



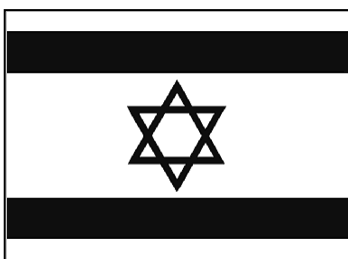
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Israel at 60 – A Year to Celebrate!

Happy Birthday

Israel! In honor of Israel's 60th birthday, a community event is planned for **Sunday, June 1** at Roger Williams Park's Temple of Music. Plans for the day include entertainment, vendors and information booths representing the many Jewish organizations, synagogues and schools in the area.



Our celebration begins at the **Annual Meeting** on **Sunday April 13** at the Jewish Community Center. Our speaker, Omer Bartov, Professor of European History at Brown University, will speak on the topic "Israel and the Holocaust: History, Identity and Policy." Professor Bartov was born and educated in Israel.

For the meeting, we are planning an exhibit entitled "Witness to History." Past President Jerry Foster has contacted individuals asking for their memories of that day, and their reactions to hearing David Ben Gurion utter the words that officially marked the birth of the modern day state of Israel.

The *Jewish Voice and Herald* is publishing a special section in honor of Israel's 60th. Jerry is working with Mary Korr to have some of the memories published as our part of this section.

President's Message

By Stephen Brown

Our 2008 **Florida Meeting**, held on January 13th, was a great success. Attendance was strong and our speaker was very well received. We were privileged to have Dr. Peter Holland, faculty member at Florida Atlantic University Medical School, whose specialty is adult and geriatric psychiatry. Dr Holland spoke on mental illness, and particularly on Alzheimer's disease, its causes, effects, and latest treatments. It was extremely interesting, brought many questions, and fit right in with the age group he was addressing.

Our meeting continues to be a major social event, drawing together Rhode Islanders past and present, from all over Florida. The social hour following the meeting, lasted for over two hours, as Rhode Islanders met with others they know, but seldom see. This was our third annual Florida meeting, and each year we add names to our mailing list. Our current list for Florida contains over 450 members and prospective members. We reminded all who attended of the importance of joining of our Association, insuring a continuation of our Florida meetings, and the possibility of expanding our program to help those wishing to develop a family research program.

We now look forward to our Annual Meeting in April kicking off our celebration of Israel's 60th anniversary. It will be a busy season and one I'm sure everyone will find interesting.

IN OUR OFFICE AND ARCHIVES

By Anne Sherman

2007 was a very busy year in the RIJHA office. Many people called, wrote or e-mailed looking for help regarding research, genealogy and general information.

Steven Rakitt, past Executive Director of JFRI and now Executive Director of the Jewish Federation in Atlanta, called looking for information for one of his members who has Rhode Island connections. Regular requests from all over the United States come into this office for help with family research.

I received a call regarding Shaare Zedek from the Urban League. They were interested in looking at the building. Several members of United Brothers in Bristol called wanting to see all the material we have on their Synagogue. One is writing a history and another wants to contact the families of the Temple's founders. A member of Congregation Shareh Zedek in Westerly needed information on the history of the Congregation, including an article in Volume 3 of our Notes.

I also receive many requests for copies of articles that appear in our *NOTES*. A gentleman from North Carolina e-mailed looking for a copy of the article on Leopold Karpeles. Four requests were received for Beryl Segal's article "Orinin, My Shtetl in the Ukraine." Articles on Moses Finesilver, Ida Silverman, the Gabrilowitz Family, and Rabbi Moses Guedalia were also requested. A question regarding Kosher Meat Markets in Providence was also addressed.

Last year, the Jewish Community Center honored their past presidents. This office was able to provide them with names and dates that they served. Brian Jones, retired writer for the Providence Journal, was asked by the Miriam Hospital to write its history. He remarked that we have so much information on the Miriam Hospital, he plans to spend about a year in our office. Information was also requested on the Boy Scouts, Camp JORI, and the Mikveh in Newport.

In addition, RIJHA has received some very interesting acquisitions. Florence Markoff has donated her oral histories. Without her work, the words of important Jewish Rhode Islanders would not be recorded for history and research. This year, she recorded the voices of Dr. Lewis Lippsett and Martha Finger. I also want to thank Carolyn Brooklyn and Ellie Elbaum for keeping us up to date on meetings and events of National Council of Jewish Women.

Richard Shein gave us information of his grandparents, including a copy of citizenship papers, a passport dated

1901, and a family tree. We received information on the Money Society of Ahavath Sholom Circle in 1911. George Levine gave us his oral history on his experiences in the US Air Corps.

Several interesting books came into the office. The autobiographies of Lila and John Sapinsley were given to us by Mrs. Sapinsley. The 1940 yearbook from Hope High School was added to our collection. In my article in the *Jewish Voice and Herald* on cookbooks, I did not mention all the cookbooks from the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El because we were missing the first edition. A copy of the cookbook has since been donated. Jetta Brenner brought in 4 scrapbooks full of social events, newspaper clippings and obituaries from her parents, Florence and Jules Sorgman.

We also have a mystery. Somebody left a record album consisting of 5 records by Michel Rosenberg in the Federation office. There is an autograph on the inside jacket to Charles Silverman from Mr. Rosenberg dated 1948. This album is being hand carried by Jerry Foster to the Judaic Sound Archives located at Florida-Atlantic College. Thanks go out to the mystery person who donated the album.

RIJHA received many more wonderful acquisitions, and I want to thank everyone who donated their possessions to our archives. As I often tell visitors, "if it was not given to us, we do not have it." In 2008, we hope to receive many more interesting treasures.

NEW: A Great Online Research Tool!

Indices for our Notes, Volumes 1-14, are now available on our website. You can look up any name, organization, person, or publication – and find out where it has been referenced in the Notes. To use this tool, follow the steps below:

1. Go to our website – www.rijha.org
2. Click on the "Research" tab on the left hand side of the Homepage.
3. Next, click on "Index" (Note: you can also click on "Articles" for a list of all titles)
4. Click on Open; the file will open in your browser window. You can also click on "Save," to save to your computer. The file is somewhat large – over 200 pages of text.
5. To find specific topics:
 - A. scroll down until you see what you are looking for or Use the Find function:
 1. Hit Control and F keys at the same time
 2. Type in term you are looking for
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