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"Saturday at 8"

A SUNDAY IN THE COUNTRY

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Screenplay: Colo Tavernier &
Bertrand Tavernier

Starring: Louis Ducreux, Michel Aumont,
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ORT Announces Senator Mitchell To Speak At JCC February 2, 1986

The Bangor Chapter of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) is pleased to announce

that Senator George Mitchell will be speaking at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, February 2, 1986 at 10:00 A.M. Senator Mitchell has recently returned from the Soviet Union where he was especially interested in the plight of Soviet Jews. He will be discussing the issue of Soviet Jewry and human rights when he comes to Bangor on February 2.

Women's American ORT has joined in a coalition with other Jewish Women's organizations for the Women's plea for Human Rights of Soviet Jews. Our concern is that refuseniks and dissidents know that we will not forget them and that we will firmly support their fight for human freedom and dignity.

Please join us for a very interesting and informative morning.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. Babysitting will be available for a small fee.

— REMINDER —

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 1 and join ORT for "Nash with Panache - Internationale" - a potpourri of foods representing ORT's countries of operation. Imagine - a taste of India, France, Brazil, Israel, U.S. . . . well, just plan to be there.

Had such a good time last year - hope to see you. E

Israeli Students To Come To Bangor

Two pair of Israeli students will spend a week each with us in Bangor from March 16 through the 27th.

Home hospitality is required and at this time, we are requesting that families with teenagers, but not limited to them, offer their home for an Israeli student for a week.

This has been a highly successful program in the past, and offers an American family an opportunity to share themselves and their home with an Israeli teenager.

Please contact us at 945-5631 if you are interested.

New Beth Abraham Synagogue Dedicated

By Norma Berg

Amid speeches and ceremonies, Congregation Beth Abraham dedicated its new home on Sunday, December 15, 1985. After almost two years without its own building, Beth Abraham is back on York Street. During the period from January 1984 to November 1985, the Congregation held services at the Jewish Community Center and the members wish to express their gratitude to the staff of the JCC and the entire Council for being able to continue as a congregation without interruption.

During the afternoon Open House, several distinguished guests offered their remarks on this social occasion. Rabbi Joseph Schonberger of Beth Israel noted the coincidence of the last day of Chanukah and the rededication of the Synagogue, welcomed Beth Abraham "back to the block", and Mark Roth representing Beth El brought warm greetings and congratulations from Rabbi David Sandmel and all the members. Sanford Podolsky read a message from Dr. Walter Harris, President of Temple Israel, Old Town, and Edward Povich, representing Chaveroth Shalom in Ellsworth, brought not only greetings, but personal remembrances as well. Warren Silver, President of the Jewish Community Council, expressed the good wishes of the Board of Directors, and the entire Jewish community. The Honorable Marshall Frankel, Mayor of Bangor, spoke on behalf of the city. Samuel Nyer, President of Beth Abraham, welcomed all the guests; and Rabbi Henry J. Isaacs delivered the principal address. Louise Shindler, President of the Beth Abraham Sisterhood, added her own words of gratitude, and also served as mistress of ceremonies.

At an evening service later that day, Rabbi Isaacs led the congregation in special prayers to formally dedicate the sanctuary. Songs and a Torah procession marked the Chanukah Habais celebration. Following the ceremony, the members joined together at a dinner to honor Rabbi

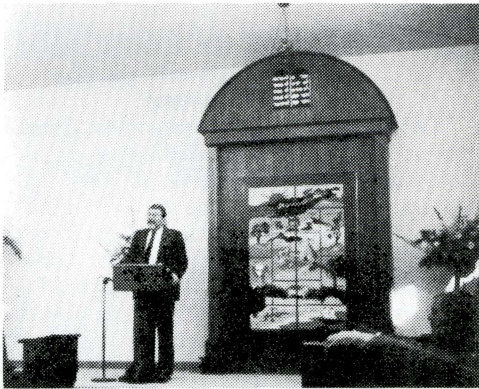
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Isaacs on his 25th anniversary as rabbi of the Beth Abraham Congregation. Speakers included Jo-Ann Kirstein, Chairman of the Dedication Committee, Rabbi Morton Green of Hamilton, Ontario, Benjamin Isaacs of New York City, Rabbi Isaacs' father, Jerome Kirstein, Louise Shindler, Sam Nyer and Louis Kornreich, who also doubled as Master of Ceremonies.

A musical skit, written by Barbara Podolsky and Norma Berg, and performed by the Beth Abraham Players, paid tribute to Rabbi Isaacs and his twenty-five years in Bangor.



After a devastating fire destroyed the original Beth Abraham Synagogue two years ago, a new Shul was dedicated on December 15th. Rabbi Isaacs, Spiritual Leader of Beth Abraham "After 25 years. . ." is shown above at the podium welcoming the capacity crowd at the open house.

JCC Community Education Program

By Debbie Trotzky

During the week of Chanukah, as part of the Jewish Community Center's community education program, Sandy Pasternack, Naza Kavani, and I visited numerous schools in the area to talk about the history and observance of Chanukah.

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Registration Now Under Way

Registration for Camp Naomi, now in its 53rd season has recently begun. Camp Naomi is our Jewish Community Center co-ed resident camp and the official camp of some 25 Jewish Community Centers throughout New England.

Camp Naomi has been providing high-quality camping services to over 200 Jewish children and youth each summer for a over a half century. The standards of Camp Naomi far exceed those required by the American Camping Association, of which this camp is a member. Located in the beautiful Sebago Lake Region of Southern Maine, the camp offers a myriad of activities. The program includes all land and water sports with an emphasis on instruction, arts & crafts, dramatics, music, photography, and a variety of Jewish cultural activities, including a trip to Israel for those enrolled in the CIT program. New to Camp Naomi in 1986 are: its own radio station, an expanded waterfront program, a larger assortment of trips, new paddle tennis courts, computers, and a new regulation-size soccer field.

Many of these additions are due to the appointment of Steve Zaidman as new Executive Director of Camp Naomi. Along with the added facilities come refreshing and exciting activities. A most mature and enthusiastic staff will implement these new programs. Steve tells, us, "Many of the staff members for Camp Naomi in 1986 have already been contacted. It is a highly enthusiastic group of experienced counselors of whom many are qualified and certified instructors in their respective fields. However, most important, is the warm and caring manner for children that these counselors have. Camp Naomi will fill to capacity at an early date this year. All registration materials, including brochures and applications, are available at our center. If you want additional information or wish to arrange for an appointment with Steve when he visits our Center, please contact Sanfred Pasternack, Executive Director at our Center at 945-5631 or communicate directly with Mr. Steve Zaidman, Executive Director, Jewish Community Center Camps of New England, 50 Hunt St., Watertown, MA 02172 - (617) 924-2030.

Bangor USY To Host Major New England Convention

Bangor USY is proud to announce that it has been selected to host the New England Regional 1986 Winter Carnival. This 3-day convention (February 14-17) will bring approximately 200 Jewish High School students to Bangor for a weekend of study and prayer, skiing and socializing.

We are asking all members of the community to help in this undertaking. Anyone with room in their home for 2 or more USYers (they will bring sleeping bags to sleep on the floor) should contact Arlene Rosen (945-6821); in addition, volunteers will be needed to help with cooking and transportation.

Winter Carnival is an opportunity for the Bangor Jewish community to meet youth from throughout New England. It will be fun and exciting, and hopefully as many families and individuals as possible will participate.

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Round Up On Youth Aliyah Villages

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There are programs for study in electronics, aeronautical mechanics, automotive electricity, automotive mechanics, machine draftsmanship, office work and social work.

RAMAT HADASSAH SZOLD - The village is designed for youngsters who lag behind in their studies for reasons other than mental disturbance or retardation. The student's learning ability is rehabilitated so that he/she may continue studying in residential institutions.

Contributions to Youth Aliyah is always needed. Send or call Marlene Allen, 942-4010, Ida Gopan at the JCC, 945-5631, Julie Kominsky, 942-7956 or call me at 942-4201.

Mildred Kominsky, Chairman



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L to R: Naza Farine Keyvani and Debbie Trotzky at the Eddington School hold the attention of the children as Debbie relates the story of Chanukah.

On The Go With The Friendship Club

As eez shane Tziet Tzu shriben, Ich hof as alla hot gehat a shanan Chanucah oon G-t zol ooz benchan far a gooten vinter. Ich hot far ganegan az ich bench myna lichter in kitchen vinda.

Dave Dorsky and Edgar Goldsmith took latkas to the Orono Nursing home today (Dec. 11, 1985) so that they could enjoy them for lunch. Thursday, Rita Baron, Arlene Keith, Ida Rolsky, Henrietta Rolnick and Rabbi Schonberger will visit the nursing home and give them a party. This is an annual event and Arlene Keith and Rabbi Schonberger provide the entertainment. Ann Abrahams donated the ice cream for the party at the nursing home.

We wish Joanie Golden a quick recovery and hope she will be home before this article goes to press.

Henny Rolnick, vice-president extended a welcome to a new member, Nancy Offenber, and guests, Bea Kaskin and Joseph Cohen.

Anna Kaminsky will be celebrating her 96th birthday in Connecticut, it was announced.

Following the meeting, Norman Lambert rendered selections at the piano which was enjoyed by all who attended. Refreshments were served.

Hope to see you all next time.

Your reportaka,
Mim Viner

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In our effort to provide you with a menu of missions to Israel, I am pleased to inform you that National UJA is sponsoring a Small Cities Mission, March 23-April 2, 1986.

As professionals and lay leaders in your community, I am inviting you to help us promote the mission and, of course, participate. The dividend is that those who go, return enthused and energized. That is a plus for not only your community but for the Jewish people.

UJA missions are extraordinary whether your prospect is a first timer or someone who has been to Israel before. For first timers; a UJA mission is an extraordinary introduction: for others the inside view of Israel, its politics and its people offers fascinating insights, exploring Israel's past, present and future with fact finding on current issues and meetings with top officials.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Sanfred Pasternack, Executive Director 945-5631.

— Notice —

El Al Airlines will resume its direct Boston service out of Logan International Airport to Tel Aviv, Israel beginning March 31, 1986. Flight schedule is as follows:

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The attractive needlepoint covering the Ark doors in the Beth Abraham Synagogue was done by the following women: L to R: Barbara Podolsky, Beverly Shapiro, Leila Pasternak, Shirley Schneider, Helen Nyer, Helen Michelson. Truly beautiful, ladies!



Leonard Bernstein, the conductor and composer, shows his delight at receiving the National Jewish Music Award from JWB by blowing the huge, triple-twisted Sephardic shofar [ram's horn] presented to him by Janet and Leonard Kaplan of Boston [right] on behalf of JWB's Jewish Music Council, which Kaplan chairs. The award, presented at Avery Fisher Hall in Manhat-

tan, took the form of the shofar, a check, and a citation paying tribute to Bernstein for his "significant contribution to the field of Jewish music." Looking on, at left, is Dr. Tzipora H. Jochsberger, founder and director, Hebrew Arts and Music School, New York City, chairman of jury which chose Bernstein to receive award.

JWB Photo

"The Jews of Moscow: An Inside Story Special Edition" Examines Status of Soviet Jews

The JEWS OF MOSCOW: AN INSIDE STORY SPECIAL EDITION, to air on MPBN narrated by Broadway actor Theodore Bikel, depicts the efforts of Jews in the Soviet capital to maintain their traditions and cultural roots in a restrictive social and political environment. The program features an updated discussion hosted by Hedrick Smith on the status of Soviet Jews in the ake of the Geneva Summit. Former "New York Times" Washington and Moscow bureau chief, Smith is the author of "The Russians," and is a specialist on U.S. - Soviet relations. The other participant in the discussion are Dusko Doder, Moscow correspondent for "The Washington Post" and Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress and the chairman of the board of Seagram Company, Ltd. THE JEWS OF MOSCOW:

AN INSIDE STORY SPECIAL EDITION airs Tuesday, January 14 at 9 p.m.

The film segment of the program was originally produced for Danish Television by their Moscow correspondent Samuel Rachlin, who recently completed a Neiman Fellowship at Harvard University. Through a series of interviews and spontaneous dialogues, the film captures the spirit of the "refuseniks", Jews who have been unable to obtain visas to go to Israel. These "refuseniks" continue to struggle with how to preserve their Jewish identify without denying their Russian culture and heritage. Many of them live, as they put it, in "their own little Israel", without work, aithout outside contact, studying Hebrew, and practicing traditions that have been forgotten for more than sixty years.

Also depicted in the film is the work of the Soviet anti-Zionist Committee, many of whose members are Jews. The committee claims that not only was there collusion between Nazis and Zionists, but that neither Jewish culture nor literature exists outside of religion.

THE JEWS OF MOSCOW: AN INSIDE STORY SPECIAL EDITION is a production of the Press & The Public Project, Inc., procedures of "Inside Story". Producer: Vicky Herman. Executive Producer: Ned Schnurman. The program is made possible by funding from public television stations, the Weiler-Arnoff Foundation, and Goody Products, Inc. THE JEWS OF MOSCOW: AN INSIDE STORY SPECIAL EDITION is distributed to public television by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)

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*Beryl and Harold Steinbach, New York, on the birth of a daughter, Sarah B., November 28. The maternal grandparents are Lillian Silver and Peter Schwartz, Bangor, and the paternal grandparents are Aaron and Phyliss Steinbach, New York.

Acknowledgements

*I would like to thank everybody for their good wishes, cards, gifts, while I "vacationed" at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Love you all, Joan Golden

*Martin Nachum would like to thank everybody for their cards, good wishes, flowers and donations sent to him at EMMC. Also for visits by Rabbi Schonberger, and his friends.

Special Mention

*Meredith Allen, daughter of Froma and Max Allen, was chosen to exhibit one of her photographs: "The Finished Print" in the National Juried Photograph Show in the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Conn.

Of 1500 entries submitted, 119 images and 68 photographers were selected. Meredith's photograph being one of the 68 selected.

Meredith has also won second prize in a portrait mixed media contest sponsored by a gallery in Hartford.

She is a senior majoring in photography at the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, Conn.

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*Bill Shapiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shapiro, on his early acceptance at Tufts University School of Engineering. Bill also is a semi-finalist in National Merit Scholarship and a semi-finalist for the Prudential Scholarship.

*Leah Goodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goodman, on being a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship.

*Jeffrey Rudom who is in his fourth season as a professional basketball player, living in Tiberius, he plays out of Jerusalem.

Jeff recently married Ruth Schloss who is an Israeli born Sabra and at 6'5" tall is a leading ladies basketball player in collegiate division.

*Sharon Offenber, daughter of Nancy Offenber, and the late Al Offenber, on passing the Massachusetts Bar. Sharon is with the firm of Swartz and Swartz in Boston.

Condolences

*To Martin Pincus on the passing of his mother, Sophie Pincus.

*To the family of the late Allison Loring, Naples, Florida, formerly of Eastport, Me.

•JCC Community Education. . .

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I was very much impressed that the kids already had an awareness of many of the Chanukah traditions. We gave them an

Bill Moyers To Moderate Two New Interview Programs

HERITAGE: CIVILIZATION AND THE JEWS, hosted and narrated by Abba Eban, will return to public television with two additional programs. With the permission of CBS, award-winning journalist Bill Moyers will moderate a series of interviews which will explore key questions about the Jewish story which surfaced during previous airings of the original nine-part series.

HERITAGE, a production of WNET/New York which chronicles the 3,000-year-long interaction between the Jewish people and Western civilization, premiered on national public television in October 1984. This will air on MPBN on Saturday, January 25, Feb. 1 & 8 at 2 p.m.

overview of the history, we lit the menorah, Sandy sang the blessings beautifully, and finally we distributed dreidels to all the classes. The children proved to be an attentive audience and once when asked what the traditional food for the holidays was, a little voice piped up, "I know, it's caviar!"

We visited Fruit Street, Asa Adams, Downeast School, Abraham Lincoln, Eddington, Vine Street and even attended a latte cooking class at Garland Street Middle School.

All in all, it was an enjoyable and educational week for all.



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