over the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine in 1922.

Britain fought the drive for Jewish statehood in Palestine as a threat to its empire and its relations with the Arabs. British anti-Jewish policies climaxed in 1939 with the infamous British White Paper, which ordered that future Jewish immigration be limited to 10,000 a year for five years and to an additional 25,000 refugees from Nazism — 75,000 in all. Jews would be allowed to buy land in only 5 percent of the country. At the end of 10 years, there would be an independent state — an Arab state.

Partition

As World War II came to an end, the extent of the catastrophe that had befallen the Jewish people became known, and there were demands everywhere for swift action to rehabilitate and resettle those who had survived the Holocaust through the establishment of a Jewish state.

The British tried but failed to work out an agreement acceptable to both Arabs and Jews. They turned the problem over to the UN early in 1947.

The UN sent an 11-nation special commission (UNSCOP) to Palestine to investigate. None of the Great Powers was on that body.

UNSCOP found two peoples, Arabs and Jews, both claiming all the country. To satisfy the national aspirations of both peoples, UNSCOP proposed termination of the British Mandate and partition of the area into an Arab state and a Jewish state. The Jewish state was already in existence in all but name. Eager for independence, the Jews of Palestine were ready to accept a compromise — partition. But the Arabs boycotted UNSCOP.

Seven nations — Canada, Czechoslovakia, Guatemala, The Netherlands, Peru, Sweden and Uruguay — recommended partition: the establishment of two separate states, Jewish and Arab, to be joined by economic union, with a Jerusalem enclave. Three nations — India, Iran and Yugoslavia — recommended a unitary state with Arab and Jewish provinces. Australia abstained.

Arab diplomats proclaimed three "no's": no partition, no further Jewish immigration, and no Jewish state.

The *ad hoc* committee of the UN General Assembly rejected the Arab demand for a unitary Arab state, 29-12, with 14 abstentions and two absentees. World opinion strongly favored the UN resolution and it was adopted by a vote of 33-13, with 10 abstentions on Nov. 29, 1947. ■



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Lisa Labonty is New Social Service Assistant

The Jewish Home for Aged extends a warm welcome to Mrs. Lisa Labonty. Lisa has joined the social service staff as assistant to the director, Susan Ricker.

Lisa is not a total newcomer to the Home. She completed her social welfare student internship at the Home in 1982-83. In May she will be completing her undergraduate education in social welfare at the University of Southern Maine.

At the present time Lisa will be available on Fridays; however, this may vary from time to time. Lisa is a sensitive, caring person, and we are fortunate to have her as a staff member. Welcome to JHA. ■

National Volunteer Week May 6-12

By Tanya Shapiro, Cultural and Public Relations Coordinator

The Jewish Home for Aged will be honoring 50 fine volunteers for their contribution of 3,000 hours of valuable service at an Appreciation Day Tea on Friday, May 11.

These volunteers have been involved in transporting residents to and from activities; stocking and shopping for the gift cart; becoming advocates and friends to specific residents through regular visits; working on medical records as clerks; transporting residents to and from doctor appointments; and helping out at special events. Volunteers provide a dimension of caring that would not otherwise be possible. They are people giving to people.

Steve Willis, president of the Jewish Home for Aged, and Gail MacLean, executive director, will be on hand to present awards to the volunteers and to thank them for their invaluable contribution to the facility. ■

The Home's Inn
Thursday, June 14 At 6:30 P.M.
For Reservations Call
The Jewish Home At 772-5456
By Tuesday, June 5

Dietary Notes

By Judith Campbell

The residents thoroughly enjoyed Passover seders led by Maurice Rubinoff and by Rita and Irwin Novak and family. The residents and the dietary department wish to thank Mr. Rubinoff and the Novak family for spending their Passover celebration with us.

We will be celebrating Lag B'Omer with a picnic and hope that the weather will cooperate. The activities department will be in charge of games for the day. If it rains, our picnic and activities will be in the dining room.

The Ladies Auxiliary has given us new drapes for the dining room. Our walls are being painted, and we are making some structural changes to enhance the area. The dining room will be more comfortable when it is finished.

The last restaurant night will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 14. We hope to see you there. Place your reservations early. ■

Calendar of Special Events for the Month of May

- May 2 — Bus Ride
- 7 — Israel Independence Day
- 9 — Elder Circle Bus Ride
- 11 — Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 13 — Mother's Day Tea
- 16 — Bus Ride
- 17 — Residents Fair
- 21 — Picnic
- 22 — Wellness Series
- 23 — Bus Ride
- 29 — Out to Lunch
- 30 — Elder Circle
- 31 — Birthday Party

Shopping List

We are often asked for a list of needs for our residents. Many of the items listed below add much to the comfort of our residents. Many are suitable for a dedication plaque to indicate the name of the person to be honored or memorialized as well as the name of the contributors. Response to shopping lists in the past has been most generous; the JHA would greatly appreciate any contributions.

Item	Approximate cost
45 large-face clocks for patients' rooms	\$30.00 each
Large-print typewriter	450.00
B-B-Q gas grills	250.00
Dining tarps for outside	800.00
3 Ivac thermometers	400.00
3 hair dryers	20.00 each

A Message From Gail MacLean JHA Executive Director Month of May Brings Annual Review

The month of May is a busy month for the Home. This month is the beginning of our new fiscal year, and we are putting our new budget into use.

In addition, there are many end of the fiscal year activities to be finished, such as completing financial statements and filing cost reports with Medicare, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and the Department of Human Services.

Also, during the month of May we undergo our annual survey for license renewal under the Medicare and Medicaid programs for Skilled Nursing Care and Intermediate Nursing Care. That survey is comprised of a review of three main areas: 1. Resident care and documentation; 2. Sanitation and com-

pliance with A.N.S.I. code (facilities accessible to the handicapped); and 3. Life safety code (construction and fire safety).

All of these regulatory requirements are promulgated by the Federal Government and the State of Maine.

Twice a year the Department of Human Services does a complete review of all Medicaid residents to assess their continued medical need for skilled nursing care of intermediate nursing care. One of these reviews will be conducted in May, the other is conducted in November.

With the close of our fiscal year, we collect statistics about our service for the past year, and that process is happening now. In the next issue I will review some of those statistics. ■

Anne Bernstein Encourages Creative Expression

By Valerie Jones, Activity Director

At the Jewish Home we have many valuable volunteers who provide a variety of services. Anne Bernstein is one such volunteer who comes to the Jewish Home once a month to provide a program in the creative arts, which she originated in 1983.

Anne encourages residents to express themselves through various art media, such as watercolor pastels, colored pencils, and crayons. She also incorporates nature in her activities through the use of collage and sketches.

Many of the residents achieve a sense of pride and accomplishment through the making of postcards, stationery, holiday greeting cards, and matted pictures for wall decoration. Residents also enjoy sharing their work with their family and friends.

Through her program, Anne is providing the residents of the Jewish Home with an outlet for creative expression. She is an inspiration to all who know her, and JHA is fortunate to have her as a volunteer! ■



Anne Bernstein is shown assisting home residents in craft activities.

This space has been purchased by the Jewish Home for Aged.

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Rita Willis is to be honored by NCJW for outstanding community services.

Rita Willis to Be Honored by NCJW

Mrs. Rita S. Willis, a well-known community leader and honorary vice-president of the Portland Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will receive the National Council's highest award, the Hannah G. Solomon Award at 7:30 P.M. on May 29, 1984 at the Annual Meeting to be held at Temple Beth El.

The presentation will be made by Mrs. Selma W. Black, also an honorary vice-president. Non-members and guests are invited.

The Hannah G. Solomon Award is presented to a person who has helped to change and expand the role of other women in vital areas of community life and whose leadership has motivated others to fight for change.

Mrs. Willis, a life-long resident of Portland and a past president of the Portland Section, has been a member of National Council of Jewish Women for over 45 years. In addition to her NCJW activities, she is an honorary vice-

president and former president of Jewish Family Services.

A graduate of Simmons College of Social Work, her life has been dedicated to community service. She serves on the boards of Community Health Services, Community Counseling Center, and the advisory board of the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

Rita Willis was general chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal and a board member of the Jewish Federation. In past years she served on the boards of Women of Rotary, Community Chest, Portland Boy's Club, the Victoria Society of Maine, and the United Way.

A woman of many interests, Rita is both an avid golfer and bridge player. She is chairman of the board and treasurer of Maine Printing and Business Forms Company. Her most important role is a private one, that of grandmother to three grandsons and one granddaughter. ■

Center Programs Appealing

By Peter Litman

The Jewish Community Center has been really buzzing with activity. Monday evening, April 9 was the date for the family supper sponsored by the JCC and Center Women's Club. There were about 100 Center members in attendance, ranging from the ages of preschool through senior citizens, and everyone had a marvelous time. The children were especially delighted to see a very colorful visitor with a big nose and floppy feet. Better yet, he shook hands with every child present and they thought Mr. Clown was just the best! The Center's family suppers have always been successful, but lately one just seems to top another.

Our Silver Foxes recently had a luncheon on April 18, and along with lunch they had a terrific workshop on flower arranging. The workshop was presented by Tom Libby, who is from the

Magic Garden Florist located on St. John Street. Talk about magic! The floral arrangements he prepared were spectacular, and the ladies loved watching everything take form. Our next luncheon will take place on May 30. All Silver Foxes should watch their mail for further details.

Center Day Camp is far exceeding last year's enrollment at this time. We remind anyone interested in having their child attend camp this season that the deadline date for registration is May 21.

My last item of information concerns the Jewish Community Center's annual board meeting. All Center members are invited to attend beginning at 7:00 P.M. with a light supper. Annual reports will be given, and elections of officers will take place. Any members planning to attend should call 772-1959 for a reservation. ■

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Shaarey Tphiloh Shabbaton

Congregation Shaarey Tphiloh will be hosting 125 preteens for a Junior NCSY Regional Shabbaton on June 1-3. The young people, ages 10-13, will visit Portland from all over New England. They will be housed with local residents. Anyone interested in housing a few pre-teens, or any pre-teens who would like to participate, please contact Rabbi Reichart, at 772-7212, or Sabrina Ezickson, at 772-8354. ■

Temple Theatre Party Features "Joseph"

Temple Beth El is sponsoring a theatre party at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 20 at the Thaxter Theatre on Cottage Road in South Portland. The Portland Players' production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be featured. Admission is \$8.50 for adults and \$7.00 for children; call the Temple office at 774-2649 for tickets. ■

Sumner Bernstein to speak at Temple Beth El

In celebration of Israel Independence Day Sumner Bernstein will speak at 8:15 P.M. on Shabbat eve, May 11, at Temple Beth El. His topic will be "Israel at Present; Facing the Future." ■

Write in Names of Seniors Who've Excelled

Hayom would like to recognize those graduating seniors who have achieved top awards or athletic achievements. Please mail in the names of Jewish students who have been named by their schools to be valedictorian, salutatorian, or sportsman of the year. Please include the name of the student, the high school, the particular achievement. Mail by May 15 to Hayom editor, 57 Ashmont Street, Portland, Maine 04103.

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Former Cult Member Brainwashing Techniques

By Susan S. Most

Leanne Pellegrini had slipped away from her religious upbringing and while at college was floundering in choosing a career. Lonely and depressed, she met a group of people who made her feel important.

"In this innocent manner a decade of cult involvement began," Ms. Pellegrini told a group of Portlanders at a joint meeting of Hadassah, the Sisterhoods of Shaarey Tphiloh and Temple Beth El, and Center Women's Club. "I entered a time warp, ten years of involuntary servitude, when the world advanced without me."

Leanne Pellegrini explained that she became indoctrinated because "cults use excellent public relations people who organize lengthy mind control sessions that target your emotional center through the use of chants and disrupt your critical thinking."

"Indoctrination teaches the new member that doubt is wrong," Ms. Pellegrini said, "so you don't question things you don't agree with. You are told that you have a patriotic purpose. The Way International taught that the country would be taken over by communists and that my involvement in the Way Corps would help the country survive."

After many years, Leanne's parents realized that she was being controlled by a cult. Efforts to deprogram her nearly backfired because the cult had taught her that deprogrammers are evil. Only after being shown films focusing on the mind control techniques used in Nazi Germany did Leanne realize that she had been blindly following the Way International without thinking.

"Cults maintain control by discouraging peer relationships, socialization, and contact with the world through television or newspapers," Leanne explained. "Cults aim to control environment and keep members out of touch with reality. Loaded language and active manipulation are techniques employed to underscore the message of submitting to the group."

Ms. Pellegrini said that cults make victims of their members by insisting that they work and then insisting that half of the members' earnings are turned over to the cult.

Urging parents to teach young people about "the con-artists out there", Ms. Pellegrini advised helping young people "become street-wise."



TWO ISRAELI TEENS TOUR AREA

Dalia Zuk and Hanan Moller spent a week in Portland touring area high schools on a goodwill mission sponsored by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Both students are part of the 74 member high school youth delegation, which is traveling to 56 states in the United States as well as Canada, England, France and South America.



Leanne Pellegrini explains how she spent ten years in a cult.

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