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The contest is open to any youngsters of the Jewish community. Deadline for all entries is Friday, April 18. Posters may be delivered to the Jewish Community Center anytime before that date.

POSTER PAPER MUST BE USED. Minimum size 8½ x 11; maximum size 12 x 18. Any writing material may be used and remember the theme: The Meaning and Message of Passover.

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## Attention Community Members

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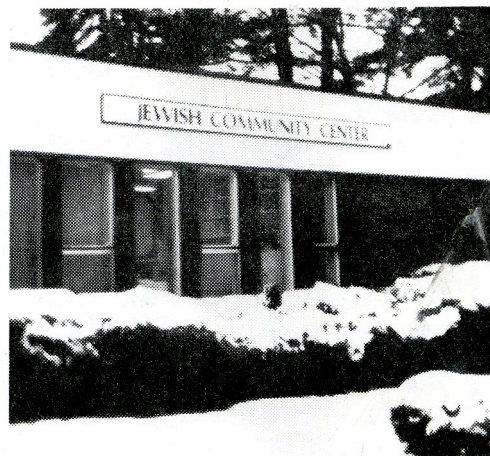
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**AMERICANISM AWARD RECIPIENT –** A. Bartlett Giamatti (left), president of Yale University, receives news that he will be honored with the Americanism Award of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. With him is Ronald G. Shaw, executive vice

president of the Pilot Pen Corporation of America and general chairman of the Giamatti Americanism Award Ball, which will be held April 12 at the Yale University Commons.



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### COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Round-Up On Youth Aliyah Villages

There are 315 Youth Aliyah installations, kibbutzim, youth villages and Day Center in Israel and we have mentioned Villages: Alonei Yitzhak, Israel Goldstein Youth Village, Neve Hadassah Youth Village, Nitzanim Youth Village, Hadassah Neurim, Ramat Hadassah Szold, and today, would like to mention the MEIER SHFEYAH YOUTH VILLAGE where pupils who study there spend 10-15 hours working on the farm. Boys work two days a week at operating farm machinery. Girls work the same amount of time in services.

The village has a string ensemble and mandolin orchestra as well as activities in handicrafts, painting, sports, dance and others. The Agricultural High School operated at the Village is for the Region.

TALPIOT - The emphasis of the courses for the school here (for pupils of grades 6-8) is on the acquisition of skills. Graduates are awarded in a primary-school diploma

and are referred to religious secondary schools.

This is a small example of Youth Aliyah's work with Israel's disadvantaged youngsters.

These villages are made possible with your help.

When you contribute to Youth Aliyah, a lovely card is sent to those intended if it is in honor of some person or a condolence card, etc.

Please call.

To contribute, please 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

Mr. Robert L. Israeloff  
HIAS

200 Park Ave. South  
New York, New York 10003

Dear Mr. Israeloff:

Thank you for letting me know that you favor ratification of the Genocide Treaty in a form that ensures its effectiveness.

Unfortunately, the crush of legislative business did not allow for full consideration of the genocide treaty last year. The treaty came before the Senate for debate in the waning days of the session, and a threatened filibuster killed the chances for a final vote on it.

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MEETING OF THE  
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IMPORTANT MEETING!!

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The Senate did approve a nonbinding resolution supporting the "principles" of the treaty and declaring the Senate's intention to act "expeditiously" on the treaty in the new Congress next year. I supported the resolution and intend to support ratification of the treaty when it comes before us this session.

It is time that the Senate take affirmative action on the treaty. In the 37 years since the treaty was unanimously adopted by the United Nations, 82 nations have signed it. I am hopeful that the Senate's passage of the resolution endorsing the treaty's principles will pave the way for early ratification next year.

It was thoughtful of you to give me the benefit of your comments on this important issue.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,  
William S. Cohen  
United States Senator

## Now Is The Time To Visit Israel

If you are among the 80% of American Jews who have never been to Israel, now is the time to go.

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# Israeli Students To Visit Bangor

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Mr. and Mrs. George Singal, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rolnick and Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Pasternak have agreed to be host families, with another home still in need. The four (with a brief biography) are:



**MORIYAH ZIK:** Born in July 1968 in Jerusalem, the second child in a family of six children.

Attends the twelfth grade at a girl's religious high school: "Pelech". Studies general courses, sciences and Judaic studies.

I am an active member in the youth organization: Bnei-Akiva", for the last seven years, and assumed the position of a counselor until lately.

I was born in Jerusalem in the year following the Six Day War, and was named "Moriyah", after the Temple mount, on top of which the Jewish Temple stood.

The house of our family stands on the western slopes of Mount Scopus.

In my child I lived two years in the USA, where my father was stationed by the State of Israel on an official mission.

In the U.S. I experienced meeting people of various backgrounds and found it very interesting.

Being interested in Jewish History and Jewish Heritage I shared the experience of traveling with my father to Poland three years ago. I saw the remnants of the great Polish Jewry and visited the dreadful concentration camps there.

My parents were born in Israel, but their parents came to the land of Israel from Germany and Poland as pioneers and struggled hard to fulfil the dream of the establishment of the Jewish state: Israel.

My grandparents live in a Kibbutz, which is a unique form of collective settlement found only in Israel.

My father is a Television Director and my mother is a Social Worker.

Following my parents way of life, I try to be involved in the social and national development and to contribute to humanity, to my nation and my state to the best of my ability.



**SHARON VERNICK (Pery)**

Address: 16 Bavli Street, Tel Aviv - Apt.

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Telephone: 452418

Birth date: December 19, 1969

Place of birth: Yaffo, Israel

Place of study: Tichon Hadash (New High School). I am currently in 11th grade, pre-matriculation studies (prior to bagrut (S.A.T.) or Regents examinations).

Biology and Chemistry - best subjects. Other subjects - Hebrew literature, mathematics, bible, english, history, hebrew grammar.

Hobbies - reading - I especially like historical novels, hiking (with youth groups and the society for the protection of nature), theatre, social and folk dancing, scouts, parties, sports. Special interest - Politics (local) - as an observer. I'm thinking of going into medicine.

My life in short: I went to kindergarten, public elementary school, junior and senior high school.

In 1973 my father was killed in the Yom Kippur war. Three months later, my younger brother was born. We moved to Tel Aviv from Holon, and my mother remarried. I have a little sister 3 years old.

My Family: My mother - now Miri Pery; maiden name - Yablon. My grandmother's name - Tsilla; my grandfather's name - Zri. My mother's brother - David. Her family came to Israel in 1949 from Germany. They were holocaust survivors. My mother's occupation - teacher.

My father: Name - Yoseph Vernick (deceased). Occupation - lawyer. His parents were born in Poland. They came to Israel in the 1930's. Grandmother's name - Rivka; grandfather's name - Mendel; brothers - Arie and Chaim; Sister - Mallah.

My brother - Yoseph (after his deceased father) - called "Seffie". My sister - Hillie.

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**EYAL SAMUEL GOLDWERGER:** Born in New York, N.Y., U.S.A. on October 13, 1969.

Elementary Schools: First to third grade at

Elementary Schools: First to third grade at 'Hachashmonaim School' Ramat-Gan.

Fourth to eighth grade at Savyon Elemen-

tary School.

High School: Ort Singalovski, Automatic Data Processing (Computers) Class.

University: Special program for the gifted, at 'Bar-Ilan University' on the 5th, 6th and 8th grade.

Sports: Squash, basketball, horse riding.

Music: Plays the piano since 2nd grade.

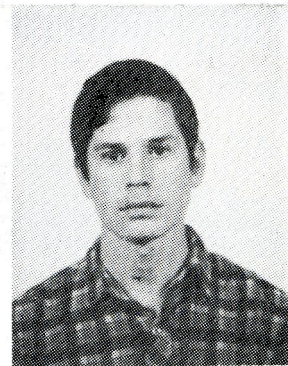
Special Interests: Computers, Piano, Squash, Reading.

Youth Movement: Boy-Scouts.

**FAMILY BACKGROUND:** Father: Dr. Juval Goldwerger was born on Nov. 11, 1942. Ph.D. in Economics, Columbia University, N.Y. My grandfather came to Israel from Germany in 1933 and my grandmother came to Israel in 1924 as a 10 year old girl from Poland.

Mother: Hana Goldwerger born Friedman. My mother was born in Russia during World War II on Dec. 11, 1943. Both my grandfather and grandmother were Polish born. My mother's family came to Israel immediately after the Independence War in 1948.

Both my father and mother have an Israeli background and education. Our family had spent four years in New York from 1968 to 1972. I was born during this period in 1969. After my father had finished his Ph.D. studies, my family returned back to Israel.



**YAAKOV ENGELBERG:** With the first waves of Jewish immigration from Europe to America, in 1881, my father's family arrived in the United States. They were originally from Shinyiva, a town in Lithuania (Poland of today). My mother's parents escaped from Czechoslovakia to the U.S. just before the arrival of Hitler's army, in 1940.

Both my grandfathers are rabbis, from families of rabbis. My great grandfather on my mother's side, Yehonatan Binyamin Hachohen, wrote a commentary on the Torah called "Nefesh Yehonatan."

My father, who is from Cleveland, studied at Yeshiva University in New York. There he met my mother, who was attending Brooklyn College, and they got married. My father got smicha (ordination) at Yeshiva University, and a doctorate in operations research at New York University. Three years and two sons later (one of



them being myself,) they made aliyah, having been instilled with the idea of Zionism at an early age in religious Zionist youth movements.

Today, I follow in their footsteps religiously and idealistically, and I am open to both religious and secular worlds, which connect with and blend into my life. I particularly enjoy studying math and physics, as well as philosophy.

**PERSONAL PROFILE:** Name - Yaakov Engelberg.

Address - Ben Tabai 4, Jerusalem

Date of Birth - December 22, 1969

Place of Birth - Brooklyn, N.Y., U.S.A.

Year of Aliyah - 1972

Schools attended - 1974-77 - Chorev Elementary School, Jerusalem; 1977-78 - Hebrew Academy of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; 1978-80 - Chorev Elementary School, Jerusalem; 1980-82 - Bet Sefer Dugma Lebanim, Jerusalem; 1982-83 - The Frisch School, Paramus, New Jersey; 1983-86 - Himmelfarb Religious High School, Jerusalem.

## Student Essay Contest

The Annual LEO WASSERMAN STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE For The Outstanding RESEARCH ESSAY Prepared by a Student. Amount of the Award is \$100 and the Winning Essay will be considered for publication in the Journal of the Society.

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**CONDITIONS COVERING THE PRIZE:** 1. Any original essay based upon significant research in any area of **American Jewish studies** is eligible for consideration.

2. At the time of submission, the author must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree program but has not as yet received his/her degree. The student may be enrolled in any discipline.

3. Essays should be submitted in conformity with the style recommended by the Modern Language Association.

## Reaching Out To The Intermarried

By Pamela Mendels  
Special To The Baltimore Jewish Times

New York - Some 200 Jewish leaders and educators spanning much of the religious spectrum agreed to suspend ideological differences last week to tackle a problem they say they no longer can ignore: how to handle mixed marriages.

The setting was the first National Conference on Programs for the Intermarried, held at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue

in Manhattan. Co-sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), United Synagogue of America and the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregation of America and the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, the conference brought together representatives of the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements and featured a presentation by an Orthodox rabbi.

Two touchy subjects remained off-limits: whether Judaism should accept patrilineal descent (the Reform and Reconstructionist movements have, the Conservative movement has not) and whether rabbis should officiate at interfaith marriages. "We felt it crucial to be practical...We didn't want to heighten differences," said Lydia Kukoff, national director of the Commission on Reform Outreach, in explaining why the subjects were avoided.

With these two bones of contention out of the way, the rabbis, Jewish social workers, teachers and lay people from Nebraska to Florida were able to concentrate on what to do about some statistics they consider alarming. One third of American Jewish young people are marrying outside the faith, according to Egon Mayer, a sociology professor at Brooklyn College. And, in a country of five-and-a-half million Jews, there are today about a half-million children who are the offspring of interfaith couples.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the UAHC, summarized the attitude of many conference participants when he stressed that Judaism cannot condone intermarriage, but also cannot "exile" children who choose non-Jewish spouses.

Intermarriage, he said in a speech to the group, is the product of life in a democratic and pluralistic society. It "is the sting that comes to us with the honey of our freedom." By developing programs to reach out to interfaith couples, he continued, the Jewish community is asserting that "opposition to intermarriage does not at the same time demand a rejection of the intermarried."

"We must remove the 'not wanted' signs from our hearts," Schindler said. "...Do we really mean to banish our children and sit shivah over them? No and again No."

The first part of the two day conference focused on discussion of programs to assist those who convert to Judaism. The second day attacked the more sensitive subject of how to handle couples that remain interfaith. It was the second day's events that interested people like Deborah Morse, a Reconstructionist and an educator with the Jewish Community Center in Rochester, N.Y.

This year, for the first time, Morse lead a support group for the intermarried. And she admits "discomfort" at the prospect.

"Many of us walk that thin line of condoning and do you make it easy," she said. "Given your first choice, my choice is that Jews would marry Jews or people would marry Jews or people who convert." But by

the day's end, Morse said she felt "excited" about some of the programs for the intermarried being put on elsewhere in the country.

One experimental project was introduced by Judy Aronson, an alumna of Harvard Divinity School and education administrator of the New Reform Congregation in Encino, Cal. For two years, Aronson, has led interfaith couples' discussion groups for the UAHC.

The aim of the groups, she said, is simply to reach out to "couples where one partner is not Jewish." But Aronson did not hide her hope that some of the husbands and wives will consider the possibility of raising their children as Jews. "We're a small people and we're concerned about demographics," she said.

Aronson noted that the group discussions often opened a Pandora's box of emotions that had been locked away. "The real important work goes on in the car going home" she said. She cited the example of one couple that previously had never discussed the Jewish husband's feelings about his wife setting up a Christmas tree in their home. It was the wife, Aronson recalled, who broached the subject, and found to her amazement, that her husband had been troubled by the trees. "It bothered me a lot, but I didn't know how to tell you." Aronson paraphrased him as saying.

The next year, no Christmas tree decorated the home, because the wife decided her husband's feelings took precedence over the yule symbol, Aronson said.

Sherri Alper, a social worker, and her husband, Rabbi Robert Alper, both counsel the parents of intermarried couples in Pennsylvania. They discussed how they seek to ease the pain and isolation mothers and fathers feel when their children marry outside the faith. For many, noted Mrs. Alper, "It is still a shanda (scandal) to have a kid who is intermarried." Her husband said that much of his work revolves around keeping the Jewish parents from feeling "estranged" from the Jewish community after an intermarriage, and assisting them to maintain a healthy relationship with their child and new non-Jewish son or daughter-in-law.

Alper admits that he has another goal in his work as well: "to enable, where possible, the intermarried couple to determine to raise their children as Jews and keep them as members of our community."

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## From B'nai B'rith International

January 17, 1986

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B'nai B'rith International - B'nai B'rith Women Jewish Singles Leadership Project is pleased to announce their first annual international singles conference, "Policy, Power and Community: Concerns of Young Jewish Singles." The purpose of the conference is to inform and activate young single leaders and their organizations.

The Conference will be held during the weekend of April 18-20, 1986. The Conference will feature briefings at the White House and the Israeli Embassy; a vigil at the Soviet Embassy to protest treatment of Soviet Jews; an exclusive presentation of the play "Shadows," and a tour of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum exhibit "Hooray for Yiddish Theater." Participants will have the opportunity to meet Jewish activists, scholars and leaders, Senators and Congressmen. There will be time for participants to tour Washington and get to know each other.

Conference fees are \$163 for members of B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Women and \$185 for non-members. This includes all programs, conference transportation in Washington, superb hotel accommodations at the Governor's House Holiday Inn (double occupancy), and most meals.

If you have any questions write: Jewish Singles Leadership Project, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; or call (202) 857-6625.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Katz, Director  
Jewish Singles Leadership Project

## Martin Luther King Day Declared In Israel

Martin Luther King's message of peace and brotherhood is being celebrated across Israel today. Dr. King has long been admired within Israel, both for his courageous leadership of the civil rights movement in the United States and for his frequent denunciations of all forms of racism, including anti-semitism.

Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will preside over several functions honoring Dr. King. Shamir, along with United States Ambassador Thomas Pickering and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, will dedicate a street named after Dr. King. Later, in the Knesset building, Pickering, Minister Moshe Arens, former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, and Dr. Henry Kissinger will address a reception in honor of Dr. King. A special commemorative meeting of the whole Knesset including President Chaim Herzog will hear remarks from the

Speaker of the Knesset, Shlomo Hillel and Minister of Education and Culture Yitzhak Navon.


At the same time, thousands of Israeli students will be studying the personality and accomplishments of Dr. King as part of a special program of the Ministry of Education and Culture. 3500 Israeli schools have received special teaching packets to aid them in exposing Israeli youth to the words and works of Martin Luther King.

Had King lived to see this day, he would most assuredly join in Israel's celebration of brotherhood. As King himself put it only ten days before his death: "I see Israel... as one of the great outposts of democracy in the world, and a marvelous example of what can be done, how desert land almost can be transformed into an oasis of brotherhood and democracy."







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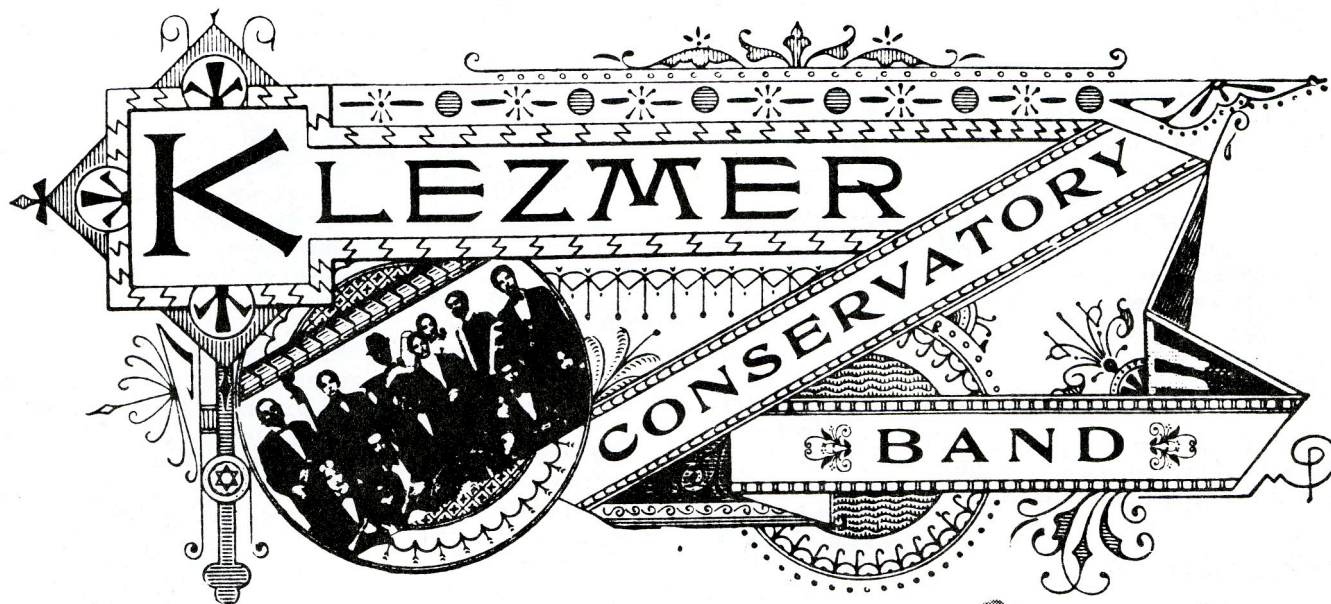
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doyme from Romania, suffused with complaint and resignation and layered with virtuosic cantorial ornaments. The trombone amens from the corner. The violin and piano rumble and the bass viol drones. Suddenly the music breaks into a coy tango and then, as if despite itself, into a joyous, upbeat, wedding dance." Debra Cash, *The Boston Globe Magazine*

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"...among the most versatile groups that you are likely to come across on a stage."

*The Gazette, Montreal*  
"WE got a tape from them - listened to it for about fifteen seconds and I knew that

we had to have them." - Garrison Keillor host, *A Prairie Home Companion*

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## Mazel-Tov

\*Bonnie and Steven Libman of Miami, Florida on the birth of a son, Matthew Ross, January 28, 1986. Maternal grandparents are Natalie and Zeke Rapaport, Miami, Florida, formerly of Bangor, Maine.

\*Gregory and Dori Katz, Playa Del Rey, California on the birth of a daughter, Heather Lena, January 15. Dori is the former Dorothy Kirwan. The maternal grandparents are Barbara and Tom Kirwan, Tucson, Arizona.

\*To Sam Viner on the birth of a great grandchild. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Viner.

\*Rabbi David Sandmel and Janet Raffel on the occasion of their engagement. Rabbi Sandmel is spiritual leader of Temple Beth El.

## We Hear From...

\*Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Richlin on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Maurice & Ryna Richlin have resided in Louisville, Kentucky for 41 years. Maurice was Assistant Director of the Jewish Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The Richlins have two children and four grandchildren. Their celebrated affair was at the Ramada Inn in Louisville, Kentucky. Those attending were their children and grandchildren, Dr. and Mrs. Padie Richlin of Sun City, Arizona and Mrs. Betty R. Feuer of Boca Raton, Florida and all their friends. It was a beautiful affair.

Maurice Richlin, is one of the sons of the late William and Annie Richlin formerly of 46 Patten St., Bangor, and we wish them Mazel-Tov.

\*Nina Rolnick Meyer, daughter of the late Jacob and Miriam Rolnick has recently completed requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Boston University

in the Department of History, her doctoral thesis is titled "Building Early Urban America: Architectural and Social Development in Boston's North End, 1826-1850."

Ms. Meyer directs the Historic Neighborhoods, which teaches urban architectural and neighborhood history. One of her best known school programs is based on the book "Make Way For Ducklings," by noted Maine author Robert McCloskey.

Ms. Meyer attended Bangor schools and graduated from Radcliffe College in 1959. She took her M.A. at Boston University in 1974. Her son, Laurence Rolnick Meyer, is Harvard '87.

She is the wife of William Roos Meyer, originally of New York City, and has two other children Heidi and Jonathan. She has many relatives still residing in Bangor, including her sister, Ms. Mildred Rolnick.

One of the early inspirations for Ms. Meyer's subsequent architectural studies was her childhood home on Adams Street which was a Carpenter Gothic style house.

## Special Mention

\*Tracey D'Errico, on making the Dean's List at the University of Southern Maine. Tracey is the daughter of Fran and Roger D'Errico.

## Acknowledgements

Abe Braveman would like to thank all of his friends and family for their good wishes extended to him while a patient in the hospital.

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## Now Is The Time...

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Israel tour program at the request of the Government of Israel to make an additional contribution to the nation's economic progress through increased tourism.

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## Beth El Holds 5th Annual Winter Weekend

Mt. Chase Lodge - Thirty members of Congregation Beth El traveled to picturesque Northern Penobscot County, along the shore of frozen Shin Pond, at the foot of Mount Chase, the weekend of February 8-9. Pleasant dormitory style rooms or cabins, delicious family style dining, and a fully relaxed atmosphere, make this event a "priority weekend", in the words of Dr. Phil Brooks.

Groomed cross country ski trails, snowmobile riding, sledding, and a warm ambience mark this gathering that has been held yearly since 1981.

Last year, visits to the nearby sauna and rides on authentic dog sleds added to the fun. This year, a beautiful crisp sunny day led into a clear snappy night, enhanced by a spectacular show of the northern lights.

Saturday evening, a Havdalah Service was held before the lodge fireplace led by Dr. Charles Adelberg, Dr. Ron Blum, and Evelyn Silver. Dinner followed a wine and cheese party, compliments of Dr. Blum and his wife, Mary Lou. Most participated in a competitive game of Tradition, Jewish Trivial Pursuit, before retiring.

Sunday morning, eager active kids urged sleepy, slightly sore and staff adults to the breakfast table, before another day of outdoor fun.

A final go at the trails or perhaps a stroll in the tranquility of the woods, after lunch, then packing up and the return drive, South. Everyone reaffirming their desire to return next year! Care to join us?

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